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MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WISCONSIN SECTION

Line of Vehicles at the Oktoberfest and Car Show at Dheinsville Park

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The days are getting shorter, there's a nip in the air and Halloween is just around the corner. Welcome to the October-November issue of the Badger Star!

Upcoming Events

- Our Fall Color Tour will be October 21st, starting with lunch at The Boat House, N2062 S Lake Shore Dr, Lake Geneva, 53147
(Click for Map)
- We close out 2023 December 3rd with our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting, held once again at Weissgerber's Golden Mast Inn on Okauchee Lake.
- Finally, mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend our 2024 Valentine's Drive-to-Dine. We return to the Fox & Hounds in Hubertus Sunday, February 11th for the 6th annual rendition of this very popular event.

Your Section also enjoyed three great events over the last two months; read about all of them elsewhere in this newsletter.

We Want to Hear from You!!

Planning is already underway for 2024 events and we need your input. What kind of events would you like us to hold, and where would you like them to be held? Are there events you would like to see on the calendar that we haven't done in awhile, like a golf outing or a rallye? Finally we would also like to know what kinds of events, if any, that don't hold any interest for you. Remember, this is your club and your input is what drives our event calendar. Please let me or any of our board members know your preferences!!

Board Members Wanted

The Wisconsin Section is seeking members interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

Three positions are open. Serving as a board member



Bruce Hamilton

doesn't take a lot of work and is a great way to get to know other members. If you are interested in serving on the board, or have questions, please call me at 608.754.6066 or email at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com.

Membership Matters

New members joining July 16-Sept 20, those members celebrating milestone anniversaries in October and November and MBCA members that have transferred into the Wisconsin Section from other Sections during calendar 2023 are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations and welcome to all!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'

Time to Renew Your Membership?

Is your membership up for renewal? Be sure and check your membership profile at www.mbca.org and make sure you renew on or before your expiration date to ensure that you continue to receive all of the benefits of MBCA and Wisconsin Section membership.

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

Best regards,
Bruce Hamilton
bruce.hamilton@cpa.com



PS – don't forget to give us your 2024 event suggestions!

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.

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WISCONSIN SECTION CLUB EVENTS 2023

Date	Event - Location	Host - Contact Information
Oct. 21	Fall Color Tour around Lake Geneva Boat House Bar & Grill, Lake Geneva	Bernd Kampe bkampe0@gmail.com/ 262-492-4441
Dec. 3	Christmas Party and Annual Meeting Weissgerber's Golden Mast, Okauchee	Bruce Hamilton bruce.hamilton@cpa.com/ 608-754-6066Q2 2023 4/1/23-6/30/23
Feb. 12	Valentine's D-2-D The Fox and Hounds, Hubertus	

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.



Welcome Mercedes-Benz Milwaukee North Shore!

Please welcome Mercedes-Benz Milwaukee North Shore for becoming our Sponsoring Dealership for the next year.

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Bruce Hamilton

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

wisconsin.mbca.org

facebook.com/mbcawi



Twenty MBCA members and guests gathered at Gus's Drive-in on an absolutely beautiful Saturday on September 9 for this popular Drive-2-Dine.

The official start time was 12:00 noon, but folks started arriving before 11:00am.

It was great to see new faces and long-time members alike, including some folks that we haven't seen in a while. The conversations and camaraderie started immediately as folks visited and admired each other's beautiful cars.

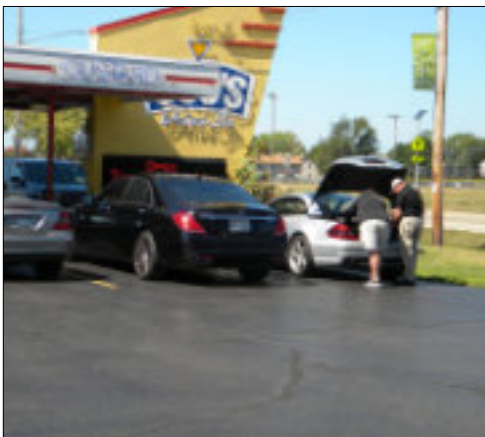
Everyone enjoyed a great lunch; most taking advantage

of the weather and sitting outside.

Some folks headed out early, but others stayed and the conversations, fellowship and Gemütlichkeit continued well after lunch. As the event wound-down members wished each other a safe drive and hopes of seeing each other at future events. What a great way to spend a Saturday in early September.

Many thanks to Bernd & Chris Kampe for arranging the event, but unfortunately could only join us for a cameo appearance due to recovering from Covid.

Article and photos courtesy of
Bruce & Deb Hamilton



WANTED – Board Members

The Wisconsin Section is seeking members who have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors. Three positions are open.

