

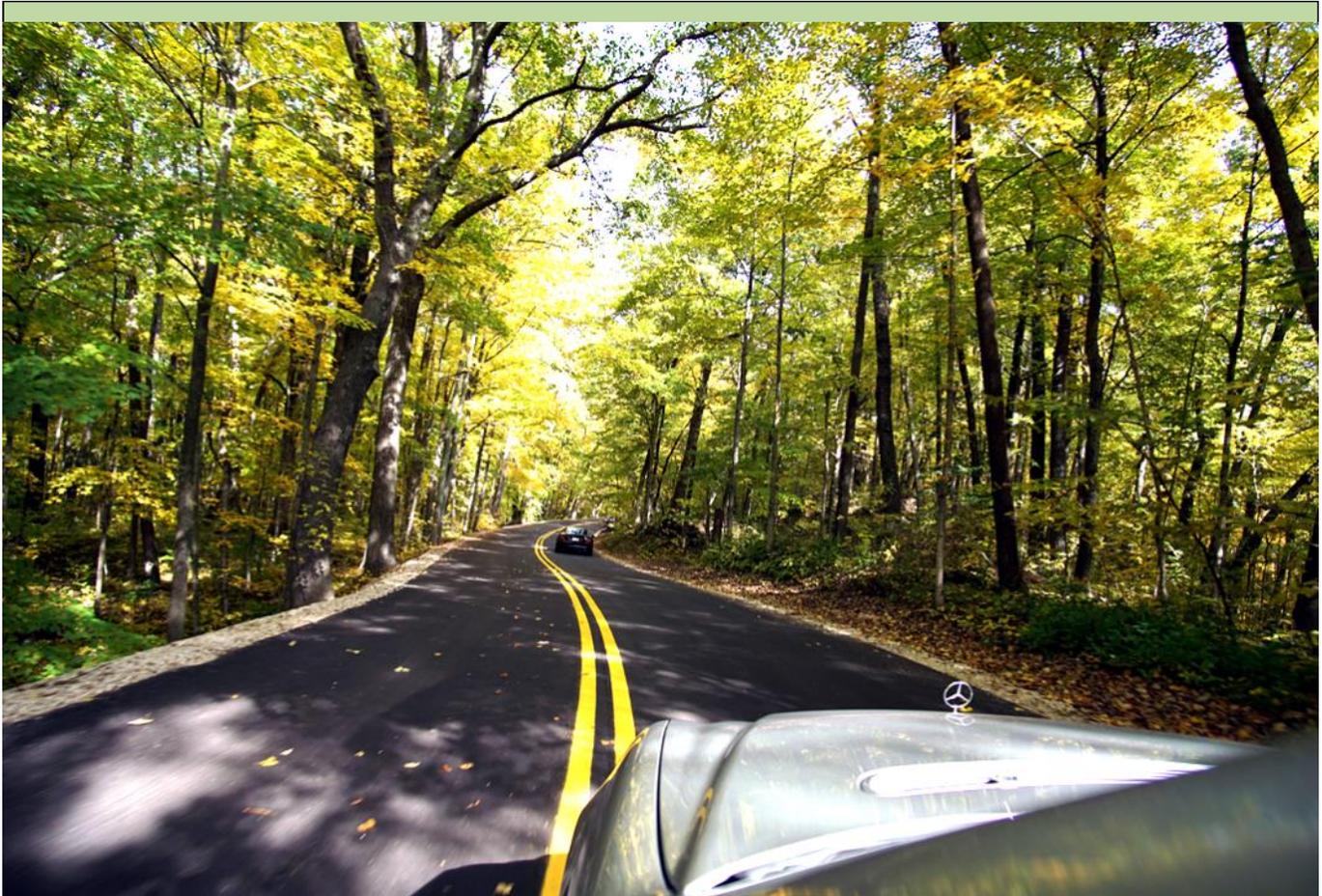
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Board Meetings

Board meetings are typically held in the Brookfield library on the second Thursday of every month starting at 7:00 pm. We encourage member attendance at these meetings and welcome any assistance that can be provided in the planning of club events. Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.

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President's Message

However, that still leaves your Section potentially short two (2) board members. We really need a full board to make Section events run smoothly and lighten the burden on everyone. If you have any interest in serving, or questions about being a Director, please let me know.

Please join with me in extending a hearty welcome to our newest members as of November 22:

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Paul Leiske | Adam Swanson |
| John Grant | Michael Kinney |
| Mark Rostagmo | |

I look forward to meeting all of you at an upcoming event!

