



# The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President

Happy New Year to all of you!



We have some great events planned for the next 6 months and we are in the process of solidifying the details on activities later in the year. You can see a

listing of our planned events to the right and you can find more details on upcoming events in the newsletter.

Congratulations go out to Kirk Filbey. He was selected by the Rocky Mountain Region as the Section Membership Chair of the Year. I appreciate all the work he puts in on membership activities so this is well deserved.

In other news I have been elected to the board of the MBCA Education Foundation. This is a charitable organization within MBCA with a mission of sharing the rich history and heritage of Mercedes-Benz through education and preservation. More to come on this as the year progresses.

Hope to see you at an upcoming event and drive safe out there.

Lee

## 2020 Section Event Calendar

8 Feb – Kansas Aviation Museum and Lunch

7 Mar – Visit to Doc (B-29) and Lunch

21 Mar – Cars & Coffee

18 Apr – Tech Session at Local Garage

2 May – McPherson Car Show

16 May – Cars & Coffee

30 May – Garage gathering with British Car Club of Wichita

13 Jun – Poker Run

20 Jun – Cars & Coffee

Jul – Dawn Patrol and Breakfast

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

17 Oct – Cars & Coffee

Nov – Tech Session/Car Collection/Museum

Dec – Dealership event

Formula 1 Watch Party or Parties sometime during the year

**Upcoming Events!****Kansas Aviation Museum and Lunch**When: **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to Noon**Where: **Kansas Aviation Museum, 3350 S. George Washington Blvd, Wichita, 67210**

We have a private tour lined up at the Kansas Aviation Museum on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to get up close to some wonderful aircraft and learn a little bit about Wichita's aviation history. Afterwards, we'll grab lunch. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Visit to Doc (B-29) and Lunch**When: **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to Noon**Where: **1788 S. Airport Road, Wichita, 67209**

There are only 2 flyable B-29's left in the world and one of them resides right here in Wichita! Come out and get a close inspection of Doc and his new home at the Wichita airport. This is a working hanger as opposed to a museum so you'll see Doc getting prepped for airshow season. Upstairs you can learn about the history of the B-29. After our visit we'll head over to Hangar One Steakhouse for a nice lunch. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### March Cars and Coffee

When: **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 AM to 10 AM**

Where: **The Alley Indoor Entertainment Center, 11413 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St N, Wichita KS 67206**

This is an informal gathering of cars that occurs during the third Saturday of every month at The Alley parking lot. This free event kicks off at 8 in the morning and there's complimentary coffee and donuts. Our club has just started attending these.

There's no need to formally RSVP and feel free to pop in and out of the event as your schedule permits.

Hope to see you there!



### Spring Time Tech Session

When: **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to 11:30 AM**

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

It's spring and time to get those cars ready for some road trips! We are so fortunate that club member Tom Sincissen has opened up his garage at Luxury Import Specialists to us to address car questions and provide tips on waking up your car from its long winter nap. Tom will put a car on a lift and cover some things to look for. Additionally he and his staff will address any car questions you might have. You should definitely mark this

date on your calendar and come out to this event. Afterwards we'll grab lunch. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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





**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****21<sup>st</sup> Annual CARS Club Car Show**

When: **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 AM to 3 PM**

Where: **McPherson College,  
1600 E. Euclid, McPherson KS  
67460**

The McPherson College Car and Motorcycle Motoring Festival occurs over Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd. This one of kind car show takes place in McPherson, Kansas and is organized and hosted by the students of the school's Auto Restoration program. McPherson College is the only school in the country with a 4 year auto restoration degree program.



Our section always has a large showing here. This event is open to all cars, no matter the vintage! More details are coming soon regarding registration and the full schedule for the weekend.



**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****Recent Events****Membership Meeting and Lunch, Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>**

About 12 members gathered at Firebirds Grill for a membership meeting and a wonderful lunch. Kudos for the great service at Firebirds! The section president, Lee Elrick, covered the events from our busy 2019 and members watched a montage of photos from the past year. Section members also discussed upcoming events for 2020 and provided ideas to fill out the rest of the club calendar. 2020 is looking like another banner year for the Wichita Section.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rkfilbey@gmail.com)



**Wanted:** 1970's era Becker Europa or Grand Prix radio. If you have one you'd like to part with please contact Kirk at [rkfilbey@gmail.com](mailto:rkfilbey@gmail.com)



Club News**MBCA Grill Badges**

Did you know you can order Mercedes-Benz Club grill badges for your car? You won't find them listed in the club store at mbca.org (not sure why) however if you call the National Business Office at (800) 637-2360 you can order one. The grill badges are \$28 and that includes shipping. Check it out; it's a fun way to decorate your car.

**2020 Germany Trips**

The 2020 Germany trips are set. These member-only trips provide direct and personal access to Mercedes-Benz facilities and museums and many amazing European landmarks.

**June 22-28**

**August 31 - September 6**

**September 7 - 13**

To learn more, contact trip Leiter and past national MBCA president Jim O'Sullivan at (843) 671-2079 or [click here to email him](#).



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Membership News

Our section currently has 490 members! Welcome to our new member: **Jack Pelton**. And here's a hearty thanks to all of our renewing members. Thank you so much.

As 2020 begins we'd like to recognize some membership anniversaries:

**30 Years:** Dave Busenitz

**25 Years:** Bob Cummings

**20 Years:** Lee Elrick

**10 Years:** Karl Childs, Karolyn Smitherman, John Rudd, Ottmar Lang, Rick Knorr, Thomas Alm, Adolfo Villaneuva, Tim Rohrig, James Gregory, Will Tobin, Thomas Kirk, and Lanita Roark

**5 Years:** David Kirk, Bob Poulseen, Archie Adams, David Crowds, Kristopher Kuhn, Katrin Kolder, David Matzen, and Stephen Barrett

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](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. Renewing members are the core part of our section.

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



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