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# P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

The April-May issue of the Badger Star always brings the beginning of the busiest part of our event calendar, and the opportunity to take your “baby” out of winter storage. This year it’s a bit different with the remnants of the pandemic still keeping some folks at home and some events cancelled or postponed. In spite of these challenges, your Wisconsin Section has been hard at work to both hold and plan events. Read about our Valentine’s Drive-to-Dine and March Fish Fry elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have two new events this year, a Mystery Drive-to-Dine on May 16th and a Summer Picnic July 10th at Carl Schurz Park in Hartland. The reservation form for the May 16th Mystery D-2-D is elsewhere in this newsletter and details on the Summer Picnic will be coming shortly. And while Black Forest has decided not to hold their usual April tech session, efforts are underway to hold a tech session

at another venue later this year. Check out full Calendar of Upcoming Events elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details.

Remember, we are always looking for event ideas and suggestions. Have one? Don’t be shy; contact any board member with your thoughts or suggestions. We can’t hold the event you want, or hold it where you want it, without your input. Thinking about an event but unsure how to go about it? Make it a team effort; ask one of our board members for help.

## Membership Highlights

I want to welcome our new members and congratulate our members celebrating membership milestones and anniversaries during April and May. They are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Focus on Mercedes RV’s

Did you know that Mercedes now sells more SUVs than they

do sedans and roadsters? Yep, the GLC is the best selling model at the present, followed by the other SUV’s in the product line-up. And the MB Sprinter is the platform of choice for many Class B and Class C motorhomes. Be sure and read the article on the Mercedes Motorhome in this issue!

## Looking for a Journey Article

We’re looking for the next story about “the journey,” how you acquired your favorite Mercedes-Benz. Did you travel across the continent to find the perfect Benz for you, or find it sitting a barn, awaiting a new home? Is it a vintage SL or a brand new Airstream Motorhome? Whether it happened last week or a decade ago, if you have an interesting story about how you acquired your favorite Mercedes-Benz, we want to publish it. Contact newsletter liaison Kyle Mahan with your story.

Thank you to each and every member of the Wisconsin Section for being a member. We couldn’t exist without your interest and participation; it’s what makes this organization successful. New member or long-timer, I’d love to hear from you; your comments and suggestions are always welcome. We are always looking to improve your membership experience and give you value for your member dues.

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# P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Looking forward to seeing all of you in person at an upcoming Wisconsin Section event,

Best Regards,



Bruce Hamilton



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## C L U B B O A R D M E E T I N G S

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. Most meetings are held on-line using GoToMeeting. Attendees call in using a phone, tablet or computer. We encourage participation from our members. If you should wish to participate, and receive a invitation for the meeting, please contact Bruce Hamilton at bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com or 608-754-6066.

Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.

# WISCONSIN SECTION CLUB EVENTS

Date	Type	Event - Location	Host - Contact Information
May 15	Race Event Car Show	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend Road America - Elkhart Lake, Wis	John Ledbury jaled80@yahoo.com / 414-520-2912
May 16	Dining Tour	Mystery Drive-to-Dine Start at Sendiks - Hartland, Wis	Dean & Nancy Pearson nancypearson431@gmail.com / 262-782-7960
July 10	Dining Social	Summer Picnic Carl Schurz Park - Hartland, Wis	Bruce Hamilton bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com / 608-754-6066
Sep 18	Car Show Social	MB Car Show and Concours Beloit Club - Beloit, Wis	Bruce Hamilton bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com / 608-754-6066
Sep 19	Race Event Car Show	Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Road America - Elkhart Lake, Wis	John Ledbury jaled80@yahoo.com / 414-520-2912
Sept 24	Dining Social	Oktoberfest im Biergarten Schwabenhof - Menomonee Falls, Wis	Bernd & Christine Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com / 262-534-5644
Oct 2	Rallye Tour	Fall Rallye & Tour of Ozaukee County Tbd	Todd Knutson benzdude10@gmail.com / 262-292-4880
Dec. 5	Dining Social	Christmas Party & Annual Meeting Golden Mast - Okauchee Lake, Wis	Kyle & Krista Mahan kmahan.mbca@icloud.com / 262-408-9196

## EVENT IDEA SUBMISSIONS

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Drive-to-Dine, Tech Session, Concours, Rallye or Social Event venues or other events, please don't hesitate to contact Bruce Hamilton or any other board member.

