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### *Upcoming Events*

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Prestige Tech Session	May 13
Road America Vintage	May 20



**Club President Bruce Hamilton  
presents Bernd Kampe with  
"Member of the Year" award**



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We need to find a new editor, and if you or someone you know has an interest in filling this very important position, please let me know. As the announcement states, the newsletter editor does not have to be a board member, or even a club member.

I close these remarks on a somber note. On December 24th, longtime member Heinz Dinkelmann lost his wife Lori after a long time suffering with pain. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Heinz and his family.

*Bruce Hamilton*

## Seeking Newsletter Editor

The Wisconsin Section is looking for a Newsletter Editor. The club generates 6 newsletters a year with the newsletters being sent to our members every two months. Currently, the newsletter is generated with Microsoft Publisher, however the newsletter can be generated with a variety of publishing programs based on what the editor is comfortable with. Many of the articles are composed by the event hosts so the amount of copy generation by the editor is not significant. The event hosts often supply photos for the events.

The newsletter is sent to members electronically and in printed format. Past President, Nancy Pearson has graciously been performing this service for the club.

The newsletter editor does not need to be a board member or even a club member. However it helps if the editor attends the board meetings every month to keep up with events. Most attendees to the meetings call in and don't need to be physically present. The club uses "Go To Meetings" for this call in capability.

Please contact President Bruce Hamilton (608-754-6066) if you are interested in this position.

## 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 mobile phone, tablet or computer. We encourage participation from our members. If you should wish to participate, and receive a call in invitation for the meeting, please contact Frank Geracie at fgeracie@wi.rr.com. Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.



## President's Message

Congratulations to Bernd Kampe on being named our Section's 2016 Member of the Year. Bernd received his award because of his enthusiastic support and efforts in supporting the Wisconsin Section. At our 2015 annual meeting, upon hearing that our board was short members, Bernd volunteered to serve and has never stopped since. He's planned or hosted numerous events, most recently co-hosting the Great River Road Fall Color Tour. He's also committed to hosting two Drive-to-Dine events in 2017. Bernd and his wife Christine joined the Section in August, 1995. Bernd received his award at our postponed Christmas Party January 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Bernd!

In spite of the weather postponement, our Christmas Party and Annual meeting at Mader's restaurant was a success. Read about the event elsewhere in this newsletter. A big Thank You! to Jan Miller for all her efforts in putting the party together.

During the Annual Meeting portion of our party, Dan Hellenberg announced the results of our 2016 election. Newly elected members John Ledbury and Ghassan Majdalani join incumbents Richard Kusch and Andy Stockhausen to the board for 2017. This is the first year in several that we will have a full compliment of board members as specified in the Section's by-laws.

The January board meeting was held the Thursday following the annual meeting. Dan Hellenberg was named Secretary for the upcoming year, and Bruce Hamilton will continue as President. Because some board members could not attend the meeting, the decisions regarding who will serve as Vice President and Treasurer were deferred until the February board meeting.

Looking ahead, reservations for the Section's 27<sup>th</sup> annual bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show are filling up fast. Information about the bus trip and the reservation form are elsewhere in the newsletter. If you want to get a seat on this ever popular event, please contact Bob Turznic today!

Information for our Fish Fry & New Member Appreciation Event is on page 7 of this newsletter. Please note the date change to Friday, March 24! The date was changed to avoid conflicts with St. Patrick's Day and the first round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament being hosted by Marquette University. If you joined the WI Section since April 17 of last year you can attend this event free, as in no charge, with the exception of adult beverages. This is always a great event, and the new venue of the Bavarian Bierhaus will make it even better.

Check out the full list of events planned for 2017 on page 5. Your board of directors has been hard at work putting the full 2017 schedule together so you can mark your calendars and plan accordingly. We have several new events planned for 2017 including a trip to Road America for the Spring Vintage races, and a Tech Session at Prestige Auto Works. Old favorites like Starry Nights and Show & Glow by the Lake are back, and we have several Drive-to-Dine events in the planning stages that will take us to some great venues.

Speaking of the Tech Session at Prestige Auto Works, I would like to say congratulations to Keith Rashkin of Prestige for being named to the "A" List Best of Milwaukee on [milwaukee.cityvoter.com](http://milwaukee.cityvoter.com).

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.

Please join with me in extending a hearty welcome to Thomas Buckley and Frank Jung, our newest members as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 want to switch gears now to a very different subject.

You'll notice that on Page 2 we are seeking a Newsletter Editor. Longtime editor Frank Geracie is stepping away from the position, and Frank, I want to say THANK YOU from the entire Section for the outstanding job you've done over the past 2+ years.

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*Bruce Hamilton*



## Club Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party was delayed from December 9 to January 8 due to a snowstorm in early December. Mader's Restaurant was accommodating in allowing us to make the switch to a new date. The only unexpected hitch with the move is that the Green Bay Packers had a game on the afternoon of January 8 in Green Bay and the Bucks had moved a game to the morning of January 8 that made parking difficult downtown once the Mader's parking lot filled up. Many buses were picking up Green Bay Packers ticket holders downtown for the trip to Green Bay.