In closing, I want to say THANK YOU again for being a member of this Club. I can't say it enough, our membership is what makes this organization successful. I'd love to hear from you; your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

I hope that you enjoy a great Thanksgiving holiday with family & friends. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and all things wonderful in 2016.

Bruce Hamilton



President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we head into the holiday season of Thanksgiving & Christmas. I'm also very happy that I finally got the Coupe winterized and into storage before the big snow on the 20th & 21st!

The past two months have been good to Mercedes-Benz. First the Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 team won the 2015 Constructors' Championship, and Lewis Hamilton secured his 3rd F1 Driver's Championship. And in DTM (German Touring Car Masters) Mercedes won both the Driver's and Team 2015 Championships.

Closer to home things have been busy as well with two very successful events. Bernd Kampe & Jerry Zajicek put on another great Fall Color Tour, and Dan Hellenberg & Francesca Abbate served as Rallye Masters for the Fall 2015 Ducks in a Road Rallye. You can read more about both events elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to Jim & Cathy Loseke for their first place finish in the Rallye, and to Bernd, Jerry, Dan and Francesca for organizing these two great events.



Bruce Hamilton

We wind up 2015 events with our December 6 Christmas party at The Copper Dock Supper Club in Hubertus, and a number of 2016 events are already scheduled, starting with our 26th Annual Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show, Sunday, February 14th. Check out our event calendar through April, and the reservation form for the Auto Show bus trip, elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also check out the STARFEST 2016 information on page 8 of this newsletter. STARFEST is MBCA's premier national event, and it will be hosted by the Minuteman Section in Uncasville, CT August 3-6, 2016. If you have never been to a national event I encourage you to consider attending STARFEST 2016.

Did you see the article about the 1964 230SL in the November-December issue of *The Star*? This beautiful car was owned for many years by the late David & Marjorie Fee of Milwaukee. Some of our long-time members may recall David, who served as president of the Wisconsin Section at one time.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Drive-to-Dine venues or other events, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the other board members. We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members, and as you can see from our upcoming events, it's not too early to be thinking of events for 2016. Contact information for all the board members is on Page 2 of the Newsletter.

We always look for feedback to improve our events. One of the suggestions coming out of our September Fall Tech Session was that it was hard to hear the presenters. We've heard this comment before at other events, so at it's October meeting your Board approved the purchase of a portable PA system and wireless mic.

Speaking of board members, at the Annual Meeting held after the Fall Color Tour I had the unpleasant duty of announcing that the Nominating Committee, chaired by Andy Stockhausen, was unable to find anyone willing to run as a candidate for our Board of Directors. This is very disappointing to me, as service on the Board is not hard nor time-consuming, and it's a great way to meet Section members and really get more out of your membership.

Our by-laws call for a board consisting of nine (9) members. We have been operating with only eight since the passing of Wim Vandenberg, and 3 additional terms end December 31. At least one member whose term expires this year, yours truly, will continue to serve, and after hearing that no one was willing to run, long-time member Bernd Kampe volunteered to serve as a Director. THANK YOU Bernd!!

