

# Chicagoland Chapter

## Mercedes-Benz Club of America Newsletter



### Note from the Editor

Welcome to our July newsletter, we hope you are enjoying your summer! I'd like to use this space to remind all of our key events coming up: **Deutsche Marques, Rich Harvest Farms, Volo Car Museum & Geneva Concours**. More info within this newsletter and to follow in additional communications.

If you attend an event, please feel free to send in a summary and pictures for us to share with the other members of our chapter.

Do you have an idea for an event? Would you like to plan a drive, gathering, or other activity? Please email [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com), we look forward to your submissions!

Thank you for reading our newsletter, we appreciate your time and attention!

### Upcoming Events This Month

#### 13th Annual Deutsche Marques at Gilmore Car Museum

Join fellow Mercedes-Benz and German made car enthusiasts at the 13th Annual Deutsche Marques! Show Saturday, July 13th Car Pre-Registration is now open, [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Note:** Chicagoland Members arriving the night before are invited to join for a group dinner. RSVP via Glue Up or send an email to [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)!

#### Jerry Rich's Private Car Collection & Lunch at Rich Harvest Farms

Members have an exclusive opportunity to visit Jerry Rich's private car collection. Members can bring one guest due to limited capacity. Please RSVP via Glue Up or send an email to [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)

Note: The lunch is \$35 per person

- Key Event Announcements
- **Deutsche Marques**, please let us know if you plan to attend.
  - **Rich Harvest Farms**, space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible if you're interested in attending.
  - **The Geneva Concours** is on Aug 25th, registration info has been shared via email, Glue Up & social media, deadline to register is Aug 5th. Reach out if you have any questions.

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# Event Report



## Cars & Coffee at Crown Customs & Coatings

This Cars and Coffee event was a fantastic success! Enthusiasts enjoyed viewing a variety of cars, from Mercedes-Benz models to the latest high-performance machines. The aroma of good coffee and donuts filled the air, providing the perfect accompaniment to the impressive automotive display. With a large crowd in attendance, the event buzzed with excitement and lively conversations. The venue itself added to the fun, offering a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for all who attended. A big thank you to Crown Customs & Coating for hosting such a memorable event! We hope to see more MCBA members in attendance at their next event.



## Cars & Coffee at Two Brothers Roundhouse - Aurora

The Roundhouse's weekly Cars and Coffee is always a good time. We had a great turnout of Mercedes-Benz cars, and it was great to meet both members and non-members. Benz owners always have lots to talk about. The cool cars, good coffee, and tasty breakfast sandwiches made for a fun hangout. It was also a perfect way to celebrate Father's Day! Big thanks to Two Brothers Roundhouse for hosting!!



## Car Show at Autosport Inc European Specialists

We had BLAST at this German car lover's dream car show! There was a fantastic turnout of both members and non-members with their beautiful Mercedes-Benz's. We also saw BMWs, a V10 TDI VW, and even a brand new Lotus Emira (optioned with the supercharged Toyota V6). The brisket sandwiches from the local brewery were absolutely delicious. We also got to walk through the auto shop, where the owners were super engaging and entertaining. The Chicagoland Chapter can't wait for more awesome car shows hosted by Autosport Inc European Specialists!



## Event Report (Continued)



### Annual Show & Shine & Lunch at Superdawg

We had a great time and a great turnout at our annual Show & Shine Lunch at Superdawg! We were able to bring out our cars to the back lot of the drive-in and enjoy meeting other members along with meeting prospective members! The weather turned out great for us to sit outside and talk about upcoming events and other activities!

## Merchandise News



### Chicagoland MBCA Coasters

Have you started collecting your Chicagoland MBCA Coasters? These were for sale during our Benz & Breakfast event at Montrose Harbor. You can buy and collect a coaster by attending one of these events. Coasters are \$10 each, if you buy all 4 coasters at once, you get a coaster holder free! Coaster Holders are \$5, if sold separately. Be on the lookout for these at the Geneva Concourse this August!

