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JoAnne Peterson with Mercedes-Benz vehicles on display at Starry Nights on July 13

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RSVP Soon for These Upcoming Events!

Show & Glow	Aug 5
Dine2Drive and Cruise	Aug 25
Oktoberfest	Sept 8
Road America	Sept 15



Club members enjoying summer Drive-to-Dine events at restaurants like Zarletti's in Mequon (above) and St. Brendan's Inn in Green Bay (left).





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Benefits of Membership

Your MBCA membership entitles you to:

- Subscription to "The Star", a bimonthly magazine published by Mercedes-Benz Club of America
- \$500 off the best negotiated price of a New Mercedes-Benz
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- Expert technical advice to help you maintain, service, condition, restore and repair your Mercedes-Benz
- And best of all, participation in the many events provided by your local Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. Most meetings are held on-line using Go-To-Meeting. 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.





President's Message

Ah, summertime! I hope you've been enjoying your Mercedes since our last newsletter.

In the last two months our Section has enjoyed two Drive-2-Dine events and Starry Nights. You can read about all three elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks go out to Dick & Nancy Kusch and Dean & Nancy Pearson for hosting the Green Bay and Mequon D-2-D events and to Jo-Anne Peterson for hosting Starry Nights.



Bruce Hamilton

Upcoming Events

Our next event is August 5th, the Show & Glow at the Milwaukee Concours. August 25th we drive to Waupaca for a Drive-2-Dine event and a cruise on the Chief Waupaca. September 8th is Oktoberfest and we have our fall outing at Road America September 15th.

Although it's hot and humid outside right now, we have already set the date for our annual Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 8th, at 11:30 a.m. By popular demand we are returning to the Wisconsin Club in downtown Milwaukee.

Check out the full event calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. Other events may be added, and I close my remarks on upcoming events with...

If you have a suggestion for a Drive-to-Dine venue or an idea for an event, please contact myself or one of our other board members. We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members. Don't want to tackle an event by yourself? Consider co-hosting an event with another member.

Call for Board Members

We are seeking members who have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors. A Director will serve for a three year term beginning in January 2019. Three positions are open.

Board members meet once a month for two hours to plan and direct Section activities and establish policies and procedures for Section events. Among other things, the Board is responsible for developing and maintaining a running twelve-month calendar of events and capturing requests from members for activities & events.

Board members DO NOT have to travel to attend board meetings; you can now attend using the Section's GoTo-Meeting web conferencing software.

Members who sit on the Board of Directors should be willing and able to:

- Attend a majority of monthly board meetings held throughout the year.
- Participate in periodic e-mail exchanges to achieve Board & Section objectives.
- Attend Section functions throughout the year.
- Be willing to host at least one event during your three year term. An event can be as simple as hosting a Drive-2-Dine or as elaborate as planning and hosting a rallye.
- Be a proactive and positive representative of MBCA and the Wisconsin Section

Serving on the board of directors is a great way to meet other members and increase your involvement in the Section. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact either myself or Secretary Dan Hellenberg. Nominations close September 30th.



Member of the Year Award

Your Board is seeking nominations for Member of the Year. Historically this annual award has been chosen by the Board, but this year it was decided to open the process to the membership as a whole.

The Member of the Year Award is given every year to a Section member who has gone "above and beyond" in their efforts to support the Section and its events. Space prevents me from listing all, but past recipients include Andy Stockhausen, Nancy Pearson, Bernd Kampe and Frank Geracie.

You can nominate someone in two ways...

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Green Bay Drive-to-Dine **REVIEW**

The Drive-to-Dine held at St. Brendan's Inn Green Bay on Saturday, June 9th was well attended. Twenty six people enjoyed a leisurely lunch served in the Waterford Room of the inn. This was also a great opportunity to introduce members to our Wisconsin Section newsletter editor, Bailey Hansen. Members also had the chance to walk Washington Street for the weekly Saturday morning Green Bay Farmer's Market.



St. Brendan's is one of six properties operated by Harp & Eagle Ltd in Wisconsin and also offers tour packages to properties in County Clare, Ireland and also Scotland.

The nearby Automobile Gallery was also a great place to see a varied collection of cars from a local collector, William "Red" Lewis, and other contributors. Red is the founder/owner of PDQ carwashes and other businesses in NE Wisconsin and takes great pride in showing automobiles as an art form.

During lunch, names were drawn for four gift cards: two \$50 Kwik Trip gas cards useful for any driver; and two \$50 Harp and Eagle gift cards. The Harp and Eagle cards can be used for food or lodging at any of the six Wisconsin properties.

The winners of the drawing were:

Nancy Pearson

Jerry Zajicek

Barb Samolinski

Steve Blake

Congratulations to the lucky winners!



