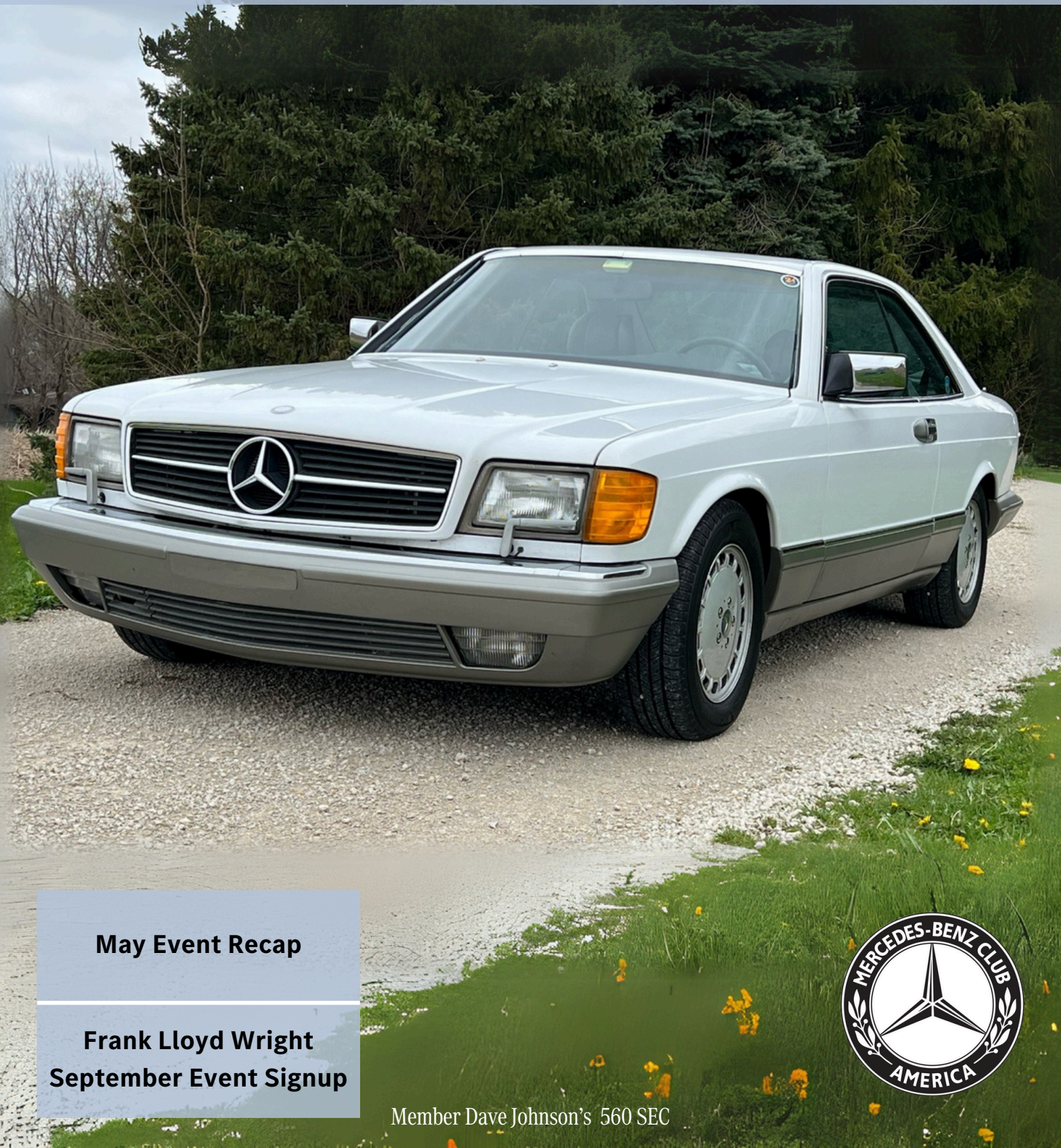


JUNE 2025

Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



May Event Recap

**Frank Lloyd Wright
September Event Signup**



Member Dave Johnson's 560 SEC

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Open Roles: 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 anyone on our board!

Membership Renewals: We have noticed a decrease in membership renewals - if you are having trouble renewing your membership and need assistance, please let us know. New members help us grow, renewing members keep us going! If you have any concerns or if you feel like the club isn't meeting your needs, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the board! We'd be happy to hear your concerns and take your feedback!