Also, Chicagoland MBCA hats are coming soon! We will announce when they become available!



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MBCA Store is here!

The MBCA Store is finally here, you can get name tags along with other merchandise that is MBCA branded. If it is your first time visiting the new MBCA store, please create a Pro Shop account as this will track all of your future purchases.

**SHOP NOW**

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## Key Upcoming Event Details

### July 13th - 13th Annual Deutsche Marques at Gilmore Car Museum

Members are invited to attend the 13th Annual Deutsche Marques in Michigan.  
This year's featured Marque is Mercedes-Benz!

Saturday, July 13, 2024 \* 9 am-3 pm  
Exhibitor gate opens at 9:00 am

Gilmore Car Museum  
6865 Hickory Rd., Hickory Corners MI 49060

The car show will feature some of your favorite German marques, including  
everything from daily drivers to weekend treasures!  
Admission for a German show car, driver and first passenger is only \$20, paid at the gate.  
Show Car Registration is now open, [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Note:** Chicagoland Members arriving the night before are invited to join for a group dinner, please indicate your interest by RSVPing using [this link](#) or sending an email to [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)!

**Accommodation:** Some members are planning to stay here, feel free to book your stay here or at a location of your choice.

SpringHill Suites Kalamazoo Portage  
850 Trade Centre Way, Portage, MI 49002

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### July 28th - Jerry Rich's Car Collection & Lunch at Rich Harvest Farms

Members are invited to the viewing of the Jerry Rich's private car collection followed by lunch at their members-only golf club. Members are allowed to bring one guest. Please sign up early as we have a 20 person capacity and will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Register using [this link](#) or email [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com).

**Note:** The lunch is \$35 per person and will need to be paid via check and mailed to Chet Szerlag in order to confirm your spot.

Make checks payable to:  
"Chicagoland Chapter - MBCA"

Mail payment to:  
Chet Szerlag  
1251 Golf View Drive  
Woodridge, IL

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### August 25th - Geneva Concours & Brunch at Stockholm's BrewPub

Members are invited to attend the Geneva Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, August 25, 2024 - Rain or Shine. The MBCA Chicagoland Section will have a special club designated parking area. Registration to the Geneva Concours is required to park within the MBCA designated area. You can find more information [here](#).

Members in attendance are invited to brunch at 10:00AM at Stockholm's Restaurant and Brewery.

This year's featured cars are Locomobiles, Carl Benz's 180th Birthday, All Things Morris Garages (MG), and Trucks.

**Please register and RSVP as soon as possible.** Your registration to Geneva Concours secures your parking spot and your RSVP helps MBCA Chicagoland plan for parking spots and brunch reservation planning.

You **must mail** in your registration and payment to Geneva Concours by **August 5th, 2024**. There is a car club display area registration fee of \$25 per vehicle.

If you have any questions please reach out to [Ralph Sikorski](mailto:rsikr@hotmail.com) (rsikr@hotmail.com or (773) 230-7458) and [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com).

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# Chapter Website & Social Media Updates

## MBCA Member Website & Mobile Application!

We would like to emphasize and encourage our members to register for the new MBCA member website. I know there have been some bumps in the road with practicality and ease of access but you can get a lot out of this community. We are planning to have a technology session around registration, access and general Q&A in the future. Stay tuned.

The new **MBCA member website** is HERE! We use this website to publish events, collect RSVPs and post additional news. There is also a mobile application available to access your membership card.

Need help logging in?

- Simply go to **mbca.org** and click on Register and proceed with your email address.
- If you get a message that your email address already exists, then click on Login, and then click on the Forgot Password link to set your password.
- Send an email to [info@mbca.org](mailto:info@mbca.org) or Contact the National Business Office at 719- 633-6427

**If you have any questions or need any assistance managing the website, please feel free to reach out to us at [mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:mbcachicagochapter@gmail.com)**


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## Chicagoland Chapter Facebook and Instagram Pages

We would like to leverage the new Chicagoland Chapter Facebook and Instagram pages to provide our members and non-members updates on what we are doing, sharing our events and also just encouraging another avenue of communication with the car enthusiast community.

