

BADGER Star

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2009 Events

Mark Your Calendars

Fahren Zum Essen (Drive to Dine) events are in italic

- **Mar 13 FRI Fish Fry**
Wis. Machine Shed - Waukesha
- *Mar 21 Harley Museum Tour - Milwaukee*
- **Apr 18 Tech Session @**
Black Forest - Milw
- *May 2 The Mineshaft - Hartford*
- *May 30 Popeye's & Lake Geneva boat tour*
- *Jun 6 Quaker Steak & Lube - Middleton + cruise to tour Botham Winery - Barneveld all with Ferrari Club for Charity*
- **Jun TBD Spring Rallye**
- **June 28 Golf Outing**
- **Jul 15 WED Summer Tech Session @** Int'l Autos - West Allis
- *Aug 2 Tour of Schwartz House - Two Rivers*
- **Aug 22 Masterpiece Car Show - Milw lakefront**
- *Aug 22 TBD - (Gathering after Masterpiece)*
- **Sep 17th THUR Tech Session @** Concours Motors - Glendale
- **Oct 20-25 Great River Road Tour - LaCrosse to Red Wing, MN**
- **Nov TBD - Annual Mtg**
- **Dec TBD - Xmas Party**



Carbon Fibre body panels found in a few brands plus the Mercedes GLK & SL concept vehicles

Concept Car

BlueZERO E-CELL Electric

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2009 Fahren Zum Essen (Drive to Dine) Events

Anyone (including prospective member or guest) is 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. Join us 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.. Generally, please try to call or email the host/hostess so they have an idea of number of attendees However, if you decide to go, but it's too late to contact them, come anyway.

- **March 21, SAT, 11:30AM Harley Museum - Milw** Enjoy lunch at the restaurants (Motor and Racer Cafe) attached to the Harley-Davidson Museum around 11:30 a.m. The Motor restaurant has sit-down service looking out on the Milwaukee River. The Racer Cafe, between the restaurant and the museum gift shop, has tables but is more of a fast-food facility. Ample free, monitored parking is available at the site. We plan to enter the museum around 1:00 p.m. The admission fee, depending upon turn-out may be reduced. The much-heralded facility opened last July. There is much to see (check their web site www.harley-davidson.com and click the link for the MUSEUM on the upper menu bar, for more information and detailed driving directions.) Personal audio tour guides are also available for an additional fee. Anyone desiring to join us is welcome. We would like a head count by the Wednesday before. Contact Andy Stockhausen ajs45@wi.rr.com or 262-782-2286. Location is at 6th and Canal Streets.
- **May 2, SAT, NOON At The Mineshaft Bar & Restaurant**, located 22 N. Main St (just north of Hwy 60) in downtown Hartford. There is parking east of the restaurant accessible from the next street east. More info on their website: www.mineshaftrestaurant.com Contact Jerry Zajicek 262-549-4656 jzajicek@wi.rr.com
- **May 30, SAT, 11:30AM At Popeye's Restaurant**, located across from the boat docks in downtown Lake Geneva. No, this is not related to the infamous Popeye's chain restaurants, but is a unique 1972 nautical-theme restaurant. More info on their website www.popeyesonlakegeneva.com We are also planning an optional boat tour on Lake Geneva, or a driving tour around the lake after lunch. Contact Bernd Kampe bkampe@tds.net or 262-534-5644 for details and optional tour fees and times.

Your board could use suggestions for other places you know of for "drive to dine" events. If there is something else of interest in the area to see or do, so much the better. Contact Jerry or Andy.

We'd like to offer a reminder that the following memberships are coming up for renewal and hope you can spend another year enjoying your club...

March Expirations: John Bohlman, Doug Borchardt, Keith Dunham, Gerald Fast, William Haupt, Jacques Hussussian, Steven Lindquist, Pat Mahlendorf, William Meyer, Dan Parman, Lee Potratz, Mike Pritzl, Douglas Reasa, Richard Seefeldt, Dennis Sieg, Grant Stanfield, and Karen Williams

April Expirations: David Bedore, John Bell, Terry Bruss, Marie Casanova, Ray Fikes, Robert Imig Jr, David Kies, Gustav Korsholm, Gary Matthies, Peter Miller, Eric Pearson, Rod Petersen, Stephanie Petersen, James Pittle-kow, Glenn Sampson, James Schwerdt, Steve Seidl, Charles Siewert, Jack Styza, Dennis Valuch, Paul Westphal, Marc Wolfgram, and John Wood.

