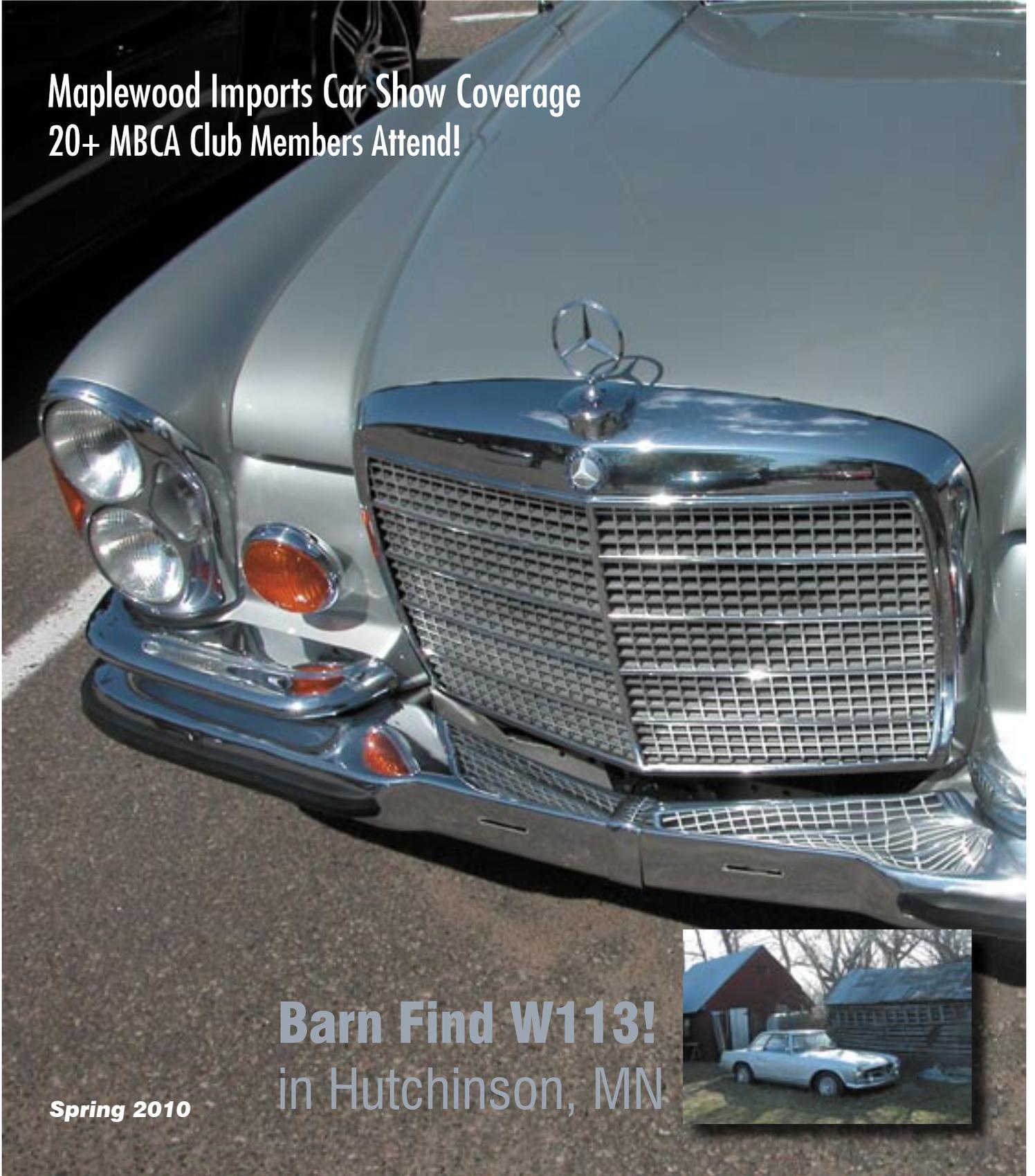


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# Prez Release



Dave Bortner

Well, it happened. After eight years of careful stewardship of my original, original, original 60,000 mile 1969 300 SEL 6.3, I had an accident. Or more specifically, someone ran into me. In a parking lot. At a restaurant. Needless to say, I wasn't very hungry after that.