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Ducks in a Road Rallye

Fall 2015



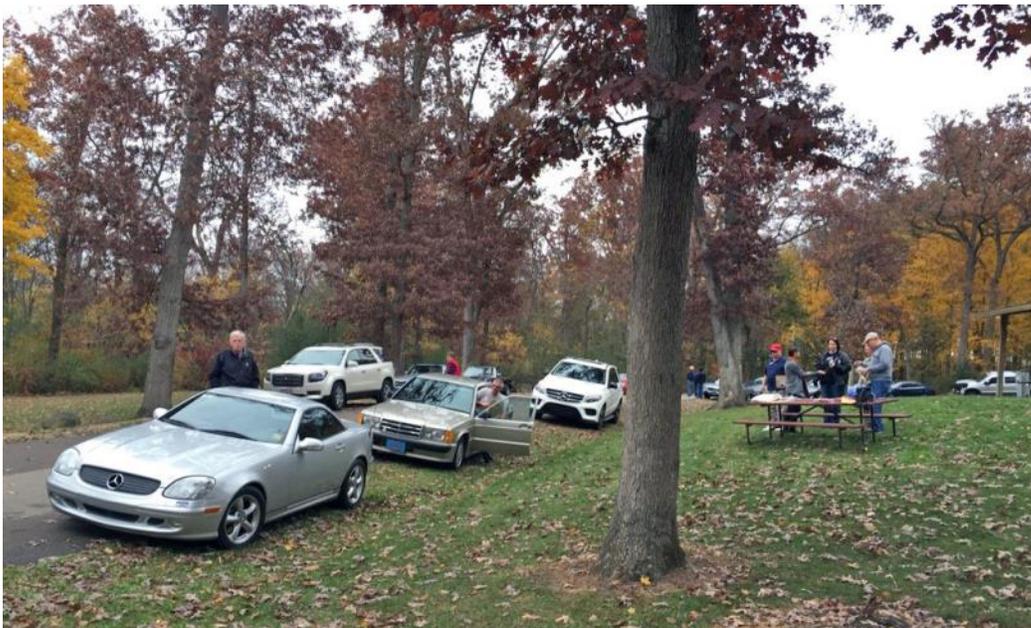
On Saturday, October 24, 2015, eleven cars joined Francesca and myself at Carver-Roehl County Park for the start of the Fall Road Rallye. Though a little overcast with a few initial patches of misty rain, the weather was nothing compared to the torrential storm we had before the start of the last rallye we ran and the flooding that followed. Yes, a few cars did get lost this year, but everyone eventually made it to the restaurant. We had a couple cars provide some creative answers to the rallye questions after they decided maybe this wasn't their year for the trophy.

While no natural disasters occurred during the rallye, we did have our share of troubles during the planning of it. The road leading out of the park got repaved in the last weeks before the rallye, which left us wondering if we were going to have to redesign the route at the last minute. Then there were the clues that went missing. For instance, one of the questions on the rallye was related to an American muscle car perched on the roof of a bar halfway through the route. A week before the rallye the car, which obviously had been there a while, was gone. Maybe they're re-shingling the roof. There was also a miniature windmill that had its blades removed the day of the rallye, presumably to protect it from the wind. As a rallye master, it pays to re-check your route the day of the event!



Dinner was at The Duck Inn, which is a restaurant Francesca and I only recently discovered. As you might imagine, it's not lacking in duck themed decorations, complete with an active water feature with stuffed ducks behind the bar.

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Upcoming Events

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Host</i> | <i>Telephone</i> | <i>Email</i> |
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| Dec 6 | Christmas Party | Bruce Hamilton | 608-754-6066 | hamiltonCPA@sbcglobal.net |
| Feb 14 | Chicago Auto Show | Bob Turznik | 414-416-3375 | bobt@atpllc.com |
| March 18 | Fish Fry Dining | Frank Lubinski | 414-352-2912 | frank_lubinski@sbcglobal.net |
| April 16 | Spring Tech Session | Michael McKinney | 414-228-4899 | Michael@blackforestllc.com |



Fall Color Tour & Annual Meeting

On October 10th, a beautiful fall color driving tour thru the northern section of Kettle Moraine State Forest was followed by an excellent luncheon at the renowned Horse & Plow Restaurant in Kohler, WI.

13 cars and 26 members participated in this relaxed and scenic driving event. Our starting point was near Kewaskum, at the intersection of Hwy 45 and County Hwy H. The autumn colors, especially the red maple trees, along the winding roads were near peak. We stopped at the Henry Reuss Ice Age Center and then continued our tour north to the Old Wade House historic site in Greenbush. Along this drive we also encountered about 20 restored historic farm tractors driving to a Fall Festival in scenic Dundee.

Then we drove east on Hwy 23 to the Horse & Plow Restaurant (in the American Club Hotel building). Everyone enjoyed a great luncheon in this historic Kohler facility. After the luncheon, President Bruce Hamilton conducted our short Annual MB Club meeting.

Here is Wisconsin DNR's official website in case you are interested in more details of this scenic forest drive: www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kmn.

Bernd Kampe & Jerry Zajicek



Tour directions & sites of interest under discussion



Future events being discussed at Annual meeting



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Ducks in a Road Rallye

Most cars did fairly well with the questions, leaving the mileage as the deciding factor. We tried something new this time requesting mileage to the 1/100th of a mile. Each 1/10th of a mile was worth 1 point, which is fairly standard, but having an estimated hundredth of a mile we thought might be useful to prevent a tie, which has happened in the past. In fact, the scores were far enough apart that figuring the mileage so closely didn't matter, with Jim and Cathy Loseke coming in first place and winning the traveling trophy. In addition to the traveling trophy, first, second and third places all received custom trophies that were designed and crafted by Wim Vandenberg and featured a Mercedes star and vintage shift lever.

