



The Prairie Star

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MBCA - Central Illinois Section

Thank You, Loyal Members

For a list of new members who have recently joined the Central Illinois Section, see Page 6.

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About the Section! Who We Are & What We Do:

The Central Illinois Section has mainly been a social group enjoying technical sessions, driving events, theater and dinner events. New leadership brings new interests - and the current Leadership Team, made up of a dedicated group of Section Officers and Board Members are introducing the Section to local car shows as well as Regional and National MBCA events.

The Mercedes Benz brand is well represented in our Section, from vintage through current year models. And since this is a "car club" the lineup of events planned for this year has a heavy emphasis on events centered on the Mercedes automobile.

Most of our events are at locations in close proximity to membership concentration. And all offer a great opportunity to meet other Section members. A great group of people! Log onto <http://www.mbca.org/> for updates on upcoming and past section events.



From the Desk of the CIS President:

Well that's a Central Illinois Section wrap for 2016. As we close out another season of Mercedes Benz automobile related events, I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated. And hope to see all of you at one or all of the 2017 events.

The next thing on our Agenda is the Annual Section Membership Meeting, open to all Section members, in the spring to hold Section elections and plan our 2017 Calendar of Events. I had hoped to hold this meeting in November but unfortunately it just kept getting over-come by other events and obligations. So be thinking of what type of events you would like to see offered in 2017. The date is still TBD but I will send out an email with location details and Agenda when the date has been set.

How many of you saw our Section write-up and picture in the Events Section of the November – December issue of the Star Magazine? All of our Section event reports and pictures can be found on our Central Illinois Section website www.centralillinois.mbca.org

For the most current Regional and National Club new and event information check out the MBCA website www.mbca.org

John Lewellen
President Central Illinois Section



MBCA - Central Illinois Section 2016 Calendar of Events

May

European Car Show – Saturday 14th

Hosted by Grossinger Motors (Mercedes Benz Dealer) Peoria, Illinois

June

Sommerfest and German Car Show at German/American Society of Peoria – Sunday 5th

Hosted by Mike P...

July

Mackinaw Art & Wine Festival – Sunday 17th

Hosted by J... Mike Buoscio

August

Bratfest and All Makes Car Show at German/American Society of Peoria – Sunday 7th

Hosted by John Lewellen

September

Cruise-in at the Peoria Mansion, Bloomington, Illinois – Saturday 10th

Hosted by John Lewellen

October

Schlacht German Car Show at German/American Society of Peoria – Sunday 2nd

Hosted by Larry Philyaw

Euro Classic Car Show – Saturday 15th

BMW Club of Illinois

November

Annual Membership Meeting – TBD

Hosted by John Lewellen/Scott Philyaw

For more specific information and times visit Upcoming Events on our website.

German American Society Schlachtfest Festival

Schlachtfest, an annual event sponsored by the Peoria German - American Central Society, is a celebration of German music, food, drink, entertainment, and of course, automobiles. There was no shortage of German music and dancers for entertainment, excellent German food and beer, as well as an impressive display of German automobiles. Several Section members brought their Mercedes and displayed them alongside all the other fine German automobiles. Several Section members brought their Mercedes and displayed them alongside all the other fine German automobiles.



Doug is fond of his German beer



Porsche vs Mercedes



There were many outstanding cars



Mercedes Benz was well represented



And of course Porsche was well represented

Willkommen New Members

No new members during this time period.

MBCA Regional Events

Wisconsin Section Bus trip to Chicago Auto Show
Sunday, Feb 12th See Wisconsin Section Website

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What would you like to do with your "Benz"
friends in 2017?

Contact a Board Member and let them know.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS COMING EVENTS

January

Nothing Planned

February

Annual Membership Meeting

TBD

March

Nothing Planned

Watch our website <http://centralillinois.mbca.org/> for the
latest Section news and updates for events.

