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Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 5* Ship Builders Tour & Drive to Dine - Sturgeon Bay

May 6 Spring Rallye - Green Bay

June 9* Drive to Dine - Fond du Lac

June 24 Golf Outing - Hartland

July 7* Drive to Dine Delafield

July 21* Drive to Dine - Green Bay

Aug 12* Sunday Drive to Dine - Friess Lake

Aug 26 Car Show Milwaukee Yacht Club

Sept 8* Drive to Dine Sheboygan

Sept 22 Fall Tech Session - Madison

Oct 7 Fall Rallye - southern Dane County

Dec 2 Christmas Party Oconomowoc

**** Fahren Zum Essen event***

President's Message...

Dear members:

Thanks to all who participated in the March Fish Fry and the April Spring Tech Session.

Thanks to Jenni & Bela Horvath for hosting the Fish Fry. Thanks to Mike McKinney and his staff for hosting the Tech Session. Special thanks to John Olson for presenting at the Tech Session.

Our next events are the Ship Builders Tour & Drive to Dine on Saturday May 5th in Sturgeon Bay (hosted by Jerry Zajicek) along with the Spring Rally in Green Bay on Sunday May 6th (hosted by Jim & Cathy Loseke.) Remember, these two events request separate sign-up. See inside the newsletter for details. I hope to see a lot of members at these events.

As always I would like to encourage all members to work hard on recruiting new members. The only way we survive is by bringing in new blood to the organization.

As you can see from the calendar of club events, we have a lot of fun activities planned for the membership.

Finally, I join the Past Presidents and membership in thanking Scott Tremlett for his approximate 4-years as newsletter editor.

See you soon.
Frank Lubinski
WI Section President

For those who want to place an article or ad in the Badger Star... Submittal Deadlines are as follows:

Issue	*Deadline*	*Issue*	*Deadline*
Jan-Feb	**Dec 15th**	**Jul-Aug**	**Jun 15th**
Mar-Apr	**Feb 15th**	**Sep-Oct**	**Aug 15th**
May-Jun	**Apr 15th**	**Nov-Dec**	**Oct 15th**

Send materials to: **BadgerStar@gmail.com**
Thanks, Dean & Nancy Pearson

2007 Fahren Zum Essen (Drive to Dine) Schedule

All are invited to join club members around the state at these informal "Drive to Dine" events. Even if you don't attend a lot of other club events you'll find others, just like you, enjoying the opportunity to learn more about each other and our common love for the MB brand & heritage. Everyone is welcome as we go 'riding to eat'. Bring your spouse, partner, children or friends along, too. Enjoy a low cost lunch (off the menu) and plenty of gemütlichkeit.. Please try to call or email the host/hostess so they have an idea of number of attendees However, if you decide too late to contact them, come anyway.

May 5th, Saturday, 9-2PM Shipbuilders Tour. Lunch At 1PM Here's your chance to visit 3-boat builders yards in Sturgeon Bay. You may want to consider arriving on Friday night. Jerry Zajicek, our host, has reserved some rooms with the Best Western MARITIME INN @ 1001 14th Ave. along with a special rate of $53per night for basic rooms. Make room reservations @ 800-528-1234
On Saturday, the walking tour starts @ 9am, so you will want to start early! Tickets are $8ea. from the Maritime Museum but Jerry may get an advance group rate if you reply early enough. (Info on the Shipbuilders Tour can be found @ http://doorweb.innline.com/event.asp?eventId=2824&areaid=0) Contact Jerry at 262-549-4656 or email jzajicek@wi.rr.com
Lunch will be 1PM at the Inn at Cedar Crossing, 336 Louisiana St. (920-743-4249) off the menu. Jerry reports Hwy 57 from Green Bay is about 80% 4-lane, now and a good drive. Even though this is pre-season in the Door, there is plenty to do. You can stay Saturday night at the Maritime Inn in Door County and drive to Green Bay to drive the Spring Rallye on Sunday. As an option, Jerry has a hotel with indoor water park in Green Bay if you are bringing family or if the spirit moves you to play a little.

