



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



I want to wish our members and their families continued good health. None of us knew what 2020 – 2021 had in store for us but hopefully we are getting a handle on this with increased vaccinations and continued good habits to reduce the spread.

Our club has spent time during the past few months enjoying some local cultural events at the Wichita Art Museum and Mark Arts. It's great to see all the museums and cultural venues we have here in Wichita. I'm looking forward to visiting the Wichita Historical Museum on April 10th.

We are hoping to enjoy some other outside activities this spring and summer. Unfortunately, we will miss out on the McPherson Car Show this year but I'm looking forward to the event at the school in 2022.

Some future events include the very popular Poker Run, a visit to Botanica, lunch at Firebirds, and a visit to the Mercedes-Benz dealership for an introduction to the new S-Class.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Lee

2021 Section Event Calendar

Apr 10th: Private tour of the Wichita Historical Museum

May 15th: Visit to European Car Company

Jun 12th: Poker Run

Jul 17th: Twisted Oz motorcycle museum

Aug 28th: Section meeting at Firebirds

Sep: Salina German Car Show and/or Wine Tasting

Oct: Kansas City car show or another driving event

Nov: Shop visit or educational talk

Dec: Potential dealership event



Upcoming Events

Visit to European Car Company

When: **Saturday, May 15th, 10AM to 12PM**

Where: **122 N. Walnut St, Wichita 67203**

Dave Leivian has once again opened up his shop for a visit from our club. This is a great opportunity to get a close look at a lot of interesting cars plus Dave will field your questions regarding car care and different car issues. There will be coffee and donuts and we might grab lunch afterward in Delano.



Poker Run!

When: **Saturday, Jun 12th**

Where: **Various Locations**

This is always a fun event. We will be driving in the local area visiting different spots and collecting playing cards. Put together your best poker hand and see if you can win some fabulous prizes. We typically depart in the late morning, grab lunch at some location during the drive, and then finish up at a final spot for some frosty beverages. More details will be sent out as we get closer to the event date. Oh, and no poker experience is required to enjoy this event!

Visit to Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum

When: **Saturday Jul 17th, 10AM to 12PM**

Where: **527 W 7th Ave, Augusta KS 67010**

Ok so we typically focus on 4-wheeled vehicles, but Twisted Oz has a very impressive collection of motorcycles that are sure to impress. The collection includes bikes from the 1890s all the way up to more modern racing bikes and cruisers. This is well worth a visit and we will grab lunch afterwards.



Recent Events

Wichita Section Zoom Membership Meeting and Cocktail Hour, Thursday January 28th

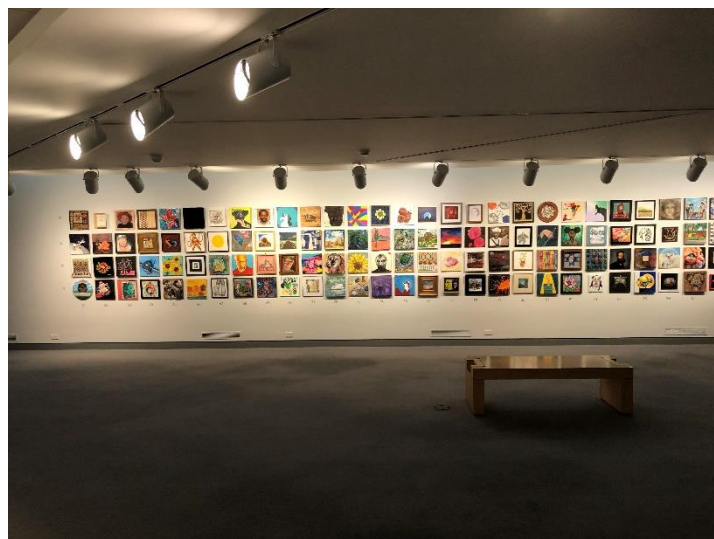
Using our newly activated Zoom account, the Wichita Section held its first on-line membership meeting/cocktail hour. While turnout was a bit low, those who did participate had a great time catching up and talking about some of the section's upcoming events. There was plenty of car news to share as folks thought about getting ready for the warmer driving season. Additionally, there were some very interesting cocktails. It was a great way to get the year started and it was nice to put our Zoom account to use.



