



# The Road Benz

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## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President

Well it's hard to believe summer is almost through! Our club had a wonderful road trip on June 9<sup>th</sup>, traveling to small towns west of

Wichita. We wound our way through Colwich, Andale, and Haven. After making a stop in the Mennonite town of Yoder for coffee and pictures, we next headed for Pretty Prairie and then on to Cheney Reservoir for a picnic lunch. The timing on this drive was outstanding as we witnessed the wheat harvest in full progress.

In July several club members gathered at the monthly Cars and Coffee event (over 300 cars!) before meeting up with more club members at a Tech Session hosted by our local Mercedes-Benz dealership. Twenty members gathered for coffee and donuts and presentations by Walser group Vice President James Berger, service and parts manager Scott Jewett, and the dealership's master mechanic. There were a lot of great questions asked and answered and we look forward to other events at the dealership.

And now on to August! We just had our regular membership meeting on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. There are more details on the event in the newsletter; turnout was good and we got a lot of important business accomplished. I wish I could have been there but I'm glad I got to call in.

I'm excited about another term as Section President and I'm grateful to the outstanding team which supports our section. Lots of great events coming up, hope to see you there.

Until next time, happy driving!

## Upcoming Events:

**Sept 21:** Sonnenblumen German Car Show, Salina

**Sept 25 – 29:** Telluride Festival of Cars and Colors, Telluride CO

**Oct 27:** Lunch at Stearman Field and Fall Drive, Benton

**Nov:** Wine Tasting! Event details coming



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## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Past Event Reports

#### Membership Meeting and Elections, August 25<sup>th</sup>



Eighteen members and guests attended our membership meeting and lunch at Firebirds. The food was good and so was the conversation! Vice President Vin Kissick ran the meeting as the president was out of town attending the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (although Lee Elrick did call in from California!). During the meeting future section events were discussed and most importantly we held our club officer elections. Here were the election results:



**President:** Lee Elrick

**Vice-President:** Will Tobin

**Secretary:** Still looking for a person...

**Treasurer:** Vin Kissick

**Section Board Members:** Bob Poulseen, Kirk Filbey, Kevin White, Dave Snodgrass, and Brett Gaffney

#### Dealership Tech Session, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Mercedes-Benz of Wichita held a very informative tech session for our club. Twenty members gathered for coffee and donuts and presentations by Walser group Vice President James Berger, service and parts manager Scott Jewett, and the dealership's master mechanic. There were a lot of great questions asked and answered and we look forward to other events at the dealership.



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### Past Event Reports (Continued)

#### **Kansas Country Drive, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

It was a beautiful Saturday morning for a drive in the country. Eight members and 5 cars met up in the small town of Maize and then proceeded to take the backroads as we passed through several small farming towns including Colwich, Andale, Haven, and Pretty Prairie. We certainly turned a lot of heads as we drove by! We eventually stopped in the small town of Yoder and checked out some antiques shops and the famous town hardware store. After taking some pictures and finding some treasures we next headed to Cheney Reservoir for a fantastic lunch at the Ninnescah Sailing Club club house, the Afterdeck. Yes you can actually learn how to sail here in Kansas! What a fantastic drive.





## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Upcoming Events!

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sonnenblumen German Car Fest

When: **Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Where: Oakdale Park, 730 Oakdale Drive, Salina KS

This is a relaxed and fun car show with a wide variety of old and new German cars. The location is great and the show always has some surprises. It's just \$10 dollars to enter your car and club will cover all members in good standing. We'll meet at 8:30 AM at parking lot behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant of off I-135, exit 14, 61<sup>st</sup> North and then plan on convoying up at 8:45. You are also more than welcome to drive up on your own. The event officially ends at 4PM but you are more than welcome to depart earlier. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept 21<sup>st</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.



#### Stearman Field Fall Drive

When: Saturday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

Where: Stearman Bar and Grill, 14789 SW 30<sup>th</sup> St, Benton KS

Burgers, Airplanes, and a Nice Drive... Oh my! You are invited to lunch at Stearman Bar and Grill; we'll be gathering there at 11:30AM. This will be great opportunity to catch up and perhaps even see some interesting airplanes fly in. Afterwards we'll make a drive in the local area, details to come later. Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> so we can get a headcount. RSVP at [mbca.wichita@aol.com](mailto:mbca.wichita@aol.com) or by leaving a message at (530) 848-3396



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### Upcoming Events (continued)

#### **Telluride Festival of Cars and Colors**

The 4th Annual Telluride Festival of Cars & Colors, September 27-30, 2018 is a world-class celebration for automobile aficionados set in the beautiful town of Telluride, Colorado. Nestled in the canyons of the San Juan Mountains, it's placed against the backdrop of Telluride's spectacular palette of September's autumnal colors. Focusing on high-end restorations, vintage and exotic vehicles, the festival will occupy three distinct venues over the course of the four days: the downtown Telluride Historic District, Mountain Village and the Telluride Regional Airport. This year Mercedes-Benz will be one of the marquee car makers and so there will be a large presence of beautiful Benzes! For details check out: <https://carsandcolors.com/>



### **Membership Report**

Our overall section membership stands at 251 members and has been very steady throughout the year. Please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes owners so we can continue to 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.

Thanks to the following members who renewed since our last newsletter: Stephen Barrett, Larry Fear, Michael Grant, Katrin Kolder, Don Mayer, Richard McClelland, John Sybrant, and Icer Vaughan

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



## The Benz Bazaar

**R129 Hardtop Storage Cart:** Free to a good home, a R129 hardtop storage cart, previously used with an SL500. The storage cart may work with the early generation SL (R107) as well. If interested please e-mail me at [rkfilbey@gmail.com](mailto:rkfilbey@gmail.com)



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