



# The Road Benz

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Wichita Section

## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President

Your Wichita section has had a very busy first quarter. We've had great attendance at the events and everyone seemed to really enjoy the outings.



In February we visited David Leivian's new location for European Car Company. He educated us on what you should look for when purchasing a used vehicle. The car he reviewed was a very nice 1994 Mercedes E500.

In March we had a double event, starting with a visit with Terry Morris at his company, Alloy Wheel Repair. He presented information regarding restoration of wheels and additional information on tires. After visiting with Terry we went to see Lawrence Smith's incredible collection of Pebble Beach quality cars. This was a very special opportunity as Mr. Smith does not show his cars often. I was so pleased we were able to view his collection.

Looking ahead we have an event at the dealership on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April and then just a week later (May 4<sup>th</sup>) it will be time for the McPherson College car show. This year the McPherson car show has been designated as a Rocky Mountain Regional event and our section will be hosting a barbecue lunch during the show. Check out the newsletter for details on upcoming events.

The weather is starting to get very nice so let's get out there and drive!

## Up Coming Events

**April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Section event at the dealership

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** McPherson Car show and Rocky Mountain Region barbecue

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Mystery Poker Run

**July:** Event TBD

**August:** Membership meeting and dinner, details coming later

**September:** Salina German Car Show (typically last weekend of the month)



## Past Event Reports

### European Car Company Shop Visit, February 16th

Around 11 members and guests braved the cold for a very informative shop visit to European Car Company on Walnut Street here in Wichita. Our section president, Lee Elrick, provided donuts and coffee and the shop owner, David Leivian, gave us a tour of the facility and multiple car projects in progress. The highlight of the visit was David's guided examination of a Mercedes E500. During the visit, David went over important maintenance checks, typical corrosion areas, and general car body issues that should be checked prior to purchasing a used car. He also fielded many questions from our members regarding car issues. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and was impressed with the cleanliness and professionalism of David's shop. Following the shop visit, section members headed down the road to grab lunch at Ruben's Mexican grill. What a great Saturday!





## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Alloy Wheel Repair Shop Visit and Car Collection Tour, March 30th



It was a double event day for the Wichita section today. The morning started with a visit to Terry Morris's Alloy Wheel Repair shop. Terry showed club members how his shop refurbishes wheels. The results were pretty amazing. He also led a discussion on tires, tire selection, and how to properly set up and install

tires. Everyone was very impressed with the information and the shop. Following the shop visit, the group then gathered up and convoyed over to



Lawrence Smith's car collection for a private viewing. The assortment of cars was astonishing and the group appreciated the opportunity to see them up close.





## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Upcoming Events!

#### **Mercedes-Benz Dealership Event**

When: **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 to 12:30**

Where: **Walser Auto Campus, 1545 N. Greenwich Rd, Wichita KS 67206**

Mercedes-Benz of Wichita has invited our section for a special visit to the dealership. This will be an opportunity to check out new cars and new technology and enjoy a nice lunch in the showroom. This is an exciting opportunity you won't want to miss.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, so we can get a good headcount.

RSVP at [mbca.wichita@aol.com](mailto:mbca.wichita@aol.com) or by leaving a message at (530) 848-3396.



#### **Regional Event: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CARS Club Car Show**

When: **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **McPherson College, 1600 E. Euclid, McPherson KS 67460**



It's hard to believe but the McPherson Car show is just around the corner. This year our section is promoting this area car show as a regional event and so we're looking for a big turnout. The McPherson College Car and Motorcycle Motoring Festival occurs over Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. This one of kind car show takes place in McPherson, Kansas and is organized and hosted by the students of the school's Auto Restoration program. McPherson College is the only school in the country with a 4 year auto restoration degree program.

Here's the schedule for the two days:

#### **Friday, May 3rd**

6PM: Cruise-In on Main Street in McPherson (free event, no registration required)

Also at 6PM: A special dinner with Donald Osbourne. Mr. Osbourne is an antique auto expert and regular contributor to the show, Jay Leno's Garage. This is a ticketed event (\$40 per person) and requires an RSVP by April 23rd. Here's a [link](#) to the event and ticket purchase.



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Saturday, May 4th

20th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show (8AM to 3PM)

This event will take place on the McPherson College campus and parking will begin at 8AM. At lunch time the Wichita section will be hosting a catered lunch on site at the car show for all Mercedes-Benz Club members! Here's a [link](#) to pre-register your car for the event. You can register your car to be judged or not. Registration is \$15 per car until April 15th. After that the price will be \$20. Participants who wish to have their cars judged must get registered by April 30th.