June 9th, Saturday, 11:30AM Ride on up, over, or down to Wendt's on the Lake. It's located on Hwy 45 about 6-9 miles north of Fond du Lac at N9699 Lakeshore Dr near Van Dyne, WI on the western shore of Lake Winnebago (between FdL and Oshkosh. (Ron says it should be about 1:00 - 1:20 Hr drive from Milwaukee.)) They are known for their great lake perch. You can check out their menu on www.wendtsonthelake.com. Contact Ron or Pat Sdun 262-251-9287 or rsdun@wi.rr.com

July 7th, Saturday, 11:30AM Enjoy lunch with a selection of home brews from Delafield Brewhaus. Interesting house brands, wood stone pizzas, hoagie sandwiches, pastas, and traditional entrees. Exit I-94 at Hwy 83, go south to third light (south of I-94) and turn east. Drive past the cinema and along the south side frontage road to the brewery. Contact Nancy Pearson @ 262-782-7960 or npearson@wi.rr.com

July 21st Saturday, Jim & Cathy Loseke are thinking of another unique lunch in the Fox Valley/Green Bay area.. You won't want to miss this as their events are always fun. Some will, undoubtedly, want to show up just to continue telling Jim & Cathy how much fun they had on the Spring Rallye. More details to follow.

Aug 12th Sunday, Noon Jim & Linda Stowell have us cruising to another great lunch spot. Chart your course to The Copper Dock Restaurant 1474 Friess Lake Dr in Hubertus. What a spectacular gathering along a quiet shoreline in the country! This is a Sunday Brunch at a cost of $20.50 (all inclusive) "Summers are popular in the area" so call or email early with your response, but your check will be needed to hold a reservation. 262-367-2305 or jstowell3@wi.rr.com Make checks to MBCA-WI Section and mail to 501 N Thornbush Cir. Hartland, WI 53029. Map & directions can be found at www.foodspot.com/copperdock

Sept 8th Saturday, Noon, Save this date for a fall drive to the Sheboygan area. Pat & Mel Mahlendorf are setting the table for another great Drive to Dine. This one at the new Highland House restaurant along the river in Sheboygan. This city has a wonderful downtown-riverfront area and Mahlendorf's always find a good venue for lunch. More details will follow. paddy@excel.net

Remember there are numerous other club events during the summer. The volunteers setting them up would appreciate your attendance and advance sign up.

Be sure you let the people volunteering to host Drive to Dines know you appreciate their efforts.

Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Wisconsin Section

Spring 2007 Road Rally

May 6, 2007
Starting: Lambeau Field – 11:30 AM
Dinner: Brett Favre's Steakhouse, Green Bay – 5:00 PM
Rally Masters: Jim and Cathy Loseke

Welcome to any and all MBCA members. This Observation and Distance Rallye will start at Lambeau field and take you through parts of the North East Wisconsin countryside. Since all roads lead to Green Bay you will not need to worry about getting lost on this rallye. You will be judged on your ability to observe and record clues along the route. To a lesser degree, you will be judged on your ability to get the correct distance for the rallye, on whether you exceed the allotted time limit and how much fun you're having (no if's, ands or buts about it). Trophies will be awarded for the top three scoring teams. Additionally the Roberta M. Schmidt Memorial Traveling Trophy will be awarded for the first place team if they are from the Wisconsin Section.

Starting Point: Parking lot of Lambeau Field, Home of the Green Bay Packers, 1265 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay.
Look for the car(s) with the MBCA Wisconsin Section banner.

Directions: If you can't find Lambeau Field in Green Bay then you might not be ready to road rally !
For directions go to: www.lambeaufield.com/stadium_info/directions

The drivers meeting will be at 11:15 AM with first departures at 11:30 am. The rallye ending point has not yet been determined. Brett Favre's Steakhouse is located just 2 blocks from Lambeau Field and has a cash bar available for thirsty rallye participants.