The club attendees, numbering slightly less than 40 enjoyed a delicious brunch at Mader's. We had a room to ourselves and we filled the room with our club members and significant others. After brunch, Club President Bruce Hamilton held our Annual Meeting and acknowledged the members that contributed significant hours in support of the club.

Bernd Kampe was provided a "2016 Member of the Year" award for his contributions in hosting many events which included the Great River Road Fall Tour along the Mississippi river, a Bavarian Bierhaus drive-to-dine, Illinois Railway Museum visit and dining at Oktoberfest.

Dean Pearson was thanked for his efforts in emailing the newsletters and generating many e-blasts during the year announcing upcoming events.

Bruce Hamilton thanked Nancy Pearson for all the back scene work she performed in getting the newsletters printed, stuffed in envelopes and mailed to members, advertisers and Mercedes dealerships.



Mader's Restaurant Brunch Buffet

Jim Loseke was mentioned for his work in maintaining our website. Jim keeps the site up to day with current events and adds information to our site covering prior events.

Frank Geracie was mentioned for his work in producing the newsletters which are critical in keeping members abreast of upcoming activities and for review of prior activities.





## *Upcoming Events*

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Event</i></u>	<u><i>Host</i></u>	<u><i>Telephone</i></u>	<u><i>Email</i></u>
Feb 12	Chicago Auto Show	Bob Turzник	414-416-3375	bobturzник@gmail.com
March 24	Fish Fry & New Member Appreciation	Frank Lubinski	414-352-2912	frank_lubinski@yahoo.com
April 15	Black Forest Tech Session	Michael McKinney	414-228-4899	michael@blackforestllc.com
May 13 (date tentative)	Prestige Auto Tech Session	Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
May 20	Road America Vintage	Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
June	Drive-to-Dine (Green Bay area)	Dick Kusch	608-288-0614	rkusch@charter.net
July	Starry Nights	JoAnne Peterson	262-784-6088	jojo2525@yahoo.com
Aug 5	Show & Glow	Frank Geracie	262-825-7496	fgeracie@wi.rr.com
Sept 9	Oktoberfest	Bernd Kampe	262-491-4441	bkampe@wi.rr.com
Sept 9 or 16 (tentative)	Fall Tech Session - Umansky Motor Car	Frank Lubinski	414-352-2912	frank_lubinski@yahoo.com
Sept 23 or 24	Drive-to-Dine Abbey Fontana Boat Show	Bernd Kampe	262-491-4441	bkampe@wi.rr.com
Oct	Door County Fall Rallye	Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
Nov	Drive-to-Dine Pabst Brewery	Bernd Kampe	262-491-4441	bkampe@wi.rr.com

### *Christmas Party continued*

The officers briefly covered topics important to maintaining the club's activities. Frank Lubinski gave the Treasurer's report and Dan Hellenberg reviewed the notes from last year's Annual Meeting.

Bob Turzник passed out donation cards to members that allowed them to donate to the VA Hospital in Milwaukee.

Bruce Hamilton briefly talked about the club's success in using Go-To-Meeting teleconference software. This has allowed anyone wanting to participate in our monthly board meeting to call in rather than drive to the Brookfield library. We now have more participates in our meetings, and we can save our members significant time by them not having to drive to the meetings. Call-ins use a computer, laptop or cell phone.

The party wrapped up with Jan Miller giving each couple a gift containing a small glass Mader's "boot" memorabilia.

*Frank Geracie*



# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show

Sunday, February 12, 2017  
McCormick Place

**The \$25 per-person registration fee includes one admission ticket  
plus bus transportation and snacks!**

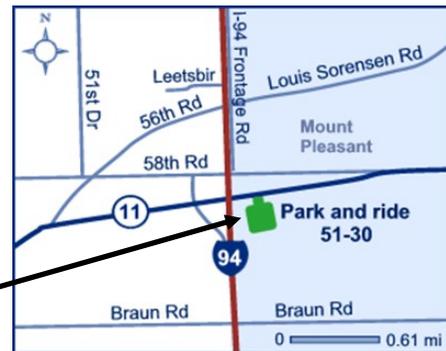
Boarding is from 8:40 to 9:00 am  
in Milwaukee and at 9:30 am  
in Racine regardless of the weather.