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Renew memberships on the national website: www.mbca.org or check the STAR magazine.

Monthly Board Meeting *All Members Welcome*

MARCH 12th 7-9pm
@ Brookfield Library.
1900 N Calhoun Rd.

Contact: Jerry Zajicek, Pres for room location and date for the APRIL meeting

President's Message...

Feb. 22nd was the day for our annual bus trip to the Chicago Auto show. The Loseke's, Cathy and Jim, did a fine job running the event. Everyone got to see as much as they wanted of the show and what they wanted during the 5 hours we had to browse the exhibition hall. It is always an interesting and fun day when we don't have to drive, don't have to park, don't have to fight the traffic, and our only worry is that we won't get to see what we came for. But we always do get to see the cars we came for, and then some. Even in a not so good year for the automotive companies and dealers, there is always something new and exciting to see at this mammoth show. I come back every year with great pictures, tired and happy that I got to see the latest in automotive art.

We have some nice events coming up. On March 13th, a Friday, we have a Fish Fry at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Pewaukee. If you exit I-94 at County highway J, which is Pewaukee Road, there is a Mobil station on the Northwest corner. The Machine Shed is located west, behind the Mobil station about 100 yards west of the Thunder Bay restaurant. Join us for dinner and drinks, and plenty of time to trade war stories about our Mercedes exploits.

On March 21st, a Saturday, we have a lunch and a tour at the new Harley Museum. You could tour the museum any time you want (for \$16/person), but you would not be saving the \$4 per person discount we're going to get for the group. A good reason to see this new museum with the club. Check out Harley's website for much information on the museum, the restaurants, the bikes, the facility, and more. Just Google "Harley museum", or go to www.hdmuseum.com.

Saturday, April 18th is our Spring Tech Session at Black Forest. There are several things that are always true about the Tech Sessions at Black Forest: there is always good food and drink for everyone, there are always technical experts on hand to lecture and answer questions, and everyone comes away smarter about our cars than when we went in.

See you at the events.

Jerry Zajicek,
President

You Can Help...

We are looking for an MBCA member who would assist in writing for the Badger Star. The need is for someone who can collect all the pertinent information on a subject or event, and put together an article or format event flyers for the newsletter. This may involve gathering pictures and write-ups from members, getting information via phone and e-mail, and composing an article from all that information, and then forwarding it via e-mail to the newsletter editor. Additionally, variations of event articles would be submitted to the MBCA STAR magazine.

You need not be an accomplished author, out of work journalist, news reporter, nor an English teacher. But, if you have had some experience writing, all the better. Your participation would help speed up composing the Badger Star. If you're interested, email me or Dean Pearson. Email addresses can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Jerry

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

**Werner Hudak - Richland Center, Leigh Larson - Johnson Creek,
and Randolph Metzger - Hartford**

Wisconsin Members Head South

On February 22nd intrepid members of the Wisconsin Section (along with a few Mazda club members) traveled south, once again, to the Chicago Auto show. This event has been held for 17 plus years and it has become one of the Sections signature events.

The show this year was very quiet with few people milling around the new cars. This might be an indication of the current state of the economy but one company, Porsche, that typically has a very good display did not even show up this year. One of the exhibits was an Animatronics T Rex that seemed to be looking for struggling car companies. This might be another sign of the times. Rest assured that he was not seen anywhere around the Mercedes display.

Overall there was a very good selection of vehicles including an electric concept vehicle and the new GLK. They had an SLR available for viewing for those of us that are of the faster persuasion and deep pockets and more Bluetec examples than in previous years. The Smart Car display was the largest that I have ever seen and I really had my eye on a Brembo edition. Bill Denton, our Regional Director was also at the show showing his support for the marque. This show helps to demonstrate that Mercedes, even in difficult economic times, will continue to be an important part of the automotive future in the United States, particularly for those that are proud to drive a car with a STAR. Everyone was able to update their wish list, if not their active car list, at the show. Fortunately club members were able to rest their tired feet in the Mercedes hospitality suite for a brief respite and camaraderie with fellow Mercedes enthusiasts. Many thanks to the fine folks of the Chicago Region of MBUSA for the complimentary tickets to the show and for opening the hospitality suite to the club. If you have never participated in this event please consider it for next year. The people and the camaraderie are really what make our club what it is today. Who knows, we might have even converted a few Mazda people.....