I was pulling into the parking lot, following the fellow with whom I was having lunch, who happens to be the owner of a successful trucking company in a northern suburb. The guy who hit me had pulled into a parking space, and apparently felt he wasn't in straight, and backed out, right into the rear passenger side door. Crunched it. He was driving some sort of anonymous white Frigidaire of a car, which, as it turns out, was a rental. The guy, as it turns out, is the representative of the liability insurance carrier for the trucking company owned by the fellow with whom I was having lunch. The passenger with said insurance agent, it turns out, was the safety director for the trucking company. Plenty of good witnesses. The insurance agent, as I found out later, said, "okay Mr. Safety Director, who's at fault here?" "You were in reverse, your fault."

After the initial shock, I was able to revert to my default position on accidents, "it's just stuff, nobody got hurt." Then I had to take on the task

of figuring out how to get it fixed. After a few anxious days while the insurance carrier, Travelers, decided officially who was at fault (not me), the wheels started turning. A very nice insurance adjuster, Jim Kardell, came to my house, and began the process of assessing the damage, and how it would be repaired.

Then came the hardest part for me: deciding where to take the car to be repaired. After several discussions with club members, and other car savvy friends, I decided to have the Sears Imports Body shop do the work.

*The guy who hit me had pulled into a parking space, and apparently felt he wasn't in straight, and backed out, right into the rear passenger side door. Crunched it.*

They have been most generous and professional with their time and explanations, even for a picky, freaked out guy like me. As of this writing, the car is scheduled to be completed early next week, in time for the German Car Fest. Stop by and see what you think. They're taking plenty of photos at Sears, so we'll be able to show you the process in the next newsletter.

I hope you'll agree Dave Tobin has done an impressive job on his first newsletter for the club. Please be aware we're working hard to get the

newsletter back on schedule, so look for the next one within the month. We really appreciate the job Louis Wendling has done for the club on the newsletter. He stepped up more than once to take on the job, and we are grateful for his efforts. As president this year, I am receiving all the newsletters from the clubs in our region, and I can report our newsletter is easily among the best. We will strive to keep it there, and to keep it timely going forward. I appreciate your feedback, so let me know how we can continue to improve.

Very soon, you'll receive notice that we have a member survey available for your completion. We want to make sure we understand what's important to our members, so we can make sure we're doing the best job possible in fulfilling your wants and needs. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey, so we can better serve our members.

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## Welcome New Members!

| NAME                      | FROM          | CAR                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mark Cimeley              | La Crosse, WI | '07 E350 Wagon                        |
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| Alex and Chris Georgacas  | Mahtomedi     | '02 CL 55 AMG                         |
| Christopher Haas          | Wayzata       | '03 SL 500 Roadster                   |
| Richard and Mary Brink    | St. Paul Park | '01 E 320 Wagon                       |
| Jamie Jensen              | Eden Prarie   | '07 E 320 CDI                         |
| Peter and Susan Stratmoen | Eagan         | '08 C 300                             |
| Leann Aakre               | Minnetonka    | '99 SLK 230 Roadster                  |
| Willis and Betty Gertner  | Altoona, WI   | '93 300 CE                            |



Dave Tobin

# Letter From the <sup>NEW</sup> Editor

The torch has officially been passed. Louis Wendling handed over Northern Star duties to me a couple of weeks ago, after a long stint as news letter editor. Louis did a fine job for a long time, I hope I can fill the shoes he leaves.

I moved to the Twin Cities several years ago from Chicago where, for a number of years, I was an active member of the Chicago Region SCCA working as a Grid worker at regional and national races at Road America and Blackhawk Farms. VSCDA and SVRA sanctioned vintage races are always my favorites.

I was the editor of the Chicago Region SCCA newsletter "Piston Patter" for a while, so when the MBCA-TC needed a newsletter editor I accepted the job, after being roughed up by Dave Bortner and a couple of other board members of course.

I joined the Twin Cities Section MBCA in about June of 2008 and have enjoyed making some new friends and participating in club events since. I've been a "car guy" all my life, I'm the son of a car guy. Isn't that how it usually works? My father always seemed to have a British sportscar and a half in the garage growing up. Saturdays were often spent at car club shows and more formal Concours d'Elegance events, we visited car museums whenever we came across them, it was an automotive hobby up-bringing and it was great.