Please 'Like' and "Follow" using the links below or search for "Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland"

 [Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland Facebook](#)

 [Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland Instagram](#)

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# Membership



## Member Anniversaries

We would like to congratulate our members who have anniversaries this month!

### 25 YEARS

Anthony M

### 22 YEARS

Marc E  
Claudia T

### 21 YEARS

Robert A

### 17 YEARS

Al J  
Paul M  
Gregory L

### 16 YEARS

John L

### 15 YEARS

Jeffrey R

### 12 YEARS

Gregory P

### 11 YEARS

Bowman L  
Ken A

### 10 YEARS

Rudolph S  
Adam W

### 9 YEARS

William A  
John O

### 8 YEARS

Steve P  
Ricardo B

### 6 YEARS

Valerie R  
Mark R  
Larry C

### 5 YEARS

Cynthia H  
Brad H  
Howard Y

### 4 YEARS

Nishad N  
Vince G  
Jeff W  
Matt C

### 3 YEARS

Nelson M  
Jason S  
Ron E  
Larry M  
Edward D

### 2 YEAR

Jason C  
Dean K  
Brian O  
Todd S

### 1 YEAR

Joseph R  
Leonard B  
Juan R

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# Membership (continued)



## Renewing your Membership is EASY!

You can choose from one of the options below to renew.

1. Renew from the email reminder that comes in your email \*
2. Log into your MBCA account and Renew from your Membership profile \*
3. Mail a check to the National Business Office:

Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
10 Boulder Crescent St, Suite 200  
Colorado Springs CO 80903

4. Call the National Business Office to renew over the phone Tues-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm MT Phone: 719.633.6427  
\*60 days before membership expiration, must log into mbca.org

## Membership Perks

- Subscription to the award-winning The Star Magazine®
- Discount on Parts, Service & Accessories at Participating Mercedes-Benz dealers 15%
- Discount on Parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

Visit <https://www.mbca.org/member-benefits> to see the complete description of your membership benefits.

Please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes owners. Also, please don't forget to renew your membership, renewing members are the core part of our chapter.

Thank you all for your sustained membership and support to the club!

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 4th	<b>Volo Museum &amp; Lunch</b>
Saturday, August 24th	<b>Tech Session #3 - EV &amp; Hybrid Technology at Mercedes Benz of St. Charles</b>
Sunday, August 25th	<b>20th Annual Geneva Concours &amp; Brunch at Stockholm's BrewPub</b>
Sunday, September 8th	<b>Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum &amp; Lunch</b>
Saturday, September 21st	<b>Octoberfest at Two Brothers Roundhouse</b>
Saturday, October 5th	<b>Tech Session #4 - Tuning 101 at Eurocharged Performance</b>
Weekend, October 18 - 20	<b>Fall Color Tour hosted by the MBCA Wisconsin Chapter</b>
TBD	<b>Virtual Glue Up Tech Session (Account Setup, Q&amp;A, Tech Assistance)</b>

*Event calendar is updated on a regular basis*

For more information and to RSVP please visit our new [MBCA Member Website](https://www.mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events)  
(click above or go to [mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events](https://www.mbca.org/section/Chicagoland/events))

## Chicagoland Chapter Leadership

<b>Chet Szerlag</b> Interim President & Treasurer	<b>David Kieta</b> Webmaster & Social Media
<b>Stephanie Santiago</b> Interim Vice President, Webmaster & Editor	<b>Ron Klein</b> Sponsorship Program & Outreach
<b>Alisa Matushek</b> Secretary	<b>Ralph Sikorski</b> Director-at-Large
<b>Judy Mouilleseaux</b> Membership Chair	<b>Al Johnson</b> Director-at-Large