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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WISCONSIN SECTION

# President's Message

It may still feel like winter outside, but the April – May issue of the *Badger Star* brings two things to mind. We are nearing the busiest part of our event calendar, and it's almost time to take my CLK out of winter storage! ☺

## Events

We recently gathered for our March Fish Fry, and White Elephant Auction, and you can read the event review elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other events already on the books for 2024 are listed on the Event Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. The first of these is the always popular Tech Session at Black Forest. Be sure and register early for this event because it's always heavily attended and you don't want to miss out. Register directly with Black Forest; see their event announcement in this newsletter.

Hone your detailing skills by attending our May 4<sup>th</sup> Detailing Clinic at León International in Waukesha. Then apply the skills you learned, shine up your Benz and show it at our May 19<sup>th</sup> Car Show at the Corners of Brookfield.

All of these events and more have event announcements in this issue. Be sure and mark your calendar and plan on attending them all!

A final word on events. Please let me or any of our board members know what kind of events you would like to see us hold. This is your club and your input is what drives our event calendar.

## Event Refund Policy

Your Board of Directors adopted an Event Refund Policy during their January meeting. The entire Policy is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take the time to read it, and direct any questions you may have to any Board member.

## Webmaster Wanted

MBCA National has launched a new website, and your Section is looking for an individual to serve as Webmaster for our part of the new site. Experience with websites not needed, but a knowledge of Excel would be helpful.

I close these remarks by thanking each and every one of you for being a member of the Wisconsin Section. It's our members who make this Section successful. I look forward to seeing all of you in person at an upcoming event.

Best regards,



Bruce Hamilton

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PS – don't forget to give us your 2024 event! suggestions!



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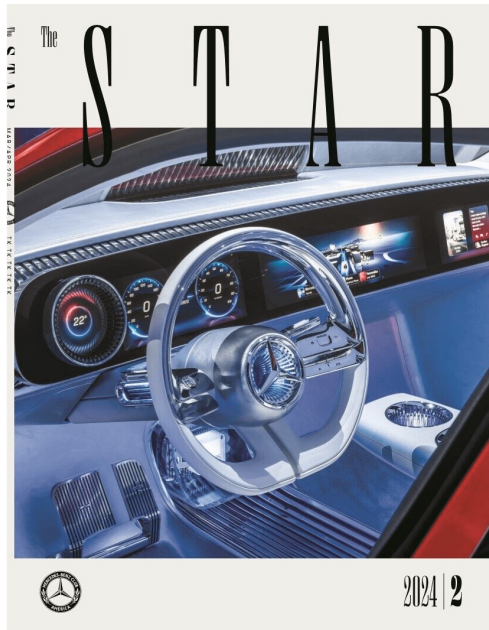
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# CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

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Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings are held online using GoToMeeting. Attendees call in using a phone, tablet or computer.

We encourage participation from our members. If you wish to participate, and receive an invitation for a meeting, please contact Bruce Hamilton at [bruce.hamilton@cpa.com](mailto:bruce.hamilton@cpa.com) or 608-754-6066.

Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.

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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Thirty-one members and guests enjoyed great weather and an outstanding brunch at the Wisconsin Section's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine, Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Members began gathering at the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus well before 12:00 noon. The Porch Room accommodated all of us with ease. Everyone enjoyed the Fox & Hounds exceptional brunch, great conversations, fellowship and lots of Gemütlichkeit. And judging by the number of repeat trips (this writer included) to the brunch's many food lines, everyone had enough to eat.

Members drove from as far away as Green Bay, Oshkosh and Janesville, and it was great to see a mix of both long-time and newer members.

As the event wound down, Bruce Hamilton talked about our upcoming events, including the March 15<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry and White Elephant sale, the April 29<sup>th</sup> Black Forest Tech Session, the May 4<sup>th</sup> Detailing Clinic and our May 19<sup>th</sup> Car Show.

The weather was outstanding for February, with moderate temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Members lingered to chat as we departed, wishing each other a safe drive and hopes of seeing each other at future events. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in February.