To be honest, I never really considered myself much of a Mercedes guy, until I went to work at Feldmann Imports in Bloomington. I started learning more and more about Mercedes-Benz vehicles and history, I started to get to know Mercedes-Benz owners from all walks of life, from every continent, age, race and religion. I always say a Mercedes-Benz dealership is like the United Nations. It's such a well known international brand it crosses all borders. People from all over the world are drawn to Mercedes-Benz heritage, quality, performance, luxury,

all of the things that make a Mercedes a Mercedes... did I mention, I'm hooked?

I'd like to invite all of you to contribute to the Northern Star. We can always use member written content, even just short little blurbs about something you did or saw while out in your Mercedes-Benz... a photo, a couple of paragraphs and you're in business.

We're revamping the classifieds section of the Northern Star. We only had one classified this issue, so we're holding off on it's publication until the next issue. Please email me to inquire about placing a classified ad for the next issue. It goes to print the first week of July to get back on our publication schedule for the year.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

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## Event Report:

# Maplewood Imports

By Dave Tobin

The 2010 Maplewood Imports Auto Fair was held Sunday, May 2 under sunny blue skies. The event felt familiar, you can always count on plenty of familiar faces at this event, I think of it as the first show of the year. As usual, there were brats, refreshments, friends and plenty of interesting cars.

Mercedes-Benz was well represented with about 15 cars. SLs were most numerous, a 500 SEC was on display as well as a 450 SLC. Club member Bruce Kelly had two SLs with "For Sale" signs in them, an R129 as well as a W113. There were probably 20 Twin Cities Section Mercedes-Benz Club members in attendance whether they were 'showing' a car or not.

I walked around with Dick Lind for a while and he made it a point of introducing different club members to each other who didn't already know each other. He probably introduced me to 10 different club members I hadn't met before. It seems like Dick should work for the United Nations... he seemed to know everyone and have a story about everybody or their car! It was a good time and I was glad to meet so many club members and talk cars with them.

There were a handful of Audis, including an old Audi 5000 wagon from the mid 1980s. When was the last time you saw one of those on the road? Porsche cars made up the majority of the cars on display, as in year's past, plenty of 911s, a couple of 914s, 928s, some 356s, some nice pieces.

The non German cars in attendance always seem to be some of the most fun at this show. Last year we were graced by the presence of a primrose yellow Ferrari 275 GTB 4 cam that looked great and sounded even better as it pulled away after the show. This year there was a very classic looking Morgan +8 from the early 1970s. Another British marque was represented, there was a 1970s vintage Aston Martin DBS. These cars always add a little something to the show. In the end, there was something for everyone.





# Auto Fair 2010



On March 20th we kicked the 2010 year of tech events off with one focused on Mercedes' two new Hybrids at Sears Imported Autos. I'd like to personally send a big thank you out to Doug Cunningham and John Drewitz of Sears for hosting our event.

We had 31 members and guests in attendance which was a fantastic turn out. Each member added their own knowledge and experience to make this a really unique tech event for all who had the chance to attend.

The morning opened with some delicious pastries from Patrick's French Bakery and hot coffee compliments of Sears as members listened to Doug Cunningham review the S400 Hybrid and ML450 Hybrid right on the garage floor. Remember tech events are almost always free to members (and their guests) and are your member dues at work. Don't be afraid to attend if you don't consider yourself an expert. You will get a chance to gab with fellow members and ask questions and invariably pick up some new information, no matter what your "tech" level.

Our members are a wealth of knowledge and the interaction between members at this event helped add so much depth.

One of the highlights of the event was the test driving portion. Every member and guest who wanted to got to test drive either and sometimes both the ML450 and the S400.

You can't believe how quiet and smooth the ride is on that new S400!. The transition from regenerative braking to regular operation is seamless. It was surprising to drive an S class with such a comparatively small engine but boy oh boy you knew you were in a Mercedes. The feel was pure silk.

Much conversation revolved around Mercedes-Benz' superior diesel advances and how they stack up to the new hybrid engines which are quiet and smooth but are not yet delivering the numbers on gas mileage.

