

SEPTEMBER 2025

# Mercedes-Benz Club of America CHICAGOLAND



August Event Recap

Register for This  
Month's Events!



Member Chuck Hinderliter's SL 500 Silver Arrow

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## Announcements

**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](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com), [mbcachicagoland@mbcachicagoland.glueupmail.com](mailto: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](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	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		DECEMBER
4 Stars & Coffee Calibre Coffee, Barrington		TBA End of Year Holiday Dinner
TBA Benz & Brews Double Clutch, Evanston		

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

## Geneva Concours & Lunch

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Recap by Rich Cooke

Photos by David Stock & Stephanie Santiago



On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Members and their guests gathered at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in beautiful downtown Geneva, Illinois. The Concours featured over 300 classic, vintage, and exotic cars all competing for awards in various classes. The featured marques of this year's show were Chain Drive Vehicles, Pre-War Roadsters, and Volkswagens. There were several Mercedes on display including a rare 170 pickup truck privately imported from Argentina.

At noon, club members enjoyed a delicious lunch at Stockholm's Restaurant & Brewery on their private patio. Stockholm's is owned by club member Michael Olesen who is known not only for his great hospitality and restaurant, but for also driving a vintage SL, which has close to one million miles. Member turnout for the event was fantastic with over 30 members and their guests enjoying the beautiful cars, perfect weather, delicious food, and each other's company.



## Featured Events

# Happening This Month!

Join Chicagoland MBCA

## Larry's Legacy: Auction Preview Day

Klairmont 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](mailto:ken.kochmit@sbcglobal.net) or [event website](#) by September 6th



### FINAL CALL!!

Join us as we visit the Klairmont Kollection for their auction preview day on Saturday, September 13th, before it permanently closes its doors. We will meet for breakfast at 10am before heading over to the museum.

Please RSVP to Ken ([ken.kochmit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken.kochmit@sbcglobal.net)) or [register](#) by Tuesday, September 9th.

Join Chicagoland MBCA at our annual

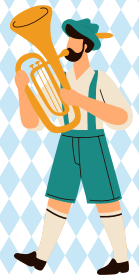
## Oktoberfest

Sunday, September 21, 2025

11:00am to 3:00pm

Two Brothers Roundhouse  
205 N Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505

RSVP by September 6 via [email](#) or [event website](#)



### FINAL CALL!!

Join fellow club members for our annual Oktoberfest celebration at Two Brothers Roundhouse Brewery! Experience authentic German-style food, music and bier tasting in a unique one-of-a-kind setting.

Please RSVP to Chuck ([dmlrbnz68@gmail.com](mailto:dmlrbnz68@gmail.com)) or [register](#) by Wednesday, September 10th.



Chicagoland MBCA Weekend Drive

## CHICAGOLAND TO MADISON TO SPRING GREEN, WI

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart from Schaumburg
- Scenic drive to Madison and Spring Green
- Overnight stop in Madison
- Saturday: Dinner & Comedy Show
- Sunday: Tour FLW's Home
- \$100/person, includes dinner & FLW tour

RSVP TO FRANK ([irenov8@hotmail.com](mailto:irenov8@hotmail.com)), BOOK YOUR HOTEL & COMEDY SHOW TICKET BY 9/5!

[ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOUND HERE](#)

### FINAL CALL!!

If you'd like to join us for our weekend trip on 9/27 & 9/28 to Madison and Spring Green as we make our way to Taliesin to tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio. The cost for dinner & tour ticket is \$100 per person and can be paid via check or Zelle.

Please RSVP to Frank ([irenov8@hotmail.com](mailto:irenov8@hotmail.com)) or [register](#) by Wednesday, September 10th.

# Featured Events

Chicagoland MBCA Social Meet

All Mercedes Owners Welcome!

## STARS & COFFEE

OCTOBER 4 9:00 AM

HAVE FUN | BE COURTEOUS | NO SPEEDING

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



Chicagoland MBCA Social Meet

## BENZ & BREWS

LATE OCTOBER  
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Double Clutch Brewing Company  
2121 Ashland Ave, Evanston, IL 60201



End of Year Chicagoland MBCA  
Holiday Dinner

December 2025

Date & Location  
To Be Announced



# Membership

**Membership Count as of 9/1: 211**



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

David Carman

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## **Member Anniversaries**

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

Arno Zobens - 39 Years	Michael Gabler - 39 Years	Ron Toupin - 33 Years
Dana Shinneman - 30 Years	Robert Turetsky - 28 Years	Brad Lawson - 18 Years
Bruce Radzin - 16 Years	Robert Green - 12 Years	David Varwig - 10 Years
Seth Winkel - 7 Years	Mel Patla - 7 Years	Lina Paskevicius - 5 Years
Peter Dalton - 5 Years	Robbie Dalton - 5 Years	Craig Eugene - 2 Years
Marcy Eugene - 2 Years	Terrence Kiwala Sr - 2 Years	Prashanth Kovelamudi - 1 Year
	Tom Teichgraeber - 1 Year	

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## **📢 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](mailto:ssantiago.stock@gmail.com))

Look forward to receiving your submissions!

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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 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.mbcna.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:

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