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2010 Events

Mark Your Calendars

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

Other (non club) Events

- ... Feb 21 Sun Chicago Auto Show Bus Trip
- ... *Mar 6 Sat EAA Museum & Kodiak Jack's - Oshkosh*
- ... Apr 10 Sat Tech Session @ Black Forest
- ... **Regional Event**
- ... May 22 Sat Autocross @ State Fair Park—Milw
- ... *Jun 5 Sat Lunch TBD & Trolley Museum—East Troy*
- ... Jun 26 Sat Road Rallye
- ... Aug 11 WED Night Brewers Game
- ... Aug 21 Sat Masterpiece Car Show—lakefront Milwaukee
- ... *Aug 21 Sat "after the Car Show" Pizza Party*
- ... *Sep 25 Sat Classic Boats @ Lake Geneva*
- ... Oct (tbd) Autumn Leaves Road Rallye
- ... Dec 5 SUN Christmas Party—TBD



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www.MBCA.org

President's Message...

The 2009 MBCA Member of the Year award goes to Michael McKinney for recognition of his service to the club. Michael in the last three years has put himself way ahead of anyone else regarding the sponsorship of new members. He's been the sponsor for 7 new members (in 3 yrs.), and shows up each year at the Masterpiece Car Show with a truckload of refreshments for MBCA members, as well as hosting the most successful events of our yearly calendar with the Black Forest Tech Session each April. He's brought us people who are highly involved with Mercedes-Benz, and technical experts from around the country to lecture and entertain us. Michael has built a business revolving around the service/repair/renovation of Mercedes-Benzes, has worked to make the business grow, and has employed more people over the past few years to accommodate the growth of the business. I applaud Michael's involvement with Mercedes, MBCA members, the Wisconsin section's board, and his Mercedes customers. Congratulations, Michael!

The Member of the Year Award is presented every year at the Christmas party, and this year the party was held at the Venice Club in Brookfield. The executive board of the club examined a half dozen new locations this year for the party, since the Oconomowoc Club where we've been for the last three years was not available to us. The board looked at prices, menus, locations, and service to arrive at the final choice of the Venice Club over 3 other restaurants. The meal prices for the three choices offered (including beverage, tax, and tip) ranged from \$25 per person to \$35 per

person. I only bring this up because I saw the flyers for the Christmas parties of two other sections in the Midwest, and their prices were \$40 per person for a buffet, and \$60 per person for a Filet Mignon dinner at a country club. We had the exact same dinner choice, the Queen Filet for \$35 per person, and it was excellent. There were no complaints from those who ordered the chicken or the salmon. Like I've said before, we strive to offer our members good value for our events. My Thanks to JoAnne Peterson who hosted the event, and took care of all the gifts and the final arrangements with the Venice Club.

The last meeting of the board on December 10th was totally dominated by discussion of the schedule of events for 2010. The board will be involved with the schedule and the budget for said events at the next meeting in January and possibly February, too. This process could be made easier if the board had more feedback from you, the members, so I encourage you to send in your comments and suggestions to the board members. The web page entitled "Section Officers" on our website will allow you to send email to anyone on the board, but practically no one has used this facility very much. It would be nice to have more feedback on our events, so that the board can know what works, and what does not work in the way of creating events. We may do more after-event surveys this year, like the short survey we did after the Fun Rally. The results will be beneficial to the board in judging sentiment, price points, event features, locations, member preferences, etc.



Please sign up early if you intend to go to the Chicago Auto Show in February. The price of \$20 per person is a bargain, since the parking alone at the McCormick Place would cost you 20 bucks. Come with the MBCA and ride a comfortable bus (stress free since there's no driving) get door-to-door service, snacks and entertainment along the way, and you'll have 4 hours to see all that the show has to offer. And get entrance to the Mercedes-Benz hospitality room when you show your Mercedes key.

Jerry Zajicek

Did You Receive This By U.S. Mail?

