

Chicagoland Chapter

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Newsletter



Note from the Editor

Welcome to our September newsletter, summer is winding down and we are getting closer to Fall! Please look out for our upcoming events as we wrap up the summer!

If you attend an event, please feel free to share pictures so that we may share with the other members of our chapter.

Do you have an idea for an event? Would you like to plan a drive, gathering, or other activity? Please email mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com, we look forward to your submissions!

Thank you for reading our newsletter, we appreciate your time and attention!

This Month's Events

We have some great events coming up this month. Please take note of the dates and see further details on page 4.

Saturday, September 14th	Volo Car Museum & Lunch Visit to Volo Car Museum and option to visit other attractions followed by lunch nearby.
Wednesday, September 18th	Concours Judging School - Hosted by Peachtree Chapter Join the Peachtree Chapter as they host a session on Concours Judging. Get Certified and learn more. Registration is required to attend.
Saturday, September 21st	MBCA Oktoberfest at Two Brothers Roundhouse Join us at our annual Oktoberfest celebrations at Two Brothers in Aurora. Great times and fun to be had.
Thursday, September 26th	MBCA Website - Glue Up Tech Session Session to learn more about our new MBCA site and learn how to register, use the website & maximize this new tool.
Event Announcements	The EV, Hybrid Technologies and Key Trends tech session has been postponed and will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for a new date to be announced.

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Geneva Concourse d'Elegance & Brunch



The annual Geneva Concourse d'Elegance did not disappoint! It was a very hot day, but everyone showed up ready to show their cars and enjoy the displays. We kicked off the event with brunch at Nobel House and had a great turnout! We then continued on to the event and admired all of the cars being shown - with trucks, cars, and motorcycles from all manufacturers imaginable, and of course our favorite Mercedes cars, there was something for everyone.

The judging started before the doors opened to the public. Two of our members were winners at the event: Chet S. with his 2007 50th Anniversary Edition SL50 Roadster and Richard C. with his 2011 SLS-AMG Gullwing shown by his son, due to Richard being a Concours Judge.

We'd like to take a moment to thank all of our members who registered to show their cars and also to those that attended to enjoy the cars on display! We look forward to our next opportunity to get together again in a few weeks at MBCA Oktoberfest!



Merchandise News



MBCA Car Badges Available Now!

We have a limited amount of MBCA car badges available for sale. The badges are typically displayed on your car's grille. We will have them available for sale at our events - they are \$50 each! If you're not able to make an event but are interested, please reach out!



Chicagoland MBCA Coasters

Have you started collecting your Chicagoland MBCA Coasters yet? These are for sale at each of our annual events, and you can collect them by attending our events. Coasters are \$10 each, if you buy all 4 coasters at once, you get a coaster holder free! Coaster Holders are \$5, if sold separately. Please reach out to Chet if you're interested in purchasing (ctszerlag@gmail.com)

Also, Chicagoland MBCA hats are coming soon! We will announce when they become available!



Name Badges - Engraved Meta...

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Engraved Plastic - Safety Pin ...

[Order](#)



Full Color Plastic - Safety Pin ...

[Order](#)



Elevate Withline Long Sleeve ...

[Order](#)



Port Authority Ladies Short S...

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The North Face Ridgeline Soft...

[Order](#)



Gildan Heavy Blend Full-Zip H...

[Order](#)



Gildan Heavy Blend Full-Zip H...

[Order](#)



Eddie Bauer® Fleece Vest - BL...

[Order](#)



MBCA Store is here!

The MBCA Store is finally here, you can get name tags along with other merchandise that is MBCA branded. If it is your first time visiting the new MBCA store, please create a Pro Shop account as this will track all of your future purchases.

SHOP NOW

Upcoming Event Details

September 14 - Volo Auto Museum & Lunch

Join MBCA members as we visit the Volo Car Museum in Volo, IL. There are many attractions at the Volo Museum and attendees have the option to visit any or all of them. We will focus on the Car Museum and then grab lunch nearby.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.volocars.com> but please [RSVP here](#) to estimate total attendance.

Ticket Prices:
Adults - \$24.95
Senior - \$22.95

September 18 - Concours Judging School Hosted by Peachtree Section

The Peachtree Section is hosting a Concours Judging School Session on September 18th at 6pm Central Time. This session will be facilitated by Peachtree Section Past President and Concours Committee member Gary Edwards. We will review everything you need to know about judging a Mercedes-Benz in a Concours. After the classroom session, all participants will be given an opportunity to become certified by answering a few quiz-style questions. In preparation for the Star Summit Concours on October 5th, we'll also cover the new scoring method using spreadsheets and tablet computers. Previously certified judges are encouraged to participate in addition to first time judge candidates, to brush up on this perishable skill set.

The session will start at 6:00 pm. CST and will conclude around 9 pm CST. You must be able to attend the full presentation virtually and participate in the certification process. Dialing-in to session will not be sufficient for this class.

There is **NO CHARGE** for this event, but **registration is required**. Please [register here](#) by **midnight on Tuesday September 17th, 2024**.

September 21st - Oktoberfest at Two Brothers Roundhouse

Join club members for this year's Oktoberfest celebration at Two Brothers Roundhouse. This is a great opportunity to experience authentic German-style food, music, and bier tasting in a unique one-of-a-kind setting.

For those interested, please RSVP as soon as you're able to. We need to reserve our spots with the venue. Please access the event page [here](#) to register.