We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members on events or other club related business. Contact information for all board members is listed on page 3 of this newsletter.



For the most current Event List visit our Website or Facebook Page

[wisconsin.mbca.org](http://wisconsin.mbca.org)

[facebook.com/mbcawi](https://facebook.com/mbcawi)



# APR - MAY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Associate	Years	Member	Associate	Years
James Glisch	Cheryl Glisch	30	Lillian Brigman		10
Mike Pritzl	Kathy Pritzl	20	Nick Proctor		5
Thomas Hofbauer		15			

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Member	Associate	Member	Associate
Julie Gentine		Diane Broske	Kevin Broske
Paul Jones		Deborah Jacobus	
Michelle Schoepp		John Regan	
Joseph Gallina			



## FEB - MAR ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Associate	Years	Member	Associate	Years
Patricia Neidinger		39	Stephen Macek	Mary Sue Kristiansen	9
Gordon Westphal		28	Jaweed Mohiuddin	Abar Mohiuddin	8
Andre LaFond	Kristine LaFond	22	Ghassan Majdalani		8
Frank Calfo	Joanne Calfo	17	Andrew Luckhardt		7
Peter Samolinski		17	James Peychal		7
Robert Simpson		17	Alex Vaver	Jackie Vaver	6
Oliver Kottke		16	James Thompson		4
Chris Dannenmann	Margaret Crawford	14	Richard Sem	Jane Sem	3
Lawrence Katz		13	Timothy Lillesand		2
Benedict Kordus		13	Joshua Drew		2
Michael Goldstone		12	Kyle Mahan	Krista Mahan	2
Marc Balkovich		9	Fred Anderson		1
Dale Schmidt		9	Richard Clary		1



# ADVENTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

In Wisconsin, you can never rule out a last minute April snowstorm, but overall the weather is trending toward spring. The robins are returning, the first flowers are peeking out, and Mercedes-Benz owners and adventurers are thinking about taking the convertible out of storage.

While we love a grand tour in a cabriolet, another great way to adventure is in an RV or motorhome. They let you hit the road for longer adventures in sunshine and in rain. And, even better for the MB enthusiast, is an RV built on the structure of a Mer-

cedes-Benz.

Multiple companies have recognized the premium craftsmanship of the Mercedes-Benz platform, and have leveraged it to create RVs that deliver luxury, safety, driving performance and comfort. The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Van can carry a payload ranging from 3,825 pounds to 6,789 pounds and has an interior capacity of up to 532 cubic feet. That translates to plenty of room and capability for the features that make a motorhome a home.

While most RVs will have a kitchenette, bed, sitting area, and

bathroom, the variations are endless. MB-based models have been used to build both Class B and Class C motorhomes. A Class C motorhome is what may come to mind first when you think about a motorhome. They often have an over-the-cab bunk bed or storage area and can fit more people. A Class B looks more like a standard van from the outside but can still hold all the comforts of home in a compact space.

The sky's the limit when upfitting a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter with specific RV furniture and features. However, the essential capability and performance



# ADVENTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

underlying a Mercedes-Benz is what makes it a good choice for families, couples, and individuals. Features like crosswind assist, keyless start, and automatic driving lights come standard with most new Sprinter models. Advanced technology like wireless phone charging, built-in navigation, automatic braking, lane keeping assist, and the Mercedes-Benz User Experience (MBUX) multimedia system with a 10.25 inch touchscreen are all available. These can make driving a Mercedes-Benz RV safer and easier. The Sprinter is also available from Mercedes-Benz in ten bold colors.



A Mercedes-Benz may not be the right choice for every adventurer, but RVs built on the Mercedes-Benz platform offer quality, versatility, and reliability. Airstream builds all its touring coaches on the Sprinter van chassis, while Winnebago models like the View and the Bolt are also based on the Sprinter. Indi-

viduals often start with the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter when they are looking for a fully customized home on the go.

