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## RSVP Soon for These Upcoming Events!

<b>Fall Color Tour - Galena IL</b>	<b>Oct 26-28</b>
<b>Christmas Party and Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>

*The Ariens Art on Wheels event at Road America (above) and Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance (below) gave club members a chance to see classic cars and have a lot of fun.*



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Your MBCA membership entitles you to:

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- Discounts on parts, service and accessories from participating Mercedes-Benz Dealerships
- 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



*Photos from  
Road America  
Art on Wheels  
event! Check  
out the full  
write-up on  
page 9.*



## 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

I open my remarks for this edition of the Badger Star by saying "Thank You" to our advertisers. Their support of this publication helps your Section defray the costs of publishing, printing and mailing, and we ask our members to support our advertisers whenever possible. Be sure and tell them you're a Club member when using their services!

The last two months have been a busy time for your Wisconsin Section. Members exhibited their cars at Show & Glow August 5th. We headed to Waupaca August 25th for a Drive-to-Dine and a cruise on the Chief Waupaca paddleboat. Oktoberfest was celebrated September 8th and a week later we enjoyed a Drive-to-Dine event at Road America's Fall Vintage Festival. Read more about these events elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you to JoAnne Peterson, Bernd Kampe and John Ledbury for organizing and hosting these events.



Bruce Hamilton

### Upcoming Events

Our next event is the Fall Color Tour in the Galena Illinois area October 26th – 28th.

[Reservations are open](#) for our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, Saturday December 8th, at 11:00 a.m. By popular demand we are returning to the Wisconsin Club in downtown Milwaukee.

And make plans now to join us for our 29th Annual Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show, tentatively scheduled for Sunday February 10th, 2019. Finally, we are again planning a Fish Fry in March, and a May 2019 New Member Welcome and Drive-to-Dine.

Sadly, we are not holding a Fall Tech Session this year. Even with repeated requests from your Section, none of the three Mercedes dealerships in the Milwaukee area showed any interest in hosting our club's Tech Session this fall.

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; most meetings are now held using the Section's GoToMeeting 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 email 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-to-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 Thursday, October 25th. Ballots will be mailed shortly thereafter, with election results announced at the Annual Meeting.

*Continued on page 5...*



# Show and Glow and Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, August 5

REVIEW

On August 5, 2018 the Milwaukee Concours d'Elegance was held at Veterans Park at the Lakefront in Milwaukee, with the cool breezes off Lake Michigan offering a welcome relief from temps of 92 degrees. The show consisted of both the Show and Glow event and the Concours event. The Show and Glow event had approximately 300 cars from individuals and car clubs, including a good showing from MB club members.

The Wisconsin Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club had 21 cars in attendance. In addition, we set up our booth and banner for our members and anyone who was seeking information regarding the club. We handed out six or seven applications to interested parties.

The Concours event featured cars from many American and European marques from the early 1900s to the 1970s. The Milestone Engineering Award was won by a 1955 Mercedes-Benz Gullwing Coupe, valued at \$1.5 million dollars, which was brought from Australia.

This was a great car event for anyone who enjoys seeing the rare automobiles from over the world and also great local cars from local clubs. The MB club was happy to have a great turnout and many great stories and good times were had by all. Look for it next year in early August and plan on coming to the Show and Glow. Maybe we can field at least 50 cars from the Wisconsin Section next year!

—John Ledbury, Event Coordinator

*You can see some of the great cars at the event from Mercedes-Benz (and other brands) below!*



*(Above) Black 1998 E300 Turbo Diesel from our own Bernd Kampe. In his own words "I've owned [this trusty E300] for about 12 years now. No, my car didn't win any awards or ribbons—it's a daily driver car with 150,000 miles on the odometer."*





## 2018 Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Phone	Email
Oct 26 – 28	Fall Color Tour Galena Illinois area	Mike Simon, Chicagoland Section	Contact Mike at 419.889.3066 or msimon911amg@yahoo.com	
Dec 8	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting Wisconsin Club - Milwaukee	Bruce Hamilton	608-754-6066	Bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com
Feb 10 †	Bus Trip to Chicago Auto Show			
March TBD	Fish Fry			
May TBD	New Member Welcome and Drive-to-Dine			

†Tentative date and/or event. Watch for more details in the next newsletter. 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.*

### Save the Date!

#### Chicago Auto Show Bus Trip 2019 Sunday, February 10

Check the next newsletter for details on our annual bus trip to the Nations Largest Auto Show!

Have photos, an event write-up, or an advertisement for the next newsletter?

Please submit the information to John Ledbury or Bailey Hansen (contact info on page 2) by Nov. 15 to be considered for the December/January issue of the Badger Star. We would love to hear from you!