The trip was hosted by Cathy and Jim Loseke, section members since 1999.

Jim Loseke

Wisconsin Section



While a few participants hung around for the photo, many couldn't wait to see the new cars. Imagine that...



Mid-Summer Technical Session
Wednesday, July 15th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
at **INTERNATIONAL AUTOS**



International Autos has remodeled their facility and wants to showcase their Mercedes-Benz area for us. Mark your calendars for this extra technical session on our schedule this year. You won't want to miss it!



Watch for a flyer and sign-up in the May-June edition of the BADGERSTAR. Jon Bell, Service Advisor and club member along with Nancy & Dean Pearson will host the event.

Jon is planning to have the new GLK and others available for test drives. The Chicago zone sales and service representatives will be invited. Of course, there will be refreshments and door prize drawings.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Wisconsin Section

FRIDAY FISH FRY

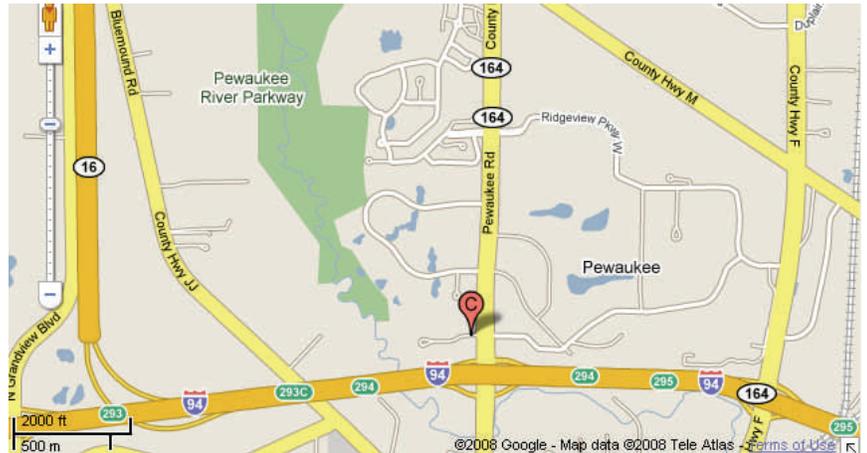
Friday, March 13th, 2009
Social hour 6:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm



Your Hosts:
Frank & Cathy Lubinski
414-352-2912
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Wisconsin Machine Shed Restaurant.
I-94 @ Hwy 164 Exit 294
N14, W24145 Tower Rd. Waukesha, WI

Featuring: Fried or baked cod served with veg-
gie of the day and your choice of potato. Also
includes family style coleslaw, cottage cheese,
roll or bread and butter. (Special meals can be
had off the menu.)



FRIDAY FISH FRY RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Reservation Deadline: **Tuesday, March 10th**
Make checks payable to MBCA-Wisconsin Section

Qty _____ Dinners@ \$14.00ea:
Total Enclosed: _____

Mail to: **Frank & Cathy Lubinski**
1007 E. Glenbrook Rd.
Bayside, WI 53217

Meet New Board Member: Pete Samolinski

Except for most of the 70s, I've spent my life up north. First Antigo and now the Wausau area for the last 30 years. It was while I was in Milwaukee that I met a friend whose love for Mercedes infected me. He rebuilt the motor on an otherwise gorgeous 1958 Ponton, and we took many splendid cruises "up north" and elsewhere.

Shortly after moving to Wausau I bought my first M-B: a 1966 230 that I loved. However, body issues forced me to sell it in the early 80s. There followed a long period where I drove company vehicles and didn't own a personal car. That all changed around 2000 when I went to the local VW dealer to get a part for the wife's Cabrio. I spotted a gorgeous '97 E420 in dark green with parchment interior – the M-B love was rekindled in a heartbeat! Unfortunately that one also developed rust issues, so I traded it in on a silver/charcoal 2000 E320 4Matic – just love the W210s! This was gonna be my "forever car" – had dedicated snow tires & wheels for the winters, and that was it. Alas, I got the "big couple bug" two springs ago and later found my baby, the '04 CL500.