What are your Mercedes-Benz plans this spring and summer? Have you ever thought about taking an adventure in a Mercedes-Benz RV? We would love

to hear about your past, present or future journeys with your beloved Mercedes-Benz, whether you have a Sprinter-based motorhome or just plan to go touring with the top down. Contact Kyle Mahan or Bailey Hansen (contact info on page 3) if you have a story to share!

Photo/Article Courtesy of Bailey Hansen



# FISH FRY REVIEW





## V-DAY DRIVE-TO-DINE REVIEW

Though the temperatures were frigid on Valentine's Day, over 20 members were able to make it out to the Bavarian Bierhaus in Glendale to have lunch with their sweethearts. Members began arriving at 11:00 and enjoyed a pre-lunch beverage. I enjoyed one of their in-house Bavarian-style brewed lagers, while the kids had shirley temples.

The Bierhaus was decorated in its traditional Bavarian blue and white. That was a welcoming change from the inside of most of our homes! The conversation and comradery of fellow members was also a great improvement over Zoom meetings. When the authentic German fare arrived it took the event up a notch. Nothing could have been more appropriate than having a large

Dunkelweizen with a full plate of Schnitzel and Spätzle all while talking about Mercedes and next year's F1 challenges.

As things improve and restrictions are lifted we are excited for the 2021 calendar of events for the club. We look forward to seeing everyone in person again!

Article Courtesy of Kyle Mahan



## FISH FRY REVIEW

The evening of March 19th saw the return of a Wisconsin, and a Wisconsin Section, tradition: the Friday Fish Fry.

Twelve MBCA members got together at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee for Gemütlichkeit,

conversation, and of course, the fish fry.

Service wasn't exactly family style this year, but the wait staff was friendly, the food was good and most importantly, we were able to get together face to face and enjoy each other's company.

Upcoming events were discussed, including our next events, the May 15th Spring Vintage at Road America and our Mystery Drive-to-Dine on May 16th.

A good time was had by all.

Photos/Article Courtesy of Bruce Hamilton

# OKTOBERFEST SEP 24, 2021

Join us in celebrating the annual Oktoberfest at the Schwabenhof, 14750 W. Silver Spring Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI starting at 5:30 on Friday, September 25. German beer and food is available. Learn more at: [www.theschwabenhof.com](http://www.theschwabenhof.com). Please notify hosts Bernd & Christine Kampe by Sep 21 at 262-534-5644 or [bkampe0@gmail.com](mailto:bkampe0@gmail.com) if you plan to join us.



## Mystery Sunday, May 16th Drive-to-Dine CARAVAN of STARS

### Event Details:

Date & Time: Sunday May 16th @ 11:00 AM — Caravan Departs 11:10AM

Start Loc'n: SENDIK'S Food Market-Parking Lot, 600 Hartbrook Dr. Hartland 53029

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS BRUNCH. It will be a nice restaurant and you can wear your Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes, if you like.

Questions: Contact Nancy Pearson @[nancypearson431@gmail.com](mailto:nancypearson431@gmail.com) 262-782-7960

Mystery Drive to Dine and Caravan Reservation Deadline: Friday May 14th.

Name(s) _____	Adult Brunch (under 62)	\$32.23ea	X _____	= \$ _____
_____	Senior Brunch (62+)	\$29.65ea	X _____	= \$ _____
	Children Brunch (7-11)	\$20.05ea	X _____	= \$ _____
	(4-6)	\$16.06ea	X _____	= \$ _____
Phone # _____				Total \$ _____

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to MBCA Wisconsin Send to: Nancy Pearson, PO Box 650 Brookfield, WI 53008-0650

# SVRA VINTAGE FESTIVAL MAY 15, 2021

Join the Mercedes-Benz Wisconsin Section at Road America on Saturday May 15th for the SVRA Vintage Festival. Tickets can be purchased at the Road America Web site, [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com). Tickets are priced at \$25 if purchased before event and will be \$35 at the gate.

We will be meeting at 1:00 PM for lunch at the Gear Box concession stand which is near Turn 5 in the paddock. Road America allows you to bring a chair and a cooler with food and beverages in with you. Please RSVP with John and we hope to see you there!

