



# The Road Benz

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Wichita Section

## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



I want to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2019. The past week has been a stark reminder that it's still winter time here in Kansas, but no worries because we have some fun activities planned that are sure to warm you up. And of course spring can't be too far away....right???

We've had a lot of members renew this month which is great news for our section but we also need to reach out to new members. Please share your great experiences with others and encourage them to join our section. Every Mercedes-Benz out on the road is being driven by a potential member.

Anyway, there is some great information in this newsletter regarding upcoming activities, member trip reports, and lots of pictures. So mark the event dates on your calendar and I hope to see you at our next event!

## Up Coming Events

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Discussion topic, "What to Look for When Buying a Used Car" followed by lunch (further details in the newsletter)

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Visit to Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists shop

**April:** Date TBD, Lunch at the Mercedes-Benz dealership along with a new model review

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** McPherson College Car Show



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Past Event Reports

#### **McPherson College check presentation, December 12th**

The Wichita section has always had a close relationship with McPherson College's Auto Restoration program. Several section members are alumni of this program or currently have children attending the school. We also participate in the annual car show sponsored by the school's car club. In December Lee Elrick, section president, and Vin Kissick, section treasurer, traveled to the school to present a check on behalf of the Wichita section to support the restoration



project of a 1953 Mercedes 300S

cabriolet. This is a student led project and the check will cover food costs during upcoming weekend work sessions. This beautiful car was donated to the school in 2017 and at this point is completely stripped down and being rebuilt. The goal of the restoration project is to have the car ready for the 2023 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. McPherson College's Auto Restoration program is unique in that it is the only 4 year program of



its kind in the country.

#### **Membership Meeting, January 19th**

Brrrrrr!! It was an icy and cold day but 11 hearty souls showed up at the 2019 kickoff event at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill. We had fun catching up, meeting some new members, and discussing future section events. Here's to warmer weather soon! (Clearly this picture was not taken on the day of the event!)



**Upcoming Events!****Discussion: What to Look for When Buying a Used Car**When: **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 11:15**Where: **European Car Company, 122 N. Walnut St, Wichita KS 67203**

Dave Leivian, co-owner of European Car Company, will lead a discussion on how to evaluate a used car and what key items and issues to look for before making a purchase. This should be a lively event, so bring your questions and war stories! For those interested afterwards we'll head to Ruben's Mexican Grill for lunch.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 15<sup>th</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.

**Visit to Alloy Wheel Repair Specialist Shop**When: **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**Where: **1717 Southwest Blvd, Wichita KS 67213**

Terry Morris will show how this shop does repairs and restoration of wheels and rims. The exact time and additional details will be sent out in March. Hope to see you there!



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### Trip Reports

#### Tulsa Drive

Bob and Teresa Poulseen



On December 1, Teresa and I joined the Eastern Oklahoma Section of MBCA and the local Porsche club in a drive from Tulsa to Bartlesville, ending at Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz to benefit Toys for Tots. We were able to meet some new friends and contribute to a good cause.

Being from out of town, we arrived at the starting point early, and then a couple from Bentonville, Arkansas arrived to join us in waiting for the local group to arrive. The Toy Run has been a

Porsche event for several years and this year the MBCA was invited to participate. There were about 10 Benzes and 25 Porsches

We enjoyed a leisurely drive through the Oklahoma countryside then a chili lunch at the dealership.

If anyone sees an event in Eastern Oklahoma you would like to enjoy, it's a 4 hour drive from Wichita. They do have an interesting one planned for February 28. They will go to the National Weather Center for a tour and then the Barry Switzer Center on the OU campus.



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### Berlin Trip

Kirk Filbey and Anne Frey

Anne and I made a trip to Berlin, Germany right after Christmas. It was a little chilly but I was so excited to take this trip because I hadn't been to Berlin since 1987. A lot has changed and there seems to be a wall missing...

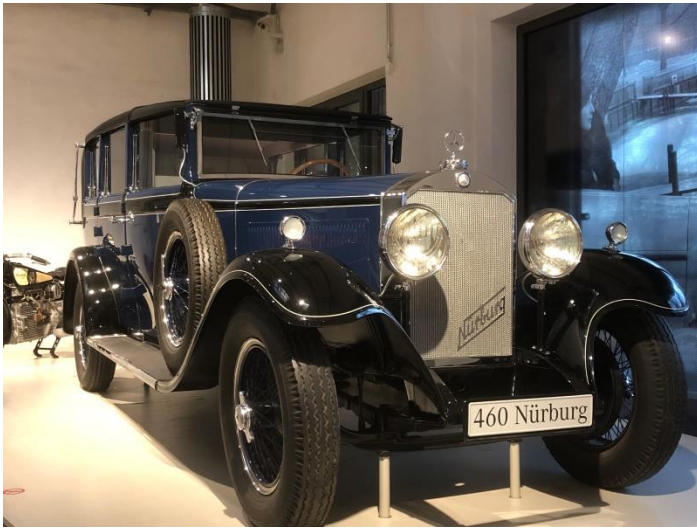
Anyway, we had a great time seeing the sites, enjoying great German food and beer, and seeing the city in all of its craziness on New Year's Eve. Obviously I was surrounded by Mercedes-Benz vehicles but I did make two Mercedes related visits. First we visited the Mercedes-Benz dealership on Unter den Linden, the central road through the heart of Berlin. The dealership only had a few cars but the Mercedes accessories store was well stocked!



The second car related visit was to the German Museum of Technology where I got to check out the car and aircraft collection. Of course they had other cars besides MB's!



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## The Benz Bazaar

### For Sale:

You deserve a convertible! 1984 280SL, euro specs. Local car, regularly serviced in town. Owner is asking \$10K, willing to negotiate. For more information contact Dave Greger or Tom Sincissen at [mbjagrover@gmail.com](mailto:mbjagrover@gmail.com) or (316) 440-5309



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Membership Report

Our section membership stands at 68 members so 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). For our current members, please don't forget to renew your membership so you don't miss out on future events.

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member: **Henry Platts!**

Thanks to the following members who renewed since our last newsletter: **Donald Barry, David Busenitz, James Charles, Michael Coup, Amanda Gutierrez, Harriet Irwin, Stephen Morris, Gus Shaar, Martin Perline, Tom Sincissen, Jerry Slomka, and Nestor Weigand.**

As we start the new year we'd like to recognize the following membership milestones:

20 years of membership: **Luis & Natividad Alonzo**

10 years of membership: **Jerry & Lidia Slomka, Scott & Shirley Circle, and Icer Vaughn**

5 years of membership: **Nestor Weigand, Tom Bessett, Stephen Morris, Herman Hicks, Martin Perline, and James Charles**

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

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