



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Events

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Event Planning Meeting & Lunch

Time: 11:30am, RSVP Needed



Larkspur Bistro & Bar
904 East Douglas
Wichita, KS
<http://www.larkspuronline.com>

Time to kick-off the New Year at Larkspur Bistro & Bar! Come on out for a membership meeting and discussion about future section events. The club will pay for lunch for *members in-good-standing* and a guest; however, participants will be responsible for any alcoholic beverage purchases. See you there!

RSVP: by 3:00pm Friday, January 27th
Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com
Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

January Meeting Agenda

Board of Directors Meeting Report

- What do YOU want to do in 2017?

Exclusive Car Collections
Road Trips
Museum Visits
Car Shows
Historical Site Visits
Tech Sessions
Presentations
Explore Towns
Tour Winery/Brewery
Visit Venues
Socials
Tours
Dining Destinations

18th Annual McPherson College C.A.R.S Club

Sat, May 5, 2017 @ 10:00am - 4:00pm
McPherson College | McPherson, KS

- Save the Date -

The car show is completely organized and run by students enrolled in the Automotive Restoration program at McPherson College, the only school in the United States to offer a Bachelor's Degree in the restoration of antique and classic collector vehicles. MBCA members from several sections participate in showing their classics, to-be classics, and brand new Mercedes-Benz. More details will be provided in future newsletters.



PAST EVENTS REPORT

Club Social & Dinner with Elections August 27, 2016 Wichita, KS

A group of 23 club members and guests met at Adrian's Cafe restaurant in Wichita for a club hosted dinner that included a business meeting for election of new officers and directors (see page 3 for new board members). There was a discussion of fall overnight road trips to Missouri and Arkansas that had been scouted out by Bob & Teresa Poulseen. But due to the availability of our members, the extended road trips were postponed for now.



German Car Show DAS SONNENBLUMEN AUTOFEST Hosted by: German Car Club of Kansas September 24, 2016 Salina, KS



A few soft showers didn't dampen the large participation in this fun and

popular car show. All things associated with German vehicles could be seen, even a toy VW Bus and VW Bus BBQ Grill! It's always fun to see the VW Buses actually camping under the tall park trees and some look frozen in time from the '60s hippy days. A beautifully restored BMW Issetta caught many eyes. The show being a participant judging, there was no doubt what was going to be 1st place in the Mercedes-Benz category when a vintage blue 190SL rolled into the show. A total of 9 Mercedes Benz were entered this year; Kirk Filbey's red 1973 350SL Euro took 2nd place and Lee Elrick's black 1993 500E took 3rd place.



McPherson College's Auto Restoration Program 40th Anniversary Open House Celebration October 15, 2016 McPherson, KS

Well over a half dozen club members attended the open house celebrations and enjoyed viewing the college's newly acquired 1953 Mercedes Benz 300S Cabriolet. It will be a project car for the restoration program and will undergo a full restoration by the students with an eye toward competing at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance by 2023.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lee Elrick, Jr., Section President

Friends and Mercedes enthusiasts my name is Lee Elrick, Jr. I am the new president of the Wichita Section MBCA. At this time in my life I felt like I would have the time to devote to this job. My wife and I have owned a number of Mercedes over the years. Most recently a 2010 E350 and a 2013 GLK. Our pride and joy is a 1971 280E 3.5 liter Cabriolet. I have been a member of MBCA since 2000 and have enjoyed every year of membership.

During a business trip to Boca Raton, Florida, we spotted a beautiful chocolate brown 1970 280SE with cognac interior. We were hooked when we saw this car. Unfortunately the Chairman of the Board of New York Life Insurance Company had just purchased this car. We kept in touch with him over the years and always asked about the car when we would see him. We let him know we were interested in this car if he were to ever sell it. About four years later he called and asked if we would like to purchase it. He shipped the car to us and loved it just as much as when we saw it the first time.

During the following years we felt like it would need a large investment to restore it. I placed an ad in Hemmings and immediately sold it to an 85 year old gentleman whose company was in at the Fortune 100 in Wisconsin.

I had been looking at different auctions for another 1971. It didn't take long to find one at an auction in Tulsa. It is the silver 1971 280SE 3.5L Cabriolet we now own. We have just completed a six year restoration to a car that was near perfect when I purchased it. The restoration has been done with original Mercedes parts purchased at the Mercedes Benz Classic Center in Irvine, California. I think it is now ready for a big show!

As the new section president I encourage all Mercedes owners to join our section as a member.

We hope to have a calendar out soon with the upcoming activities for 2017.

Lee

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2016 - Year in Review Another Fun Years!

- Jan – Lunch & Membership Meeting, Bricktown Brewery, Wichita, KS
- Apr – McPherson College C.A.R.S. Car Show, McPherson, KS
- May - Cottonwood Falls Drive with Grand Central Hotel lunch, Cottonwood Falls, KS & Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Strong City, KS
- Jun – Lunch & Brew, Stearman Field Bar & Grill, Benton, KS and Walnut River Brewing Co, El Dorado, KS
- Aug – Social & Membership Meeting and Adrian's Cafe dinner, Wichita, KS
- Sep – German Car Show, Das Sonnenblumen Autofest, Salina, KS
- Oct – 40th Anniversary of McPherson College Auto Restoration Program & Viewing of 1953 Mercedes Benz 300 Cabriolet, McPherson, KS



Several Mercedes Benz were seen in this year's Baton Rouge to Kansas City **HOT ROD POWER TOUR 2016** (June 11-17, 2016), including our Wichita Section members, Mike & Tina Norman in their MB SLK32 AMG drove from OKC to Wichita, & to Kansas City.

<http://www.hotrod.com/events/hotrod-tour/>





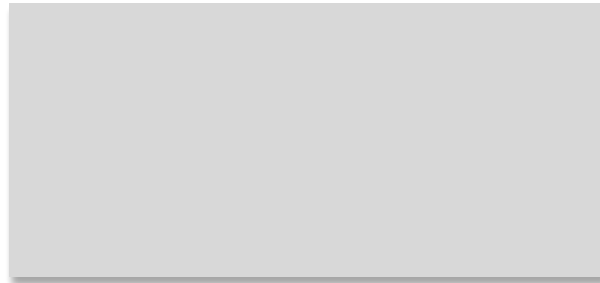
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

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Be sure to renew your membership!



Our Appreciation Goes Out To

Robert (Kirk) Filbey
Section Past President

With Kirk's leadership, our section just had the best two (2) years it has had in over 20 years! Using the help of the officers and new directors to plan activities, he executed over 18 events, communicated using 10 newsletter and 2 event notifications, posted event announcements and reports on the MBCA website, and reminded members when their membership needed renewing. Kirk was the instigator in the section adding a 2nd car show venue in Salina, KS that has turned out to be a really fun addition to the McPherson College car show. He coordinated several events at the Mercedes Benz of Wichita dealership and was the key person instrumental in them being featured recently in the Star Magazine as a MBCA Star Dealership. Besides revisiting several old haunts, he encouraged new experiences, i.e., new facilities, car garages, car collections, and museum tours. And, he sure made it FUN.

Thank You Kirk!

