



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

December 2017

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Event

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Event Planning Meeting & Lunch

Time: 11:00am, 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 (participants are responsible for alcoholic beverages purchased). See you there!

RSVP: by 3:00pm Friday, January 26th
Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com
Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

2018 Calendar of Events & Promotions

Jan 19-21 – Cars for Charity Rod & Custom Car Show, Century Exhibition Hall
<http://carsforcharitiesshow.com>

Apr – Poker Run

May 5 – McPherson C.A.R.S. Car Show, McPherson, KS
<https://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestitution/cars/>

May 14-21 – MBCA StarFest 2018, Birmingham, AL
[https://www.mbca.org/starfest-2018-about & Registration](https://www.mbca.org/starfest-2018-about&Registration)

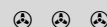
Jun – Day Road Trip

Aug 25 – Membership Meeting & Dinner

Sept 27-30 – MBCA Regional Event - Telluride Festival of Cars & Colors, Telluride, CO
<http://carsandcolors.com>

Sept 29 – German Car Show, Das Sonnenblumen Autofest, Salina, KS

Oct – Day Road Trip



December 2017 Membership Update



Our overall section membership stands at 256 members. Please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes-Benz owners. If you meet someone who has specific questions about our club, please direct them to contact us at MBCA.Wichita@aol.com or call Lee Elrick,

Section President. No worry, the MBCA National Business Office, located in Colorado Springs, CO sends out renewal notices a couple months before your expiration date so you will have time to renew and not miss out on anything. Thanks to the following members who renewed since our last newsletter: Michael Grant, Mike Raymond, Larry Fear, Icer Vaughn, Eric Knorr, Brian Boisvert, Larry Cummings, Steve Robertson, Bob Cummings, Tom Bessett, Richard Egelhof, and David Snodgrass. Also a warm welcome to our newest members!

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PAST EVENTS REPORT

Club Social & Dinner August 26, 2017 Wichita, KS

A group of 17 club members and guests met at Old Chicago restaurant in Wichita for a club hosted dinner that included a business meeting with discussions of new upcoming events.



DAS SONNENBLUMEN AUTOFEST Hosted by: German Car Club of Kansas September 23, 2017 Salina, KS

It was an absolutely gorgeous day for a car show, Oom Pah Pah band and all! Eleven Mercedes-Benz cars convoyed up from Wichita to Salina to spend the day in Salina at the 10th annual Das Sonnenblumen Autofest, an all German car show. The show featured quite a few VW's (mostly Bugs), along with 5 BMW's, 9 Porsches, a sole Audi, some NSU's, and a smattering of odd cars. Mercedes-Benz was well represented with 18 cars, 13 of which belonged members of the Wichita section. This was a great opportunity to see a lot of interesting cars, catch up with friends, and just relax. The Wichita section did well at the end of the show, with 1st place in the MB class going to Lee Elrick's 1971 280 SE Cabriolet, 2nd place to Kevin and Rose White's beautiful 1985 300D, and 3rd place to Kirk Filbey's 1973 350SL. All in all it was a fun show and we had great participation from our section.



September 3, 2017 Italian Grand Prix November 12, 2017 Brazilian Grand Prix Hosted by Walser @ Mercedes-Benz of Wichita Wichita, KS



This fall Walser went all out and hosted two F1 Grand Prix Watch Parties at the Mercedes-Benz of Wichita dealership. The large gathering included patrons from their other luxury dealerships, including our MBCA club which made it fun to visit with Porsche people and others during the party. The dealership handed out shirts and provided breakfast (custom made omelets), liquid refreshment, and a huge flat screens to view the live broadcast events. September included 9 club members in attendance and 7 club members attended in November. The Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport team won 1st place for 2017 world race circuit with their two new Mercedes F1 W08 EQ Power+ vehicles and Mercedes drivers, Lewis Hamilton won 1st place and Valtteri Bottas won 3rd place!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lee Elrick, Jr., Section President



My first year as section president was a learning experience of the local, regional, and national club's operations. It was also a wonderful experience building a relationship with the Mercedes-Benz of Wichita dealership new owner, Walser. I've continued to embrace both a personal and club relationship with the new owners and management as they have reached out to our club members with open arms. Be sure to check out the dealership article in the

upcoming January/February 2018 issue of The Star Magazine!

