

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 mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com 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 mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com
Checks must be received by December 1st.
Additional details on page 3.

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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



You are invited to
Mercedes-Benz Club of America Chicagoland
Annual Holiday Dinner

Sunday, December 15th at 5:30 pm
Stefani Prime
6755 N Cicero Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Cost \$105 per person. RSVP to mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com

Make checks payable to "Chicagoland Chapter - MBCA".
Mail to Chet Szerlag, 1251 Golf View Drive Woodridge, IL 60517



Menu

Your 4-course meal consists of the following
includes soft drinks, coffee/tea

APPETIZERS

Tomato Bruschetta

Bufala Mozzarella & Prosciutto

SALAD
Caesar Salad

MAIN COURSE
(Choose from 4 options)

Scottish Salmon
brown butter, fried capers

Chicken Marsala
marsala wine, mushrooms

Sliced Long Island Strip Steak
roasted mushroom reduction

Pear Ravioli
roasted pear, parmigiano, toasted pine nuts, sun-dried tomatoes, mascarpone cream

SIDES

Brussels Sprouts

Mashed Potatoes

DESSERTS

Italian Gelato Trio
chocolate, vanilla, hazelnut

Crème Brûlée
french vanilla custard with caramelized sugar
crust, fresh berry garnish

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!



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

Membership

Member Anniversaries

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

67 YEARS

Walter Vartan

44 YEARS

Alan Gordon

38 YEARS

Olaf Hansen

36 YEARS

Miklos Bende

35 YEARS

Mitchell Ejnik

32 YEARS

Chris Corliss

23 YEARS

Michael Laslow
Manfred Mittermeier
Roger Woodward

21 YEARS

Arnie Hetzel

19 YEARS

Steven Berger

17 YEARS

Charles
Candiano

16 YEARS

Stanley Kopecky
David Pezen

13 YEARS

Sheldon Miller

12 YEARS

Mark Sullivan

11 YEARS

Don Griffin

10 YEARS

Henry Barefield
Susan Brandau
Matt Kasindorf

8 YEARS

Robert Hertel
Richard Klein

7 YEARS

Edward Kolodziej

5 YEARS

Kevin McQuillan

4 YEARS

Christopher Dean

3 YEARS

James Bradley
Tobi Laczkowski
Neil Renacia

2 YEARS

Mark Gavoor
Michael Mech
George Stazin
Robert Wehrle

1 YEAR

Rich Altieri
Ron Klein
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 <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

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