To control costs, and provide color in the BadgerStar our plan is for future issues of the newsletter to be emailed...

Be sure De Murr has your email address. (see bottom of page 2)

Fahren Zum Essen (Drive to Dine) Events

Anyone (prospective member or guest) is invited to join our 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 M-B 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.

Mar 6, Saturday. 11:30am Meet in Oshkosh for lunch at Kodiak Jack's. Then at 1:30pm a guided tour of the Aircraft Museum (**provided we get a 10-person minimum.**) Admission & tour is \$7.75pp. Real "cabin fever relief." The restaurant is only a few years old and has a varied lunch menu. Hwy 41 to Witzel Ave exit. Then West a few blocks.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY Wednesday 2/10. More details at www.kodiakjacksrestaurant.com and www.eaa.org Contact Nancy @ 262-782-7960, npearson@wi.rr.com

Jun 5, Saturday, (11:30a) Lunch TBD. Ride the Trolley, tour the trolley museum, workshop barn, and 1930's ice cream parlor. Contact Bernd Kampe 262-534-5644 bkampe@wi.rr.com More info www.EastTroyRR.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... you won't want to miss this one next spring!

Defensive Driving and Autocross *Saturday* **MAY 22nd, 2010**

Wisconsin Section - **MBCA Regional Driving Event** at State Fair Park, West Allis (Milwaukee), WI
Plan ahead and watch for more details.

There are no other FAHREN ZUM ESSEN events defined for 2010... Here is your chance to suggest one. Your board could always 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. They would also appreciate volunteers willing to host these simple events. Contact any board member with your suggestion.

Other Potential Dates for Drive-to-Dine Events:

Saturday, May 1st.
Saturday, July 31st.
Saturday, Sep 4th or 11th

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... Submittal deadlines are the 15th of the even months.

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MEMBERSHIP Please Renew Promptly

at: www.mbca.org or
check the STAR magazine.

Monthly Board Meeting

All Members Welcome

Thurs, Jan 14th 6:30-9p

Thurs, Feb 11th 7-9p

@ Brookfield Library.

1900 N Calhoun Rd.

Rotary Room

Contact: Jerry Zajicek, Pres.
if you plan to attend.



Chicago Auto Show

Sunday, February 21, 2010

McCormick Place



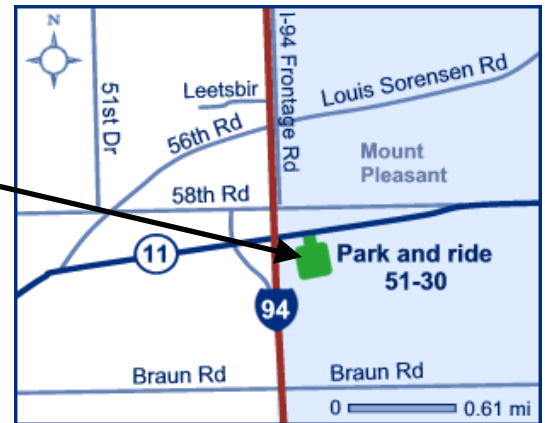
Boarding the Coach from 9 – 9:30am in Milwaukee
and at
10:00am in Racine.

The bus will run regardless of weather!

The Bus leaves Chicago @ 3:45pm.
Expected time back in Milwaukee is
between 5:30 and 6 pm.



Milwaukee Park n Ride: I 43 and Hwy 45
(Hales Corners)



Racine Park n Ride: I 94 and Hwy 11

Pickup points

The Registration deadline is February 8th, 2010. There are only 55 seats on the bus and this trip has sold out for the last 15 years so reserve early! Reservations with accompanying payment will get first consideration. Any open seats after January 15th will be offered to other car clubs.

Mail check and reservation form to: Bob Turzник, W165N9714 Chippewa Drive, Germantown, WI 53022 Home Phone: (262) 251-2243
Email: turzник@execpc.com Cell phone: (414) 416-3375
Please make checks payable to: MBCA – Wisconsin Section.

