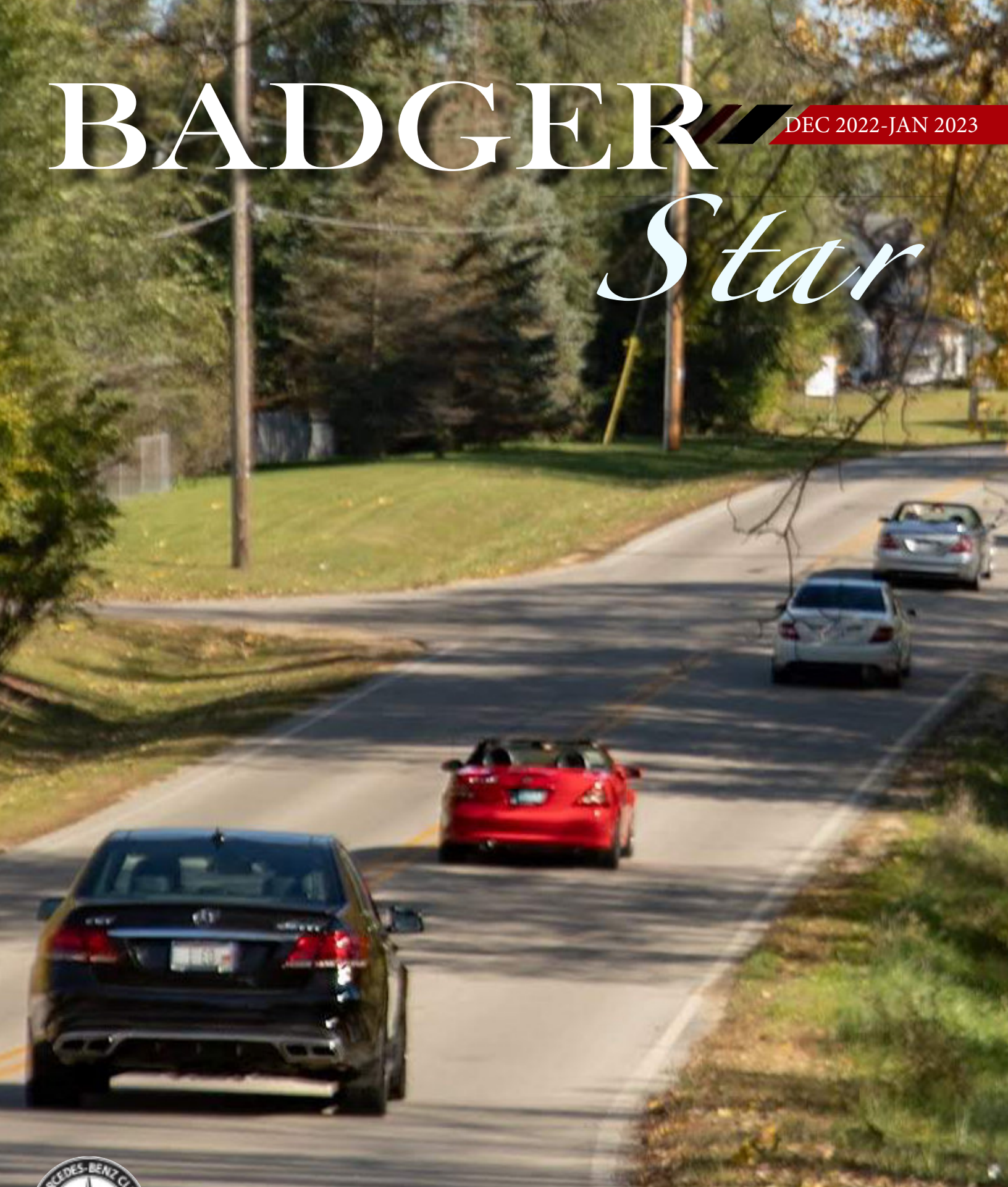


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Club Member Vehicles During the Fall Color Tour

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed a great Thanksgiving holiday!

This issue marks the final edition of the Badger Star for 2022.