All three (3) positions are for regular three year board terms beginning in January 2024 and running through December 2026.

Board members meet once a month for between one and two hours to plan and direct Section activities and establish policies and procedures for Section events. Among other things, the Board is responsible for developing and maintaining a running twelve-month calendar of events and capturing requests from members for activities & events.

Board members DO NOT have to travel to attend board meetings; all meetings are conducted using the Section's GoToMeeting web conferencing software.

Members who sit on the Board of Directors should be willing and able to:

- Attend a majority of monthly board meetings held throughout the year.
- Participate in periodic e-mail exchanges to achieve Board & Section objectives.
- Attend Section functions throughout the year.
- Be willing to host or co-host an event. An event can be as simple as hosting a Drive-2-Dine or as elaborate as planning and hosting a rallye.
- Be a proactive and positive representative of MBCA and the Wisconsin Section

Serving on the board of directors is a great way to meet other members and increase your involvement in the Section. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact either:

Secretary Dan Hellenberg at

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or

Bruce Hamilton at bruce.hamilton@cpa.com



Join us Sunday, December 3rd for the Wisconsin Section's Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. We are returning to the Golden Mast for their wonderful Champagne Brunch. Enjoy great food, holiday cheer and Gemütlichkeit while a slide show recaps all of our 2023 events.

Christmas Party and Annual Meeting Details:

Date: Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Brunch at 12:15

Where: Weissgerber's Golden Mast Inn,
W349 N 5293 Lacys Lane,
Okauchee WI 53069 (Click for Map)

Cost: \$46.00 per person incl. tax & tip.
Adult beverages on your own

RSVP: By November 29th to Bruce Hamilton at
bruce.hamilton@cpa.com or 608.754.6066



PayPal is the preferred payment method, <http://www.paypal.me/MBCAWisconsin>. If you prefer to pay by check, make your check payable to "Wisconsin Section, MBCA" in the amount of \$46.00 for each person attending. Mail your check to:

Bruce Hamilton

4225 Southwyck Dr

Janesville WI 53546-2120

Your payment must be received to confirm your reservation.

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S D2D

FEB 11, 2024

Where: The Fox & Hounds Restaurant & Tavern

1298 Friess Lake Rd, Hubertus WI
53033

Time: 12:00 noon

Cost: TBA



Join fellow Wisconsin Section members at our 6th 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](#)

Pricing and event details will be announced in the December 2023-January 2024 Badger Star.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY AND PARADE REVIEW

For the German-American Day parade at Carl Schurz Park near Okauchee, WI, our Wisconsin Section had about 30 members there with 22 of them riding in a dozen MB cars. We enjoyed a perfect day with lots of sunshine and mild temps in low 80's.

Starting at noon on August 12, our 12 MB cars of various models followed right behind the leading German brass band.

After the parade was over, most of our club participants returned to the designated starting point parking area. We mingled with the hundreds of other people there, enjoying lunch, beer and listening to German brass band music with costumed folk dancers.

Photos/Article
courtesy of Bernd Kampe



For more photos of the German-American Day and Parade event at Carl Schurz Park check out this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5JHjdmtL55PB8v227>



OCT-NOV MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Members	Years
Douglas Kloth	30
Ronald Wojnar	25
Janice & Michael Strampe	20
Richard & Nancy Kusch	15
Deborah Beck	5

NEW MEMBERS JULY 16-SEPT 20

Member	Join Date
Amir Morning	August 21
Sheri Wagner	August 28
Jeffrey & Lisa Manske	August 28



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Members Transferred into the Wisconsin Section YTD through September 20

Members

John & Jean Truesdale
 Sheri Wagner
 Jeffrey & Lisa Manske



OKTOBERFEST AND CAR SHOW REVIEW

About 30 of our Wisconsin Section members and their families displayed their large variety of 20 MB cars at the Oktoberfest and Car Show at Dheinsville Park in Germantown on Sept 24. That's double the number of cars from last year.

The age of our cars ranged from a 1971 SL Pagoda top model to a brand new 2023 red SL AMG55 with just 300 miles on the odometer.