Bruce & Deb Hamilton



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## MB Friday Fish Fry March 15, 2024

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Nineteen of us enjoyed the camaraderie and fun at our Section's annual cod fish fry at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee, WI hosted by Frank and Cathy Lubinski.

We discussed some of our club's upcoming events in April-May. Nancy Pearson also mentioned that she has been exploring the possibility of our club conducting a MB defensive driving course, possibly in fall 2025 at Elmbrook Church in Waukesha.

Todd Knutson was the auctioneer again at our second auction of participant-donated MB and other items, which raised \$185 for our club. Thanks to everyone for your donations and your bids on these items.

Frank Lubinski and Bernd Kampe

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# Wisconsin Section Club Events 2024

Date	Event—Location	Host—Contact Information
April 27th	Tech Session at Black Forest 10am – 3 pm, Food at Noon, \$15.00/ person	Black Forest 414.228.4899
May 4th	Detail Clinic, León International Auto De- tailing 1 pm – 3 pm 1632 S West Ave Suite D Waukesha	Ricardo Becerra 262.993.3361 or Jerry Zajicek 414.305.3733
May 19th	Car show at The Corners of Brookfield	Nancy Pearson <a href="mailto:nancypearon431@gmail.com">nancypearon431@gmail.com</a> or 262.782.7960
June 8th	Drive-2-Dine, Christy's Landing, Noon 2952 Waubesa Ave, Madison, WI 53711	Mo Afshar <a href="mailto:moafshar430@gmail.com">moafshar430@gmail.com</a> or 608.977.0521
July 12th	Starry Nights  Sharon Lynne Wilson Center 19805 W Capitol Drive	JoAnne Peterson <a href="mailto:jojo2525@yahoo.com">jojo2525@yahoo.com</a> 262.784.6088 & Nancy Pearson 262.782.7960 <a href="mailto:nancypearon431@gmail.com">nancypearon431@gmail.com</a>
August TBA	German-American Day, Carl Schurz Park	
September 22nd	Oktoberfest in Germantown	
October TBA	Fall Color Tour	
December 8th	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, Weissgerber's Golden Mast	

For the most current Events List visit our Website or Facebook Page  
[wisconsin.mbca.org](http://wisconsin.mbca.org)      [facebook.com/mbcawi](https://facebook.com/mbcawi)

## EVENT REFUND POLICY

For events which require advanced reservation and prepayment (Christmas Party, Valentine's D-2-D, Rallye, German-American Day and similar events) the following Event Refund Policy will apply.

Cancellations received before the reservation cut-off date will be eligible, at the request of the member, to a full refund. In the event the original payment was made using PayPal, the refund will be limited to the amount paid less the PayPal fees.

Cancellations made after the reservation cut-off date **will not** be eligible for a refund, regardless of the reason for the cancellation. This is because the Section is obligated to the event venue or the number of attendees reserved for the event.

All refunds will be made via a check mailed by the Section Treasurer to the member at their address of record as shown on the Membership Roster as maintained by the MBCA National office.

Policy adopted by the Board of Directors January 12, 2024

# 2024 TECH



# SESSION

SATURDAY APRIL 27  
10AM - 3PM | \$15

CHECK IN AT 10

FOOD AT NOON

DEMONSTRATIONS 1-3PM

Sign up today for the 2024 Tech Session and join us for a day of food, drinks, conversation and German engineering. Come check out the shop, learn a bit about what we do, meet other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts from the area and have a chance to win an original painting of your classic from our artist in residence!

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

**Print this form, detach, and mail to:**

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NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15=total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# The Art and Science of Detailing: Making that Mercedes-Benz Shine !

Detail Clinic May 4, 2024 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

León International Auto Detailing

1632 S. West Ave. Suite D, Waukesha WI

262-993-3361

## A detailing clinic by Ricardo Becerra and Jerry Zajicek

The Art: Ricardo will lead us through the procedure used to detail cars as done at his firm, making the exteriors shine, and the interiors clean. He will demonstrate the basic steps to presoak, decontaminate, clay, wash, rinse, and wax the paintwork. He will show us how he preps the cars for waxing and buffing to the final gloss.