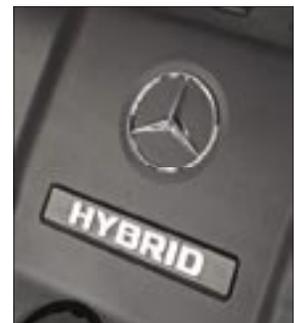
During and after the test drives, members lingered on and continued their discussions. As it often happens in such situations, old friendships were rekindled and new ones formed.

Please join us for our next tech event and if there is something "techy" that you'd be interested in learning about or sharing, let any board member know.

It's our club and the more we are each involved the more we will all get out of it!

Caio for Now,

*Patti Wendling*



Twin Cities Section Members,

Last November I completed my second two-year term as an MBCA National Director-at-Large. I was happy to serve and thank each of you that signed my nominating statement in the first place. I served as National Secretary, member of the Personnel Committee, the STAR Committee and Chairman of a Task Force to reduce the complexity of the club's by-laws and standard operating procedures (SOP). I was on a Task Force last summer that recommended reducing the size of the national board by half! That motion was defeated but the seed was planted.

This has been a crucial four years that brought management and advertising revenues of the STAR magazine "in-house", updated and/or condensed 49 SOPs, and obtained professional advice on how to overcome stagnant membership while Mercedes-Benz sales literally have doubled!

That advice: MBCA's most valuable asset is the knowledge of it's 20,000 members... knowledge that is not getting shared. The club's Website and Sec-



tions (chapters) are more social than model-interest based; they do a good job fostering fellowship and a poor job "mining" membership knowledge for the benefit of other members. The Website is currently being rebuilt and changes are already apparent in the last three STAR magazines. The Twin Cities Section (of 86 in the USA and Canada) has a larger range of events than most; many do have a technical bent. If you want more the time is ripe, re-up and speak up.

I hope I have helped in some small

ways. I decided not to run for re-election last Fall; in fact I seconded a successful motion last November for term limits of national officers, an issue the Twin Cities Section lobbied unsuccessfully fifteen+ years ago. Now it's your turn. The Midwest Regional Director and several Director-at-Large seats will be open for nominees in April, 2011.

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## Sway Bars



By John Elliott

More properly called anti-sway bars, or stabilizers, they help limit how much the car leans in corners. They also effect the traction of the front or rear end of the car. This is a very engineered item, as it has to interact with the springs and shocks to form an integrated system. It is a large torsion spring running from one side of the car to the other.

Off road vehicles have very little use for sway bars because they need to keep all 4 wheels in contact with the ground, and usually are not going at speeds where the vehicle would lean much in a corner. They want the wheels as independent as possible.

Road cars, on the other hand, pull significant cornering g-forces. This compresses the suspension on the outside of the corner side of the car, and extends the suspension on the inside side. Besides it being uncomfortable leaning over, it effectively limits how much further travel the suspension has. This would be a problem on a rough road.

The sway bar, then, interconnects the wheels on the left and right sides of the vehicle. If one wheel is forced up by cornering forces, it tries to lift the wheel on the opposite side. Although it lessens the load on the wheel on the inside of the turn, it keeps the vehicle much more level.

Interestingly, because it causes more uneven wheel loads, it lessens the traction on the end of the vehicle to which it is mounted. And because the vehicle is leaning less, the wheels on the other end of the car have a more even load, and hence greater traction. Again, the bar increases traction on the opposite end of the car. It has no effect on bumps that act on the wheels of both sides of the vehicle at the same time, but stiffens the suspension with a bump on only one side. The closer to the wheels that the bar connects, the greater its leverage, and so it can be made with smaller, lighter components.

For the typical American sedan, there

is a lot of weight in the front of the car. They don't trust us to turn the steering wheel into a skid, so they put a big sway bar in the front so that the rear end has greater traction. The result is terminal understeer, where the front wheels just plow straight ahead if we enter a corner too fast. European car builders, on the other hand, put bars on both ends, and balance the car for neutral handling. And this is why many of us have been driving European cars for years. In all fairness, many of the better American cars are now handle pretty well.

So what can go wrong? Not too much, mostly the mounting bushing wear out, or the linkages break. The result is noise on bumps, and a lessening of effectiveness.

