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Expiring Memberships For December, 2011, January and February, 2012

December 2011 Expirations:

Charles Candiano, Richard Reinhardt, James Semsar, Sue Jonas, Richard Diercksmeier, Keith Hice, Robert Mennen, Alan Wolfmeyer, Keith Powers, Leon Spheeris and Paul Roth

January 2012 Expirations:

Wolfgang Moeller, John Steinwart, Leigh Larson, Jeffrey Kraemer, Randolf Metzger, Donald Reidy, Jim Blair, Jeffrey Hintz, Richard Goodwin, Willard Schwemmer, Lloyd Mathison, Janice Strampe, Neal Pollack, Yougui Zhao, Todd Sanders and Paul Sachs

February 2012 Expirations:

Ray Laufenberg, Steve Gering, Robert Prellwitz, Janet Ehlers, Robert Stumpner, Phil Aucutt, Tom Lacy, Robert Cramer, Stephen Kness, Gen Woller and Donald Hinkle

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2011—2012 Upcoming Events

December 4, 2011

Christmas Tour of the Pabst Mansion & Brunch at Mader's German Restaurant

Hostess—JoAnne Peterson
See all the details in this bulletin

February 12, 2012

Chicago Auto Show Bus Trip

Host— Bob Turznik
See all the details in this bulletin

A Report by Jerry Zajicek Your Vice President / Past President

• The Club's Annual Business Meeting was held after the Rallye at Libby Montana's restaurant. About 24 people were in attendance to hear the Treasurer's report, the Secretary's minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting, and to elect 3 board members to positions which expired in 2011. Jim Pittelkow, Frank Lubinski, and Rod Sdun all had positions on the board of directors which expired, and all three gentlemen were running for terms. The vote was unanimous to elect all three to the next 3 year terms, running from 2012 through 2014. The Treasurer, Frank Lubinski, reported that the club assets were $8,290.40 as of September 30, 2011.

After the Annual Meeting, the board of directors met to vote on the officer positions for 2012. The changes to the current roster this time are minimal, with Andy Stockhausen moving from Vice President to President, and Jerry Zajicek going to the Vice President's position from President. Frank Lubinski and Dan Hellenberg will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

• If I could leave the membership of this club with one final wish as I close out my 3 year run as your President, it is this: However many events you attended in 2011, add one event to that list (any event you want).

<u>Attend one more event in 2012 than you did in 2011.</u> Even if it's only a Drive n' Dine event three miles from your house, do it. If the majority of members in this club all do one more event than last year, you will see improvements for sure. And I guarantee you will make more friends in this club.

• We have a different kind of Christmas celebration this year, a tour of the Pabst Mansion and a brunch at the world famous Mader's Restaurant on Old World Third Street. The price is lower this year, but the food portions will not be less…… We have a special price for the house tour, and the club will again be subsidizing the meal price. Consult the websites of these two places for additional details.

• The Chicago Auto Show bus trip is coming up again in February. Last year we had some members who were disappointed because they could not get a place on the bus at the last minute. So please don't delay if you really want to go this year because when we get close to the date, if the bus is not filled, we will again call on the Audi Club to help us out. It is not practical for us to lease an extra bus (of any size) at the last minute, so it's going to be "first come, first served."

A Grand Avenue Christmas Party
Sunday, December 4th, 2011

German Christmas traditions are the foundation for many of the modern Christmas holiday practices we all enjoy. One of the most popular German Christmas traditions is the Christmas tree. For centuries, Germans decorated evergreens around the time of winter solstice. Because these trees stayed green through the cold, dark winter, they were called the "trees of life." Long ago, German Christmas trees were decorated with fruit, nuts, and wax candles. German Christmas baked sweets such as cookies and breads were also filled with nuts and fruits.

