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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WISCONSIN SECTION

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President's Message

I open my remarks by extending special congratulations to James and Agnes Stearns who will celebrate 51 years of MBCA membership on March 12th!

2024 Events

There are a number of events already on the calendar for 2024.

The first is our 6th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. Join us Sunday, February 11th when we return to the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus for this very popular event. Get all the details in the event announcement elsewhere in the newsletter.

Other events already on the books for 2024 are listed on the Event Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. Most of them also have event announcement in this issue. Be sure and mark your calendar and plan on attending them all!

Member Challenge

We are planning more events in addition to those listed in the calendar. I challenge each of you to provide your input. Tell us what kind of events you would like us to hold, and where you would like them to be held. Would you like to see us hold a golf outing or a rallye, or something else we haven't done in awhile, or have never done? Would you like to see more events held later in the day or a dinner

gathering? This is your club and your input is what drives our event calendar. Please let me or any of our board members know your preferences!! Finally, don't be afraid to tell us what kind of events, if any; don't hold any interest for you.

A final word on events. We are planning an extended Fall Color Tour this year. Would you prefer to head back to Door County, to the Great River Road along the Mississippi, or some other location. Let us know!

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.

Board Member Update

Patrick Brinkman has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. At their January meeting your Board of Directors appointed Chad Winter to serve as Director for the remainder of Patrick's term.

Audit Committee Volunteers Sought

We are looking for 2 or 3 individuals to review the financial records of the Section to help make sure that our books and records are in order. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Webmaster Wanted

MBCA National is developing 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.

Membership Matters

New members joining Nov 29, 2023 - January 21, 2024 and those members celebrating milestone anniversaries in February and March 2024 are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Congratulations and welcome to all!

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

bruce.hamilton@cpa.com

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

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Subscription to "The Star", a bimonthly magazine published by Mercedes-Benz Club of America

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CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

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 or 608-754-6066.

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

February —March 2024 Milestone Anniversaries

Member	Years
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James & Agnes Stearns	51
Steve Seidl	20
Todd Knutson	10
John Ledbury	10
John Girotti	5

New Members November 29, 2023—January 21, 2024

Member	Join Date
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Maria Figorotta	December 26
Mark Gross	January 2
Jim Falcione	January 20

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



AUDIT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Wisconsin Section is looking for volunteers to serve on our Audit Committee. The purpose of the Audit Committee will be to review the financial records of the Section to help make sure that our books and records are in order.

Ideally the committee will consist of three (3) volunteers. The time commitment should be minimal, at most an afternoon or two.

Bookkeeping or accounting experience would be ideal but isn't necessary.

Please contact either Bruce Hamilton at (608) 754-6066 or bruce.hamilton@cpa.com, or Bernd Kampe at (262) 492-4441 or bkampe0@gmail.com if interested.

Wisconsin Section Club Events 2024

Date	Event—Location	Host—Contact Information
February 11th	Valentine's D-2-D, Fox & Hounds, Hubertus	Bruce Hamilton 608.754.6066 or bruce.hamilton@cpa.com
March 15th	Friday Fish Fry, Wisconsin Machine Shed Pewaukee, WI \$25/person	Frank Lubinski (414) 520-2912 or frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net
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 Detailing 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 nancypearson431@gmail.com or (262)782-7690
June TBA	Drive-2-Dine, Christy's Landing, Madison	TBA
July TBA	Starry Nights, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center 19805 W. Capitol Drive	TBA
August TBA	German-American Day, Carl Schurz Park	TBA
October TBA	Fall Color Tour	TBA
December 8th	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, Weissgerber's Golden Mast	TBA

For the most current Events List visit our Website or Facebook Page

wisconsin.mbca.org

facebook.com/mbcawi

6th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Where: The Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern
1298 Friess Lake Rd
Hubertus WI 53033



Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: \$35.00/person, including tax & gratuity

Join fellow Wisconsin Section members at our 6th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. It may be the Sunday before Valentine's Day, but you can still bring your sweetheart (and I don't mean just your MB!).

Enjoy a great Sunday brunch and gemütlichkeit at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern, 1298 Friess Lake Rd, Hubertus. [Click for Map](#)

The price of \$35.00 per person includes Sunday Brunch and coffee or tea. A cash bar is available for those wishing an adult beverage.

Reservations Due by Tuesday February 7th

RSVP to Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com or 608-754-6066

PayPal is the preferred payment method, go to <http://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>

If you prefer to pay by check, make your check in the amount of \$35.00 for each person attending payable to "MBCA Wisconsin Section" and mail to Bruce at

Bruce Hamilton
4225 Southwyck Dr
Janesville WI 53546-2120

Note: You are not registered for the event until both your RSVP and your payment are received!

MB Friday Fish Fry March 15, 2024



Enjoy a delightful traditional fish fry with club members at the Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant in Pewaukee. Meal includes all you can eat, baked or beer battered cod and Traditional sides. Please make your reservation by March 13, 2024, so we can let the restaurant plan for us. Cash bar available.

We are planning to have a white elephant auction to benefit MB Wisconsin Section. Please bring new or used Mercedes Benz items if possible, but any items will be appreciated for the auction.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, March 15, Social 5:30PM and Dinner at 6PM

Cost: \$25 per person

Location: Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant, N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee, WI 53072

RSVP: Frank Lubinski (per mail in RSVP below) frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net / 414-520-2912

Fish Fry Reservation Deadline: March 13

Name(s) _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

QTY _____ Dinners @ \$25

Mail Reservations to:

Frank & Cathy Lubinski

1007 E Glenbrook Rd.

Bayside, WI 53217

Questions: 414-50-2912 or frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net

Checks Payable to: **MBCA Wisconsin Section**

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE :
MONDAY APRIL 22

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:

Black Forest LLC - 2900 W. Vera Avenue - Glendale, WI 53209

Make checks payable to: BLACK FOREST LLC

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY - ST - ZIP _____

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

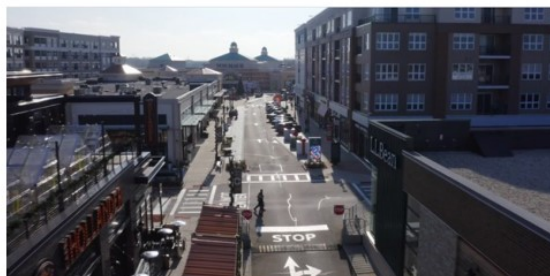
Sunday, May 19th, 2024 12-3:30pm

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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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 March 15, 2024 to be considered for the April-May newsletter