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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

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
		22 Cars & Coffee Two Brothers, Aurora
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
12 Sunset Drive w/WI MBCA Road America, Elkhart, WI	24 Geneva Concours & Lunch Downtown Geneva	13 Defensive Driving w/WI MBCA Brookfield, WI
12 Deutsche Marques Gilmore Museum, MI		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



Chicagoland

Event Recap

Stars and Coffee

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Recap by Stephanie Santiago

Photos by: Chuck H & Stephanie S



On Saturday, May 10th, we gathered at Calibre Coffee in South Barrington for our first Stars and Coffee event. The weather was clear and sunny, making for a pleasant morning as a total of about 35 Mercedes-Benz vehicles were on display. The event saw a mix of both club members and non-members, all taking the opportunity to connect over a shared appreciation for German engineering!

It was fun and relaxing event, with a good chance to chat, check out a variety of cars, and enjoy some coffee. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the day a success.

A special thank you to our board members for their support in helping out with the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone at future events.



Event Recap

Benz and Breakfast

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Recap by Stephanie Santiago

Photos by: Stephanie S



Our Benz and Breakfast event on Saturday, May 17th at Montrose Harbor was a great success, bringing our members together. Despite the cool and cloudy weather, 15 amazing cars showed up, and everyone was able to enjoy delicious coffee and pastries while chatting about all things Mercedes-Benz.

We were happy to see familiar faces as well as some new members who attended their first event with us.

It's always a pleasure to grow our community, and we enjoyed connecting with everyone. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, and it was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning. A huge thank you to everyone who made it out, your presence is what makes these events happen, and we appreciate each and every one of you for being part of it.

We can't wait to do it all over again at our next event at Superdawg in Wheeling on June 8th at 1 p.m.

We hope to see even more of you there!



Featured Events

Happening This Month!

Chicagoland MBCA Presents
The 2025 Annual
SHOW & SHINE LUNCH

At Superdawg in Wheeling, IL

Sunday, June 8
1pm to 4pm



Join Chicagoland MBCA at
**OAKBROOK FATHERS DAY
CAR SHOW**

At Oakbrook Center in Oak Brook, IL

Saturday, June 15

11am to 6pm

To Register: Call Russ Rodriguez
630-767-9000



Join Chicagoland MBCA at
CARS & COFFEE

At Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora, IL

Sunday, June 22
9am to 1pm



Chicagoland MBCA Invites You
**Cars & Coffee with
Mercedes-Benz of Hoffman Estates**

Saturday, July 19

10am to 1pm

Mercedes-Benz of Hoffman Estates
1000 W Golf Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169



Please join us for an informative morning of cars and coffee including;

- A meet & greet with MB Hoffman Estates management team
- A video presentation & overview of the dealership followed by Q&A
- Tour of the service, parts, and sales departments.
- Technical presentations from the experienced service and parts teams (topics TBA)



SATURDAY, 9/27
&
SUNDAY, 9/28

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

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive departs from Schaumburg
- Scenic drive to Madison and Spring Green
- Overnight stay in Madison Saturday night
- Dinner & Comedy Show in Madison
- \$100 per person includes dinner & Taliesin Tour
- Attendance limited to the first 24 people to RSVP by August 20th

RSVP TO FRANK (IRENOV8@HOTMAIL.COM), BOOK YOUR HOTEL & COMEDY SHOW TICKET BY 8/30!

[ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOUND HERE](#)

Featured Events

GENEVA CONCOURSE

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm



The Geneva Concours Committee is inviting the members of local collector car clubs to take advantage of our special display area reserved for car clubs and their members' collector cars. This reserved display area is located behind the Old Kane County Court House on Third Street and is adjacent to the official Concours site. Our Car Club Display area has become a popular addition to the Geneva Concours experience. Come spend a relaxing day in Geneva. You will see spectacular cars surrounded by wonderful shopping and fantastic restaurants of all kinds. Plus, you do not want to miss the special Awards ceremony at 2:30 pm which is narrated by the renowned automotive historian, Bob Joynt.

All cars must be pre-registered because space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended. This special display area is available to collector car clubs and members only. Please check with your car club to meet their individual club criteria. Your car must be in place by 9 am and remain until 4 pm. The Geneva Concours d'Elegance opens to the public from 10 am to 4 pm and will take place, rain or shine, on August 24, 2025. There are no refunds after your registration check is tendered.

Registrations must be post marked by August 13, 2025. We are not accepting e-mail nor faxed registrations.

- Car Club display area registration fee: \$25.00 per Vehicle.
- Registration forms are available at the end of this newsletter or at www.genevaconcours.net

SUNSET CRUISE AT ROAD AMERICA

Hosted by Wisconsin MBCA

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Arrive by 4:30pm, Cruise at 7:00pm

Cost: \$45 per vehicle plus food & beverages

Join your fellow Wisconsin MBCA members for a private Sunset Cruise at Road America. Spend a memorable late afternoon/early evening at America's National Park of Speed enjoying good food and gemütlichkeit before driving your personal Mercedes around Road America's legendary 4-mile road course.