This year our annual Christmas Party will begin at 10:45 AM with a tour of the beautifully decorated mansion of the famous German beer baron, Frederick Pabst. The house is a testament to Pabst's success, his love of life, and his German heritage. Built in 1892 and located at 20th and Wisconsin streets in Milwaukee, it was considered the jewel of Milwaukee's famous avenue of mansions called the "Grand Avenue." It represented the epitome of America's Gilded Age of Splendor. The historic Pabst Mansion is 20,000 square feet of elaborately handcrafted woodwork, original wall coverings and furnishings, leaded glass, and important 19th century works of art. Many of the art pieces are the original works purchased by Frederick Pabst to hang in the Mansion, the brewery, and his other real estate holdings. A docent led tour will guide us through this lovely Milwaukee treasure, which will be exquisitely decorated for Christmas.

Following the tour of the Pabst Mansion, we will have a strawberry champagne buffet brunch at Mader's German restaurant at 12:30 PM. Not many Milwaukee restaurants have as much history as Mader's. Started in 1902 by Charles Mader, it has been voted the most famous German restaurant in North America and Wisconsin's best ethnic restaurant. For over one hundred years it has withstood the test of time, and is often a favorite dining stop for visiting dignitaries. It is known for its famous rustic German dishes of sauerbraten, wiener schnitzel and pork shank. Sign up today, and come and enjoy the German ambience and the bountiful buffet. You won't be disappointed!

JoAnne Peterson
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Mercedes Benz Club Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4th, 2011

Pabst Mansion Tour – 10:45 AM

2000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

Champagne Brunch at Maders – 12:30 PM

1041 Old World 3rd St., Milwaukee

Christmas Presents for WI Section Members *Prizes for first 5 reservations*

Make checks payable to <u>MBCA-Wisconsin Section</u> & mail reservations by <u>December 1</u> to:

JoAnne Peterson
2525 N. 128th St.
Brookfield, WI 53005

Questions — Call JoAnne 262-784-6088 Cell 262-302-0459

Reservation Form----------

Qty _____ Pabst Mansion Christmas House Tour **$6.00 per person**
pabstmansion.com

Qty _____ Champagne Brunch at Maders **$24.00 per person**
madersrestaurant.com/menu-brunch.html

Name _____ Phone ( ) _____

E-Mail _____ Total Enclosed $ _____

Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show

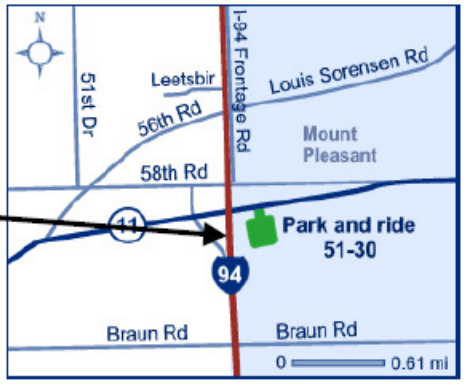
Sunday, February 12, 2012
McCormick Place

The $20 per-person registration fee includes one admission ticket for the auto show, bus costs, and snacks!

Boarding is from 9:00-9:30am in Milwaukee and at 10:00am in Racine, regardless of the weather.

The bus leaves Chicago @ 3:45pm and is expected back in Milwaukee between 5:30pm and 6:00pm.

Pickup points



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

Racine Park n Ride: I-94 & Hwy 11

The Registration deadline is January 30th, 2012. There are only 55 seats on the bus and this trip has sold out for the last 16 years, so reserve early! Reservations can only be made with accompanying payment.

Mail check and reservation form to: Bob Turznik, W165N9714 Chippewa Drive, Germantown, WI 53022 Home Phone: (262) 251-2243
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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

Email address or phone number for reservation confirmation:_____

Our Fall Tech Session
October 15, 2011

The MBCA-Wisconsin Section held its Fall Tech Session on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Mercedes-Benz of Elmbrook in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Forty members and guests heard Ron Mahon of Creative Colors speak on the care and repair of the vinyl and leather interiors of our Mercedes cars as well as giving us pointers on the care of tires and the exterior of our beautiful automobiles. We saw a sample of his work when his daughter passed around a piece of vinyl that originally had a tear in it, but after their repair you could not even see that it had been damaged.

