

MAY 2025

# Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



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## Officers and Board of Directors

**Leadership Update:** Stephanie Santiago has been formally elected President by the Board of Directors during our April board meeting. Also, we have 2 Director Positions open for anyone interested. The Director position consists of attending monthly board meetings, providing event support and bringing new ideas on events, activities and other club initiatives to ensure our members make the most of their membership. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Stephanie or anyone on our board!

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Director

## 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 Hosted by: GIRCCCA 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
19 Cars & Coffee & Tech Session MB of Hoffman Estates		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

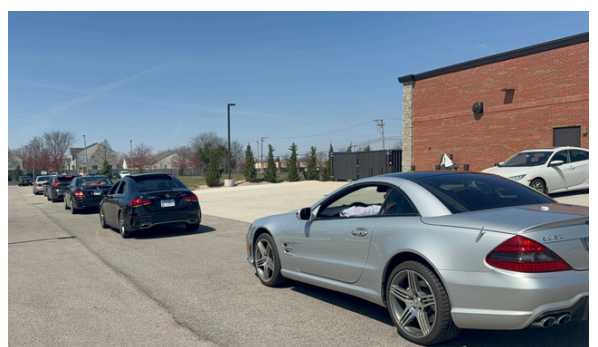
## Mercs in Motion Road Rally

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Recap by David Kieta



The inaugural Mercs in Motion Road Rally was a great success. We could not have asked for a better turnout, and the weather was ideal for an afternoon cruise. The majority of the participants were MBs, but other makes and models were welcome. Notably, we had two red Corvettes (C5 & C8) who won the rally. There was also a Ford Focus RS and Rolls Royce that joined us. My Co-Pilot and I followed a beautiful E450 and E55 for most of the course. The course ended at Hardware Sustainable Gastropub and Brewery, where we were able to enjoy good food, cold beverages, and each other's company. I would like to thank my co-pilot, Szymon Szczepaniak, for helping me map out the course over multiple weekends. I would also like to thank Stephanie Santiago for promoting the event, and for designing the wonderful stickers we handed out to participants. Special thanks to Richard Cooke, who provided the grand prize. Lastly, I would like to thank all who participated. Thank you for choosing to spend your Saturday afternoon with MBCA Chicagoland.





## 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!

Chicagoland MBCA Social Meet

**STARS & COFFEE**

MAY 10 9:00 AM

ALL Mercedes Owners Welcome!

**CALIBRE COFFEE**

HAVE FUN | BE COURTEOUS | NO SPEEDING

100 W Higgins Rd Ste H-60, South Barrington, IL 60010



## Happening This Month!



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)  
 [2025 SHOW & SHINE EVENT PAGE](#)



 **SATURDAY, 9/27  
&  
SUNDAY, 9/28**

Chicagoland MBCA Weekend Drive  
**CHICAGOLAND TO MADISON TO SPRING GREEN, WI**

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Drive departs from Schaumburg on Saturday
- Scenic drive to Madison and Spring Green
- Overnight stay in Madison Saturday night
- Dinner, Comedy Show & Taliesin Tour
- \$130/person includes dinner, comedy show & Taliesin Tour
- Attendance limited to the first 24 people to RSVP by July 15th

REGISTER BY 7/15!  [IRENOV8@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:IRENOV8@HOTMAIL.COM)  
 [WI WEEKEND TRIP EVENT PAGE](#)

# Membership

**Membership Count as of 5/1: 240**



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

Omar Cahill

Deepak Kaimal

Bob Martin

Michael Reyes

David Wandrey

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## Member Anniversaries

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

Joseph Zehentmaier - 36 Years

Frederick Gahl - 30 Years

Palmer Goodwin - 28 Years

Ralph Sprandel - 27 Years

Mihai Jugureanu - 23 Years

Van Jonker - 22 Years

Steve Levy - 18 Years

Larry Philyaw - 17 Years

Mark Roter - 15 Years

Joseph Kruth - 13 Years

Gregory Geuther - 12 Years

Vlad Gasnikov - 11 Years

Rocco DiOrio - 10 Years

Kenneth Cooper - 9 Years

Paul Zeitler - 7 Years

Chuck Hinderliter - 7 Years

Jason Timmons - 3 Years

Frederick Brennan - 3 Years

Michael Tyk - 2 Years

Richard Freeman - 2 Years

Matthew Vasilevski - 2 Years

Harold Bentley - 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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