It also marks the end of Bailey Hansen's tenure as our newsletter editor. Bailey has been our editor for the last five years, 2018-2022, and I want to open these remarks by thanking Bailey for all her hard work during her tenure. She has been a delight to work with and leaves big shoes to fill.



Next I would like to thank John Ledbury who is stepping down from the Board of Directors. John has served on the Board since 2017.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who organized our 2022 events:

Frank & Cathy Lubinski
 Mo & Zhaleh Afshar
 Dick & Nancy Kusch
 Nancy & Dean Pearson
 John Ledbury
 Bernd & Christine Kampe
 JoAnne Peterson

Without their efforts there

would not have been any Section events in 2022, so please remember to thank these folks the next time you see them.

Club Financial Statements

On the last page of this newsletter you will find a summarized statement of cash receipts and disbursements covering the period from January 1, 2021 until November 20, 2022. This represents the period since the MBCA National office suspended support payments to the Sections. During this period of time your Section's cash reserves have dropped by approximately \$2,800.

A brief history: Prior to 2021, your Section received periodic support payments from MBCA National. These support payments were designed to help the Section carry out its services to Section members. They were suspended when Mercedes-Benz corporate stopped their support of all Mercedes-Benz enthusiast clubs world-wide.

Since January 21, 2021 your Section has received no financial support from our National organization. The



Bruce Hamilton

January 21 support covered the month of December 2020. That means the Section has had virtually no source of income to support our Section's activities for almost two years.

As soon as we were notified of the termination of support payments, your Board took action to cut costs and operate the Section as frugally as possible.

Among other actions, the Section eliminated a number of things we used to be able to do, such as:

- Send a printed newsletter to anyone who wanted one. Now only those members without an email address receive a paper copy of the Badger Star.
- Eliminated subsidizing the cost of member events
- Eliminated door prizes at events

Even with these and other cost-cutting measures, our financial situation is beginning to look less than ideal. Given forecasted future expenditures, without new funding your Section could run out of money in approx. 2 years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'

National has not given any indication of when, or even if, the support payments will resume. With that in mind, your board is looking into ways to bolster our finances. If you have an idea or suggestion, we want to know about it! Please share it with me or any of our board members.

Event Updates

Over the last two months your Section has enjoyed three great events, culminating with our Christmas Party & Annual Meeting. Read about each of them elsewhere in this newsletter. All were so popular that we'll be doing them again in 2023; more about that later.

2023 Events

Planning for 2023 events is well under way, and a number of events already have firm dates and venues.

Our first event of the New Year will be our 5th annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine, set for February 12th at the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus. See the event details and reservation information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other confirmed events include our Break in the Weather D-2-D April 29th, a June 4th car show at The Corners of Brookfield, a return to Gus's Drive-in for a Drive-to-Dine September 9th, and the September 24th Oktoberfest & Car Show at Dheinsville Historical Park. Other events are planned, and all are listed on the event

calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are always looking for event ideas and suggestions. Don't be shy; contact any board member if you have a suggestion or idea. We want to hear from you!! Thinking about hosting an event but concerned about the work involved? There are lots of folks willing to help or co-host an event.

Remember, events don't happen without someone stepping up and hosting.

Membership Matters

Congratulations to our new members, and all those celebrating membership milestones and anniversaries. They are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sponsoring a New Member Adds 1 Free Month of Membership to You!

Speaking of membership, did you know that you receive one FREE month of MBCA membership for each new member you sponsor? All the details can be found on the MBCA website at mbca.org

Thank you to each and every one of you for being a member of the Wisconsin Section. It's you, our members who make this Section successful. I look forward to seeing all of you in person at an upcoming event.

I close these remarks by wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas! and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023!