Trophy Eligibility: *Application deadline is April 27, 2007*

- Maximum of two persons per car
- Must have at least one MBCA member in the car during the rallye
- Vehicle must be a Mercedes-Benz (sorry, Chrysler minivans or Fed Ex Sprinter trucks don't count)

MBCA-Wisconsin Section Spring 2007 Road Rally Registration Form

Rallye Info

Driver: _____
Navigator: _____
Address: _____
_____
_____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Dinner Choices

Prime Rib____ Bayou Pasta____ Grilled Salmon ___
Dinners include salad, potato, rolls, coffee, tea or milk
For details on location and menu go to: **www.brettfavressteakhouse.com**

Registration @ $6.00 per car: _____
Dinner @ $26.50 each: _____
Total Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to MBCA-Wisconsin Section
Mail check with this form to: Cathy Loseke, 2150 Cumberland Dr., Green Bay, WI. 54311
dasbenz@new.rr.com 920-468-2024

I am participating in this event for my own pleasure and will be fully responsible at all times for my car and passengers. I release MBCA-Wisconsin Section from all liabilities for any act, thing or event that may transpire during or by reason of holding this event.

2007 Officers & Board Members:

Pres-	Frank Lubinski	Colleen Lowry
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Sec'ry	Dan Hellenberg	Ron Sdun
Treas	Jim Loseke	Scott Tremlett
	Past President	Nancy Pearson

Advertising Rates:

	Number of Issues		
Ad Size	6x	3x	1x
1/8 Business Card	$100	$ 50	$ 25
1/4 Page	$150	$ 75	$ 40
1/2 Page	$200	$100	$ 50
Full Page	$300	$150	$ 75

Member Classified are Free, Non-member are $5.00

Classifiedads are subject to available space

A Drive to Dine is planned for June 9th at Wendt's on the Lake. Located along the beautiful shore of Lake Winnebago, Wendt's can be found about 6-9 miles north of Fond du Lac, WI on HWY 45. We'll plan on meeting at 11:45AM. For those interested in directions, menu, and prices, their website can be found at www.wendtsonthelake.com. New faces are always welcome. Wendt's is known for wonderful lake perch (as well as the bar) and has already been taste tested and approved by yours truly. Wendt's phone number is 920-688-5231. Driving time estimate is approx 1:30 from the Milwaukee Zoo Interchange to Wendt's. Call Pat or Ron Sdun 262-251-9287 (rsdun@wi.rr.com) for the headcount. ***-Ron & Pat Sdun***

Membership Badges & Pins Waiting to be Claimed by Members

For those who want name badges, they are $ 9.00 each. I will order them and when received, send them to you with a statement.

Membership pins are available free for all club anniversaries ending on an even 5 years (5, 10, 15, 20...etc.)

If you have or have had a club anniversary that qualifies and would like a pin or want to order a name tag, please email Ron Sdun at rsdun@wi.rr.com or call me at 262-251-9287 and I will see that you get your pin.

Member Classifieds:

Marvin Miller owns a 1973 Mercedes 450 SL, with top stand rack and cover. He has service history since 1987, and the car has 81,000 miles. No rust, always garaged, and never driven in the winter. Sand color exterior with brown interior. A/C and all power. Original mint finish, new battery, fairly new tires, excellent running condition. He is asking $16,000. He can be contacted at 414-347-1707.

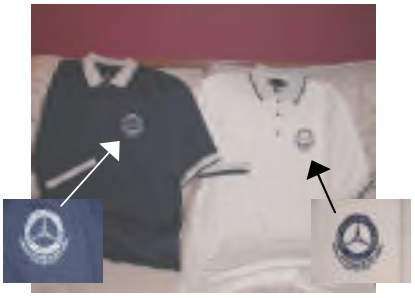
1986 560SL. Florida car, very clean. Gold Metallic in color, mint interior. Call Steven Stapanian at 262-994-7023.

1996 Rare E300 non-turbo, diesel sedan. Green w/Beige interior, moon roof, cd changer, 37mpg, Mobil 1, 182k hwy miles. $7,300 Dennis Sieg 608-257-7103 (days)

Please email before the next issue deadline if you want your ad to run another issue or with any changes you would care to make.