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***Please join me in welcoming our newest members as of September 21st:***

John Coury	Paul Jobst	Randy Kluth
Gary Knowles	Cris Meyer	Gary Rude
Eftychios Sifakis	Greg Tidmarsh	

I would also like to thank the 86 members who have renewed their membership since January 1st.

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 at upcoming Wisconsin Section event,

Bruce Hamilton



## *Drive 'n Dine Cruise*

*August 25, 2018*

## REVIEW

The weather cleared up on Saturday, August 25th, as over twenty members arrived at Clearwater Harbor for a Drive n' Dine.

We started the day with a 1.5 hour narrated cruise on the old paddlewheel boat, The Chief Waupaca. Highlights of the cruise were the island where Esther Williams used to swim, Wisconsin Veteran's Home in King, Loyola Island Jesuit retreat, Camp Onaway for Boys and Girls Brigade, and the old Casino dance hall.

When we got back from the cruise we had lunch at the Harbor. Everyone enjoyed choosing food from the expansive menu, and then visiting with fellow members. The resort atmosphere of being on the water "Up North" added to their enjoyment of the day. A good time was had by all.

—JoAnne Peterson, Event Coordinator





# Oktoberfest at Old Heidelberg Park September 8, 2018

REVIEW

On Saturday evening, September 8th, 15 of our Wisconsin MB club members along with two guests from the Chicagoland MB Club enjoyed a fun evening of Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration, music, food and beer at Old Heidelberg Park and the Bavarian Bierhaus in Glendale, WI.

After the traditional tapping of the wooden beer keg, the excellent Alte Kameraden Brass Band from nearby Freistadt provided a variety of authentic Oktoberfest music. Local Bavarian tracht attired folk dancers also entertained us and encouraged the crowd to dance and sing along to songs familiar and new. At one point the musicians even went into the crowd and played while standing on the tables!

Everyone enjoyed the happy music, food, and gemütlichkeit with friends.

—Bernd Kampe, Event Coordinator



### Image Captions:

Heinz and Bernd (right, top),  
Nancy and Sue (right, second  
from top),  
Christine makes the event  
better (right bottom), group shot  
(center), the band (bottom) and  
snacks!



### Comments from an attendee:

*“Bernd & Christine Kampe hosted and added a personal touch. They brought along pretzel nuggets and mixed nuts and added tablecloths to the picnic tables. Chris even brought one marked ‘It’s Good To Be German.’... what I enjoy about these events is seeing how families (with or without youngsters) get together and enjoy their heritage and the bier – perhaps not in that order!”*

—Dean Pearson





## 2018 Christmas Party and Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Gather at 11:00 a.m.

Please RSVP by November 30

### Wisconsin Club

900 West Wisconsin Ave

Milwaukee WI 53233

(414) 628-3718

Each year, the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting is a great place to see fellow club members, eat delicious food, and look back on the fun of the last 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](#) 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](mailto:bruce@bhamiltoncpallc.com). Registrations are due by Friday, November 30.

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 glaze with sweet garlic pepper sauté, ginger almond rice and gingered carrots and snap peas

## Christmas Party Reservation Form

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### 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)

Apple Craisin Chicken Scaloppini No \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

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

*\*Price includes tax & gratuity*



# *Ariens Art on Wheels at Road America September 15, 2018*

On Saturday September 15 we celebrated the vintage racing event at Road America.

The Wisconsin Section set up the canopy and hung the Mercedes Benz banner to announce our presence. We enjoyed beautiful weather while watching the races on Turn 5. One of the races for the day was a historic road course reenactment tour, which followed a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950's.

We had 10 members join us while we enjoyed each other's company and talked about the many classic cars that were attending at the festival. Featured Marques for 2018 were the Austin Healy Sprite and the MG Midget, honoring the Sprite 60th Anniversary. Jason Burton, the Regional Director of the Midwest Region, also joined us and thanked the section for being supportive of the club.

—John Ledbury, Event Coordinator

**REVIEW**



*Check out more photos from this event on page 2 of this newsletter!*



### ***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.

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### **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! 1998 E300 Turbodiesel**

Our recent purchase of a 2004 CLK55 AMG Cabriolet (our first convertible) forces the sale of my black on black E300 with about 150,000 miles. Reliable and strong turbo diesel 6-cylinder 3.0-L

engine, 174 hp/243 lbs torque gets 34 mpg hwy with 21 gal tank (700 miles on a full tank). Accelerates 0-60 mph in 8.5 sec up to 130 mph (on the German autobahn, of course). I am the 2nd owner and purchased it from Concours Motors MB about 14 years ago with 103,000 miles. It's always been garaged and not driven in the winter snow and salt since I've owned it.