Best regards,

Bruce Hamilton

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WISCONSIN SECTION CLUB EVENTS 2023

Date	Event - Location	Host - Contact Information
Feb. 12	Valentine's D-2-D The Fox and Hounds, Hubertus	Bruce Hamilton bruce.hamilton@cpa.com/ 608-754-6066
Mar. TBA	Fish Fry, Venue TBA Venue TBA	
Apr. 29	Break in the Weather D-2-D Christy's Landing, Madison	Mo Afshar moafshar430@gmail.com/ 608-977-0521
Jun. 4	Car show at The Corners of Brookfield Brookfield	Dean & Nancy Pearson nancypearson431@gmail.com/262-782-7960
Jul. TBA	Starry Nights Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, Brookfield	Joanne Peterson jojo2525@yahoo.com/ 262-784-6088
Aug. TBA	German-American Day Carl Shurz Park, Hartland	
Sep. 9	D-2-D Gus's Drive-in East Troy East Troy	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com/ 262-492-4441
Sep. 24	Oktoberfest & Car Show Dheinsville Historical Park, Germantown	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com/ 262-492-4441
Dec. TBA	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting	

Events with a TBA are in the works. Check future newsletters and e-blasts for more information and registration materials.

EVENT IDEA SUBMISSIONS

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Drive-to-Dine, Tech Session, Concours, Rallye or Social Event venues or other events, please don't hesitate to contact Bruce Hamilton or any other board member. We are always looking for feedback and opinions from our members on events or other club related business. Contact information for all board members is listed on page 3 of this newsletter.



For the most current Event List visit our Website or Facebook Page

wisconsin.mbca.org

facebook.com/mbcawi

DEC-JAN MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Associate	Years	Member	Associate	Years
Jack Verlare		25	Don Peters		5
Donald Reidy		20	Mark Purath		5
Jed Schleisner		15	Richard Pittelkow		5

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Member	Member
Todd & Laura Fischer Greg Fax Douglas Larson Zack Tisch	James Mickowski & Laurie Irwin Paul Rodrigues Tim Magner

DEC-JAN ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Years	Member	Years	Member	Years
James Rhora	29	Daniel & Pamela Helman	17	Joe Kneisl	1
Steve & Drew Gering	27	Robert & Jane Cramer	17	Heather Hautanen	1
Ray & Madeline Laufenberg	26	Al Lohman	14	Mike Krull	1
Jim & Cathy Loseke	23	Jeffrey Kraemer	13	Mark Homuth	1
Lynn Pearson	23	John Detrick	12	Brent & Christina Reimers	1
David Block	22	Shawn Carney	12	J Holcomb	1
		Jeff Reichard	11		
		Lieber Michael	9		
		Vyacheslav Petelin	8		
		Jan Miller	7		
		Paul & Kim Sliwicki	7		
		Robert Wrenn & Margaret Hickey	7		
		Joseph Padrutt	3		
		Steve Rudesill	2		
		Joseph Way	2		
		Richard & Judith Gore	2		



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY REVIEW

Forty members and guests attended the Christmas Party and Annual Meeting at the Golden Mast on Lake Okauchee. With clear skies and moderate temperatures members gathered in the Golden Mast's festively decorated banquet hall for conversation, catching up with one another, and exchanging Christmas greetings.

The Golden Mast's fabulous champagne Sunday brunch was enjoyed. The slide show recapping 2022 events played continuously, reminding us of how successful the year was.

After brunch President Bruce Hamilton conducted our annual meeting. New members and board members were recognized and welcomed. Bruce reviewed the

2022 calendar, and the first event of 2023, our 5th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine.

Dan Hellenberg then covered Section business during the year while Frank Lubinski reviewed the financial condition of the Section and the challenges we face due to lack of financial support from MBCA National. Bruce echoed those concerns and updated the membership on how we arrived at our present financial condition.

Bruce then remarked that we came upon a number of milestone membership pins. Nancy Pearson was presented a 45 year membership pin and Dan Hellenberg received a pin for his 30 years of membership.

Dick Kusch was then presented with his Member of the Year

Award for his continued efforts to engage our membership located outside the Madison-Milwaukee area. Dick joined the MBCA in 2008 and has always been an active member, including his continued service on our Board.

Last, but definitely not least, Bailey Hansen was recognized for her 5 years of service as the Section's Newsletter Editor. Bailey was presented with a recognition plaque and a framed copy of the front page of the October-November issue of the Badger Star.