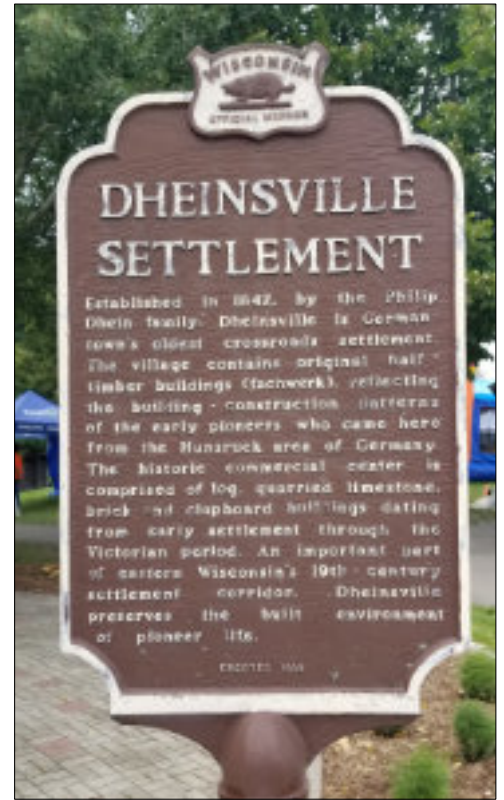
We enjoyed a perfect weather day with lots of sunshine and interactions between our club members. Our new Badger

Star newsletter editor, Chad Winter, was also able to join us and meet some of our members.

Many of us also enjoyed listening to the Oktoberfest brass bands and watching various youth and adult folk dancers in their Pommeranian trachten clothing.

There was a variety of German foods, desserts and beers available. Also, historical items from their early German settler ancestors were displayed in their museum inside the historic Church.

Photos/Article courtesy of Bernd Kampe



For more photos of the Oktoberfest and Car Show event check out this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/6ZM7sgZRCHxabMGr7>



Plan to arrive at the Boat House Bar & Grill (www.theboathouselakegeneva.com) by 12:00 noon on Saturday, when they open, so we can start our lunch early and get driving on the scenic fall color tour around the south and north shore drives of Geneva Lake. We will provide you with a Lake Geneva area driving map and magazine.



Driving is on your own times, individually or in small groups. The South Shore Drive should be the most scenic as it follows miles of colorful oak trees along the lake which should be near peak colors at that time.



When you reach the village of Fontana, drive onto the North Shore Drive as it winds uphill around the west end of the lake. Follow it east to Williams Bay. You will drive past the restored Yerkes Observatory (www.yerkesobservatory.org).

If you want to see the incredible Dancing Horses Theatre (www.thedancinghorses.com), you will need to drive north on Hwy 67 to Hwy 50. It's located less than a mile west on Hwy 50. Their horses' performance is scheduled for 1:00-2:30 pm daily, so it would be difficult to get there on time. But, at least you will know where it is for a future visit there.

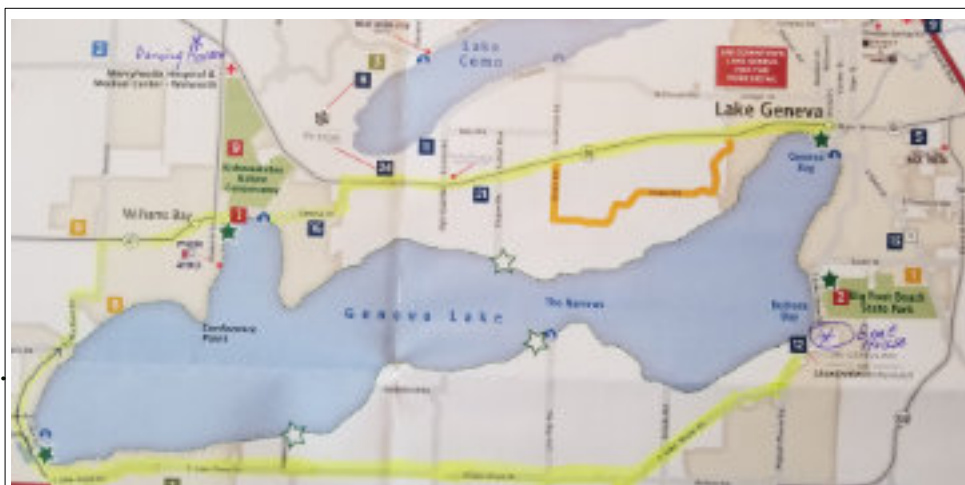


Otherwise, keep driving onto Hwy 50 east toward Lake Geneva. Look for Snake Rustic Road near a grade school on your right and drive on it for about 2 miles as it snakes over hills and valleys where the horse stables and lake mansions were for the Wrigley families. It takes you back onto Hwy 50.

In downtown Lake Geneva traffic gets intense and paid parking is hard to find. You can take a short or long scenic lake tour on the Gage Marina boats (www.cruiselakegeneva.com). Also the Geneva Lake Museum (www.genevalakemuseum.org) is interesting to see and reasonably priced.

Check out any of the website links above to learn more. Let us know if you would like to join us on this adventure. We hope you will enjoy your fall color tour of this scenic and historic Geneva Lake area.

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