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Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



2025 Schedule of Events

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Discounted Classified and Business Advertisement for Chicagoland Section Members!

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

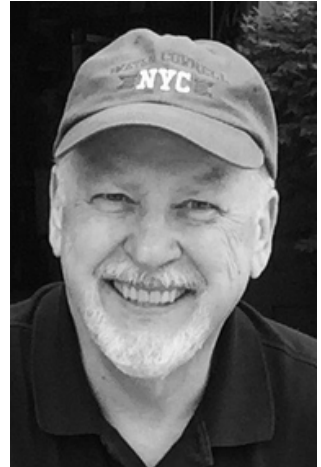
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Pricing and additional details can be found **[HERE](#)**

Letter from the President

Dear Chicagoland Member,

The New Year has arrived, and your leadership team has been busy the past month developing a full calendar of events for your 2025 driving pleasure. We have a mix of familiar and new events planned for every month throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our upcoming events.



We start the month of March with a St. Patrick's weekend brunch on Sunday March 16th in Geneva, to gather, socialize and meet current and new members. If you wish to attend, please RSVP via email to me (ctszerlag@gmail.com) so that we can give their team an accurate headcount.

We are also working to develop a Resource Directory for our Chicagoland members which will identify Chicago regional businesses that serve Mercedes owners. These will include not only Mercedes authorized dealerships, but also independent repair facilities, detailing shops, suppliers recommended by members. We think this will be a great value-add for our Chicagoland members.

If you have any recommendations for high-quality, customer-oriented businesses you have used, please let us know, so that we can include them in the Resource Directory.

Lastly, our newly elected Officers and Board of Directors for the 2025 - 2026 term (reference pg. 1.) have assumed their positions effective January 1st. Please feel free to reach out to any one of us if you have ideas or comments about our events. We're here for you !

I wish you safe and enjoyable motoring !

Chet Szerlag
President, Chicagoland Section

2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Preliminary Calendar of Events. Event details are subject to change and additional events are to be determined.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
19 2025 Event Planning Meeting	15 Chicago Autoshow McCormick Place	16 St. Patrick's Day Brunch Stockholm's, Geneva
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
12 2025 Mercs in Motion West Suburbs	10 Stars & Coffee Calibre Coffee, Barrington	8 Show & Shine Lunch Superdawg, Wheeling
26 Bockfest 2025 Pollyanna Brewery, Roselle	17 Benz & Breakfast Montrose Harbor, Chicago	15 Father's Day Car Show Oakbrook Mall, Oakbrook
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
12 Sunset Drive w/WI MBCA Road America, Elkhart, WI	16 Cars & Coffee Auburn Cord Duesenberg Auto Museum, Auburn, IN	13 Defensive Driving w/WI MBCA Brookfield, WI
12 Deutsche Marques Gilmore Museum, MI	24 Geneva Concours & Lunch Downtown Geneva	20 Sunset Drive Road America, Elkhart, WI
23 Star Summit Birmingham, AL		27 Frank Lloyd Wright Weekend Wisconsin
		TBA MBCA Oktoberfest Two Brothers, Aurora
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
11 Car Museum & Lunch Klairmont Collection, Chicago	TBA Stars & Coffee	TBA End of Year Holiday Dinner

Please let us know what kind of events you would like to see.
This is your club and your input is what drives our event calendar.

Have any questions? Contact us via email:
mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com



Chicagoland

Featured Events

We'd like to invite you to our upcoming events, we will use this space to highlight bigger events that will require RSVP. If you have any questions, please reach out!

Chicagoland MBCA Social Meet ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

MARCH

16

10:00AM

RSVP by March 12th to Chet (ctszerlag@gmail.com)



306 W State St, Geneva, IL 60134

MERCS IN MOTION a Chicagoland MBCA Road Rally Event



Join us for a thrilling road rally featuring the best of German engineering!
Bring your Mercedes, enjoy a scenic & engaging drive with fellow enthusiasts.

Open to all car owners
& enthusiasts

Fun, scenic routes &
friendly competition

Meet fellow car lovers
& enjoy the drive

Saturday, April 12th
Starts at 11:30AM from Casey's Gas Station
16 N. Randall Road, North Aurora, IL 60542

RSVP by March 31st to David Kieta (dkieta@kietalawllc.com)

Co-Pilot Recommended

Keep your own time

Drive Responsibly

Don't miss out on this exciting event!
Rev up your engines and join us for a great drive!

Membership

Membership Count as of 3/1: 250

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of 2025:

Paul Dauer

Ray Mattson

Anthony Prince

Member Anniversaries

We would like to congratulate our members who have anniversaries in March!

Demetrios Criezis - 34 Years

Dennis Dicks - 32 Years

Lawrence Rossa - 26 Years

Nick Ginali - 12 Years

David Hanson - 11 Years

Frederick Dial - 6 Years

Mary Kleckauskas - 6 Years

Tom Seeberg - 4 Years

John Palda Sr - 3 Years

Anthony Sestito - 3 Years

J Schneider - 2 Years

Cole Helfrich - 1 Year

Brian McCulloch - 1 Year

James Goldstein - 34 Years

Peter Novak - 31 Years

Betty Gillette - 19 Years

Richard Frederick - 11 Years

Martin Volk - 8 years

James Evan-Cook - 6 Years

Joseph Kincaid - 5 Years

Eduardo Alvarez - 3 Years

Patrick Roche - 3 Years

Murtaza Siddiqui - 3 Years

Stephen Beard - 1 Year

Marc Teer - 1 Year

Steve Walters - 1 Year

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.

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!

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!



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.



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The MBCA Store is where you can get branded merchandise. You can purchase Hats, previous STAR publications, window stickers and more!

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LINE 2 CHAPTER NAME



STEPHANIE SANTIAGO

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

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