Visit to the Wichita Art Museum, Saturday February 20th



The Wichita section began its trifecta of cultural events with a visit to the Wichita Art Museum. Fourteen members and guests attended this event. In addition to the regular installations, we also got to see special exhibits of African American art and the Harlem Renaissance and another project of 1ft by 1ft pictures made by local area folks. This museum is certainly a gem here in Wichita. To learn more about the museum visit: www.wichitaartmuseum.org.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Visit to Mark Arts, Saturday March 13th**

Fourteen members from the Wichita section had a private tour of the Mary R. Koch Arts Center (Mark Arts). Mark Arts is combination art gallery and art school covering many different art mediums. During the tour we had an opportunity to view a traveling installation of oil paintings. Additionally, we got to check out the different classrooms/workspaces within the facility, including a test kitchen, painting room, sculpting studio, and a print making room. We are lucky to have such a place in Wichita and several section members picked up information on different art classes. You can learn more about Mark Arts by visiting: markartsk.com .



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Visit to the Wichita Historical Museum, Saturday April 10th



The Wichita section was very fortunate to get a private tour of the Wichita Historic Museum. Twelve members were able to wander all around the museum before it officially opened for the day. The museum is located in the old city courthouse which was built in 1892. Among the many interesting displays was the Jones 6 automobile which was built here in Wichita. The story of how it was placed on the 4th floor of the museum is also fascinating. Sticking to the car theme there also happened to be a temporary installation of pedal cars. The detailing on these old toy cars was completely unexpected. After perusing all four floors of the museum, the group

then headed out to our favorite German restaurant, Prost, to enjoy some fine food and beverages.



Benz Bazaar

Have something to sell? Does your Mercedes need a new home? Extra parts lying around?
Looking for a part or a car? Send a message to the editor (rkfilbey@gmail.com) and we'll get your
listing or request in The Benz Bazaar. Our section newsletter comes out about once a quarter.



National Club News

Mercedes Freude: The Joy of Everything Mercedes

November 2021

**Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort
Hilton Head Island, SC**

A new and improved national event that incorporates the most popular activities of both StarFest® and StarTech events. The kickoff of Mercedes Freude (“The Joy of Everything Mercedes”) will begin with an arrival on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, SC.

MBCA events and activities will run through Friday evening November 5, 2021. Saturday November 6, 2021 will be the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn East Coast, which will be held on the Port Royal golf course and then Sunday November 7, 2021 will be the Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance, also held at Port Royal.

This will be an event not to be missed! Please pass the word and “save the date” - now! Stay tuned for updated details on this website, our Facebook page, and Newsletter including The Star® magazine.

[Event Website](#)



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ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!



1st Prize
 2021 E450 4MATIC Cabriolet
 MSRP: \$90,770



2nd Prize
 2021 Mercedes Freude Event
 MSRP: \$6,000

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TICKET PURCHASES (including your Official Order Form and payment) **MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 17, 2021.**
 If purchasing by credit or debit card you may call 800.637.2360
 (Mon-Thurs 8am - 4:30pm; Fri 8am - 4pm Mountain Time)
 or fax this completed Order Form to 719.633.9283
 Make your check/money order payable to: MBCA, International Stars Section
 Mail to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

No limit to the number of tickets you can buy. At least one phone number is required.