Typically all the Mercedes are placed in one area of the show ground so the more vehicles we can get pre-registered the better the show organizers can plan for our space. This a large but low key show, perfect for car show veterans, new car show participants, or folks who just like to attend car shows. Expect to see a wide variety of cars and motorcycles with several featured marquee vehicles. We highly encourage everyone to attend this wonderful event.

Besides registering for the car show, please RSVP at [mbca.wichita@aol.com](mailto:mbca.wichita@aol.com) or by leaving a message at (530) 848-3396 so we can get a head count for the lunch on May 4th and to see who wants to drive up on Saturday. We'll put out information later on a meet up time and location for those who want to convoy up as a group on Saturday. Thanks so much for supporting this event; looking forward to seeing everyone.

### Mystery Poker Run

When: **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **Starting point and time in the works!**

Planning has started on the next poker run. While the exact route will remain a mystery until the start of the event (don't worry, maps will be provided), plan on meeting for breakfast and then exploring the back roads of Kansas. We will hit a couple of sites and grab lunch during the trip. This is not a race. Everyone gets a card at each site and the car which can put together the best poker hand will win a fabulous prize at the final stop. More details coming soon!



**Regional News**

**Dear Members of the MBCA Rocky Mountain Region,**

I will be resigning the office of Regional Director of the Rocky Mountain Region effective during the National Board meeting in November, 2019.

Active members are strongly encouraged to submit their names as nominees for this very important office in our club. Any active member is eligible and anyone can nominate any active member including him or herself.

Please express your interest to your section president or write your name at the top of the nomination form. The form can be downloaded from the national club website, copied from page 81 of the PROCEDURES MANUAL MBCA BYLAWS and STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES of November 2015; use one of the attached files or I will send you the form if requested. Five active member endorsements are required for the nomination petition to be valid and the petition is due in the National Business Office on or before May 15, 2019. A good way to collect those signatures would be at one of your section events. The elections procedure is explained on pages 47 and 48 in the Procedures Manual.

A candidate should become familiar with the Procedures Manual particularly those paragraphs that pertain to the functions of Regional Director found on pages 6, 9, 10, 27, 28, 38, 39, 40, 43, 44 and 45. That document may be copied from the national club website, or I will gladly send you one if you would rather receive it that way.

Be sure not to promote any candidate in your section newsletter or other MBCA publication.

I thank those members who consider volunteering for this most important office. The Regional Director office is crucial to the operation of our club. The two-year term begins in November 2019, and three two-year terms are permitted.

Cordially,

Michael Davison

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## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

**Club News**

Don't miss your chance to win a 2019 Mercedes-AMG GT63 4-Door Coupe. Raffle open to Mercedes-Benz Club of America members only. Click here: <https://raffle.mbca.org> to purchase tickets



## ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A 2019 MERCEDES-AMG GT 63 4-Door Coupe



### MBCA's 2019 Spring Raffle

#### Details & Dates

- Prize: 2019 Mercedes-AMG GT 63 4-door Coupe
- MSRP: \$136,500
- Tickets are \$50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, June 5, 2019
- Drawing is Thursday, June 13, 2019
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [raffle.mbca.org](https://raffle.mbca.org), call the NBO at **800-637-2360** or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.

Open to MBCA Members only. Must be 18 years of age or older. No limit on the number of tickets one member may purchase. The winner will choose an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership where a check in the amount of \$102,375 (US) will be sent. The winner will shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. If fewer than 5,450 tickets are sold, the raffle prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. Vehicle featured in this ad is representative only. Odds of winning depend on the total number of tickets sold. Must be a current Member of MBCA at the time of purchase and day of the prize drawing. Members may attend the drawing (not required to enter or win). 100% of net raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purpose of MBCA International Stars Section. Raffle License Number R52158.

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## The Benz Bazaar

### For Sale:

You deserve a convertible! 1984 280SL, euro specs. Local car, regularly serviced in town. Owner is asking \$10K, willing to negotiate. For more information contact Dave Greger or Tom Sincissen at [mbjagrover@gmail.com](mailto:mbjagrover@gmail.com) or (314) 440-5309



**SOLD!**



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Membership Report

Our section membership stands at 185 members! We had a tremendous increase in new and renewed memberships over the last two months. Here's a warm welcome to all our new members and a hearty thanks to all of our renewing members. Thank you.

As always, please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes owners so we can increase our numbers. If you meet someone who has specific questions about our club, please direct them to contact us at [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com). For our current members, please don't forget to renew your membership so you don't miss out on future events.

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

(No Trip Reports in this edition of the newsletter but here's a Mercedes-Benz I spotted while in Tunisia in February – The Editor)



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