John Ledbury 262-422-7715 [jaled80@yahoo.com](mailto:jaled80@yahoo.com)



## MYSTERY D-2-D CARAVAN OF STARS MAY 16, 2021

Meet outside the SENDIK'S Food Market at 600 Hartbrook Dr, Hartland, WI 53029. This is a strip mall on the northside of Hwy 16. At 11:10AM we will have a caravan (no navigating, mileage or questions) to our Mystery restaurant for a Sunday Brunch.

Put this on your calendar. There should be good weather by mid-May. Fill out and send the RSVP on page 10 or reach out to Nancy to get more details.



### **Event Details:**

Event - Mystery Dine-to-Drive Caravan of Stars

Date - Sunday May 16th, 11:10 AM

Cost - \$32.23-\$16.06 (depending on age)

Location - SENDIK'S Food Market at 600 Hartbrook Dr, Hartland, WI 53029

RSVP - Nancy Pearson at [Nancypearson431@gmail.com](mailto:Nancypearson431@gmail.com) or 262-782-7960

# MB CONCOURS OCT 2, 2021

Join the Wisconsin Section for a concours event on October 2nd at the Beloit Club in Beloit Wisconsin.

## ***Event Details:***

Event - "Mercedes-Benz Concours and Milestone Reception"

Food - Beloit Club Standard Tavern or Scratch Bar

Date - Oct 2nd at 12:00 - 4:00

\*\*\*\* **ALL SHOW CARS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 11:30 AM** \*\*\*\*

Location - Beloit Club - 2327 S Riverside Dr, Beloit, WI 53511

RSVP - By October 1st to Bruce Hamilton by email ([bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com](mailto:bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com)) or phone (608-754-6066), **registration is limited to the first 30 cars**

Additional Information and a Map will be emailed out prior to the event for everyone that RSVPs



# MBCA CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 5, 2021

Join us Sunday, December 5th for our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. We will be having a wonderful Champagne Brunch in the beauty of the Golden Mast. Enjoy great food, holiday cheer and gemütlichkeit while a slide show recaps all of our 2021 events.

## **Event Details:**

Event - "Christmas Party and Annual Meeting"

Date - Sunday December 5th, 2020, 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location - Weissgerber's Golden Mast Inn, W349 N5293 Lacy's Lane, Okauchee, WI 53069

Cost - \$40 per person

Food - Champagne Brunch

RSVP - RSVP by Dec 1st RSVP to Kyle Mahan at [kmahan.mbca@icloud.com](mailto:kmahan.mbca@icloud.com) or 262-408-9196



# MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Or do you have club event photos, an event write-up, a journey article or an advertisement (business or member for sale/to buy) for the next newsletter?

Please send information to Kyle Mahan or Bailey Hansen (contact information on page 3) by May 15, 2021 to be considered for the June/July 2021 newsletter.

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R3	<b>PORTUGAL</b> 30 APR-02 MAY, TBC		R15	<b>RUSSIA</b> 24-26 SEP, SOCHI	
R4	<b>SPAIN</b> 07-09 MAY, BARCELONA		R16	<b>SINGAPORE</b> 01-03 OCT, SINGAPORE	
R5	<b>MONACO</b> 20-23 MAY, MONACO		R17	<b>JAPAN</b> 08-10 OCT, SUZUKA	
R6	<b>AZERBAIJAN</b> 04-06 JUN, BAKU		R18	<b>USA</b> 22-24 OCT, AUSTIN	
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R8	<b>FRANCE</b> 25-27 JUN, LE CASTELLET		R20	<b>BRAZIL</b> 05-07 NOV, SAO PAULO	
R9	<b>AUSTRIA</b> 02-04 JUL, SPIELBERG		R21	<b>AUSTRALIA</b> 19-21 NOV, MELBOURNE	
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R11	<b>HUNGARY</b> 30 JUL-01 AUG, BUDAPEST		R23	<b>ABU DHABI</b> 10-12 DEC, ABU DHABI	
R12	<b>BELGIUM</b> 27-29 AUG, SPA				

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## UPDATED CALENDAR

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