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

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Pick up  
locations

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or by filling out reservation form and mailing with check payable to MBCA-Wisconsin Section

Mail check and  
reservation form to:

Bob Turznik, W165 N9714 Chippewa Drive,  
Germantown WI 53022

Contact Info: Home 262-251-2243  
Cell 414-416-3375  
Email [bobturznik@gmail.com](mailto:bobturznik@gmail.com)

## MBCA Chicago Auto Show Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell no. in case of delay: \_\_\_\_\_ Pickup site (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Milwaukee \_\_\_\_\_ Racine

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



# *Friday Fish Fry & New Member Appreciation*



## **Bavarian Bierhaus**

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

**Social Hour 6:00pm**

**Dinner 6:30pm**

**Hosted by: Frank & Cathy Lubinski**

**414-520-2912**

**Frank\_Lubinski@sbcglobal.net**

**Address: 700 W. Lexington Blvd, Glendale WI**

*Club Members that became members on April 17, 2016 or later can eat free. Club will verify start date.*

***Featuring: Three beer-battered cod fillets deep fried golden brown served with tartar sauce, potato pancake with applesauce, French fries, coleslaw and dark rye bread with butter. Substitute baked cod for no additional cost. Includes non-alcoholic beverage. Cash Bar available***

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### ***Friday Fish Fry Reservation Form***

***Reservation Deadline - Monday March 20***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if new member since April 17, 2016

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount included @ \$18 per person: \_\_\_\_\_ (inc tax & tip)

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

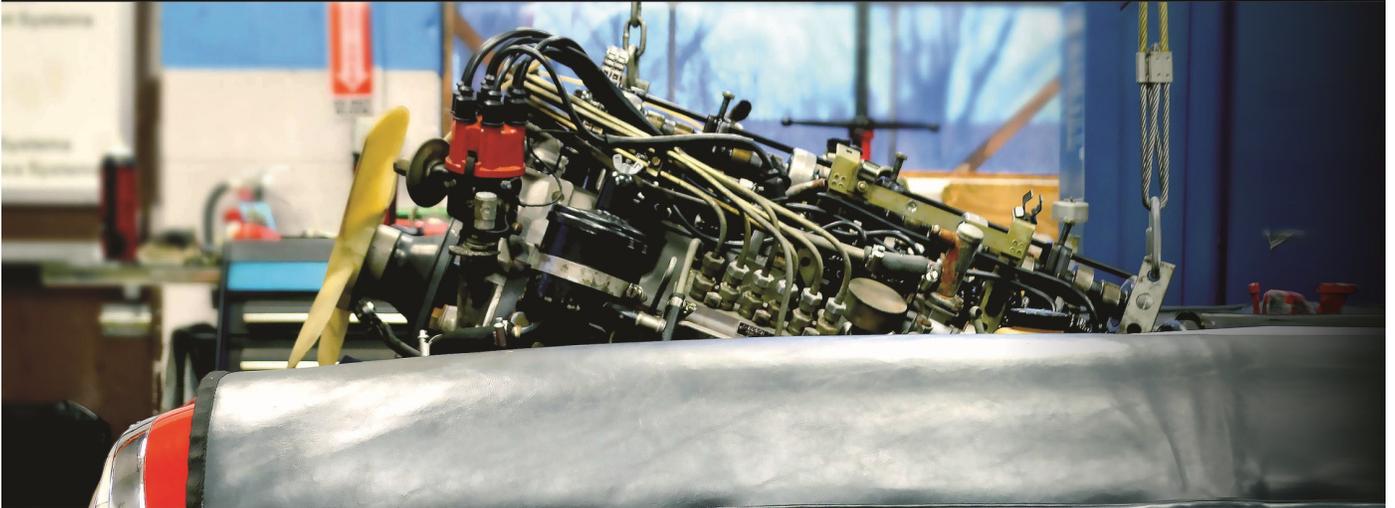
Mail check and reservation form to: Frank Lubinski, 1007 E. Glenbrook Rd., Bayside WI 53217



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## **SPRING TECH SESSION**

**SATURDAY APRIL 15 | 10AM - 3PM**



*Join us at Black Forest for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tech Session. Enjoy a fun and informative day of car-talk, presentations, food & drink, door prizes and plenty of time to socialize.*

### **REGISTER NOW!**

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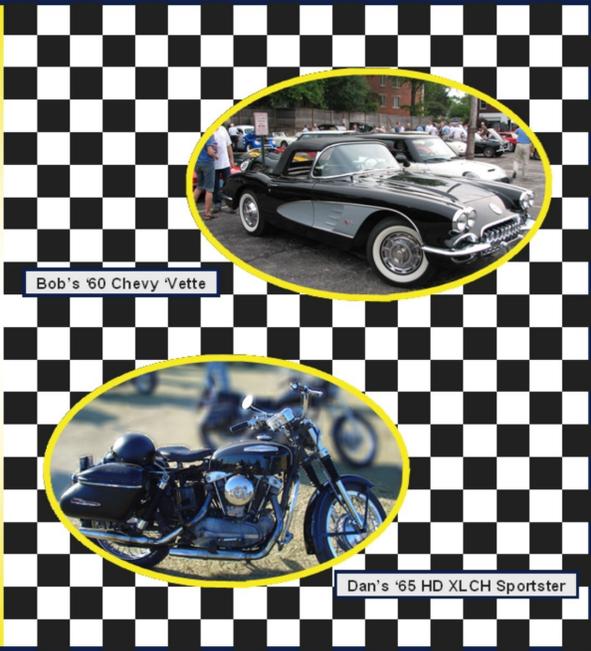
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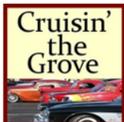
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