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John Elliott



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# BARN FINNED

## '65 230 SL

By Dave Tobin



*This is an email conversation I had with John Olson after looking at this 1965 Mercedes-Benz 230 SL Euro Model. It was more of an outside case than a true 'barn find', slowly returning to the Earth.*

1965 230, euro model (automatic transmission) imported in the mid seventies by a U.S. military member after his stint in Germany was over, subsequently purchased in about 1980 by the current owner (friend of original importer). Daily driven through the 1980s and into the 1990s off and on.

Put in climate controlled storage ten years ago when the owner moved to New York. Taken out of that storage place 3 years ago and flat bedded to this farm... where it has sat outside, under a car cover, in this spot since (3 years outside under a cover). The owner is still in New York, asked me to arrange for its sale, he hasn't see the car in ten years.

To the casual observer it probably doesn't look too bad. To me, it looks like it's in need of a total resto. I could see a lot of condensation on inside of windshield as I walked up to it. Very wet, and musty inside. The interior is a real shame. It doesn't look that bad in the pictures, but there is serious water damage, not to mention the 2" hole chewed by mice in the driver's seat.

Cats were introduced to the farm a year ago to deal with the mouse problem which has since been solved, I think that's hilarious! I suppose large dogs will be introduced to control the cat population, then perhaps mountain lions to control the out of control dog population on an and on down the line? I don't know if mountain lions have natural predators or not.

Bottom of car is almost on the ground, lots of rust in all the usual places, fender wells, all over underneath, sad, sad, sad.

The engine bay looks rough, but I opened the oil filler cap and it's clean as a whistle, smells fine and has a nice coating of clean oil all over everything. So that part looks really good which was encouraging. The gas is bad of course, it will need a whole new fuel system and tank.

The interior is shot, the rust underneath is going to be bad once it is put up on a lift to really inspect. That leaves the engine and transmission and trim bits, glass, etc. all the chrome is pitted, it's just really sad. Odometer shows 86,000 and change, owner states that isn't accurate. He doesn't have any idea of mileage as the odometer worked intermittently during his ownership and eventually stopped all together... but well over 100k miles is probably realistic.

He seems very emotionally attached to the car and was excited when we spoke on the phone about the possibilities for selling it now that he's come to terms with the fact that it's time to pass it on. He mentioned John Lennon's Pagoda SL is currently for sale somewhere for \$450,000. Oh, boy! It should be fun trying to explain to him why he'll be lucky to get 1/10th of 1% of what they want for Lennon's car. Unfortunately the owner doesn't have any legendary rock band affiliations, although he is an accomplished heart surgeon.



### *Olson responds:*

In this instance, I think you have documented a funeral. This car has little going for it. Virtually everything needs to be reincarnated, which spells \$35,000 MINIMUM.... after which the car won't have show quality repairs and at best be worth \$35,000. Net: \$ 0.

There are a few parts on the car of value... but the cost of moving the car, removing the parts, publicizing the parts, babysitting inquiries and shipping the parts would likely result in net \$ 0.

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Get your classified ads to Dave Tobin ASAP for publication in the next issue of "THE NORTHERN STAR"!  
 Please submit ads by writing your ad copy in the body of an email, no attached WORD docs please, just a simple email to dave@daveknowscars.com  
 Send digital photo as "jpg" attached to email. Photo needs to be HI RES to print correctly. 300dpi. If the "jpg" file is 1 Mb or larger it will be fine,  
 Next press date is the first week of July! Ads must be received by June 30th for inclusion. Classifieds will run for one issue. Ads are FREE to MBCA-TC members.

## Legends of the Autobahn WEST COAST SUMMER CONCOURS



- MBCA National Special Event celebrating three German marques
- Friday, August 13, 2010 during Monterey Classic Car Week
- Rancho Camada Golf Club, Carmel Valley, California
- Enter your Mercedes-Benz for judging or display only in the corral
- Register at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com), search on name or date of event
- For additional information, contact Laura Simonds, (650) 592-7613, [simonds1@pacbell.net](mailto:simonds1@pacbell.net)



# DRIVER SCHOOL & LAPPING DAY AT BRAINERD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota will be hosting a driver school and lapping day at Brainerd International Raceway this September. *MBCA-TC members are welcome.*

This driver school will provide you with the opportunity to develop your driving skills in the controlled environment of a closed circuit and then they can be used for normal street driving, autocrossing or racing. It's also a chance for the experienced racer to get lots of track time.