MBCA Chicago auto show Reservation Form



Name: _____ City: _____ Date: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Amount included @ \$20 per person: _____

Cell phone number in case of delays: _____ Pickup site (check one): _____ Milwaukee _____ Racine

Address or phone number for reservation confirmation: _____

A Very Merry Christmas Party

On December 6th our annual Christmas party was held at the Venice Club in Brookfield. Over forty people attended this social event. The evening started with smoked salmon, cheese, and crackers as appetizers during the social hour. Members were able to greet one another and catch up on club events. This was followed by a wonderful dinner and dessert. Every member was then given a gift of a beautiful Mercedes pewter Christmas ornament.

After dinner, President Jerry Zajicek summarized many of the club's events from the past year, and then talked about upcoming events for 2010. Bob Turzник, who is chairing the Chicago Auto show on February

21st, handed out registration forms and talked about the bus trip to the show. Be sure to attend this great show where many new dazzling cars will be on display.

Member of the Year was awarded to Mike McKinney of Black Forest LLC. Mike hosted the tech session in April which was the best attended event of the year for our club. He also signed up the most new members for our club. He has also been instrumental in other club events including the August Masterpiece Auto Show on the lakefront. Congratulations Mike!

JoAnne Peterson & Frank Lubinski, Hosts



President Jerry Z. invited Becky Limbeck, service manager for Black Forest LLC, to present the "Member of the Year" award to Michael McKinney, owner of Black Forest LLC.

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

Mark Jungers (Bayside), Richard Reinhardt (Franksville), Paul Sachs (Neenah)

We are a friendly group of all ages, interests, and backgrounds. We'd love for you to join us at an event!

Just a reminder that the following memberships are coming up for renewal and hope you will spend another year with us, enjoying your club...

Jan Expirations: Howard Davis, Dan Heiking, William Herte, Werner Hudak, Randolph Metzger, Janice Strampe, Wim Vandenberg

Feb Expirations: Robert Cramer, Ron Darling,

Janet Ehlers, Robert Ekholm, Donald Hinkle, Stephen Kness, Ray Laufenberg, Robert Lehmkuhl, Al Lohman, Donna Maly, Andrew Opicka, Frank Peterson, Robert Powers, Phillip Richio, Lyle Vander Wyst, Ronald Wojnar, Gen Woller



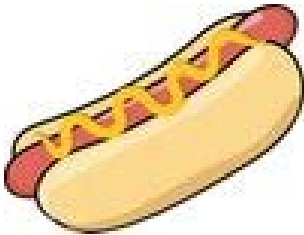
BREWERS GAME & TAILGATE PARTY

Miller Park

August 11, 2010

Tailgate — 5-7pm Game — 7:15pm

Enjoy brats with beer/wine/soda and all the trimmings as we socialize before the game.



Enter off of 46th & Bluemound Rd. and park in general parking. We will be set up down near the freeway (SW corner).

Call Bill's cell, 414.322.1286, if you can't find the party. Tickets will be handed out at the tailgate party.



Hosts: JoAnne Peterson, 262.784.6088,
jojo2525@yahoo.com
Bill Sirny, 262.783.1893,
nara@wi.rr.com

Mail this reservation form & a check to:
JoAnne Peterson,
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Brookfield, WI 53005
Make checks payable to MBCA-WI Section



NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Email address _____

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$20 Total _____



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.

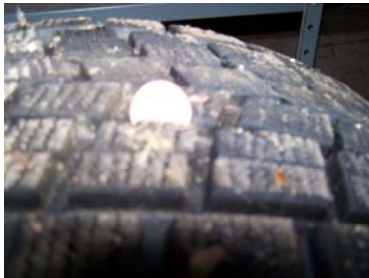
Membership pins are awarded FREE to all club members beginning with their 10th Anniversary and every 5 years thereafter. If you have a club anniversary that qualifies and would like a pin, please contact Ron Sdun at rsdun@wi.rr.com or call 262-251-9287.