The Science: Jerry will explain all the new products used for detailing, and the methods they are used with. You will learn all you need to know to be able to visit the auto parts store, buy a minimum of products, and detail your Benz with the wash procedure we will explain in detail.

- what is the two bucket method of washing ? and why use it ?
- what is the difference between a wet wash, a rinseless wash and waterless wash ?
- how many kinds of car soap are there, and what are they used for ?
- how to effectively clean wheels. what products and tools are needed to clean wheels and tires ?
- how to remove salt stains from carpeting, the easy way.
- what are interior detailers, and what do they do ? What about interior cleaners ?
- the latest new products to hit the detailing world: ceramic products, graphene products, spray on products, foam cannons, grit guards, combination products, glass sealants, modern random orbit polishers, decontamination products, iron removers, and synthetic clay.
- what's the difference between wax and sealant ?
- what are exterior detailers, and when do you use them....
- extreme glass cleaning with glass restorer, preserving with a glass sealant.
- We'll explain a basic rundown of a total wet wash at the carwash (not the one you're thinking of), a procedure to get to a clean finish.





**Wisconsin Section**

# M-B Shine & Show

## Mercedes Car Show

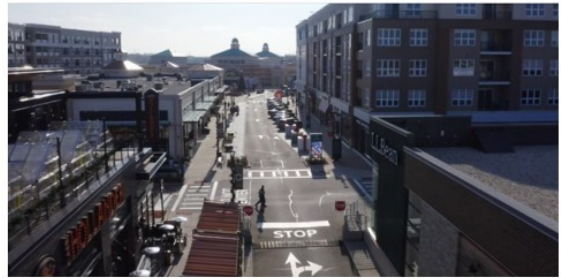
Sunday, May 19th, 2024 12-3:30pm

At **The CORNERS** of Brookfield, WI

I-94 Exit #297 Barker Rd + 20111 W. Bluemound Rd

### What to Expect...

Here's a 3rd year club event with a lot to offer anyone. A friendly car show at The Corners of Brookfield on Sunday May 19,2024. Two other car clubs have previously held club car shows at The Corners. They were well received by the public. <https://thecornersofbrookfield.com/> is a vibrant work-live-shop-entertain community. There is a slew of attractive stores (not found everywhere) as well as, numerous restaurants and more. Important to the car show is the availability of private interior streets that management blocks-off to provide a safe space to display our Mercedes-Benz vehicles and for visitors to walk around out-of-doors. Bring family and friends. In addition to exhibiting and viewing cars there are many unique shops, services, and food or drink to sample. Participants will have take-out lunch options among the nine eateries on site.



We expect Mercedes-Benz dealer(s) will display new vehicles and provide door prizes.

Show Cars need to be in place by 11:50am. Bring your own folding chairs. Pre-Registered Vehicle Entry Fee is \$35.00. Add \$10 at Event. Cars may be either displayed only or judged.

Send Registration form below by mail w/check or email and pay w/PayPal link: <https://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>

#### **MBCA Wisconsin Section** Car Show Registration Form

*Pre-Registration Deadline is May 11th.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MBCA # \_\_\_\_\_ Car Yr: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Display only  Judge my car  (mark one)

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *Bring It Along! Checks payable to MBCA-WI Section can be mailed c/o*

**Nancy Pearson, PO Box 650, Brookfield, WI 53008-0650 Email: NancyPearson431@gmail.com**

**262-782-7960** Dean's iPhone on day of event: 414-881-9320.





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# "Starry Nights" Drive N' Dine And Classic Car Show

Friday, July 12, 2024

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center

19805 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield

Enjoy a free concert by Milwaukee's own "The Rockin' Robins" featuring music of the '50s and '60s. Look at hundreds of the area's best hot rods, classic cars, custom cars, antique cars, sports cars, and classic motorcycles.