Here is the tentative event schedule:

4:30 PM: Arrival with VIP parking behind the Finish Line Tower, followed by a stop at the Paddock Shop for some shopping and a group photo at Victory Lane

5:30-6:30 PM: Dinner at the Finish Line Tower

6:30 PM: Drivers' meeting

6:45 PM: Staging vehicles to be on track by 7:00 PM

Our cars will be led by Road America's pace car, so the driving pace will be leisurely and totally safe. Casual clothing, gym shoes and long pants are required. If you're interested in attending please reach out to Bruce Hamilton, Cell: 608.754.6066 or Email: bruce.hamilton@cpa.com



Membership

Membership Count as of 6/1: 241



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

Michael Reyes

Landon Coleman

Cole Hoofnagle

William Blomquist

Nicole Von Rabenau

Member Anniversaries

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

Philippe Hans - 22 Years

Paul Johnson - 21 Years

Daniel Orlich - 19 Years

Andrea Majewski - 15 Years

Fred Crudele - 10 Years

Cora Carter - 8 Years

Rohin Ullberg - 8 Years

Kevin Patrick Green - 6 Years

Erin Zeitler - 5 Years

Steven Zeitler - 5 Years

Steve Cliff - 3 Years

Michael Bondi - 3 Years

David Stock - 3 Years

Stephanie Santiago - 3 Years

David Kile - 1 Year

📢 CALLING FOR QUALITY MEMBER MB PHOTOS!

We would love to use members photos for our monthly newsletter covers! If you'd like to submit yours, send them to Stephanie (ssantiago.stock@gmail.com)

Look forward to receiving your submissions!

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 any board member!



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 any board member if you're interested.



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 plus : Business Card sized advertisement in our MBCA Chicagoland monthly newsletter
Standard	\$100	\$200	Basic plus : 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

Treasurer - Chicago Chapter Mercedes-Benz Club of America

2653 North Milwaukee Ave

Chicago, IL 60647

rcclawoffice@att.net



Geneva Concours d'Elegance
***** Car Club display area *****
Sunday, August 24, 2025

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- Car Club display area registration fee: \$25.00 per Vehicle.
- Registration forms are available at www.genevaconcours.net or contact us.

To guarantee your parking place, mail your *Registration* and *check made payable to the Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP* to:

**John Barrett, Registrar
Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP
1238 Willowgate Lane
St. Charles, Illinois 60174**

Phone: 630-584-3107 E-mail: johnb@genevaconcours.net, pattb@genevaconcours.net

The Mission of the Geneva Concours d'Elegance is to produce the best classic, exotic and race automobile event that showcases the heritage, artistic and engineering significance of the automobile in the surroundings of historic Geneva, Illinois. The Beneficiary of this year's event Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources Geneva. Your registration fee may be tax-deductible as provided by law. Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP, is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that is registered in the State of Illinois, FEIN-02-0804081.



The Beneficiary of this year's event.



2025 Car Club Registration Form

Please print:

Car Owner's Name _____
last first
Street Address _____
primary secondary
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
home cell
E-mail address _____

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____
Model name _____ Exterior color _____

Car Club Information

Name of Car Club _____ Club-Region _____
Club Contact _____ Contact-Number _____

Concours Car Club Guidelines:

- **Car Club display area registration fee:** \$25.00 per Vehicle.
- A registration guarantees a reserved parking place in the Car Club Display Area.
- For everyone's safety, please park your car by 9 am and remain parked in the area until the official closing of the event at 4 pm.
- Please, no *for-sale signs*, tents, advertisements, displays or illustrations without the prior written consent and authorization of the Registrar.
- The Concours will take place, rain or shine on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

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The Beneficiary of this year's event.

- **Release of Liability**

The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance and related activities to be held August 24, 2025, does hereby tender his/her Registration.

In consideration of acceptance by the Geneva Concours d'Elegance of this Club Registration, the undersigned, on behalf of themselves and all others participating in this entry, does hereby: (1) release the organizers of the Geneva Concours d'Elegance, their appointees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of said event; (2) release Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources and its officers, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) release the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois and their officers, employees agents, servants and assigns from and all liability arising out of said event; (4) release sponsor companies and their employees, vendors and other exhibitors from any and all liability arising out of said event; (5) warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules under which said event will be conducted, and will abide by said rules; (6) gives permission to use enclosed vehicle information, as well as any photographs, for publication and program inclusion. Please provide proof of vehicle liability insurance by completing the insurance information below.

I have read the above and accept the terms and conditions:

Owner's Signature _____ Date _____

Car Owners Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Car Club Members:

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Mail your registration to:

Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP
1238 Willowgate Lane
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Upon receipt of our car club registration form, we will send you a letter of acknowledgment along with directions to the Car Club Display area.

Visit www.genevaconcours.com for more information. **Thank You.**

