

Chicagoland Chapter

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Newsletter



Note from the Editor

Welcome to our 4th Quarter 2024 newsletter. This newsletter is a little different as it will be the last one for the year. As our season comes to an end, we hope you all enjoyed our events and activities this year!

Please let us know what kind of events you would like to see us hold in 2025. This is [your club](#) and [your input](#) is what drives our event calendar.

Thank you to those who completed our survey, we have conducted our raffle and our two respondent winners are: [Hugh W & Adam W!](#)

Please email mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com or reach out to anyone on the leadership team with questions or event/activity submissions!

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

This Month's Events

Thank you so much for attending our events this season!!

Friday, October 18th - Sunday, October 20th	Fall Color Tour - Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter Join the Wisconsin and Chicagoland MBCA Chapters on a self-guided and paced fall color tour, exploring the many sights along WI Hwy 33. Additional information can be found <u>HERE</u> .
Early to Mid October	Call for Submissions to MBCA Board Positions Submissions for board positions for the upcoming MBCA Chicagoland Board Elections are open!
Late October	MBCA Chicagoland Board Elections We would like your participation in this year's Board Elections for the upcoming term. We will share the list of nominees once it has been finalized.

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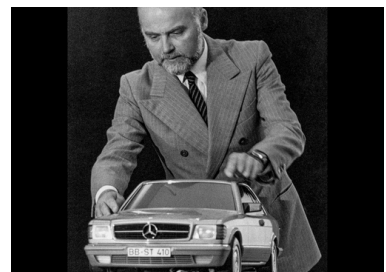
Our members had a great time by kicking off our day with lunch at Volo Quality Meats down the road from the museum. After lunch, we drove over to the museum where our members were able to enjoy a self-guided tour of the Automotive section of the museum. The Volo Museum has evolved and offers a variety of exhibits that include trains, dinosaurs and Automobiles.

Oktoberfest at Two Brothers Roundhouse



Our annual Oktoberfest celebration planning did not align with Two Brothers - we were one day early! We were happy to attend anyway and enjoy the quiet patio that allowed us to dive into great conversations with each other! We were able to enjoy german food, drinks and everyone's company. We are always thankful for our members who take a moment to come out and enjoy good times with each other! Our next & final event of the year will be our **Annual Holiday Party**.

Remembering Bruno Sacco



Together with Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts all over the world, MBCA mourns the loss of Bruno Sacco, the former chief designer, who gave the world such legendary cars as the W201, W126, W124, and R129. Sacco was born in Udine, Italy, in 1933, before moving to Germany and joining Mercedes-Benz in 1958 - he became the head of styling and head of design in 1974 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1999. During his tenure, his guiding principles were to make sure that every Mercedes-Benz would be recognizable as a representative of the brand all over the world, and that they would never make their predecessor look dated, ensuring that a Mercedes-Benz could be owned for an extended period of time without making the owner feel like owning a vehicle that was not up to date. We will forever be thankful for him having created so many of the cars we cherish so much, and we are proud to contribute to keeping his legacy alive.

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!



Gildan Heavy Blend Full-Zip H...
[Order](#)



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[Order](#)



Eddie Bauer® Fleece Vest - BL...
[Order](#)



MBCA Branded Merchandise

The MBCA Store is where you can get branded merchandise. If it is your first time visiting the new website, please create a Pro Shop account.

[SHOP NOW](#)



JOHN SMITH

LINE 1 ADDITIONAL
LINE 2 CHAPTER NAME



STEPHANIE SANTIAGO

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

Name Tags Are Back!

Due to some quality control issues, the name tags were taken off the MBCA website. However, if you've been looking for them, they are now available again for ordering!

[Buy Your Name Tag Here!](#)

Upcoming Event Details

October 18th to 20th - Fall Color Tour Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter

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

Friday: Start tour in Port Washington, exploring the area.

Saturday: Drive west on Hwy 33 thru West Bend, Beaver Dam, Portage, Baraboo, etc to LaCrosse.

Sunday: (optional) 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.