It was great seeing everyone on June 9th and we enjoyed planning this Drive to Dine in my hometown.

— Dick and Nancy Kusch

Save the Date! Christmas Party - Saturday, December 8

The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Wisconsin Club, 900 W Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee at 11:30 a.m. Menu and pricing TBA in the next newsletter.



2018 Upcoming Events

Date Event	Host	Phone	Email
Aug 5	Show & Glow (formerly Masterpiece)	https://www.milwaukeeconcours.com/	
Aug 25	Drive to Dine and Cruise on the Chief Waupaca Paddleboat	JoAnne Peterson 262.784.6088	jojo2525@yahoo.com
Aug 26	Geneva Concours d'Elegance	John Ledbury 262-422- 7715	jaled80@yahoo.com
Sept 8	Oktoberfest Heidelberg Park	Bernd Kampe 262-534-5644 (home) 262-492-4441 cell	bkampe@wi.rr.com
Sept 15	Outing to Road America Fall Vintage Races	John Ledbury 262-422- 7715	jaled80@yahoo.com
Date TBA*	Fall Tech Session	International Autos Elmbrook (tentative)	
Sept 25 – 29	Silver Stars & Golden Aspens https://www.mbca.org/silverstars	MBCA National Special Event	Telluride CO
Oct 26 – 28	Fall Colors Tour Galena Illinois area	Mike Simon, Chicago Section Contact Mike at 419.889.3066 or msimon911amg@yahoo.com	
Dec 8	Christmas Party Wisconsin Club - Milwaukee		

**Date will be provided in upcoming newsletters. Even more future events will be announced, stay tuned!*

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Drive-to-Dine venues or other events, please don't hesitate to contact Bruce Hamilton or any other board members. We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members. Contact information for all board members is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.



Milwaukee Concours d' Elegance - Sunday, August 5

This event will be held at Veterans Park at that the lake front in Milwaukee from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both the car club Show & Glow Paddockas and as the Concours will be on Sunday, August 5, though other activities will happen on Saturday.

This year's theme is "Premium Luxury". The fee for both Saturday and Sunday events is \$15.00 if purchased before July 26. Tickets purchased after will be \$25.00. The fee also includes admission for your car and two admissions for the Coucours. Some spectator discounts are available for seniors and members of the military. Find out more and get tickets at <https://www.milwaukeeconcours.com/>.



REVIEW

Starry Nights

Drive 'n Dine & Classic Car Show

On a beautiful hot July night, we cruised into the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center where we gathered for a potluck supper with fellow club members. We all enjoyed the conversation and the wonderful food.

Some of us entered our cars in the "Classic Car Show" which is limited to 300 cars. This is the 6th year that the show has been going on. Lots of beautiful cars were on display.

After supper we listened to songs from the 50's and 60's by the "Rock-in" Robins. This is a wonderful band that has performed for many years in this area. Even some dinosaurs showed up to dance with the kids.

After the concert we drove home under the stars on this perfect convertible night!

Great band! Good food! Classy cars! Wonderful camaraderie!

— JoAnne Peterson



Geneva Concours d'Elegance - Sunday, August 26

The Geneva Concours d'Elegance is a spectacular automobile event held every year in beautiful historic downtown Geneva, Illinois, situated perfectly in the Fox River Valley 35 miles west of Chicago. This is a family event held on Third Street, the heart of the downtown business district's charming shops, boutiques, restaurants and only one block from the Metra station. We will host another unique collection of automobiles for judging and exhibition with entrants competing for the coveted "Benz" awards. Save the date of August 26, 2018 if you are interested.

More information is available at www.genevaconcours.net or by contacting
Host: John Ledbury — Home 262-783-4427/ Cell 262-422-7715



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How to nominate:

1. You can call or e-mail Nancy Pearson with your nomination. Nancy’s contact information is listed in the 2018 Officers & Board Members area of this newsletter.
2. Respond to the e-mail you have received (or will receive) and cast your vote there.

Show Cards

Our original order of Display Cards for Shows from the MBCA National Club Store has been exhausted, and we’re ready to place another order. These cards are 15 in. x 8 in. heavy cardstock, and are ideal for giving the details of your Mercedes when you show or display your car. Free to Wisconsin Section members, so contact me if you would like one.

Where Do Our Members Live?

Board member Andrew Opicka put together an interesting graphic showing where our membership is throughout Wisconsin. It appears on this page, below my message.