MBCA Member # _____

Home Ph. # (____) _____

Member Name _____

Cell Ph. # (____) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Ticket Quantity ____ x \$50 each = Total Due \$ _____

Paying by (select one):

Check # _____ Money Order # _____

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*(MUST complete credit/debit card information on reverse side)



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 Log-in with your user name and password to purchase your tickets or to print a Raffle Order Form (see mailing instructions on reverse side)

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OFFICIAL RULES. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. You must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a current Member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) to purchase tickets.
2. You must be a current Member at the time of the drawing to be eligible to win.
3. Credit and debit cards accepted. Payments made by check/money order must be in U.S. funds. Checks must be exclusively for the payment of the ticket(s) and not include other purchases or renewal payments.
4. Void where prohibited by law.
5. An Official Order form, or copy thereof, must be used to purchase tickets when ordering by mail. Order forms have been mailed to members and are also available upon request from the National Business Office (NBO) or at www.mbca.org. Mail order form requests to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.
6. Ticket orders must be received no later than June 17, 2021. Ticket orders and checks arriving after June 17, 2021 will be returned to sender.
7. All ticket sales are final at the time of purchase. There are no refunds.
8. Tickets will only be issued in the name of the Primary Member listed in the MBCA membership files and does not include Associate Members. Prizes will be awarded on the same basis. Winning tickets cannot be assigned, transferred or sold. Membership must be current at the time of purchasing a ticket(s) and at the time of the drawing.
9. Paid staff, contractors of MBCA and The Star® magazine, their immediate families and household members may not participate in the Raffle.
10. Odds of winning will be based on the number of tickets sold.
11. Prize winners must complete a form from the NBO and return it within 45 days of the mailing of written notification of winning.
12. The drawing will be held and certified at 5754 South Dundas Road, Beaverton, MI 48612 at 10:30 a.m. ET on June 24, 2021. Any MBCA member may attend the drawing; attendance is not required to win. Results will be posted at www.mbca.org.
13. The raffle is sponsored by MBCA, International Stars Section and ticket requests are subject to its acceptance. This Raffle is licensed under the laws of the State of Michigan. License Number R59822.
14. A minimum of 3,870 tickets MUST BE SOLD to award prizes. 1st place winner will receive \$90,770 less 24% tax-withholdings; 2nd place winner will receive \$6,000 less 24% tax-withholdings. The 1st prize winner will shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. The 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied towards the registration of 2021 Mercedes Freude. **If fewer than 3,870 tickets are sold, 1st prize winner will receive 90% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales; and 2nd winner prize will receive 10% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 24%, or the shared prizes of \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. The 90% 1st prize and 10% 2nd prize will be paid directly to the winner. If the winner is a Michigan resident there will be an additional withholding of 4.25%. Winner must be a U.S. Citizen.**
15. 1st prize winner will select the vehicle of their choice at a U.S. Dealership designated (see rule #14). Any expenses incurred to take possession of the vehicle, which exceed the 1st prize payment check awarded to the Dealer, will be the sole responsibility of the 1st prize winner. The winner will be responsible for all licensing, registration, taxes, fees, duties, insurance and other costs as well as transportation to and from the Dealership. 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied to the 2021 Mercedes Freude event: which includes all tickets, a six nights stay, and meals.
16. The withholding deposited on behalf of the winner may not be all of the taxes owed depending upon the winner's tax bracket. The gross amount of the prize will be added to the winner's income for the tax year of 2021.
17. If fewer than 3,870 Raffle tickets are sold, MBCA will substitute one-half (50%) of the gross sales revenue from the entries sold as of the time of the entry deadline as the Prize, in lieu of the 1st and 2nd prize (see Rule #14).
18. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for MBCA to use the winner's name, Section affiliation, likeness and photograph in any MBCA publicity worldwide in all media including the Internet without additional compensation.
19. By participating in the Raffle, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules.



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Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

Membership News

Our section currently has **92 members**.

Welcome to our newest member: **Jasper Young**

Here's a hearty thanks to all of our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Lawrence Appenfeller, Peggy Banta, John Carnahan, James Gregory, Robert Houston, Joseph Kause, Jack Pelton, Randy Roths, Gus Shaar, David Snodgrass, and Dennis Thompson**. Thank you so much for your sustained membership.

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. If you have other ideas about how to improve our membership numbers, please don't hesitate to contact me (Kirk Filbey) at rkfilbey@gmail.com.

For our current members, please don't forget to renew your membership so you don't miss out on future events. Renewing members are the core part of our section.

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



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