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Annual Fish Fry	Mar. 15
Spring Tech Session	April 27
New Member Reception	May 5

Check out all the smiling faces at the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting on Page 6



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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.

Valentine's Drive-to-Dine February 16, 2019

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. 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.





President's Message

I would like to open these remarks with a sincere Thank You to the Wisconsin Section's Board of Directors and Membership for awarding me the Member of the Year award during our December 8th Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. This award means a lot to me and I cannot thank everyone enough. I will, however, take a moment to extend special thanks to Bernd Kampe for surprising me with a very large signed print of Mario Andretti driving his JPS Lotus Formula 1 car. Now I just have to figure out how to re-arrange things in my house to find a place for it! Thank you Bernd!



Bruce Hamilton

Before we look ahead I would like to take a minute and wind up 2018. It was a great year with great events, culminating in the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. New this year was a slide show of pictures taken during all of our 2018 events that ran throughout the event.

Results of the fall election were announced during the business portion of the meeting. Sovann Khong from Green Bay, along with Dan Hellenberg and yours truly were elected to new 3-year terms on the board. Members were recognized for their contributions during the last year, and both Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given. Read more about the Christmas Party elsewhere in this newsletter.

2019 Officer Line-Up

At their December 13th board meeting your board of directors chose their 2019 officers:

Bruce Hamilton, President
Bernd Kampe, Vice President
Dan Hellenberg, Secretary
Frank Lubinski, Treasurer
Andy Stockhausen, Membership Director
John Ledbury, Newsletter Liaison



All of the 2019 Officers and Board Members appear on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

2019 promises to be an exciting year for our Section, with multiple events planned almost every month. In fact our next event is only a couple of weeks away. Join us Saturday, February 16th for a Valentine's Drive-to-Dine at Mader's Restaurant in downtown Milwaukee. No basketball games are scheduled that day so parking won't be a problem, and we will be dining in the private room at the rear of the restaurant where we've held events before. More details are in the Event Calendar, and help the restaurant with a headcount by please letting me know if you plan to attend.

Our Fish Fry is March 15th, and our Spring Tech Session at Black Forest is scheduled for April 27th. And on Sunday, May 5th we are holding a New Member Reception and Drive-to-Dine at the Trysting Place in Menomonee Falls. New members since January 1, 2018 get their meals paid for by the Section.

Please note that the New Member Reception and Drive-to-Dine has been moved to Sunday May 5th. The date was changed from Saturday to Sunday to make it easier for dealer personnel and our advertisers to attend.

Read more about these and all the other events planned in our Events Calendar and elsewhere through this issue. Put all the upcoming events on your calendar NOW and stay tuned as more information follows.

The last words on upcoming events...

We are working on a tech session featuring someone who is both a regular columnist in The Star magazine as well as an internationally recognized Mercedes-Benz specialist. Nothing is finalized at this point but I couldn't resist whetting your curiosity and interest. Stay tuned!

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, opinions and suggestions from our members.

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Member For Sale/To Buy

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



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! 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.

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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Your MBCA membership entitles you to:

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- And best of all, participation in the many events provided by your local Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Do you have photos, an event write-up, a Journey article or an advertisement for the next newsletter?

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



2018-2019 Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Phone	Email
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	Spring Tech Session Black Forest	Black Forest LLC		
May 5	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!*

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.



Christmas Party and Annual Meeting

December 8, 2018

REVIEW



The annual MB Club's Christmas Party on December 8 was held in the Wisconsin Club's Deutscher Room in their historic mansion on Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. With 48 members and guest in attendance, there was plenty of fellowship along with a delightful lunch of salad or soup, hard rolls, two choices of entrees (filet mignon or chicken) and dessert.

The Wisconsin Club (former Mitchell Mansion) was beautifully decorated, and everyone was in a holiday mood. Every room was fully decked in traditional enchanting Christmas splendor. For the first time in recent years, the weather was also perfect. Not too cold, no snow, no ice and the roads were dry!