First Place: Jim and Cathy Loseke

Second Place: Gary Matthies and Irene Schweitzer

Third Place: John and Regina Greidanus

In addition to coming in second, Gary also played his bugle to start the rallye and did an excellent job playing a request of "Here Comes the Bride" for a wedding taking place at the park that day.

We had a fun time organizing this event and want to thank everyone who participated and encourage anyone who hasn't attended a rallye to give it a try. While there are trophies and points, these events are also about meeting other club members, going for a scenic drive, and having a nice dinner.

Dan Hellenberg and Francesca Abbate



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Sunday, December 6, 2015 11:30 AM



The Copper Dock Restaurant
1474 E. Friess Lake Drive, Hubertus WI 53033
(262) 628-3718



Reservation deadline Saturday, November 28
Make your check to MBCA-Wisconsin Section and mail with your reservation form by November 27 to Bruce Hamilton.

Bruce Hamilton, 4225 Southwyck Dr., Janesville WI 53546-1120

Questions? Call Bruce 608-654-6066 or email: hamiltoncpa@sbcglobal.net

Christmas Party Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

No. attending: _____

x \$30.00 ea. (includes brunch, tax and gratuity)

Phone No: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Email: _____

Mail this form along with check to Bruce Hamilton at the address listed above





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Mohegan Sun, the host hotel, is known for World Class shows, Spas, Restaurants, Shopping, and of course the Casino. Located 2 hours from New York City, 1.5 hours from Boston, and 30 minutes from Hartford and Providence, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Mystic Seaport and the seashore are close by.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, the nation's oldest Closed Road Course, is the site of all Track Events. Newly renovated in 2014, it incorporates sections of the original track and new turn complexes over its smooth 1.7 mile layout. Fun for the novice, yet challenging for the expert. With onsite restaurants and championship golf course, it's the premier motorsports destination in New England.

The Concours d' Elegance Presented by Intercity Lines, will be held at The Golden Lamb Buttery, a picturesque 1,000 acre New England Hilltop Farm. It's the perfect backdrop for the Stars to Shine.

Other Events Include ...

Nautical Cruises from Mystic Seaport, The Ladies of Mercedes-Benz event, and of course the Rallye.



Get updates online at:
starfest2016.mbca.org



26th Annual Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show

Sunday, February 14, 2016 McCormick Place

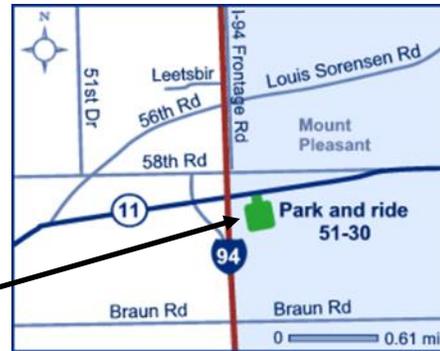
The \$25 per-person registration fee includes one admission ticket for the auto show, bus costs and snacks!

Boarding is from 8:40 to 9:00 am in Milwaukee and at 9:30 am in Racine regardless of weather.

The bus leaves the auto show @ 3:45 pm and is expected back in Milwaukee between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm.



Milwaukee (Hales Corners)
Park-n-Ride: I-43 & Hwy 45



Racine
Park-n-Ride: I-94 & Hwy 11

Pickup locations

The registration deadline is Jan 9, 2016. There are only 55 seats on the bus and this trip has been sold out for the last 20 years, so reserve early. Reservations can only be made with accompanying payment.

Mail check with reservation form to:

Bob Turznik, W165 N9714 Chippewa Drive, Germantown WI 53022

Email: bobt@atpllc.com Tel: 414-416-3375

Make check payable to **MBCA-Wisconsin Section**

MBCA Chicago Auto Show Reservation Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Amount included @ \$25 per person: _____

Cell phone in case of delay: _____ Pickup site (check one) _____ Milwaukee _____ Racine



Atlanta's New Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Mercedes-Benz recently announced its role as a naming partner of the new Atlanta stadium, which will be known as Mercedes-Benz Stadium. This announcement follows the recent relocation of the MBUSA corporate headquarters from New Jersey to Atlanta.



The naming rights will continue through 2042 and feature branding on the inside and outside of the building, on the roof, in club areas, in VIP areas and VIP parking.

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