Well-maintained, very good condition. Sunroof, wood trim interior, Becker AM/FM stereo radio with weather band, cassette player and 6-CD changer in trunk. MB recommended Continental tires are like new. Full size spare tire. Everything original. Black leather seats. Includes original manuals and eight new oil filters.

If you are looking for a reliable long-distance touring turbodiesel-engined car, this is one you should consider. Asking \$6,900. Located in Waterford, WI.

Call Bernd Kampe at 262-534-5644 (home)

*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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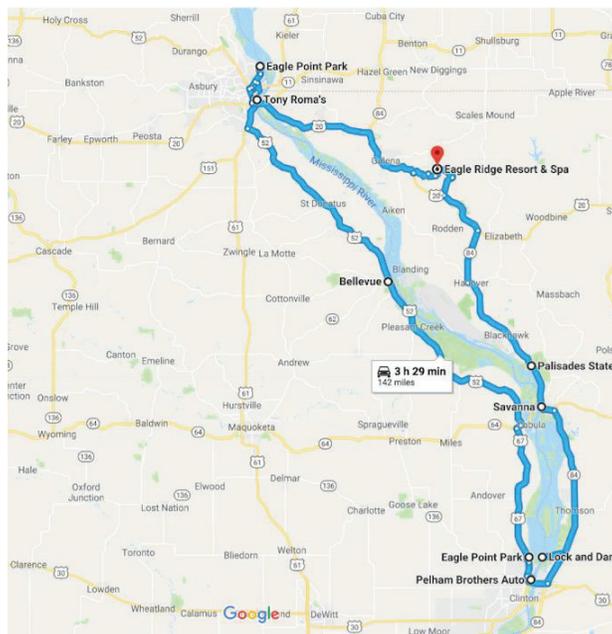
## MBCA Fall Color Tour - Galena IL October 26-28 - Host: Chicagoland Section

Join fellow MBCA members from THREE Sections — Chicagoland, Iowa, and Wisconsin — as we enjoy the beautiful fall colors of the Mississippi River Valley, while exploring some of the best driving roads and accommodations within the Midwest. We will be using Eagle Ridge Resort, located in Galena, IL as our home base for the weekend. [www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com)

We will begin the weekend on **Friday Evening**, October 26, with a Welcome Reception from 6-10 p.m. in the Woodlands Restaurant. Arrive and depart at your leisure and enjoy some comradery as we prepare for our Tour.

**Saturday Morning**, Group Breakfast will be 7-9 a.m. with a Tour Meeting beginning at 9 a.m. and departure time of 10 a.m. We will head South, on Highway Illinois 84, hugging the eastern river bank of the Mississippi, while we make stops at Mississippi Palisades State Park, Savanna, IL; Lock and Dam 13; and Fulton, IL.

We will cross the Mississippi River at Highway 30 and have a box lunch, while we tour Pelham Brothers Restoration, in Clinton IA. We will gin our journey back north following the western bank of the River, on Highways 67 and 52, with stops in Bellevue, IA, and Eagle Point Park in Dubuque, IA. The end of the Tour will be in Dubuque, IA, with a 6 p.m. dinner at Tony Roma's, located in the Grand Harbor Hotel. This is part of the Port of Dubuque, which is home to the Diamond Casino and the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Explore, enjoy, and depart for return to Eagle Ridge at your leisure. The total distance of the Tour is 142 miles.



**Sunday Morning**, will begin 7 a.m. to noon with a brunch buffet at your leisure. Members may depart for home, explore Eagle Ridge, shop in Downtown Galena. The day is yours to enjoy!

*(NOTE: Section Meetings may be scheduled during this time)*

Come for all three days, or just Saturday. Hotel accommodations can be made for one or two nights, or just drive to Galena on Saturday morning. This event is designed to provide the most flexibility and variety, to allow as many MBCA Members as possible to attend

**Costs:** Room rate at Eagle Ridge is \$169.00 per night for 2 Double beds or 1 King Size bed, (normally \$229.00 per night), plus an \$18.00 Resort Fee and applicable Taxes. All billing will be separate and charged to the participants, except for the Saturday Morning breakfast, which is Group Billed at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

### What do I need to do to Register?

1. Contact Eagle Ridge, 1.800.892.2269, Option1, and reserve your room with a credit card.
2. Identify yourself as a MBCA Member, utilizing Reservation Code 6916EN, to obtain the \$169.00 room rate. *(Note the cancellation policy below.)*
3. Contact Mike Simon (Organizer) and let him know that you will be attending. He will create a Participants list, and email detailed updates and information to participants. You can reach him at Msimon91lamg@yahoo.com, Cell 419.889.3066

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