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Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



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Upcoming Events!



Member Angel Arellano's SL 500

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Open Roles: We have 2 Director Positions open. The 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, please reach out!

Membership Renewals: We have noticed a decrease in membership renewals and while 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!

Email Communications: Please note that emails communications will come from either mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com, mbcachicagoland@mbcachicagoland.glueupmail.com or any of the email addresses from our Board members below. We have seen an increase in spam email & want to make sure our members are safe.

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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

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	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 Mecum Auction Preview Day Klairmont Collection, Chicago
19 Cars & Coffee & Tech Session MB of Hoffman Estates		21 MBCA Oktoberfest Two Brothers, Aurora
		27 Frank Lloyd Wright Weekend Wisconsin
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
TBA Stars & Coffee	TBA	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

Sunset Drive w/Wisconsin MBCA

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Recap & Photos by Chuck Hinderliter



The Wisconsin Chapter of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) hosted a memorable Sunset Cruise at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Members were led around the iconic track by Road America's official pace car, enjoying VIP parking behind the Finish Line Tower. The evening continued with a stop at the Paddock Shop for shopping, followed by a group photo at Victory Lane. Attendees capped off the experience with delicious food and beverages provided by Parker John's BBQ, making for a perfect blend of driving, dining, and camaraderie.

Thank you to the Wisconsin Chapter for the invite!



Event Recap

Cars & Coffee @ MB of Hoffman Estates

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Recap & Photos by Ken Kochmit



Mercedes-Benz of Hoffman Estates hosted 23 Chicagoland members for a Cars & Coffee event that featured a specialty coffee and doughnut truck, a tour of the dealership, and an inside look at operations. Attendees learned about specialized repair services for unique models, upcoming products from sales management, and had the opportunity to get safety/mechanical inspections by the Chief Mechanic. Those who participated received personalized video summaries of their vehicle's condition, making for an engaging and informative morning. Member, Roger Woodward was the winner of the Mercedes gift box raffle! We would like to thank everyone who came out!



Featured Events

Happening This Month!

Join Chicagoland MBCA

2025 Geneva Concours d'Elegance & Lunch

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Concours from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Lunch at 1:00pm

After judging concludes (approx. 12:30pm), we will meet at 1pm for lunch at Stockholm's.

Appetizers will be sponsored by Chicagoland MBCA.

Please RSVP to Rich Cooke (rcclawoffice@att.net) by 8/17 to help us get an accurate headcount!

If you're participating in the Concours please note:

- Registrations must be post marked by August 13, 2025. E-mail/ faxed registrations will not be accepted.
- 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



Stockholm's®
Restaurant • Brewery

Join Chicagoland MBCA

Larry's Legacy: Auction Preview Day

Klaimont Kollection Museum

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10:00am to 5:00pm

Join us for breakfast near the museum before we head over to the auction preview day.

Admission is \$20 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door

RSVP to Ken via email by September 10th



Join Chicagoland MBCA at our annual

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 21, 2025

11:00am to 3:00pm

Two Brothers Roundhouse
205 N Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505

RSVP by August 30 via email or event website



TWO BROTHERS ROUNDHOUSE



Everyone is welcome to join!

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

Weekend Drive to Madison and Spring Green, Wisconsin

Saturday, September 27 & Sunday, September 28

Cost: \$100 per person, includes dinner on Saturday and Taliesin tour on Sunday

Join Chicagoland MBCA members for a trip to Wisconsin. Spend a weekend cruising up north to Madison, enjoying dinner and a comedy show and then heading to Spring Green to visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin.

Here is a high-level schedule:

Saturday Afternoon: Meet in Schaumburg (exact location TBD), drive together to Madison via scenic drive

Saturday Night: Arrive in Madison, check in to hotel, grab dinner and enjoy a comedy show (show is optional)

Sunday Morning: Drive to Spring Green for Tour of Taliesin and learn more about FLW

Sunday Afternoon: Wrap up tour, optional lunch before heading back home or exploring on your own

Hotel Block ([click to book](#)) & Comedy Show ([click for info](#)) to be booked by you, individually.

The club will have tour tickets and dinner covered with your event fee.

[Additional Event Details](#) ([click here](#)).

If you're interested in attending please reach out to Frank Koronkiewicz

Cell: 630-986-5700 or Email: irenov8@hotmail.com

RSVP, book your hotel and purchase your comedy show ticket by August 20th!!

September 27-28, 2025

Beauty

Intrigue

Laughter

On Saturday September 27, join fellow MBCA Chicago chapter members as we explore the beauty of the fall season with a back-roads drive to Spring Green, Wisconsin to tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin. This 2-day event will include:

Take-off from Egg Harbor in Schaumburg at 10:30 AM

Drive along US-12 toward Lake Geneva and continue-on through the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

Conclude the drive at Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center at 3:00 PM

Join Members at the Hampton Inn in Madison, Wi. for Pizza around 5 PM (Included)

Enjoy some laughs with Chastity Washington at Comedy on State (7 minute walk from the Hampton Inn) for a 7:00 PM show - 2 drink minimum. Purchase your \$24 admission ticket using the link below.

Spend the night at the Madison Hampton Inn. Use the link below (no later than August 26) for a special rate or call 608.255.0360 and mention 'MBCA Chicago Fall Tour'.

Leave Madison no later than 9 AM to arrive in Spring Green by 10 AM for a 2.5-hour tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin. (Tour included)

\$100 per person

includes Pizza Party and 2.5 hr. Taliesin Tour.

Attendance for this event is limited.

Contact Frank Koronkiewicz at irenov8@hotmail.com for additional information. Register at the link below.

Membership

Membership Count as of 8/1: 227



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

Josh Drew
Rudy Presta

Member Anniversaries

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

Hugh Edfors - 42 Years	Michael Ochenschlager - 37 Years	Donald Anderson - 29 Years
Frank Weitekamper - 17 Years	Michael Olesen - 11 Years	Albert Niedzinski - 11 Years
Douglas Kuper - 9 Years	Stephen Epstein - 9 Years	Timothy Devore - 9 Years
Mike Janco - 7 Years	Michael Sobel - 6 Years	Tim White - 1 Year
Adam Smith - 1 Year	Chris Rini - 1 Year	John Mazur - 1 Year
	Michael Burke - 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.mbc.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

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 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.**