September 26th - Glue Up Tech Session

Have you registered for our new MBCA Website? Are you having issues using it? Are you getting too many notifications? Do you have questions but not sure who to ask? Then this session is for you. We are hosting an virtual session for our members to learn more about our new MBCA website and walkthrough the steps to register, use the website, register for events, and leverage other tools to enhance your membership. Sept 26th at 7pm [more details here](#)

October 5th - Tech Session: Tuning 101

Join us for our final tech session of the year. This session is called "Tuning 101: Things you need to know about tuning your Benz". It is helpful for our members to let us know if they will attending as we work with an event host.

SAVE THE DATE: October 18th to 20th - Fall Color Tour Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter

Join the Wisconsin and Chicagoland MBCA Chapters on the fall color tour, exploring the many sights along WI Hwy 33. Sample high level itinerary as follows:

Friday, We will start our tour in Port Washington, exploring the area.

Saturday, We will drive west on Hwy 33 thru West Bend, Beaver Dam, Portage, Baraboo, Reedsburg, etc to LaCrosse. The entire driving tour is self-guided and paced.

Sunday, You can continue the driving adventure by exploring the Great River Road on both WI Hwy 35 and MN Hwy 61 between LaCrosse, Lake Pepin and Red Wing. There is much to see and do along both of these scenic river roads.

Chapter Website & Social Media Updates

MBCA Member Website & Mobile Application!

We would like to emphasize and encourage our members to register for the new MBCA member website. I know there have been some bumps in the road with practicality and ease of access but you can get a lot out of this community. Access the **MBCA member website** here! We use this website to publish events, collect RSVPs and post additional news.

Need help logging in?

- Simply go to **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.
- Send an email to info@mbca.org or Contact the National Business Office at 719- 633-6427

If you have any questions or need any assistance managing the website, please feel free to reach out to us at mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com

Chicagoland Chapter Facebook and Instagram Pages

We are always posting updates and content to our Chicagoland Chapter Facebook and Instagram pages to provide our members and non-members updates on what we are doing. We share our events and also provide another avenue of communication with the car enthusiast community.

Please 'Like' and "Follow" using the links below or search for "Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland"

 [Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland Facebook](#)

 [Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland Instagram](#)

Membership

Member Anniversaries

We would like to congratulate our members who have anniversaries this month!

48 YEARS

Robert W

38 YEARS

Arno Z
Ken H

32 YEARS

Ron T

29 YEARS

Dana S

27 YEARS

Robert T

17 YEARS

Brad L

16 YEARS

Talivaldis C

15 YEARS

Bruce R

14 YEARS

Anthony E

11 YEARS

Robert G

10 YEARS

Steve B
Gary C

9 YEARS

David V

6 YEARS

Jerome L
Mel P
Seth W

5 YEARS

Greta G

4 YEARS

Peter D
Robbie D
Robert G

2 YEARS

Rob B
Eric S

1 YEAR

Craig E
Marcy E
Terry K
Jakub P
Brian S

Renewing your Membership is EASY!

You can choose from one of the options below to renew.

1. Renew from the email reminder that comes in your email *
2. Log into your MBCA account and Renew from your Membership profile *
3. Mail a check to the National Business Office:

Mercedes-Benz Club of America
10 Boulder Crescent St, Suite 200
Colorado Springs CO 80903

4. Call the National Business Office to renew over the phone Tues-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm MT Phone: 719.633.6427

*60 days before membership expiration, must log into mbca.org



Membership (continued)

Membership Perks

- Subscription to the award-winning The Star Magazine®
- Discount on Parts, Service & Accessories at Participating Mercedes-Benz dealers 15%
- Discount on Parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

Visit <https://www.mbca.org/member-benefits> to see the complete description of your membership benefits.

Please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes owners. Also, please don't forget to renew your membership, renewing members are the core part of our chapter.

Thank you all for your sustained membership and support to the club!

Classifieds

Free Classified and Business Advertisement for Chicagoland Section Members!

If you would like to place an advertisement, please mail or e-mail by the 15th of the month to:

Stephanie Santiago - mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com

623 W Kristina Ln, Round Lake, IL 60073



1997 SL320 - 40th Anniversary Edition & 1 of 199

Quartz Blue Metallic. Hard top can be removed (stand and cover included) and has a canvas top that automatically clicks into place. New battery and headliner just installed. Interior was just detailed. Runs great – with a few minor cosmetic issues. All records available. 130k miles.

*\$12,000 OBO. **Contact Deborah Murphy [(630) 730-1070 or debmurphy1154@gmail.com] for more info and photos.***

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 5th **Tech Session #4 - Tuning 101 at Eurocharged Performance**

Weekend, October 18 - 20 **Fall Color Tour hosted by the MBCA Wisconsin Chapter**

TBD in October **Submissions open for Chicagoland Board Elections**

October/November **Voting for Chicagoland Board Elections**

TBD in November **Annual Holiday Dinner**

Event calendar is updated on a regular basis

For more information and to RSVP please visit our new [MBCA Member Website](https://www.mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events)
(click above or go to [mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events](https://www.mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events))

Chicagoland Chapter Leadership

Chet Szerlag Interim President & Treasurer	David Kieta Webmaster & Social Media
Stephanie Santiago Interim Vice President, Webmaster & Editor	Ron Klein Sponsorship Program & Outreach
Alisa Matushek Secretary	Ralph Sikorski Director-at-Large
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