October - Submissions open for Chicagoland Board Positions

We are excited to have our submissions open for Chicagoland Board positions. **The Board of Directors for our chapter will be comprised of 9 total positions - 4 Officers and 5 Directors-at-large.** Below you will find the Board of Directors Key Responsibilities, please refer to the last page for further details on each officer position & their responsibilities.

The 5 at large director roles are as follows but may be subject to change:

- (1) At-large Director - Membership
- (2) At-large Director - Event Planning & Coordination
- (1) At-large Director - Sponsorship Outreach & Liaison
- (1) At-large Director - Communications (i.e. Social Media, Newsletters, MBCA Website, etc.)

Board of Directors Key Responsibilities

- Board members represent the Chicagoland Chapter and their members to the national MBCA Board leadership in matters of interest and concern to the Chapter membership.
- Board of Directors manages the Chapter's activities as a team, and are the final approval authority for policy, financial, legal and personnel actions within the Chapter. Each elected Board member should possess relevant organizational, managerial, and leadership skills and experience to facilitate team building and organizational effectiveness for the Chapter, and uphold the objectives and purpose of the national MBCA organization.
- Board members are expected to attend all board meetings, whether in-person, or online.
- Serving on the Board of Directors requires dedicated time and personal initiative.
- Officers and Directors will have hands-on responsibility for developing accurate and complete information to perform in their roles. Prior to Board meetings, Directors should be provided with information in sufficient time to review and reflect on key issues and to request supplemental information, if necessary.
- All members of the Board of Directors are expected to disclose and discuss any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may result from their being elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.

Late October/Early November - Chicagoland Board Elections

We would like your participation in this year's Board Elections for the upcoming term. We will share the list of nominees once it has been finalized.

Mid/Late November - MBCA Chicagoland Holiday Party

Please join us as we celebrate the holidays together at our annual Chicagoland Holiday party. We are quickly working on finalizing the date and the location. Please keep an eye on your inboxes for a save the date and more details to follow. We hope that you can join us for our last event of the year.

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 quarter!

41 YEARS

James M

37 YEARS

James L

36 YEARS

Stan L

32 YEARS

Robert B

30 YEARS

William M

26 YEARS

Fawzy M

24 YEARS

Matt M

23 YEARS

Art P

22 YEARS

Hugh W

19 YEARS

James T

17 YEARS

Irene B

15 YEARS

Roberto H

13 YEARS

Michael C
Dan R
Frank K

11 YEARS

John G

10 YEARS

David D

9 YEARS

Alice L

6 YEARS

Frank F
Tom K

5 YEARS

Joseph A

2 YEAR

Donald K
Paul 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



The family of John Clark is looking for a new home for the 1984 R107, SL380. It is Silver Star Certified and been perfectly maintained. It has 49,900 miles. *The family would love for it to go to someone local who would truly enjoy it. Asking is \$15,000.*



They are also looking to sell a car lift. As pictured on the left, asking price is \$4,800. They are both located in Yorkville, IL.

Contact Shane at (630) 330-7691 for more info and photos.

Calendar of Events

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
Judy Mouilleseaux Membership Chair	Al Johnson Director-at-Large