Whether the sun shines or it rains, the driver school and lapping goes on. If the sun shines, it is a great time to practice the racing line, braking points or just different corner entry or exit points. If it rains, you will really learn handling techniques for adverse conditions.

There is classroom and braking exercises for the beginner, novice or semi-experienced driver. It is your chance to learn the basics and also how your car reacts to driver inputs. Ride with experienced drivers and see how they handle their car. The experienced drivers will ride with you and work with you to be more confident while you drive your car. You should take full advantage of the opportunity to use these experienced drivers and gain some of their knowledge.

Bring your own lunch, as the concession stand may not be open. We will not break for lunch, so you will need to eat when you can.

You will need to bring:

- Helmet – minimum Snell 2005 (SCM has 4 on a first come basis)
- Non-synthetic material shirt – preferably long sleeve
- Non-synthetic material pants – NO SHORTS
- Shoes that tie – NO SANDLES
- Your lunch and beverage – NO ALCOHOL
- Full tank of gas

THE COST: \$195.00 Before August 23, 2010 after August 23 the price will increase to \$220.00 This driving school will be on the NEW 2.5 mile Competition Short Track with 13 corners! If you check on the cost of other driver schools or with other clubs, you will find that this is a very inexpensive way to get up to 5 hours of track time. It is an exceptional value. There is a limit of 60 drivers.



You DO NOT need a race prepared car for any of these events! They're designed for you to explore the handling and performance capabilities of your street car under controlled conditions.



MBCA-TC members are also invited to participate in 2 autocrosses this summer, August 1st and September 12th 2010. These will be held at DCTC (Dakota County Technical College) in Rosemount, MN. This autocross is hosted by COM (Corvettes of Minnesota). Price: \$30.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the gate.

*If you have any questions about any of these events please contact Scott Hegstrand at 612-619-8615 or email me at: [scott.hegstrand@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:scott.hegstrand@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

# GERMAN AUTO-SHAU

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Cars on Display

AN EVENT THAT IS PART OF OKTOBERFEST!

The German Auto-Schau is a part of the Oktoberfest Celebration and is a time for you to showcase your **Mercedes-Benz**.

Porsche, Audi, BMW, Mini Cooper, Volkswagen, Messerschmitt, or other German marques are invited.

The show is informal, just bring your car, display it and enjoy the attention! There are no awards, just cars on show. You are free to stay with your car or move about the grounds and enjoy the Oktoberfest.

**THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE!**

Enter your car and **YOU** will receive **FREE** Oktoberfest Admittance the day of the Schau.

*Additional Guest Admission is \$8.00*

**Drive in begins at 10:00 am on Sunday.**

**Please pre-register by e-mailing Tom Etmund at [tetmund@charter.net](mailto:tetmund@charter.net) or contacting Jim or Mary.**

**Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds - Chippewa Falls, WI (Highway 124 / Jefferson Ave.)**

Just above the Leinenkugel Brewery.

Local Contacts: Jim and Mary Walrath  
19030 52nd Avenue - Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

715-723-8844

[jmksm@charter.net](mailto:jmksm@charter.net)

Please let Jim or Mary know you are coming and they will group the club entries under our club banner.

Contact us for specific directions to the Fest and Show grounds if needed.

We will facilitate your entry is you would like.

Fun driving routes available. Contact us or follow your map or GPS for your own preference.

Additional details: [www.chippewachamber.org](http://www.chippewachamber.org)



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## JUNE

2 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

5 - Saturday: Cars & Café

12 - Saturday:

### 16th Annual German Carfest

The MBCA Twin Cities Section's biggest car show of the year!

9:00am - 2:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Park Shakopee,

1801 E. County Rd. 101

Additional Info Contact:

Paul and Chris Bergquist: (952) 937-1822

Email: pbassocinc@aol.com or

Greg Thompson: (651) 735-1578

18 - Friday: Croissant Club

## JULY

3 - Saturday: Cars & Café

7 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

16 - Friday: Croissant Club

18 - Saturday: **MBCA Ice Cream Social**

A casual club cruise around the Twin Cities lakes culminating in a stop for ice cream at a local ice cream shop. Just a good excuse to take your car out for a weekend drive, details to come.