The Annual Meeting concluded on a very positive note with a door prize raffle, group picture and everyone looking forward to 2023. The day didn't end there, as many remained long after the Meeting enjoying the Gemütlichkeit!



MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

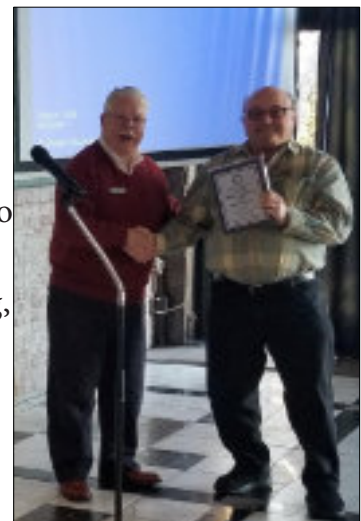
Our Section has a large geographic footprint, and our 2022 MOTY recipient has always worked hard to host events in the "up north" portion of our Section. In the last 2 years alone, he's hosted 5 events in Wausau and Green Bay.

This year's MOTY award is being presented to Dick Kusch for his continued efforts to engage our membership located outside the Madison-Milwaukee area.

Dick joined the MBCA in 2008, and has been very active in the Section since joining, including serving our board for many years.

Even prior to 2021 Dick his wife Nancy have hosted numerous events, including additional events in Green Bay, and a very memorable D-2-D over fresh asphalt.

Please join me in congratulating Dick Kusch as our 2022 MOTY.



ERV'S MUG D2D REVIEW



Seventeen members and family turned out for the Mercedes-Benz Club-Wisconsin Section Drive-to-Dine for lunch at Erv's Mug on Saturday, November 12th, 2022 in Oak Creek. All seemed to enjoy their meals and many had the delicious carrot cake dessert. The waitress staff was quite attentive and accurate.

Erv's décor exceeds their theme of having over 30 beers on tap. There are so many beer signs on the walls they overflow to the ceiling. It's fun just looking at all the brand

names.

As for the club, some members were returning to Erv's, having attended our D-2-D in 2020. Others were new members and new to Erv's members. While it was a chilly day, the sun shone bright and it seemed to be a great day for the last Drive-to-Dine of 2022.

Members drove a wide range of models from a mid-'70's sedan to newer SUV's. One of the two convertibles had the top down.

Obviously, It was great getting together with our friends and catching up on family and car news.

As mentioned, the food and service were excellent and we thank Erv's Mug for all their help with this event. The member consensus was to come back again!

Article courtesy of Nancy & Dean Pearson

Photos courtesy of Bernd Kampe

For more photos visit

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Lr1oe8bhckSNMhERA>

CLUB BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. Most meetings are held online using GoToMeeting. 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.hamilton@cpa.com or 608-754-6066.

Recommendations for new activities or comments on prior events are always welcome.



FALL COLOR SCENIC DRIVE REVIEW

We had an excellent turnout of about 28 MB Club members and their 15 MB cars for our annual fall color tour. We met at Gus' Drive-in for lunch before starting out on our drive after taking a quick group photo.

Cars departed in small groups driving through farmlands to the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Palmyra and Eagle. Some cars stopped midway at the park office and Historical Museum. From Mukwonago, participants drove back on Hwy ES past the Elegant Farmer to the Electric Trolley RR Museum.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on this tour.

Photos/Article courtesy of Bernd Kampe

Fall Color Scenic Driving Tour of the Kettle Moraine, South, Starting at Gus' Drive-in, East Troy, Oct 15



For more photos visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5TmTdeNJyNxZoR5r6>



Where: The Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern
1298 Friess Lake Rd, Hubertus WI 53033
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: \$35.00/person, including tax & gratuity



Join fellow Wisconsin Section members at our 5th Annual Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. It may be the Sunday before Valentine's Day, but you can still bring your sweetheart (and I don't mean just your MB!).

Enjoy a great Sunday brunch and gemütlichkeit at the Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern, 1298 Friess Lake Rd, Hubertus. [Click for Map](#)

The price of \$35.00 per person includes Sunday Brunch and coffee or tea. A cash bar is available for those wishing an adult beverage.