While guests mingled and enjoyed lunch, they were treated to a slide show of pictures from all of our 2018 events.



After a delicious lunch, President Bruce Hamilton conducted our annual meeting. During the meeting, last year's annual meeting minutes were read, and we received the club's current financial status report from our Treasurer, Frank Lubinski. Guests from the Chicago Section were welcomed, results of the 2018 election announced, and Vice-President Bernd Kampe presented Bruce with the "Member of the Year" award for all his dedicated work and accomplishments for many years as our club's leader and President.

Bernd also present Bruce with a special, large signed photo print of Formula 1 racing legend, Mario Andretti.

The 2019 events calendar was previewed, and at the conclusion of the business meeting all members received a Christmas gift (or several, as there was large variety of donated gifts prizes!) to remember this event.

Many attendees then toured the Club to admire the ornate furnishings, architecture and Christmas decorations.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their time together with fellow MB Club members in this Wisconsin Club mansion's old world Christmas-themed setting. It was another wonderful Christmas Party! We are tentatively planning to hold our 2019 Christmas Party and annual meeting in this same place early December 2019. Be sure to watch for the date in upcoming newsletters!

--Review by Bruce Hamilton and Bernd Kampe





New Member* Welcome and Drive-to-Dine

Wisconsin Section

Sunday, May 5th, 2019 @ 11:30am—1:30pm



N71W12980 Appleton Ave, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

The Drive-to-Dine is for all members and guests. Be sure and come join-in and bring friends as we officially welcome our newer members. Have lunch, drinks, and/or dessert as we talk over a myriad of topics. (It's not all about cars, all the time.)

Section President, Bruce Hamilton, will briefly discuss benefits to the 'local' connections in the club and upcoming events.

We're extending a special invitation to dealer personnel and our new members to come out and socialize and experience a fun club event.

The concept of the *Fahren Zum Essen* events (Drive to Eat) has always been to provide a destination that can be shared with others from the club. No pressure. No planning, just get out the Benz and show up. (although sometimes it is good to let the host know how many to expect. Like this time.)

If you are new to the club it's a great time to meet some members that have joined the club for a variety of reasons; just like you.
New Members* eat FREE this time.

Please respond by Thursday, May 2, 2019

Reservation Form

Send to: npearson@wi.rr.com or call Nancy @ 262-782-7960 or register online (below)

Name: _____ member# _____ Spouse _____

- New Members from 1/1/18—present Receive A Complimentary Lunch. Bar drinks are not included.

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone # _____ Qty Attending _____ **PLEASE RESPOND BY Thursday, May 2nd.**



Enjoy a delightful traditional fish fry with club members at this year's Friday Fish Fry at the Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant in Pewaukee. Please make your reservations by March 11 so that we can have an accurate head count for the restaurant.

Hosted by: **Frank and Cathy Lubinski**
414-520-2912
Frank_Lubinski@sbcglobal.net

Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant

N14 W24145 Tower Place
Pewaukee, WI 53072

I-94 to Exit 294, Pewaukee Road, go north
Turn left on Tower PI (Moble Station) to restaurant

Friday Fish Fry

March 15, 2019

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy your choice of:
Fried, baked or beer battered cod

Dinner also comes with:

Hot German Potato Salad

Applesauce

Vegetable

Coleslaw

Rye Bread

Potato

Beverages

A non-alcoholic beverage is included. Cash bar available.

Fish Fry Reservation Deadline: Monday, March 11, 2019

Name(s): _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Mail reservations to:

Frank & Cathy Lubinski
1007 E. Glenbrook Rd
Bayside, WI 53217

Questions?