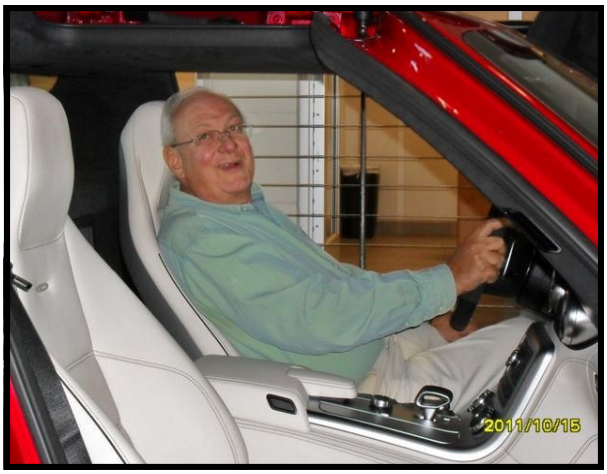
As a special treat, Doug Lehman, sales operations manager for Mercedes-Benz U.S.A., brought the 2012 SLS Gullwing for all of us to sit in, take photos, and examine from the front bumper to the trunk. Becky Bell started the car and revved the engine so all could hear the roar of the AMG 6.3 liter front-mid V8 engine. According to the MBUSA website, the SLS Gullwing accelerates from 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds and has a top speed of 197 mph (electronically limited).

After the excellent buffet lunch, Dean Pearson and Jennifer Lubinski awarded door prizes, many of which were donated by Mercedes-Benz of Elmbrook through the assistance of Parts Department Manager Bryan Loser. We also wish to express our appreciation to Larry Makowski, General Manager of Mercedes Benz of Elmbrook for hosting this event for our Club.

Ron Mahon speaks on car care.

A big thank you to John Bell, Mercedes–Benz Client Advisor with International Autos for arranging this Tech Session and to Becky Bell for assisting with registration.

Ron Mahon's company display.



The driver's seat is really comfortable!

Autumn Leaves Rallye
Saturday, October 22, 2011

L to R:

3rd Place, Irene and Gary
1st Place, Francesca and Dan
2nd Place, Pat and Ron

We could not have planned a better weather day for the Autumn Leaves Rallye. We had eight cars that started four minutes apart with all out by around 1 p.m. The rallye was a rerun of a Bela Horvath rally from 1992; the first rallye Cathy and I participated in. Unlike our first experience, getting lost for the first half hour, this time around we did not get lost planning the first ten miles. We had to redo most of the rallye questions as a lot has changed in 19 years, including the name of the restaurant we started from.

Everyone seemed to have a good time on the rallye; all were still speaking to each other at the end. The first place winner had the mileage dead on at 59.3 miles. Second and third were very close also. First place went to Dan Hellenberg and Francesca Abbate; second place went to Ron & Pat Sdun; and third place went to Gary & Irene Matthies.

It was a lot of fun planning and running the rallye as we had always thought of rerunning the rallye after we got lost so bad on our original run. If someone wants to run a rallye and wants help, we would be glad to help them learn how to run a rallye.

The rallye was combined with the Annual Meeting, which was conducted by Jerry Zajicek.

Participants met at Mama Mia's in Port Washington to start the rallye.

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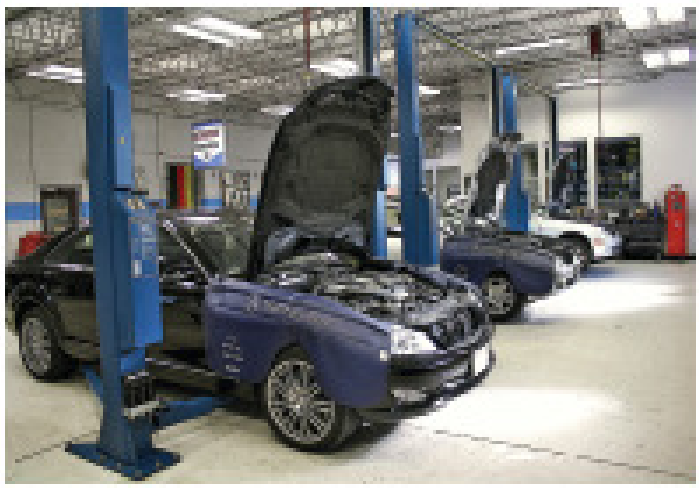

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