BadgerStar@gmail.com

MBCA—WI Shirts For Sale



These are fine quality cotton shirts with the MBCA-Wisconsin Section logo. They come in a choice of navy blue, with ivory trim and a silver/gray logo or ivory, with navy trim and a navy blue logo. The cost is $32.00 plus $3.00 shipping or a total of $35.00 per shirt. Delivery on ordered shirts is expected to be less than 2 weeks; except XXL is special order only.

Order Form

Total number of shirts ordered: _____ @ $35.00 = $_____

SIZE: S M L XL XXL

 # each: __ __ __ __ ___

Make Checks payable to: MBCA-Wisconsin Section

Mail to: Jerry Zajicek
W223 N2344 Glenwood Lane
Waukesha, WI 53186
(262) 549-4656

Name:_____Phone _____

Address:_____

City:_____St _____ Zip _____

Seventh Annual Golf Outing

Songbird Hills Golf Course

W259 N8700 Hwy 164
(262) 246-7050

Best Ball Scramble

Sunday, June 24, 2007
12:30 p.m.

Tee offs will start at 1:00. Each team of 4 golfers will be given instructions and beverage tickets. Prizes will be given for 1st & 2nd place as well as for special events on several holes.

Songbird Picnic Supper

4:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Directions: From Milwaukee/Madison~Exit on Co Hwy J (exit 294) from I94 and go north for 9 miles (Hwy J becomes 164 at Capitol Dr.) From Appleton~Exit Hwy 41 on County Line Rd. (Hwy Q) and go west to Hwy 164; go south (left) on Hwy 164 one mile to the golf course.

Please join us for golf, supper or both. GUESTS are welcome!

Hosts:

Jim Stowell	(262) 367-2305	lucyfour@msn.com
Scott Tremlett	**(414) 256-2340**	scott.tremlett@morganstanley.com

****Deadline for reservations & payment: June 10, 2006****

Name_____**# attending**_____
Address_____**Phone #**_____
I would like to golf with:_____

9 holes of golf, cart	**@ $30.00 per person**	_____
Songbird Picnic	**@ $12.00 per person**	_____
	Total	_____

Make check payable to MBCA-Wisconsin Section and mail to:
Jim Stowell, 501 N. Thornbush Cir, Hartland, WI 53029

SPRING TECH SESSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th AT BLACK FOREST LLC

For the second consecutive year, Michael McKinney hosted our Spring Tech Session at his shop, Black Forest LLC in Glendale. With over 70 members and guests in attendance, the surrounding streets and parking lots were filled with Mercedes of all types and ages. Special guest John Olson from Minneapolis surprised us all when he showed up in his 1959 300SL roadster - the very same one he has driven four times in *La Carrera Panamericana*.

Although the event wasn't scheduled to begin until 11:00, attendees began to arrive as early as 10. Social time was going strong by 11 as everyone enjoyed food from Larry's Market, beer from Sprecher Brewery, and champagne & mimosas, all provided by Black Forest.

The workshop was set up with several cars on display, ranging in age from Mr. Olson's '59 300SL to a 2007 E550 4MATIC. Tables of food and drink were interspersed among the cars, shop fixtures, and toolboxes. Several Hazet tool trolleys did double duty as champagne tasting stations, their bottom compartments filled with ice-chilled bottles ready to go.

John Olson started off with a slide show recounting his participation in the 1987 Mille Miglia, in which he drove his 300SL Gullwing. We then moved on to our tech subjects, which included:

- New Mercedes features
- A critical look at maintenance
- Mechanical fuel injection
- Component restoration

The final presentation of the day was a discussion with John Olson concerning the factors that make certain Mercedes models collectible. He outlined the trends in collector car prices he has observed over the years as well as predicting which models are likely to appreciate in value in the future. Thanks again to our special guests including John Olson, Hans Wilsdorf, and Lothar Altmann, as well as everyone who attended and made this event a great success.