Reservations Due by Tuesday February 7th

RSVP to Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com or 608-754-6066

PayPal is the preferred payment method, go to <http://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>



If you prefer to pay by check, make your check in the amount of \$35.00 for each person attending payable to "MBCA Wisconsin Section" and mail to Bruce at:

Bruce Hamilton
4225 Southwyck Dr
Janesville WI 53546-2120

Note: You are not registered for the event until both your RSVP and your payment are received!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Subscription to "The Star", a bimonthly magazine published by Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Discounted price off a New Mercedes-Benz

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

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And best of all, participation in the many events provided by your local Mercedes-Benz Club of America





Wisconsin Section

M-B Shine & Show

Mercedes Car Show

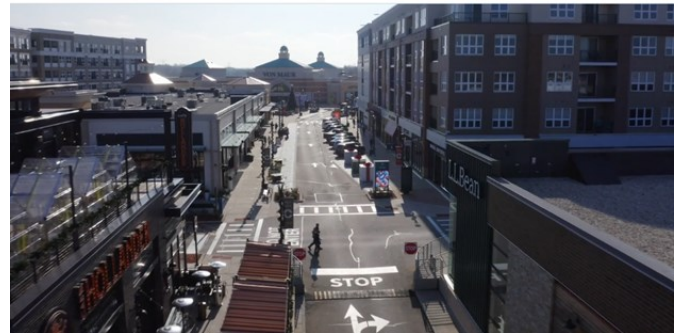
Sunday, June 4, 2023 12-3:30pm

At **The CORNERS** of Brookfield, WI

I-94 Exit #297 Barker Rd + 20111 W. Bluemound Rd

What to Expect...

Here's a club event with a lot to offer anyone. A friendly car show at The Corners of Brookfield on Sunday June 4, 2023. Two other car clubs have previously held club car shows at The Corners and they were well attended by their members. <https://thecornersofbrookfield.com/> is a vibrant work-live-shop-entertain community. There are over 200 apartments and a slew of attractive stores (not found everywhere) as well as, numerous restaurants and more. Important to the car show is the availability of private interior streets that management blocks-off to provide safe space to display our Mercedes-Benz vehicles and for visitors to walk around out-of-doors. Bring family and friends. In addition to exhibiting and viewing cars there are many unique shops, services, and food or drink to sample. Participants will have take-out lunch options among the nine eateries on site.



We expect Mercedes-Benz dealer(s) will display new vehicles and provide door prizes.

Show Cars need to be in place by 11:55am. Bring your own folding chairs. Pre-Registered Vehicle Entry Fee is \$35.00. Add \$10 at Event. Cars may be either displayed only or judged.

Send Registration form below by mail w/check or email and pay w/PayPal link: <https://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>

MBCA Wisconsin Section Car Show Registration Form

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 20th.

Name: _____ MBCA # _____ Car Yr: _____ Model: _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Display only Judge my car (mark one)

Cell Phone: _____ Bring It Along! **Checks payable to MBCA-WI Section can be mailed c/o Nancy**

Pearson, PO Box 650, Brookfield, WI 53008-0650

Email: NancyPearson431@gmail.com 262-782-7960

Tires for Sale

(4) Sport Edition 17 Inch wheels with (4) Goodyear Ultragrip 8 tires, TPMS and balancing included. Tire Depth 1/4"+ Used on my 2012 C class.

(This wheel is available from Tire Rack right now for \$168 EACH) These wheels and tires used only one winter, then C class was sold.

Price for the package of (4) as described..... \$ 500 firm.

Call Jerry Zajicek at 414-305-3733



Winter Storage Cover for Sale

Fitted winter storage cover for a SL series roadster, with storage bag, asking \$50

Text or call Bob Turznik at 414-416-3375



No sleigh for sale,
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Please send information to Patrick Brinkman (contact info on page 3) by January 15, 2023 to be considered for the Feb-March 2023 newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Passing the torch! Bailey and our new newsletter editor Patrick chatting at the Christmas party

