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# Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



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## Officers and Board of Directors

**Leadership Update:** Our Chapter President, Chet Szerlag, and his wife and Director, Judy Mouilleseaux, have stepped down from their roles. We'd like to use this space to thank them for their dedicated service to the MBCA and our Chicagoland Chapter. Stephanie Santiago has taken the Interim President position until a new President is elected by the Board of Directors at our next board meeting on April 22nd.

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## Classifieds & Advertising

**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:

Stephanie Santiago - [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)

Pricing and additional details can be found at end of newsletter.

# 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
		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](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)



Chicagoland

# Event Recap

## Stockholm's Brunch

Sunday, March 16, 2025



Despite the chilly temps and near-blizzard conditions of March 16th, fourteen Chicagoland members braved the snowy, slushy roads to enjoy a relaxing and collegial brunch at Stockholm's Brewpub in Geneva, Illinois. Stockholm's diverse brunch menu offers something for everyone, and they cook to perfection. The Bloody Marys are pretty good too !



Michael Olesen, Stockholm's Owner and  
MBCA Chicagoland Member

The Brunch was our first club event of the 2025 calendar, and has become an annual tradition with club members. We were welcomed by Stockholm's very own Michael Olesen, a well-traveled Chicagoland club member, who's approaching 1 million miles on the odometer of his Mercedes! Chicagoland members in attendance included Rich Cooke, Chuck Hinderliter, Paul & Joanna Dauer, Chet Szerlag & Judy Mouilleseaux , Peter & Robbie Dalton, John Mazur, Dave Johnson, James Van Duerm and guests. It was great to see Stockholm's back in business after their kitchen fire last year, which shut them down for a number of months as they rebuilt their kitchen facility.

This was a great event to kick off the 2025 season and we thank all of our members who made it out and also encourage everyone to check out the calendar of events and hopefully join us at an upcoming event! Our next event is our road rally, Mercs in Motion on April 12<sup>th</sup>! More information can be found on the following page.



## Featured Events

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




### MERCS IN MOTION

a Chicagoland MBCA Road Rally Event

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

RSVPs Closed March 31st  
Thank you to all who registered, see you soon!

Missed the deadline? Potential additional opportunity in Fall 2025





### Chicagoland MBCA Presents The 2025 Annual **BENZ & BREAKFAST**

At Montrose Harbor on Chicago's Lakefront

Saturday, May 17  
9am to 12pm

RSVP BY  
MAY 11TH

 [MBCACHICAGOCHAPTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MBCACHICAGOCHAPTER@GMAIL.COM)  
 [2025 BENZ & BREAKFAST EVENT PAGE](#)

### Chicagoland MBCA Presents The 2025 Annual **SHOW & SHINE LUNCH**

At Superdawg in Wheeling, IL

Sunday, June 8  
1pm to 4pm

RSVP BY  
JUNE 1ST

 [MBCACHICAGOCHAPTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MBCACHICAGOCHAPTER@GMAIL.COM)  
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 **SATURDAY, 9/27  
&  
SUNDAY, 9/28**

### Chicagoland MBCA Weekend Drive Chicagoland to Madison to Spring Green, WI

#### Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio

**Event Highlights:**

- Everyone is welcome
- Scenic drive to Madison and Spring Green
- Overnight stop in Madison
- Dinner and Comedy Show
- Tour FLW's Home
- Costs & details to be announced

**REGISTER  
NOW**

 [IRENOV8@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:IRENOV8@HOTMAIL.COM)  
 [WI WEEKEND TRIP EVENT PAGE](#)



# Membership

## Membership Count as of 4/1: 234

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member this month:

Jay Quail

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### Member Anniversaries

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

Joe Kregul - 33 Years	Ronald McLawhon - 29 Years
John Madon - 28 Years	Chet Szerlag - 24 Years
Osman Akpolat - 19 Years	Don Freese - 18 Years
Mark Sebby - 13 Years	Fred Hess - 12 Years
Patrick Burns - 11 Years	Richard Guminski - 9 Years
Ryan Werner - 8 Years	Norm Plummer - 8 Years
David Harris - 8 Years	Napoleon Hunter - 6 Years
Daniel Doherty - 6 Years	Jeremy Weiland - 5 Years
Michael Broton - 4 Years	Benitius Handjojo - 4 Years
William Dewitt - 2 Years	Michael Jimenez - 1 Year
George Krzeminski - 1 Year	Joe Thoesen - 1 Year
Stuart Blakeslee - 1 Year	Thomas Dawczak - 1 Year
John Carter - 1 Year	Carl Peterson - 1 Year

Patrick Dougherty - 1 Year

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### 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.



Featured Items



### MBCA Branded Merchandise

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

**SHOP NOW**



**JOHN SMITH**

LINE 1 ADDITIONAL  
LINE 2 CHAPTER NAME



**STEPHANIE SANTIAGO**

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

### Name Tags Available

Name tags are available for ordering, there are multiple options to choose from! The national office is working with a small business to bring you quality nametags!

**Buy Your Name Tag Here!**



# 2025 Advertising Pricing Details and Additional Advertising Options

The Chicagoland Chapter of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's newsletter, is a monthly (March - December) publication that is sent to our members, social media followers and is available online at our website:

<https://www.mbca.org/section/chicagoland/newsletters>.

Advertising plan options for all issues or per issue outlined as follows:

## Members

All Issues for 2025	Per Issue during 2025
Full Page - \$400	Full Page - \$40
Half Page - \$200	Half Page - \$20
1/3 Page - \$150	1/3 Page - \$15
1/4 Page - \$100	1/4 Page - \$10
Classifieds*	Free

## Non-Members

All Issues for 2025	Per Issue during 2025
Full Page - \$500	Full Page - \$50
Half Page - \$300	Half Page - \$30
1/3 Page - \$200	1/3 Page - \$20
1/4 Page - \$150	1/4 Page - \$15
Classifieds*	\$10 per month posted

\*Classifieds are defined as 3-4 short detailed sentences outlining: year, model, asking price, contact information, 1-2 good quality photographs & any additional relevant information.

## Additional Advertising Options - Pricing is Per Year

Level	Member Pricing	Non-Member Pricing	Offerings
Premium	\$200	\$400	Standard <b>plus</b> : Business Card sized advertisement in our MBCA Chicagoland monthly newsletter
Standard	\$100	\$200	Basic <b>plus</b> : Logo with link to preferred website on MBCA Chicagoland Site
Basic	\$50	\$100	Listing in our resource directory, information included: Business Name Address Phone Number/E-mail Website

## Advertising Dimension Details

- Full Page (vertical) - 8.5" w x 11" h
- Half Page - 8.5" w x 4.75" h
- 1/3 Page - 8.5" w x 3.66" h
- 1/4 Page - 4.25" w x 4.75" h

## Deadlines & Billing

- Ad must be submitted no later than the 15th of the month prior to issue publication date, for example: April 15, 2025 for the May 1, 2025 issue.
- Payments must be received prior to first newsletter publication of the year if annual plan or prior to the monthly publication that the ad will be posted in.

Make check payable to "Chicagoland Chapter - MBCA" & mail your payment to:

Richard Cooke

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