Additional Info Contact:

Patti Wendling: (952) 829-0130

Email: pdwendling@aol.com

28 - Wednesday:

Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Timberlodge Steakhouse, St. Louis Park

31 - Sunday: **Coulee Classic Rally**

Through scenic river bluff country in Wisconsin, sanctioned by the Alfa Romeo Club

Additional Info Contact:

Ed Solstad Ph: (612) 822-0569

Email: esolstad@presenter.com

## AUGUST

4 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

7 - Saturday: Cars & Café

## REGULAR EVENTS

### *Cars & Café*

Coffee, doughnuts and all sorts of sports, luxury and exotic cars, although not an official MB Club event, lots of fun. Every first Saturday of the month June - November 8:00am - 11:00am AutoMotorPlex 8200 Audobon Rd, Chanhassen

Additional Info Contact:

Bruno Silikowski: (612) 850-8398

Email: bsilikowski@automotorplex.com

8 - Sunday: **Scavenger Rally** - A casual rally through rural Wisconsin 10:00am - ?  
Vino in the Valley Winery:

W3826 450th Ave, Maiden Rock, WI 54750

Additional Info Contact: Ken Arneson or

Julie Winger: (651) 815-5714

Email: karneson@startech-comp.com

14 - Saturday: **New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run**

Place and time TBA

20 - Friday: Croissant Club

## SEPTEMBER

1 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

4 - Saturday: Cars & Café

12 - Sunday: **Wayzata Rotary / Minneapolis Club Car Show for Charity**

Downtown Wayzata 10:00am - 4:00pm

Additional Info Contact: Marty Schneider

Ph: (612) 237-3843

13 - Monday **Brainerd HPDC**

Hosted by Suburban Corvettes of MN

and held at Brainerd Int'l Raceway

Additional Info Contact: Scott Hegstrand

Ph: (612) 619-8615

17 - Friday: Croissant Club

19 - Sunday: **8th Annual Oktoberfest & Car Show**

Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds Chippewa Falls, WI 10:00am-2:00pm

Additional Info Contact:

Jim & Mary Walrath: (715) 723-8844

Email: jmksm@charter.net

22 - Wednesday:

Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Timberlodge Steakhouse, St. Louis Park

24-29: **Starfest**

Hosted by the Greater Washington D.C.

Section MBCA

Additional Info Contact: Bill Hooper

Ph: (202) 363-4189

## October

2 - Saturday: Cars & Café

6 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

9 - Saturday: **3rd Annual EurocarsUS Open House and Car Show**

10100 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie

Additional Info Contact: Rob Seuss

Ph: (952) 944-5252

10 - Sunday: **Fall Color Tour & Lunch**

The Norton's Restaurant, Red Wing, MN

Additional Info Contact: John & Maureen

Drewitz Ph: (612) 242-6881

15 - Friday: Croissant Club

15 -17 - Fri. - Sun.: **Bayfield Fall Leaf Weekend**

Additional Info Contact: Louis & Patti Wendling

Ph: (612) 385-4138

23 - Saturday: - MBCA-TC Annual Meeting at Gasthof Zur Gemutlichkeit

2300 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Ph: (612) 781-3860

Additional Info Contact: Dave Bortner

Ph: (612) 590-5110

## November

3 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

14 - Sunday: **Old Log Theater**

A club night out at the theater!

Additional Info Contact: John Elliott

Ph: (952) 941-4040

17 - Wednesday:

Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm

Timberlodge Steakhouse, St. Louis Park

19 - Friday: Croissant Club

## December

1 - Wednesday: Lion's Tap

4 - Saturday: **Annual MBCA-TC Holiday Party at Al & Alma's Minnetonka**

Additional Info Contact: Dave Bortner

Ph: (612) 590-5110

17 - Friday: Croissant Club

### *Croissant Club*

Lunch, coffee, pastries and Mercedes-Benz talk. Every third Friday of the month from 11:00am-2:00pm

Patrick's French Bakery Inside Bachman's 6010 Lyndale Ave Minneapolis

Ph: (612) 861-9277

Additional Info Contact:

Marilyn Nienkerk: (612) 866-6200

Email: mnienkerk@worldnet.att.net

### *Lion's Tap*

Burgers, beer, and Mercedes-Benz talk. Every first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm

1618 Flying Cloud Drive

Eden Prairie - (952) 934-5299

Additional Info Contact:

John Elliott: (952) 941-4040

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