Tel: 414-520-2912
Email: Frank_Lubinski@sbcglobal.net

Check here if you are a New Member _____

Make check payable to: MBCA - Wisconsin Section

Qty _____ Dinners @ \$17.00 _____



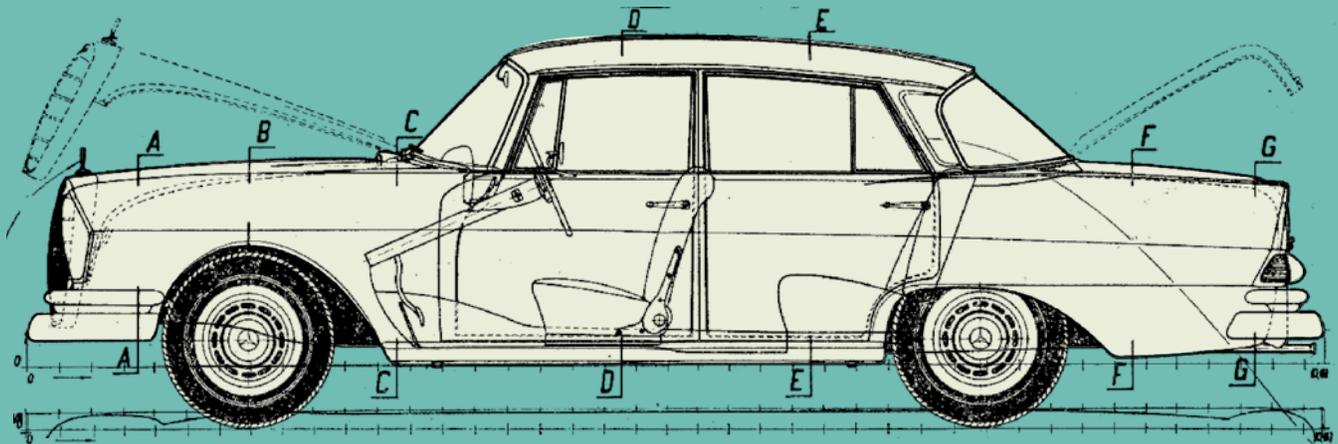


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Geneva Lakes 2019 Antique and Classic Boat Show September 28, 2019

Join us for a Drive-to-Dine luncheon on Saturday, September, 28 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Boat House Bar & Grill located on the eastern shore of Geneva Lake near Bigfoot Beach State Park (www.theboathouselakegeneva.com).

After our luncheon we will drive around the south shore of this magnificent deep blue lake to the Abbey Resort in Fontana to see their annual Geneva Lakes Classic & Wooden Boat Show (www.genevalakesboatshow.com).

From there you can continue on your own scenic drive around the lake to the scenic village of Williams Bay and then to the city of Lake Geneva. Here you can opt to take a boat tour of the lake, visit their museum or just walk around the downtown shopping district, etc. Drive back home anytime you like.

Please email or call Bernd Kampe by Sept. 22 to let him know the names and phone numbers of attendees so he can reserve seats at the restaurant.

Email: Bkampe0@gmail.com

Phone: 262-534-5644 (home)/262-492-4441 (mobile).



Road America Spring Vintage Festival May 18, 2019

Join the Mercedes-Benz Wisconsin Section at Road America on Saturday, May 18, 2019 for the Spring Vintage Festival. It's a great way to kick off the Racing Season at Road America and get to know the great people of the Wisconsin Section. We will also be extending an invitation to the Illinois Sections.

Tickets can be purchased at the Road America Web site, www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets.html. Tickets are priced at \$25 if purchased in advance and will be \$35 at the gate.

We will be meeting for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Gear Box Concession Stand which is located in the paddock near Turn 5. During the weekend, cars from the 1940's to recent vintages will be racing in different heats against the rivals of their era. If you have not been to Road America, this will be an opportunity to not only see the cars race, but you will be able to look at them up close and photograph them.

Road America offers several eating venues and guests are welcome to bring a cooler with food and beverages of their choice in with them.

Hope to see you there!

John Ledbury
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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? 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 our newsletter liaison John Ledbury with your story.

I close these remarks by welcoming Ken Pinckney, our newest member as of January 21st

THANK YOU, members new and old, for being members of the Wisconsin Section. Your interest and participation is what makes us successful.

I look forward to seeing you February 16th at Mader's or another upcoming Wisconsin Section event.

Bruce Hamilton

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