Member Classified Ads:

The tires are Blizzak WS-50 with roughly one season of use. You can see by the picture that there is quite a bit of tread left. Tire size: 215/50R17. The rims are from the Tire rack Part #SE977850S. They were called "Sport Edition" 17x8" rims. Rims were on a 2004 C230K, I'm not sure what else they will fit. I'm asking \$600.00 for the set of four. They are mounted and balanced and ready to go.



Special lugs also included.



Will
414-837-5092

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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

WI-Member Classifieds are free for two issues (Plus 90-days on the web site.) For other Section members the cost is \$10 and for Non-members \$20.00. Classified ads are subject to available space. Submit ads to:

BadgerStar@gmail.com

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...

At least two weeks before your journey is to begin, call: 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES (1-800-367-6372), and request Trip Routing Assistance.

Please have your vehicle's identification number (VIN) handy when you call.

GOOD INFO TO HAVE FOR YOUR MERCEDES-BENZ!

Watch for future "Tech Tips" articles concerning your Mercedes-Benz.

Provided by: Daniel Kolasinski, Service Manager

Concours Mercedes-Benz

Glendale, WI 53209

1-800-FOR-MERCEDES

TECH SESSION

April 10th, 2010
Black Forest—Glendale
More details next issue

1-MAN and a MERCEDES SEL ???

I bought a new big snow blower. Do you think you can transport it with a 420SEL? How about a mattress then? Sears did not think it could be done. See pictures below. Positive thinking, I guess. Wim Vandenberg Dec 2008

"Classic?" "Beautiful?" "Icon?" From Mercedes, those are strong words.

The SLS, making its world debut at the Frankfurt show, is not based on any existing Mercedes model. It has been conceived, designed and engineered from the ground up by AMG. Besides the gullwing doors, the car's long hood, short overhangs and low greenhouse are all intended to remind one of the classic '50s 300 SL Gullwing Coupe.



The SLS uses an aluminum space-frame body with gullwing doors; an AMG-built 6.3-liter, front-mid mounted, 563-hp, 479-lb-ft V8; a seven-speed dual-clutch transaxle (Mercedes' first), and aluminum double-wishbone suspension.

Mercedes says it is a combination that guarantees supreme handling dynamics. The prototype we drove ("The Gullwing Takes Flight," July 27) offered brutal acceleration, nice neutral handling and terrific balance.

Submitted by B. Kampe



Caution: owning 3 or more M-B's and no truck may lead to this type of behavior...



These photos represent advanced transpor- techniques that should be attempted only by M-B owners of many years with unique packing and tie-down skills.

In Memorium

We are sad to learn that **Jenni Horvath**, a long-time member (along with husband Bela) lost her battle with cancer on Aug 12th. Jenni was the club newsletter editor for a number of years and won an award from MBCA for her work.

She and Bela are pictured in the center of the group picture taken at an event in 2008. Both Jenni and Bela were very active with the section until a couple of years ago. Jenni will be missed by all who knew her.



Thank you MBCA-WI!

for recognizing Michael McKinney as 2009 Member of the Year

We truly appreciate all the support we've received from the MBCA Wisconsin Section and its members. Here are just a few Black Forest perks that you can look forward to in 2010...



Expanded Service Discounts

In addition to our existing MBCA discount for 10% off parts and labor for all scheduled maintenance, Club members will receive 10% off our regular labor rate for all service and repairs - That's an effective rate of \$99/hr, by far the lowest in the industry! (some services excluded - please inquire if you'd like to know more)

More Tech Sessions

Everyone loves our Spring Tech Session, so why not have more? We'll begin a series of additional hands-on quarterly tech seminars this year. Watch our website for more details.



MBCA Events

We'll be there with a generous helping of our famous Black Forest hospitality.

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