Other related car events:

Aug 25 The Masterpiece Car Club Day Contact Bob Turznik for details on this fun event. 414-416-3375

Aug 30 <u>Thurs</u> Mercedes @ Gasthaus night Car Show & food 6-9pm

LIVING ON THE EDGE?

Do you live on the edge of two MBCA sections or do you summer in one section and winter in another? Now you can enjoy a dual membership! For $15 you can upgrade your membership to a Second Section, and enjoy the full benefits of club membership at both your homes. Call the MBCA National Business Office at 1-800-637-2360 to upgrade today!

Retirement Party 5/19/07
For Wim Van den Berg
404 Chelsea Way ***<u>1PM-???</u>***
Dane, WI 53529
Use Map Quest or call for Directions. 608-345-1800

<u>Expiring Memberships:</u>

<u>April 2007</u>

James T Barry, Jr
Lee Callaway
Nicholas Setta
Roger G Delong
Janice Hintz
Dave Lewis
Wm C Marten
Jay McDonald
Wm Mollenhauer
Robert J Zaleski

<u>May 2007</u>

Ronald R Albrecht
Troy E Allen
Frank Calfo
Daniel Hellenberg
Bob Johnson
Greg Johnson
Robert Lanterman
Robert J Quinn
Pat Strabala
Mark E Uffenbeck

<u>June 2007</u>

S H Abdelmawla
David J Buckley
Daniel P Esser
James Garnero
Rob't M Harmon
Wm Klug
James A Meilahn
Phillip Nicholas
Donald R Pergande
Peter S Stefaniak
Rob't G Wirth
M R Bennett
Dan Danbeck
Gordon S Ewy
Peter Gerhardt
Ricky Julien
Michael J McCutcheon
Arthur P Meissner
San W Orr
Rob't G Simpson
Eric Western
James N Zitzelsberger

CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT *and* CAR SHOW

Sunday August 26th, 2007

Milwaukee Yacht Club 1700 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive Milwaukee, WI

Come down to the lake for a relaxing summer Sunday. Enjoy a casual day and a unique opportunity to see six decades of Mercedes-Benz vehicles on display. Our show will coincide with the Yacht Club's open house, which will allow you access to the club and docks as well as their exhibit of classic wooden boats.

EVENTS / LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

If you're coming just to see the cars, there is no charge. You can come and go freely.
If your car is selected for the show, there will be a $10.00 fee for registration, signage, and judging.
For $5.00, you can purchase a pass which will give you access to the yacht club, docks, and boats.
Enjoy Chef Kelly's famous lunch buffet for $15.00 ($7.50 for kids age 5-12, Free for age 4 and under.)

TIMELINE

9:00-10:00 am	Check-in for car show participants
11:00-2:00 pm	Yacht Club open house and judging for the car show
3:00-5:00(approx.)	Awards for car show and social time

SHOW PARTICIPANTS

We hope to display a wide range of models representing six decades of Mercedes. We only have space for about 40 cars, so contact us early if you're interested in showing yours. The entry fee of $10.00 will become payable only after your space is confirmed.

SPECIFIC VEHICLES WE'RE LOOKING FOR

W100	600	W128	220SE cabrio or coupe
W107	Coupe - 450SLC or Euro model	W120/180	180 or 220
W198	300SL gullwing and roadster	W114/115	Sedan, preferably pre-1974
W116	450SEL 6.9	W461/463	Geländewagen

So if you're a club member with one of these gems, come on out and show it off!

CONTACT US

We need prospective show participants to contact us by telephone or email so we can begin compiling a pool of available vehicles. We have room for only 5-6 cars from each decade, so inquire ASAP. Please provide the following: model, year, owner's name, and your phone number or email address.
CONTACT Michael McKinney at (414)228-4899 or email: michael@blackforestllc.com
You will receive a response to confirm your entry. If you're not showing a car, no RSVP is necessary.

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We'll be on-site with our 1972 Mercedes bus! Be sure to stop at the Black Forest tent for some conversation, fun, and our famous hospitality throughout the day.

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