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## **VOTE!!** Pgs. 9 and 10

Wisconsin Section MBCA  
2018 Board of Directors Election

**Ballots due Dec. 3**

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### RSVP Soon for These Upcoming Events!

Party and Annual Meeting      Dec. 8

Valentine's Drive-to-Dine      Feb. 16

Annual Fish Fry      Mar. 15

Fun was had by all on the Fall Color Tour hosted by Chicagoland. See more photos and check out the write-up on page 6 of this newsletter





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**February 16, 2019**

### **Valentine's Drive-to-Dine**

Noon at Mader's Restaurant (Downtown Milwaukee)  
Hosts: Deb & Bruce Hamilton

Enjoy a great lunch and gemütlichkeit with other Wisconsin Section members at Mader's Restaurant 1041 N Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee. This top-rated restaurant in Downtown Milwaukee has offered authentic German cuisine and atmosphere since 1902.

We will be dining in the elegance and quality of Mader's private room where we've enjoyed Christmas parties before. It may be the Saturday after Valentine's Day, but you can still bring your sweetheart (and I don't mean just your MB!). To give the restaurant a general idea of how many people are coming, please contact Bruce Hamilton by phone at 608-754-6066 or email at [bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com](mailto:bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

In addition to great food and company, attendees will have a chance to win one of four (4) \$50.00 gift cards.

**Notice:**

# **CANCELLED**

The 29th Annual Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show scheduled for February has been cancelled. Learn more about this cancellation, and new spring events, in this issue's President's Message.



## President's Message

I write these remarks just after Lewis Hamilton gave Mercedes-Benz their 100th pole position in qualifying, and their fifth world constructor's championship by winning the Brazilian Grand Prix. Lewis also claimed his fifth world driver's championship at the Mexico GP on October 28th. He is only the third driver in history to win five world championships.

Have you put your "baby" away for the winter yet? Pre-storage maintenance tasks are done on my CLK, and Prestige Auto Works is detailing it before winter storage. I urge all our members to support our advertisers, and be sure and tell them you're a Club member when using their services!



Bruce Hamilton

### **Upcoming Events**

Our next event is our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting at the Wisconsin Club in downtown Milwaukee, Saturday December 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

### **Make plans now to join us for these other early 2019 events:**

- Drive-to-Dine, Saturday February 16th This is a \*NEW\* event, see more below.
- Fish Fry, Friday, March 15th
- Spring Tech Session at Black Forest, Saturday, April 27th
- New Member Reception and Drive-to-Dine, May 4th



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.

### **No Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show in 2019**

Your Section has received information that Mercedes-Benz will not be exhibiting at the Chicago Auto Show in 2019. To say the least your Board was surprised by this news, as I'm sure all of you are. In light of this news your Board decided to cancel what would have been our 29th Annual Bus Trip, and concentrate on another February event.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Bob Turznik, who has hosted the Bus Trip for at least 10 years.

Thank You! Bob for all your years of service to our Section.

I would also like to thank Frank Geracie who stepped forward to host the event in 2019.

### **New February Event**

Join us Saturday, February 16th for a Drive-to-Dine at Mader's Restaurant, 1041 N Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee. It's not Valentine's Day, but you can bring your sweetheart (and I don't mean just your MB!) and enjoy a great lunch and gemütlichkeit with other Wisconsin Section members. We'll be eating in the private room where we've enjoyed Christmas parties before, so mark your calendars NOW for this new event. Parking should not be a problem; there are no Bucks or Marquette games scheduled that day. Attendees will have a chance to win one of four (4) \$50.00 gift cards.

See additional information elsewhere in the newsletter.

### **Have You Purchased Your Raffle Tickets?**

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets to enter the MBCA's Fall Raffle. The prize is a 2018 Mercedes-AMG E63S with a MSRP of \$128,920. You can enter online at <https://raffle.mbcaw.org/> or by filling out the Official Order Form and mailing back to MBCA with your check.

### **2018 Election of Directors**

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the official ballot for the 2018 Election of Directors. In some cases a paper ballot was also mailed separately to you. In addition to the candidates listed, remember that any member in good standing can be a write-in candidate. VOTE! Ballots must be received by December 3rd to be counted...

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# Member For Sale/To Buy



## 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, DISTROニック 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! 2004 SL600 BiTurbo Roadster

Only 57,800 miles on this 5.5liter, V12 BiTURBO Engine Gray on gray color Highlights Include: Fully equipped with RENNTECH professional aftermarket package ( RENNtech ECU, RENNtech Badging, RENNtech lowering modification, AVUS 20 inch wheels ). Power hardtop. Additional pictures available upon request.



Located in Muskego, WI. Asking \$32,500. Contact Randy at 414-719-1040 or randykluth@yahoo.com.

Be sure to also check out our generous advertisers on pages 11 and 12!

## 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.....

**Jerry Zajicek** 414-305-3733

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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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- 15% off parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center
- 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

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.