Join us for a wonderful night of music, beautiful cars, and dining under the stars. Please bring a Salad or hearty Hors d'oeuvre to share. Also bring your own lawn chairs and beverages (alcohol is permitted). Dessert, paper plates, napkins, etc. will be provided. Please contact JoAnne Peterson by July 8 (jojo2525@yahoo.com) to register for this fun event!

Hosts: JoAnne Peterson 262.784.6088 & Nancy Pearson 262.782.7960

**VEHICLE SHOW ENTRY starts at 4:00 PM**



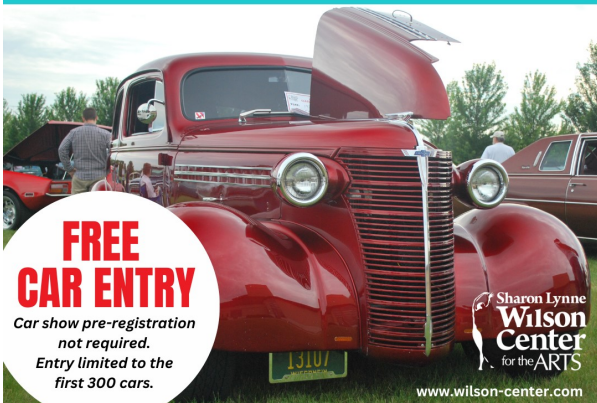
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FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

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*Do you have club event photos, an event write up, a Journey article or advertisement (business or member for sale/to buy) for the next newsletter?*

*Please send information to Chad Winter, chad@crs-wi.com, (414) 303-9585 by May 15, 2024 to be considered for the June-July newsletter*

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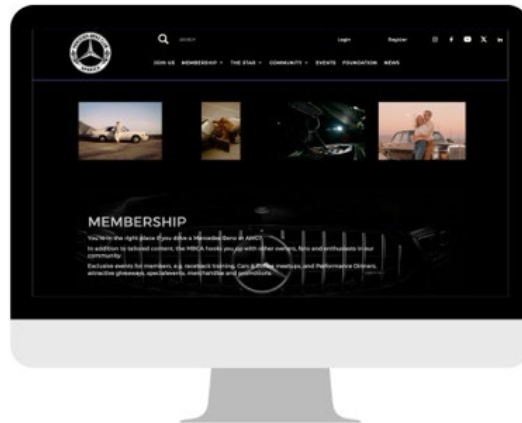
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# MBCA WEBSITE UPDATE



by Diana Quinn, Eastern Regional Director | MBCA Technical Advisor

The new [MBCA](https://mbca.org) website is **HERE!** If you have not already visited and established your new MBCA member account, do it now. Every member should have received an email inviting you to establish your account and establish a new password on March 13, 2024.

What if you didn't get that email or put the email in your trash? Simply go to [mbca.org](https://mbca.org) and click on **Register** and proceed with your email address. If you get a message that your email address already exists, then click on **Login**, and then click on the **Forgot Password** link to set your password. Need help in logging in? Send an email to [info@mbca.org](mailto:info@mbca.org) or contact the National Business Office at Tues-Thurs: 9 am - 3 pm MT, phone: 719-633-6427.

Once logged into the website:

- Click on your **PROFILE**, complete your profile, and tell us more about your interests and the cars in your garage.
- Click on **GO to My Glue Home** to explore Your Chapter Community, interact with your Chapter Community, stay informed with upcoming Events.
- **EXPLORE** more in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America of the website. Switch organizations by clicking on the blue circle with your initials, then **Switch Organizations** to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.
- **Join our Communities (Mercedes-Benz Club of America):**
  - **Star Interest Groups** (Groups by Car Models)
  - **Star Marketplace** (Buy and sell cars, parts, and Mercedes-Benz related items)
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- Log into the app with your MBCA email and password. Tip: To set/reset your password go to [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org) > *Login* > *Forgot Password*
- Select the **Mercedes-Benz Club of America** organization
- Click on **Profile** (lower right corner)
- Click on **Memberships** and your membership card will appear with a QR code.