MBCA Chicagoland Board of Directors Position Details

<u>Role</u>	<u>Description & Responsibilities</u>
President	<p>The role of President is to function as the chief executive officer of the local Chicagoland Chapter of the MBCA, and to supervise all aspects of Chapter activities and functions. The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervise and guide development and implementation of the Chapter's strategic plans and annual calendar of events.• Collaborate with fellow Board members to formulate and monitor annual operating plans, member surveys, and operating budget.• Maintain integrity and clarity of the Club's financial statements and comply with financial reporting requirements to the national MBCA office as well as State of Illinois Secretary of State.• Provide visible, active leadership for Chicagoland Board members, the MBCA national office and leadership, and local chapter members.• Schedule and preside over regular meetings of the Chicagoland Board of Directors no less than once per quarter.• Maintain archival files of Chapter Board meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence with MBCA national office, and related documentation to foster organizational continuity.• The President has the authority to vote on all motions before the Board. The President is not limited to breaking tie votes.• Monitor and inform Board and Chapter members of actions taken by the MBCA National Board that may impact Chapter operations and/or membership.• To run for election for the position of President, a Chapter member must have first served in a position on the Board of Directors for at least one (1) full term, or be an active, ongoing volunteer with the Chapter.
Vice President	<p>The role of the Vice President is to perform, implement or otherwise attend to any Board duties as may be assigned from time-to-time by the President and/or members of the Board of Directors. Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Vice President shall assume and perform the duties of the President in case of absence, death, medical inability, or refusal of the President. In so acting, the Vice President shall have all powers and responsibilities of the President and will hold the position of Acting President.• Prior to assuming the duties and responsibilities of an Acting President, the Vice President will confirm for the Board of Directors that he or she acknowledges the situation requiring the action, and that he or she understands and accepts the responsibility of the Acting President position. Except in an emergency, this acknowledgment can be in the form of a written or verbal notification to the Board of Directors citing the date, time and reason the Vice President is assuming the position of Acting President.• In addition to specific assignments, the Vice President shall be responsible for providing coordination and oversight for the Chapter's communication processes via Newsletter publication, social media posts, and MBCA website content development for the Chapter.• The Vice President will also work with the President and Board members in developing and implementing Chapter policies, event planning, fostering member engagement, and Chapter membership growth. This includes working with the Secretary and other Board members in coordinating the periodic election process for nominating and voting on candidates for Chicagoland Board of Directors openings/vacancies.

MBCA Chicagoland Board of Directors Position Details (continued)

Role	Description & Responsibilities
Secretary	<p>The role of the Secretary is to record and manage the key documents relating to the business of the Board of Directors and the policies of the Chapter. The Secretary's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record/transcribe accurate minutes for meetings and conference calls of the Board of Directors and for annual meetings. Approved minutes of these meetings and conference calls are to be maintained by the Secretary and posted to the Chapter webpage for access by all members as soon after each meeting as practicable. • Provide draft minutes within a timely manner after each Board meeting to fellow Board members. • Ensuring that a copy of the Chapter's current By-Laws and Robert Rules of Order are available at all Board meetings. Assist fellow Board members in developing an Operations Manual that documents Chapter policies and procedures. • Ensuring that required notices of general meetings are mailed in accordance with the By-Laws. • Assist with the election process for nominating and electing members of the Board of Directors. • Present each Board member, a Confidentiality Statement and Conflict of Interest Statement to sign at the start annually. Record the completion of these statements and retain a backup copy. The original will be forwarded to and maintained by the National Office.
Treasurer	<p>The role of the Treasurer is to oversee the financial planning, budgeting, and accounting of the Chapter. The Treasurer serves as the chief financial officer for the Chapter, key responsibilities include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the financial matters of the Chapter and advising the Board of Directors on financial issues. The Treasurer is directly responsible for understanding and reviewing annual operating plans and budgets. The Treasurer, in concert with the Board, monitors implementation of the annual plans to assess if they are being implemented effectively and within the limits of approved budgets. • Preparing and furnishing copies of Chapter's financial reports (bank statements, revenue and expenses) to the Board on a monthly basis. Treasurer and the Board should take reasonable steps to ascertain that the Club's financial statements and other disclosures accurately present the organization's financial condition, and that they do so in an understandable manner. • Assisting Board leadership in preparing an annual budget for the next calendar year for review and approval by the Board of Directors no later than the last monthly meeting of the current calendar year (December). The Treasurer shall provide the Board with a monthly performance report, and an annual report containing calendar Year-End financial results. • Ensuring that all Chapter funds are kept in checking and/or savings accounts in a U.S. federally insured institution. This institution is to be mutually agreed upon by the Treasurer, President and fellow Board members. • Developing an investment policy for surplus/reserve Chapter funds that exceed cash flow needs of day-to-day operations. This investment policy should recommend that all reserve funds be invested in marketable financial instruments with a risk profile and time horizon consistent with risk tolerance, future forecasted cash flow needs, and with the general purpose of preservation of wealth. • Being responsive to questions from Chapter membership regarding financial matters and advising the Board on all financial aspects. • Monitor quarterly dues sharing payments received from MBCA national office. This program was launched January 2024. • Ensuring the timely submission of Chapter reports, forms, financial statements and other such information as required by the MBCA national Operations Manual, the national MBCA Officers, or the national business office staff in the performance of their duties.