## 2018-2019 Upcoming Events

<b>Date   Event</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Dec. 8      Christmas Party and Annual Meeting Wisconsin Club - Milwaukee	Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	Bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
Feb. 16      Valentine's Dine-to-Drive Downtown Milwaukee	Deb & Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	Bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
Mar. 15      Annual Fish Fry	Frank & Cathy Lubinski	414-520-2912	frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net
April 27      Sprig Tech Session Black Forest	Black Forest LLC		
May 4      New Member Reception and Drive-to-Dine	Dean & Nancy Pearson	262-782-7960	npearson@wi.rr.com dcpearson@wi.rr.com
May 18      Spring Vintage Weekend Road America	John Ledbury	262-422-7715	jaled80@yahoo.com
June TBD*      Spring Rallye	Dan Hellenberg & Francesca Abbate	414-839-6995	spatlese44@yahoo.com
June TBD*      Drive-to-Dine and Museum Tour - Beloit WI/Roscoe IL area			
July TBD*      Starry Nights			
July TBD*      Driving event and Drive-to-Dine West of Madison			
Aug. 4      Show n' Glow by the Lake (formerly Masterpiece)			
Aug. TBD*      Drive-to-Dine ( <i>in planning, suggestions welcome</i> )			
Sept. 14      Fall Vintage Festival Road America	John Ledbury	262-422-7715	jaled80@yahoo.com
Sept. TBD*      Oktoberfest	Bernd & Christine Kampe	262-492-4441	bkampe0@gmail.com
Sept. 28      Classic Wooden Boat Show Fontana WI	Bernd & Christine Kampe	262-492-4441	bkampe0@gmail.com
Oct. TBD*      Fall Color Tour through upper Kettle Moraine			
Oct. TBD*      Drive-to-Dine ( <i>in planning, suggestions welcome</i> )			
Dec. 14*      Christmas Party and Annual Meeting (tentative date)			



*\*Date will be provided in future newsletters. Other 2019 events and more information will be announced, stay tuned!*



## Fall Color Tour Oct 26-28, 2018 REVIEW

On October 27th, thirty-five of Mercedes-Benz finest models, and their proud owners, formed a day long Caravan, as MBCA Members from the Iowa, Chicagoland, and Wisconsin Sections explored the Mississippi River Valley, in search of Fall Colors.

Home base for the weekend was Eagle Ridge Resort, in Galena, IL. We headed south on Highway 84, with stops at Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savanna, IL, and Lock and Dam 13 in Fulton, IL. We crossed the Mississippi River on Highway 30, and drove into Clinton, IA, where we enjoyed sack lunches while touring Mercedes-Benz preservation and

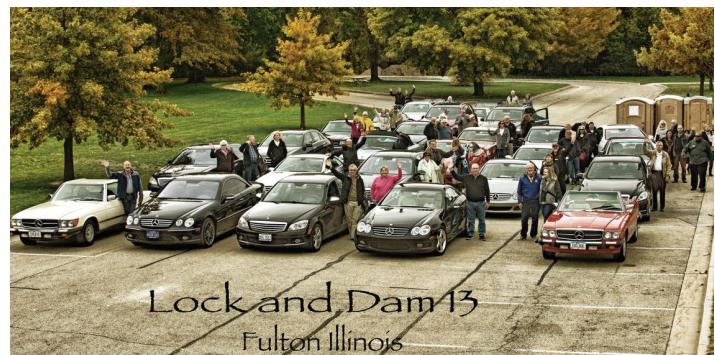
restoration specialists, Pelham Brothers.

From there, stops on Highways 67 and 52, led us to Eagle Point Parks in Clinton and Dubuque, IA, concluding for dinner at Tony Roma's , at the Port of Dubuque. A total of 154 miles of driving some great roads, lined with vistas of the tree lined Mississippi River, made for a great weekend of fun and friendships.

— Mike Simon, organizer (Chicagoland)



*Ghassan Majdalani and Dick & Nancy Kusch were the Wisconsin Section members who participated in the Color Tour. In the group photo you can find Ghassan holding the banner at the bottom standing next to Mike Simon, the event host. Dick & Nancy are at the bottom, far left, end in from the end.*





# The Journey

## Peter Evers 2019 Airstream Atlas

Peter Evers is a Wisconsin Section member from Sturgeon Bay. He recently took delivery of a 2019 Airstream Atlas, a Class B+ RV based on the Mercedes Sprinter Van. The story of his Journey, below, also appears on the Airstream subdomain of the MBCA website.

Being 76, retired and a widower, I have a lot of free time.

All my life, travel has been about the destination. Now with my Atlas, it's the journey with no real destination in mind. The thought of an Atlas or something like it, had been percolating quietly in my mind for a number of years. When I was flying my airplane, I would look down and think how nice it would be to leisurely travel some of the countryside I was speeding past. I was reminded of the car trips my family had taken in the 1950s, the pre-Interstate Highway system era. Through small towns, eating at places named "Moms" or "Café" and stopping to see the "World's Biggest Ball of String".

I had looked at the Airstream Interstate but we just didn't click. I looked at other RVs, some bigger, some smaller, then I saw the Atlas and as Goldilocks would say, "It was just right." I fell in love with it instantly.

I've only driven it a couple hundred miles in the week that I've had it and I'm still learning about all the 'bells and whistles' but I know I've made the right choice for my Journeys.