I close these remarks by asking you to please join me in welcoming our newest members as of July 20th:

Kenneth Harris, Jr.
Sovann Khong

Mark Kachan
Don Koser

Jay Kapellusch
Michael Ollmann

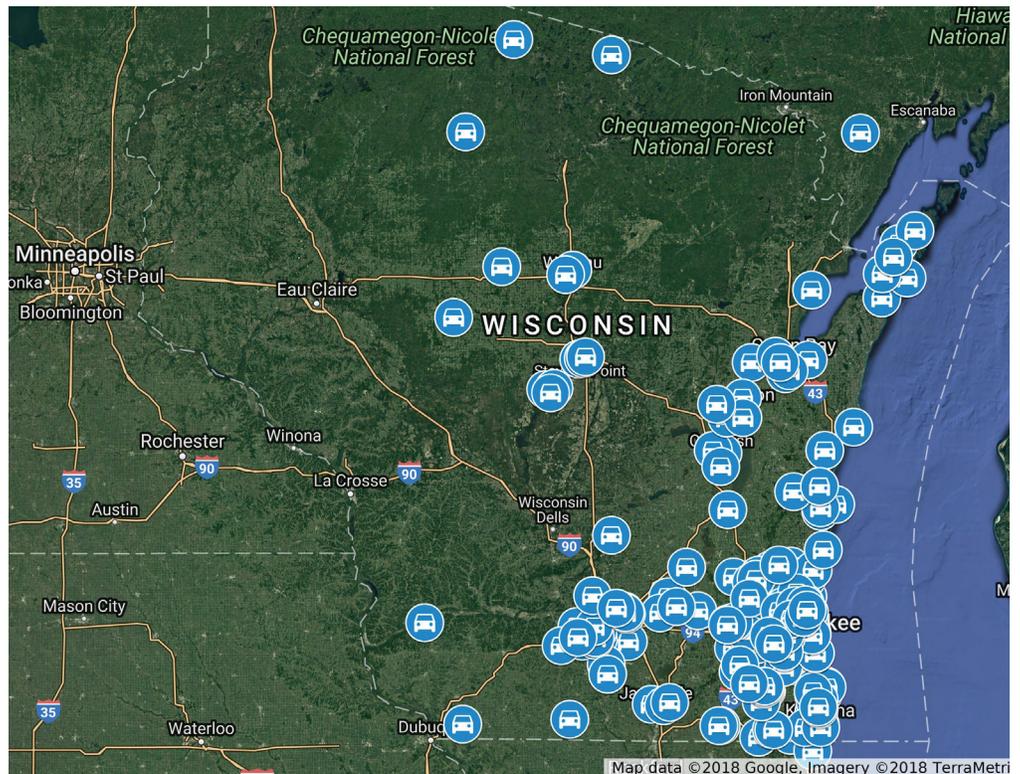
THANK YOU to everyone for being a member of this Club. Your interest and participation is what makes this organization successful. I’d love to hear from you; your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

I look forward to seeing you an at upcoming Wisconsin Section event.

— Bruce Hamilton

*Wisconsin Section
MBCA members live
throughout the state.*

*You can see where
people live in the map to
the right.*





Drive-to-Dine and Boat Cruise August 25 - Host JoAnne Peterson

We will meet at Clear Water Harbor, N2757 Cty Hwy QQ, Waupaca, WI at 10:30 a.m. for a 1 1/2 hour boat ride on the beautiful crystal clear Chain O' Lakes in Waupaca. Cost of the boat ride is \$14.

After the boat ride on the Chief Waupaca paddlewheel, we will have lunch at their restaurant. There is a free classic car show till 5 p.m. at South Park in Waupaca if anyone wishes to attend after lunch.



Contact JoAnne Peterson for more info: 262-784-6088 or jojo2525@yahoo.com

REVIEW

Drive-to-Dine: Zarletti's in Mequon

Earlier this year while shopping for a dress to wear to a wedding, a friend introduced Nancy to Zarletti's Italian Restaurant in Mequon. She enjoyed the lunch and suggested it would be a good location for a Drive-to-Dine. So, we found an open date and scheduled a cool lunch at this Italian place with plenty of gemütlichkeit on one of the hottest days in June (June 30th).



Twenty-one members made the drive for the Saturday lunch in a semi-private area overlooking the parking lot. Interestingly, during the lively conversation some were discussing immigration and heritage. Several of our first-generation German/American members were speaking about their beginnings. It was enlightening to learn that one came to America from Berlin, another from Karlsruhe, and another from Stuttgart. Not surprisingly, a little German was spoken. Lunch was from the menu and Zarletti's had multiple checks for us.



The club provided funds for four gift cards from BP and Speedway gas station brands. Bob Turznik via Jerry Zajicek donated an AMG Monopoly Game. It seemed like everyone enjoyed the outing.

See you again soon.

— Nancy & Dean Pearson

Image captions: Club members having good food and conversation (above) and Todd and Terry Knutson in unique Mercedes-Benz shirts (left).



