

Star Reflections

Summer 2020

Mercedes-Benz Club Chicagoland newsletter





PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Chicagoland MBCA members,

With unprecedented times we need to look forward as events are cancelled and rescheduled. We need to remember that the current Covid-19 situation is not forever but need to change our daily lifestyle while things are worked out and the virus dissipates. Most important are the lives and health of our members, associates and families.

It is also important to support our business sponsors when we can through this difficult financial time as they are supporting our club and members.

Please check our website for events and/or information on activities for the remainder of this year: chicagoland.mbca.org

Most recently we had our first Cars and Coffee at the Indiana Dunes State Park on June 28. It was great seeing fellow members (even with masks) and the event was a success!

Our next event will be Sunday August 23 at the Franklin Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Rd, Franklin Grove, IL 61301. We will have a picnic lunch and tours along with viewing our beautiful vehicles. An email blast will be going out with details and an RSVP.

I wish all of you to stay safe and healthy.

Matt McFadden-President
Chicagoland MBCA



Recognition Lunch - Al Johnson, Jr.



The Chicagoland Section Board of Directors hosted a Recognition Lunch at the Greek Islands Restaurant in Chicago on March 15, 2020, honoring the contributions and enthusiasm of long-time member Al Johnson, Jr.

Al's father, Al Johnson, Sr., broke barriers in the automobile industry and became the first African-American to be awarded a new car franchise by General Motors, and progressed to own the fourth largest Cadillac dealership in the United States in Tinley Park, Illinois, a south Chicago suburb. Al Jr. became the Finance and Insurance Manager, Fleet Sales and Leasing Manager, and Company Secretary-Treasurer. After the family sold the dealership, Al Jr. became a sales consultant with Mercedes-Benz of Orland Park in 1998, and retired 20 years later.

Al is currently Co-Chair of Membership for the Chicagoland Section of MBCA, and still embodies infectious enthusiasm for the Mercedes-Benz marque.



Next Event for 2020: Franklin Creek Grist Mill

Since the Geneva Concours d'Elegance was cancelled, on August 23 we are planning a nice drive and dine (picnic style) to the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, Illinois 61031.

Plan on arriving at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be around noon. We will have grilled homemade Bratwurst and Portobello mushrooms as a meatless choice, as well as some other great summer foods and beverages for consumption.

After lunch, enjoy the area and take a tour of the Grist Mill. You can leave as desired and the event will officially end at 4:00 p.m.

It will be great to see other members at a beautiful venue. The drive out and back should be beautiful. We will be socially distancing and be sure to bring your masks. It is an outdoor Event, but if it rains there are covered areas.

Please RSVP no later than 8/19 so we can determine food quantity:
mercedes.collection@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!



The Mercedes-Benz Club of Chicagoland would like to welcome the following new members:

Matt Calhoun
Charles Johnson
Ron Couture
Timothy Hund

Even though this year has been challenging to say the least, we are grateful for all the hard work the members do to make this club a great success. I look forward to meeting new and old members in the near future.

Truly,
Nick Iacullo
Chicagoland Newsletter Editor



2020 Cars & Coffee Event: Indiana Dunes State Park

On Sunday, June 28, 2020, more than 25 members gathered at Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton, Indiana for the Chicagoland Section's first Cars & Coffee of the year. Club members arrived early to avoid large crowds trying to get into the park.

Participants brought their own masks and coffee, and our Club supplied the donuts. Social distancing was in place to insure everyone's safety. The weather cooperated and it was great to finally see some of our members and their vehicles again, even if at a distance.



2020 Cars and Coffee: Indiana Dunes State Park





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