*Below: Peter Evers with his 2019 Airstream Atlas. Mr. Evers also drives a 2013 ML350*



Do you have a Journey to share? Do you have photos, an event write-up, or an advertisement for the next newsletter? We would love to hear from you!

Please send the information for the newsletter, or ideas for a future Journey, to John Ledbury or Bailey Hansen (contact info on page 2) by Januray 15, 2019 to be considered for the February/March issue of the Badger Star.



## 2018 Christmas Party and Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Gather at 11:00 a.m.

Each year, the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting is a great place to fellow club members, eat delicious food, and look back on the fun of the year (and anticipate the next). The Christmas Party will be at the Wisconsin Club. This location has great food and is beautifully decorated for the season. You can see last year's group below!

**Reservations can be made online at <https://goo.gl/forms/rQFA9lry0gw16B032> or by filling out the reservation form on this page and mailing the form to Bruce Hamilton.**



Payment can be made by mailing a check with the registration (check payable to MBCA-Wisconsin Section) or paying via PayPal. PayPal payments should be made to [www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin](http://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin). Questions can be directed to Bruce by phone 608-754-6066 or e-mail at bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible!

Entrée options are:

### Apple Craisin Chicken Scaloppini

Breast of chicken scaloppini served over rice pilaf with granny smith apple crasin relish, chicken velouté sauce and vegetable medley

Both include a tossed garden salad, oven baked rolls, dessert and coffee, tea or milk

### Pepper Steak

Medallion of California garlic pepper dusted sirloin in teriyaki glace with sweet garlic pepper sauté, ginger almond rice and gingered carrots and snap peas

## Christmas Party Reservation Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Apple Craisin Chicken Scaloppini      No \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sirloin Dianne                                  No \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_      Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ I'll pay via PayPal \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail reservations to:

Bruce Hamilton  
4225 Southwyck Dr  
Janesville WI 53546-2120

### Questions?

Tel: 608.754.6066  
Email: [bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com](mailto:bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com)

\*Price includes tax & gratuity



# Wisconsin Section Mercedes-Benz Club of America 2018 Election of Directors



There are three (3) open positions on the Board of Directors whose term will expire December 2021. "I" after name denotes an incumbent.

## **Sovann Khong**

Sovann is a new member, having joined the club in May 2018. Sovann's first Mercedes was a 1992 300E. He currently has a 2004 C240 4MATIC, and he plans on getting an A220 4MATIC when they become available. His interests in Mercedes include watching Formula 1 and the technology that Mercedes has. Sovann lives in Green Bay and works for Kohler.

## **Dan Hellenberg (I)**

I have been a member of MBCA since 1994. My current cars are a 2014 E350 coupe and a 2002' CLK320. The E350 is my sixth Mercedes I've owned. My wife Francesca and I hosted two rallye's for the club and we're planning a third and I was a member of the German Fest committee. I've served several terms on the board and I'm the current club secretary.

## **Bruce Hamilton (I)**

I have been a member of MBCA since September 2009. My current Mercedes is a 2008 CLK 350 with RENNtech modifications. My wife Deborah and I most recently hosted the 2017 Door County Fall Color Tour & Rallye, and we have hosted two Christmas parties in prior years. I have served several terms on the board and currently serve as club president.

***Ballot Continued on Other Side...***

## **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](mailto:bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com) or 608-754-6066.

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



There are two (2) ways to cast your vote:

**By Mail:**

Complete the official ballot below.  
Then cut the ballot section of the  
newsletter off and mail to:

Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Wisconsin Section  
c/o Daniel Hellenberg, Secretary  
1700 E Park Place  
Milwaukee WI 53211-3931

**Electronically:**

Go to  
<https://goo.gl/forms/6JxMzreJKGlKaB2p1>  
and vote electronically.

**BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 3RD TO BE COUNTED.**

**2018 Official Ballot**

Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Wisconsin Section, Inc.  
Board of Directors

Vote for only Three (3)

member vote for:

associate member vote for:

Sovann Khong

Dan Hellenberg (I)

Bruce Hamilton (I)

Write in \_\_\_\_\_

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...and election results will be announced at the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting December 8th. Your VOTE is important, so DO IT NOW!!

**Please join me in welcoming our newest members as of November 11th**

- Deborah Beck
- Carleton Davis
- Dominic & Heather Mickelson

THANK YOU to everyone for being a member of this Club. 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.

Looking forward to seeing you an at upcoming Wisconsin Section event,

Bruce Hamilton

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**May 4, 2019  
New Member Reception and  
Drive-to-Dine**

See old friends again and welcome new ones at the New Member Reception and Drive-to-Dine on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Trysting Place in Menomonee Falls.

**When:** May 4, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Trysting Place Pub

N71W12980 Appleton Ave #1  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

**What:** Fine food and great company!

For more information, check out the next newsletter, or contact hosts Dean & Nancy Pearson by phone at 262-782-7960 or by email at [dcpearson@wi.rr.com](mailto:dcpearson@wi.rr.com) or [npearson@wi.rr.com](mailto:npearson@wi.rr.com).

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