



# The Road Benz

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Wichita Section

## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Greetings Wichita Section members! Wishing you a happy holiday and a successful new year in 2023.

I was really pleased with our many August and September events. Our section did a great job representing the Mercedes-Benz brand at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Wichita German Car Show on September 17<sup>th</sup>. There were over 218 cars on display including some new models rolled out by our local MB dealership. One of our cars (1971 3.5 cabriolet) won the MB members choice award.

Additionally, the club enjoyed a scenic road trip up to the Flint Hills, with an enjoyable lunch in Council Grove at the historic Hays House restaurant.

Our section also participated in the inaugural Medallion Rally in support of the Alzheimer's Association.

We've already started putting plans together for 2023 and I look forward to seeing everyone at our membership meeting in January. Hope to see you all there.

Lee

## 2023 Section Event Calendar

- Jan 13-15:** Cars for Charities Event
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup>:** Membership meeting
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup>:** Garage Crawl
- Mar 11<sup>th</sup>:** Visit to Luxury Import Specialists
- Apr 8<sup>th</sup>:** TBD
- May 6<sup>th</sup>:** McPherson College Car Show
- Jun 10<sup>th</sup>:** Poker Run
- Jul 8<sup>th</sup>:** TBD
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup>:** TBD
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup>:** Membership meeting & officer election
- Sep:** Wichita German Car Show
- Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Salina German Car Show
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:** TBD
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>:** TBD
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

## Upcoming Section Events

### **Cars for Charities Rod and Custom Car Show**

When: **Weekend, 13 to 15 January**

Where: **Century 2, 225 West Douglas, Wichita KS 67202**

This is a weekend charity event in downtown Wichita at Century II. There are many specific events throughout the weekend. Full details can be found at [the website](#). We will put out specific details on section activities associated with the event a little later. We are encouraging everyone to attend.



**CARS FOR CHARITIES ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW  
2022 PURE CLASS  
1934 PONTIAC  
OWNER: DICKIE STEVENS - ISOLA, MS**

### **Membership Meeting and Lunch**

When: **Saturday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM to 1PM**

Where: **TBD**

It's time for our semi-annual membership meeting! Come to this event and make your voice heard regarding our section's activities...and enjoy a nice lunch. We will send out the event location shortly. Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> so we can get a good headcount for the restaurant. You can RSVP by sending a message to [MBCA.wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.wichita@aol.com)



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Benton Airport and Garage Crawl

When: **Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **Stearman Field, 14789 30<sup>th</sup> St, Benton KS 67017**

We will meet up at Stearman Field in the morning for breakfast. At around 9:30 we will head out to check out Jeff Siebels's garage and then on to the Dick Price/John Carnahan garage. Expect to see some interesting cars and garage set ups!



### Visit to Luxury Import Specialists

When: **Saturday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to 11AM**

Where: **8091 E 45<sup>th</sup> St N, Bel-Aire KS 67226**

Have some car maintenance questions? This is a great opportunity to quiz Dave and Tom as they show off their wonderful repair facility. Plan on meeting up here at 9AM and bring your questions as we check out the new additions to Luxury Import Specialists. There will also be coffee and donuts. See you there!



## Recent Section Events



### **Morrison Car Collection and Lunch, Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our section was invited to visit Roger Morrison's private car collection up in Salina. After gathering at our usual spot behind the Cracker Barrel, our group conveyed up to Roger's place. As usual, Roger was an extremely gracious host, showing us around his collection and answering many questions. Afterwards the group grabbed lunch in downtown Salina. Unfortunately I don't have any pictures from the collection but I did get some pictures of the group before heading up north.



**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****Section Membership Meeting and Lunch,  
Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Wichita Section gathered for the semi-annual membership meeting and lunch at Firebirds. Fifteen members attended this meeting. We discussed upcoming events, the overall state of the club, and the election of three new board members. Congrats go out to Jeff Siebels, Randy Roths, and Joseph Kause, our newest section board members!



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Wichita Area German Car Show, Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>

The section participated in the first (of what is hoped to be annual) Wichita area all German car show. It was an excellent show with a wide variety of vehicles and outstanding weather. The show was jointly hosted by the Mercedes, Porsche, BMW, and Audi clubs. Over 200 cars participated with a very good showing from Mercedes-Benz. BMW won the award for most participating cars and Lee Elrick won best of show for Mercedes-Benz. Really looking forward to attending this show next year.



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section



### Sonnenblumen German Car Show, Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>

Three cars drove up from Wichita to Salina to participate in the Sonnenblumen German Car Show, hosted by the German Car Club of Kansas. At the show itself we met up with 2 more Wichita section cars. There were several other MB's there as well, but this show was definitely dominated by Beetles! The Sonnenblumen show always has some interesting cars and this show did not disappoint with several NSU cars and some obscure VW's.



**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****Alzheimer's Association  
Presentation, Thursday October  
20<sup>th</sup>**

The Wichita section participated in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's Medallion Rally in support of the Alzheimer's Association. Several members gathered at the association's Wichita chapter office as our Vice President, Will Tobin, presented a check to the local chapter. After the meeting the Wichita chapter board members went outside to admire and pose with some of our MB's. This is a great cause and hopefully next year we will be able to raise even more money.





## Trip Report

Anne and I had a wonderful trip to Amsterdam during the Thanksgiving timeframe. The canals provided a picturesque scene to match the amazing architecture in the old city. We also visited several art museums and made some day trips to Delft and Utrecht. I always keep an eye out for interesting cars. As expected, there were a lot of newer MBs but I also managed to spot some older cars....



Peugeot Van



Citroen DS



Mercedes W114/115



Citroen 2CV



Mercedes W126

## Section Membership News

Our section currently has **65 members**.

Welcome to our newest members: **Chris Glanzer** and **Darrell Swank**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Richard Ahlstrand, Tom Beskett, Brian Boisvert, Larry Fear, Michael Grant, Harvey Nero, Gil Perez-Abraham, Martin Perline, Randy Roths, John Rudd, Dwayne Rumsey, Will Tobin, Icer Vaughan,** and **Samuel Williams**. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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## Happy Holidays and have a Wonderful New Year!