Even though I've enjoyed being a member since 2000, this president experience has given me a deeper awareness for regional and national organization and events. Our Wichita Section belongs to the Rocky Mountain Region, along with the Eastern Nebraska Section, Mile High Section, New Mexico Section, and Pikes Peak Section. Watch for upcoming news of a MBCA Regional Event pairings up with the 4th Annual Telluride Festival of Cars & Colors in late September 2018. Plan ahead so you can schedule a Colorado vacation and attend a unique Concours d'Elegance during the fall colors near Telluride.

Our section board members met December 2nd and planned our 2018 events calendar. More events and dates are being firmed up to be included in the line up.

Looking forward to another fun year in 2018!
Lee

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2017 - Year in Review

It was another fun year with New Experiences!

- Jan – Membership Meeting & Lunch, Larkspur Bistro & Bar, Wichita, KS
- Mar – View Private Car Collection & Lunch, Poplar Restaurant, Andover, KS
- Apr -- Tech Session Luxury Import Specialist & Lunch, Carrabba's Grill, Wichita, KS
- May – McPherson College C.A.R.S. Car Show, McPherson, KS
- Jun – Mystery Poker Run to Janes Landing Coffee Shop, Mulvane, KS, Bartlett Arboritum, Belle Plaine, KS, Boudreux Burger Barn, Peck, KS, Central Standard Brewing Tap Room, Wichita, KS
- Aug – Membership Meeting and Dinner, Old Chicago Pizza, Wichita, KS
- Sep – Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix Watch Party, Mercedes Benz of Wichita dealership, hosted by Walser Inc, Wichita, KS
- Sep – German Car Show, Das Sonnenblumen Autofest, Salina, KS
- Nov – Formula 1 Brazilian Grand Prix Watch Party, Mercedes Benz of Wichita, hosted by Walser, Wichita, KS

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- Newsletters, events, & other announcements from National and our section are mainly sent out via email. Emails are kept private and not shared or sold to any else.

- It's important to **keep your email address current** with the National Business Office (NBO) by calling them directly at 1-800-637-2360 or logging into MBCA.org and editing your profile/email, or call or send a message to our section so the Membership Chair can help with your profile changes to NBO.

- Add to your contact list:
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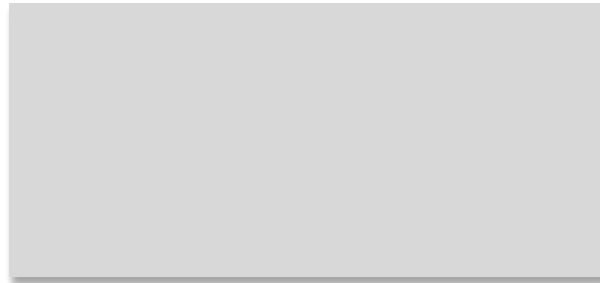
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Be sure to renew your membership!

Recent Travel Story

By Kirk Filbey, MBCA|Wichita Membership Chair



In September, Anne and I had the opportunity to travel to Malaysia. We spent time in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, and in Georgetown, in the Penang province. Whenever we travel I always keep an eye out for MB's, especially older models. While dining at an outdoor restaurant in Georgetown I watched a beautiful late model S class pull up. Clearly the owner was of some importance because he had his own parking space and the driver and his family was quickly escorted to a prime table. Intrigued, I walked over to his table and complimented him on his car. His look of surprise quickly converted to a smile when I pulled up my phone and showed him my much, much older car. We instantly had a connection! Soon he pulled out his phone to show off more pictures of his car and his friend's 230SL, the famous Pagoda model. We spoke some more about our respective cars and the challenges he faced in maintaining his car in a crowded tropical city. As we parted ways I passed him my MBCA card and headed back to my table. It was a short conversation but it highlighted that special connection between MB owners, no matter the model, the country, or the culture.

While visiting the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur we spotted some models of the Mercedes F-1 cars displayed overhead. Also spotted a beautiful 500SL on the street in Kuala Lumpur.

- Please send your interesting stories to mberca.wichita@aol.com -