While at a Club event in Milwaukee later that summer, my lovely bride, Barb, sat in a former member's 2001 SLK320; fortunately, or unfortunately, it was for sale, and suddenly her Toyota Solara convertible didn't seem so cool any more. A month later I made the trek to West Bend for that one! I was multi-tasking this past fall: trying to find a winter car for Barb and helping a widowed friend sell her two Mercedes. The old "two birds with one stone" proved accurate when I bought her 2002 ML320. That's it – any more & I'll need a dealer's license and a pole barn!

I've been the Treasurer for my local plastic modeler's club for the last 15 years or so, and I look forward to now serving the Wisconsin Section as well.



Barb & Pete in Door County, '08

FOR SALE: 1986 Mercedes 420 SEL 280k, 4.2liter V8.

Not a show car, but very reliable, safe, dependable and powerful. Suitable for daily driving and an ideal winter car. I have to make room as I have one vehicle too many.

It has independent suspension and disk brakes all around with ABS, a sunroof, dual power seats with position memory, power windows, and automatic transmission.

The AC has been converted to the new R134 several years ago by Mercedes Mechanics as stickers show, but the refrigerant is just low. Very easy and cheap to recharge.



Car is very clean in and out. It was repainted several years ago and still looks nice with just minor surface rust spots, but no rust structurally. The left fender was replaced and needs to be repainted to make the color match.

The rear seal of the engine and transmission leaks a bit but with regular topping up it is no problem. Replenishing the oil is a much more economical solution. The car has been a loaner for a Mercedes specialist who replaced the engine with a better one and rebuild heads. It has been in very good care.

These cars were build very heavy and with normal care go on indefinitely. Recently I replaced: Alpine stereo. all the steering linkages. kingpin bushings. shocks (heavy duty). brakes (rotors/pads front, pads rear). I also did a brake fluid flush. oil / filter change, installed new rotor and cap, new camshaft. spark plugs.

And new windshield.

Tires need to be replaced fairly soon, but I leave that up to the next owner who might want snow tires if he wants to drive it in the winter, or opt for all season tires. Located in Dane, WI.

Contact Wim at 608-345-1800



This rare Continental Kit was spotted by a member on a used '89 M-B.

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	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
Classified ads are subject to available space

Name Badges & Membership

For name badges, please visit the On-line Store at www.MBCA.org or call 719-633-6427. Badges are offered in different fastener types and colors (most prefer Gold.) They are approximately \$8.00 for the 2-line badge to list your name & Wisconsin Section.

Membership pins are awarded FREE to all club members beginning with their 10th Anniversary and every 5 years thereafter. If you have a club anniversary that qualifies and would like a pin, please contact Ron Sdun at rsdun@wi.rr.com or call 262-251-9287.

Mercedes-Benz USA has announced that it is extending its support for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Membership Loyalty Reward Program through 2009. The Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) offers over 20,000 Mercedes-Benz owners in North America benefits that range from organized track events to social gatherings.

The 2009 Membership Loyalty Reward Program offers MBCA members a \$1,500 reward gift card for purchasing or leasing a new Mercedes-Benz vehicle between January 3, 2009 and December 31, 2009. The \$1,500 reward gift applies to all new 2008, 2009, and 2010 models, excluding AMG models. MBCA members who purchase a Mercedes-Benz Certified Pre-Owned vehicles purchased in 2009 including AMG models are eligible to receive a \$750 reward gift card. There is also a \$250 card available for members that purchase a pre-owned Mercedes-Benz from a licensed independent US Dealership. The reward gift cards are redeemable towards parts, service, personal accessories and vehicle accessories at any authorized U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealership.

The membership loyalty program is of-

fered exclusively to current MBCA members in good standing – those whose membership has not lapsed at any time during the 12-month period preceding the purchase. This offer is based on the purchase or lease of a new or pre-owned Mercedes-Benz vehicle through an authorized U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealer or on the purchase of a pre-owned Mercedes-Benz at a licensed independent U.S. dealership.

In addition to the Membership Loyalty Reward Program, members of the MBCA enjoy access to select Mercedes-Benz merchandise, dealer and vendor discounts, and a subscription to The Star Magazine, which offers exclusive in-depth news of Mercedes-Benz vehicles and Club programs. The MBCA also offers regional events including organized defensive driving classes and travel opportunities.

