# Chicagoland Chapter

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Newsletter





#### Note from the Editor

Welcome to a special edition newsletter. This newsletter is a little different as it covers the Color Tour that was hosted by Wisconsin MBCA and additional details about our upcoming annual holiday dinner.

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.

Feel free to email <u>mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com</u> or reach out to anyone on the board with questions or event/activity submissions!

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

### **Upcoming Events**

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

#### **MBCA Chicagoland Board Elections**

November

We would like your participation in this year's Board Elections for the upcoming term. The list of nominees is being finalized and we will reach out via a separate email for your vote.

#### **MBCA Chicagoland Holiday Dinner**

Sunday, December 15th As we wrap up our year, we would like to invite you to our Annual Holiday Dinner hosted at Stefani Prime. Join members and friends as we enjoy a four-course dinner & recap our year! Cost is \$105/person, incl. soft drinks, coffee/tea, taxes & gratuity.

Please RSVP to <a href="mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com">mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com</a> Checks must be received by December 1st.

Additional details on page 3.

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## **Event Report**

## Fall Color Tour Hosted by Wisconsin Chapter







This year's Fall Color Tour was held on the weekend of October 19-20, with an invitation to Chicagoland members from their Wisconsin MBCA colleagues to join them on a very scenic drive through the winding hills and valleys of western Wisconsin. Chet Szerlag and Judy Mouilleseaux accepted the invite to join the Color Tour, and enjoyed a glorious midwestern weekend in Wisconsin.

The tour began with a group brunch at the Log Cabin restaurant and bakery in Baraboo, Wisconsin, just south of the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend weather was warm and sunny, and perfect for a top down, leisurely drive through the Wisconsin countryside. (assuming you are driving a convertible!)

Wisconsin Hwy 33, running from Baraboo to LaCrosse was the primary route for the color tour. Hwy 33 winds through Amish farm country, and offers numerous sightseeing opportunities along the way.

Sights to see included the historic Pioneer Log Village, the Coulee region of bluffs and valleys -formed by glaciers during the Ice Age, and the stunning Grandad Bluff Park & Gateway Trails

overlooking the city of LaCrosse and the Mississippi River valley.

The Saturday phase of the tour concluded with a group dinner at the historic Freighthouse Restaurant in LaCrosse. Approximately 25 MBCA members enjoyed the Saturday drive, and relaxed over dinner.

Sunday's tour route offered an opportunity to explore the Great River Road, which runs along the eastern bank of the mighty Mississippi River, and was a perfect complement to the hills and valleys of western Wisconsin.

A very good time was had by all !!











## Chicagoland MBCA Holiday Dinner





#### Merchandise Corner



### MBCA Car Badges Available!

We still have some MBCA car badges available for sale. The badges are typically displayed on your car's grill. They are \$50, if you'd like one, please reach out to Chet - ctszerlag@gmail.com





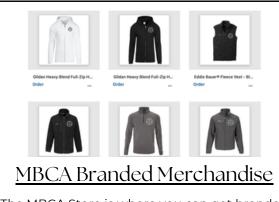




#### Chicagoland MBCA Coasters

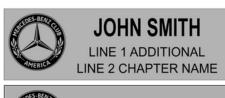
Have you started collecting your Chicagoland MBCA Coasters yet? Coasters are \$10 each, if you buy all 4 coasters at once, you get a coaster holder free! Coaster Holders are \$5, if sold separately. Please reach out to Chet if you're interested in purchasing (ctszerlag@gmail.com)

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



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**





#### 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!** 

## Membership



We would like to congratulate our members who have anniversaries November & December!

67 YEARS	44 YEARS	<u> 38 YEARS</u>	<u> 36 YEARS</u>	35 YEARS	32 YEARS	<u> 23 YEARS</u>
Walter Vartan	Alan Gordon	Olaf Hansen	Miklos Bende	Mitchell Ejnik	Chris Corliss	Michael Laslow
						Manfred Mittermeie

Manfred Mittermeie Roger Woodward

21 YEARS	<u> 19 YEARS</u>	<u> 17 YEARS</u>	16 YEARS	13 YEARS	12 YEARS
Arnie Hetzel	Steven Berger	Charles	Stanley Kopecky	Sheldon Miller	Mark Sullivan
		Candiano	David Pezen		

11 YEARS	10 YEARS	8 YEARS	<u>7 YEARS</u>	<u> 5 YEARS</u>	<u>4 YEARS</u>
Don Griffin	Henry Barefield	Robert Hertel	Edward Kolodziej	Kevin McQuillan	Christopher Dean
	Susan Brandau	Richard Klein			

2 YEARS

<u>3 YEARS</u>	
James Bradley	

Matt Kasindorf

James Bradley Mark Gavoor Tobi Laczkowski Michael Mech Neil Renacia George Stazin Robert Wehrle

#### 1 YEAR

Rich Altieri Ron Klein D Bradley Schrader Randal Yentsch

David Kieta Daniel Koulianos Kirk Stubbee Sarah Yentsch

#### 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 <a href="https://www.mbca.org/member-benefits">https://www.mbca.org/member-benefits</a> 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

<u>Free</u> 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

## Chicagoland Chapter Leadership

<b>Chet Szerlag</b>	<b>David Kieta</b>
Interim President & Treasurer	Webmaster & Social Media
<b>Stephanie Santiago</b>	<b>Ron Klein</b>
Interim Vice President, Webmaster & Editor	Sponsorship Program & Outreach
<b>Alisa Matushek</b>	<b>Ralph Sikorski</b>
Secretary	Director-at-Large
<b>Judy Mouilleseaux</b>	<b>Al Johnson</b>
Membership Chair	Director-at-Large