



The Road Benz

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Season's greetings everyone! Where has the year gone? 2019 has been a very active year for the Wichita section. We are looking forward to 2020 with lots of fun activities planned.

I want to congratulate our new Rocky Mountain Regional director Steve Dierks, who was recently elected to this position. He has been my mentor for a number of years and has been a huge supporter of our Wichita section.

You'll see a proposed 2020 calendar of events in this newsletter. We will be finalizing our 2020 events at our January 18th meeting at Firebirds at the Waterfront from 11:15 to 1:00. Firebirds is located at Webb and 13th in the Waterfront Center. We hope you will attend to help fill out the calendar with fun events. We want input from you!

Our section continues to grow its membership and I'm pleased with our relationship with Walser and Mercedes Benz of Wichita.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th!

Proposed 2020 Section Events

18 Jan – Section membership meeting and lunch
17 – 19 Jan – Cars for Charities

Feb – Tech Session or Car Collection

Mar – Visit to Doc (B-29)
21 Mar – Cars & Coffee

Apr – British Car Club joint event
18 Apr – Cars & Coffee

2 May – McPherson Car Show
16 May – Cars & Coffee

13 Jun – Poker Run
20 Jun – Cars & Coffee

Jul – Dawn Patrol (early morning drive)
18 Jul – Cars & Coffee

15 Aug – Cars & Coffee
29 Aug – Membership meeting and officer elections

19 Sep – Cars & Coffee
26 Sep – German car show in Salina

Oct – Wine tasting or beer tasting event
17 Oct – Cars & Coffee

Nov – Tech Session/Car Collection/Museum

Dec – Dealership event

Formula 1 Watch Party or Parties sometime during the year

Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

Upcoming Events!

Membership Meeting and Lunch

When: **January 18th, 11:15 AM to 1 PM**

Where: **Firebirds Grill, 10096 E. 13th Street, Wichita, 67206**

Come in from the cold and enjoy lunch, compliments of your club. Club officers will be going over the proposed 2020 section events and will be eager for your input. Also this will be a great opportunity to catch up with everyone (both old and new club members) after the holidays and take a look at pictures from our events in 2019. **Please RSVP by Thursday, January 16th.**

You can RSVP for this event at mbca.wichita@aol.com or by leaving a message at (530) 848-3396. Hope to see you there!



Cars for Charities Rod and Custom Car Show

When: **January 17 to 19**

Where: **Century II Convention Center, Wichita**



This premier car event takes place in downtown Wichita and 100% of the proceeds go to charity. The event takes places over three days. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for kids 12 to 17, and free for kids under 11. You can find more information and a detailed event schedule at [the event website](#).



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Recent Events****September Cars and Coffee, Saturday September 21st**

This is an informal gathering of cars that occurs during the third Saturday of every month at the Alley Entertainment Center. Six members and 4 cars came out to participate. There was a wide variety of cars being displayed but clearly there needed to be more Benz's!



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Sonnenblumen German Car Show,
Saturday September 28th**

The Wichita section had a nice turn out at this all German car show up in Salina. We made a great impression at the show...plus you've never seen so many Bugs in one place. The Preuits took first place in the MB division with their 350 SLC.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Wine Tasting at Grace Hill Winery,
Saturday October 19th**

On a lovely fall day 10 section members gathered for a late breakfast/early lunch at Stearman Field before driving along country roads to reach Grace Hill Winery. We had a chance to sample numerous white and red wines made almost exclusively with locally grown grapes. We then strolled around vineyard, checking out the grape vines and the facilities for making and storing wine. And of course as we left, many of us purchased bottles!



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

Dealership Meet and Greet, Saturday December 7th

Mercedes-Benz of Wichita hosted a 2020 model review and lunch for our section. 24 members and guests showed up to enjoy lunch in the showroom and get close up looks at some of the 2020 models. Members had an opportunity to get detailed information on the vehicles, explore the amazing imbedding automotive technology, and of course climb in! Campbell Walser and his crew put on a fantastic event.



The 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 in The Benz Bazaar. Our section newsletter comes out about once a quarter.

Free Sun Visors: 2 driver side sun visors for a W126 (I think). They are gray and one has a pillar mounting piece. If interested please contact Kirk at rkfilbey@gmail.com



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

Membership Report

Our section membership stands at 489 members! Once again we had another tremendous increase in new and renewing members since our last newsletter. Here's a warm welcome to all our new members and a hearty thanks to all of our renewing members. Thank you so much!

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.

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!



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Happy Holidays and have a Wonderful New Year!