“As the oldest car company in the world, Mercedes-Benz takes great pride in supporting the Club and its members,” said Adam Paige, public relations manager of MBUSA. “The Loyalty Reward Program is a wonderful benefit that we encourage MBCA members to take advantage of throughout 2009.”

M-B Blue TEC Models Qualify for TAX CREDITS!

The EPA has certified to the IRS that the Mercedes-Benz, Blue TEC cars meet the strict emission requirements required for the Credit which has previously been granted only to hybrid-electric vehicles.

IRS has granted Daimler, Blue TEC diesel vehicles the “*Qualified Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit*” qualifying the ML320-BlueTEC for \$900, R320-BlueTEC for \$1550, and GL320-BlueTEC for \$1800 in tax credits to the purchasers (according to the IRS website.)

There are a few of the MBCA-Wisconsin Section Polo Shirts Remaining. If you are interested in purchasing club-branded apparel, please email Jerry Z www.jzajicek@wi.rr.com For available sizes and colors.



Black Forest to host Spring Tech Session for 4th consecutive year on April 18th 2009



The Club's annual Spring Tech Session will be held on Saturday April 18th at Black Forest LLC in Glendale. The event will coincide with the official grand opening of Black Forest's newly-expanded 13,000 square-foot facility, the largest of its kind in Wisconsin.

In the works since January 2008, the renovation has encompassed new reception and waiting areas, offices, and a large modern workshop with five service bays. The former offices have been transformed into dedicated workrooms for upholstery and trim, fuel systems and metal finishing, as well as a clean room for engine and transmission assembly. For those of you who haven't been to Black Forest since last year, the only area of the building you'll recognize will be the old main work room, which is now the Classic Workshop.



You are encouraged to arrive any time after 10:00 am to enjoy coffee and breakfast snacks and conversation with your fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts. As in previous years there will be a Mercedes tech and trivia quiz, and door prizes will be awarded after lunch. The entrance fee includes lunch as well as snacks and beverages throughout the day. Those of you who have attended in past years know what a great deal it is.

The schedule for the day's events is:

- 10:00 Doors open
- 11:00 Morning presentations begin
- 12:00 Lunch break and time to socialize
- 12:45 Door prizes
- 1:00 Afternoon presentations
- 2:00 Quiz answers
- 2:45 W113 technical Q&A session
(230 / 250 / 280SL, 1963-71)





SPRING TECH SESSION

SATURDAY APRIL 18 2009 11 AM - 3:30 PM

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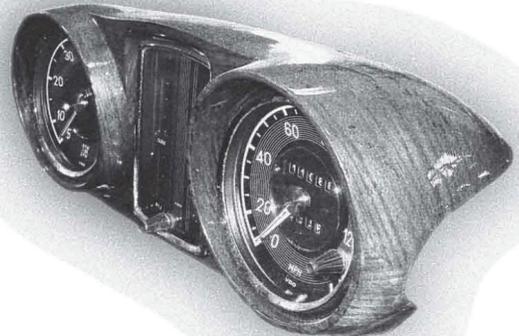


Join us for the official Grand Opening of our newly-completed expansion as we host the Spring Tech Session for the fourth year in a row!



Enjoy a presentation by representatives from Becker of North America on the history of their company and its close relationship with Mercedes-Benz over the years. Our speakers Tom Mitchell and Ed Ebel share 50+ years of combined experience with the Becker brand.

Gregory Merrick is recognized as the foremost expert on woodwork found in postwar Mercedes-Benz vehicles. From his home and workshop in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, he performs restoration work to the highest standard in the industry. Gregory will discuss the history of Mercedes-Benz woodwork as well as the exacting processes of repair and restoration.



This year's featured model will be the W113. Produced from 1963-1971, it was badged successively as the 230SL, 250SL, and 280SL. For those interested in finding out more about these rapidly-appreciating classics, the Black Forest staff will be ready to answer your questions and explain our capabilities with respect to the model range.

As always, be prepared for great food, drink, and door prizes!
for driving directions and a special offer, visit www.blackforestllc.com



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Make checks payable to: **BLACK FOREST LLC**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, ST, ZIP _____

Number of reservations _____ x \$15 = total enclosed: \$ _____

Kindly observe our registration deadline of Friday April 10, 2009

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see for yourself

Stop in at the upcoming MBCA Spring Tech Session on Saturday April 18, 2009 for the official grand opening of our newly-expanded 13,000 square-foot facility.

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