Oktoberfest at Old Heidelberg Park September 8 - Host Bernd Kampe

Celebrate Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 8 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Old Heidelberg Park at the Bavarian Bierhaus Brew Pub. Address is 700 W. Lexington Blvd, Glendale WI. We will be dining inside their sheltered outdoor facility. We will have three reserved picnic tables to the left side of the stage (Section 3, Row G, Tables 6, 7, 8) under the name of Bernd Kampe, MB Club, WI.



German beers and food will be served while Oktoberfest music is performed by local German-American brass bands and other performers. You can learn more at www.thebavarian-bierhaus.com.

If you have the Bavarian Bierhaus App on your phone you can receive free admission any Friday, and \$5 admission on Saturdays. General admission is \$10. Active duty and retired military, fire and police personnel receive free admission with proper ID.

You can register for this event by contacting Bernd Kampe, event coordinator, at bkampe@wi.rr.com or 262-534-5644 home/262-492-4441 cell. Please provide Bernd with attendee names and a contact email address and phone number.

Ariens Art on Wheels - Elkhart Lake's Road America September 15 - Host John Ledbury

Join the Mercedes-Benz Wisconsin Section at Road America on Saturday, September 15, 2017 for the Ariens Art on Wheels Weekend. This three-day event regularly attracts nearly 250 vintage and historic race cars. Also on Saturday, fans can watch a historic road course reenactment tour, which will follow a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950's. Featured Marqueses for 2018 are the Austin Healy Sprite and the MG Midget, honoring the Sprite 60th Anniversary. Also a special Big Bore bash will feature all the big cubic inch ground-pounders from the 60's and 70's. There will also be a display of Jaguar XK to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the XK120.



The Wisconsin Section will be on Turn 5. Look for the tent and MBCA Banner. We will have the tent set up before noon. Fans attending are allowed to bring coolers and lawn chairs to the event. Tickets can be purchased at the Road America Website (www.RoadAmerica.com). Tickets will be \$20.00 before September 5 and \$30.00 at the gate. This should be a great way to close out the summer events at Road America.

Hope to see you there!

Host: John Ledbury - 262 422-7715 - jaled80@yahoo.com

Address for Road America: N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth WI



For Sale! 2006 CLS 55 AMG

Extremely rare color combination from the manufacturer of Travertine Beige Metallic exterior and beige interior. Only 30,750 miles on this 5.5 liter, supercharged 469 hp engine!



This 2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 55 AMG is in mint condition and is all original. Highlights include: selectable suspension modes, paddle shifters on steering wheel, DISTRONIC cruise control, heated and cooled seats with bolstering support for cornering, and \$4,000 AMG rims. Brakes and tires are in great condition, and it has a clean Carfax report. Located in Madison, WI. Asking \$24,900. Contact John at 608-228-3910.

"I was searching for this special color combination for a long time as black and silver ones are a dime a dozen and I found it with only 26,000+ miles at time of purchase. Still looks and drives like the \$120,000 MSRP car that it was when brand new. Now I must sell it and focus on my retirement." - John

For Sale/To Buy

For Sale! Goodyear Winter Tires

Goodyear "Ultragrip 8" winter tires (4) size 225/45-R17 mounted on "Sport Edition F7" wheels with TPMS sensors and valve stems installed.

Original cost for the complete kit was over \$1,250. My price: \$950. The tires have 80% tread remaining since they were only driven for 5 months, wheels are blemish free as new. Used on my 2012 C 300 4Matic with sport package. Sale of the car for a newer Benz causes this sale.....



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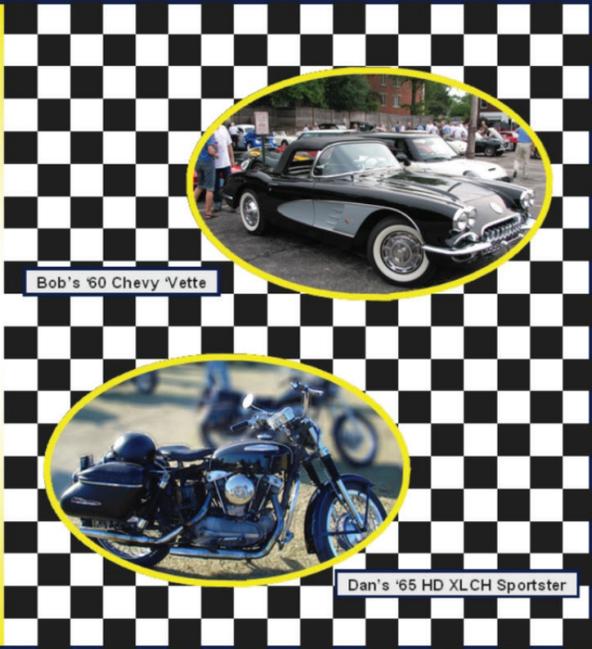
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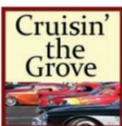
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