



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

January 2015

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Events

Saturday, January 31, 2015

**Wichita Section Membership Meeting
and Lunch – 11:30am**
- RSVP Needed -



River City Brewing Co.
150 N Mosley St.
(in Wichita Old Town)
<http://www.rivercitybrewingco.com>

Come on out and kick off the new year with a section lunch and meeting. We will be discussing ideas for section events for the upcoming year and covering any other club business.

The club will cover lunch (food items only) for all members in good standing. Hope to see you all there!

RSVP: by Tuesday, 27 January
Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com
Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

**16th Annual McPherson College
C.A.R.S Club car show**

Sat, May 2, 2015 - 9:00am - 5:00pm
McPherson College | McPherson, KS



Our chapter promotes this show every year. All models and years of MB's are encouraged to show. During the show there are free guided tours of the auto restoration department of McPherson College. Additionally students do a demonstration of how to assemble a Model T from parts in less than 20 minutes! More details to follow as the event gets closer.

January Meeting Agenda
*- What do YOU want to do -
in 2015*

- Road Trips
- Museum Visits
- Car Shows
- Historical Site Visits
- Tech Sessions
- Presentations
- Explore Towns
- Tour Winery/Brewery
- Visit Venues
- Socials
- Tours
- Dining Destinations

HOW TO:

**Register Your Email
Address with MBCA
National Business Office
(NBO)**

1. Update your profile at
MBCA website (mbca.org).
or
2. Contact the MBCA
membership services office
at 1-800-637-2360.
or
3. Send a message to our
section at:
MBCA.Wichita@aol.com.



PAST EVENTS REPORT

- Das Sonnenblumen Autofest - September 27, 2014 Salina, KS

Twelve (12) members and guest with 8 cars enjoyed a beautiful early fall day at the German Car Show. There were 89 registered German made vehicles in the show with 7 of the 12 Mercedes Benz from our Wichita Section. Others included BMWs, Porsches, Audi, Smart Car, VW Beetles, VW Notchbacks, VW Karmann Ghias, VW flatbed trucks, VW buses, and a few others novelty vehicles.

Our own Lee Elrick displayed his gorgeous 1971 280 SE Cabriolet, easily winning 1st prize in the MB category and also taking the best interior award for the whole show. Kirk Filbey's 1973 350 SL won 3rd prize in the MB category. Additionally John Carnahan took third place for his Porsche, so the Wichita Section had a good showing overall!



- Oktoberfest Fall Drive - Stearman Field Bar & Grill and Walnut River Brewery October 25, 2014 Benton and El Dorado, KS

Another fall day was enjoyed by 13 members and guest with 8 cars and having lunch outside under the patio shelter at the airport's grill watching planes take-off and land while we ate. Steve Bessett, was presented with a past-president pin. Afterwards, Chris Hoffman lead the Mercedes-Benz caravan thru a scenic route to El Dorado to enjoy a tour of the 3 year old local brewery. We had sample tastings and several purchased growlers, glasses, and t-shirt souvenirs. It would be fun to return after their huge production expansion happens this winter.



- Salina Car Collection & Dinner - November 22, 2014 Salina and Lindsborg, KS

A strong willed 17 members and guest with 8 vehicles pushed thru unusually dense morning fog to experience a unique viewing of Roger Morrison's amazing car collection! Roger gave personal insights into how or why he has obtained the vehicles as well as countless technical details about each vehicle. He was a generous host and willing to answer countless questions from our members.

Following the tour we next drove down to the little town of Lindsborg. There we wandered around the Main Street shops before finishing the day with dinner at the Swedish Crown restaurant. The staff there went over the top with their service, even providing a specially printed menu for our group visit. The food was fantastic and the stories shared around the table were quite interesting.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Happy New Year everyone! Hard to believe how fast 2014 flew by. Looking back at the year, we managed to stay pretty busy. We made trips out to the Cosmosphere & Space Center in



Hutchinson, Walnut River Brewery in El Dorado, and Roger Morrison's car collection in Salina. We had club dinners in March, August, and November...who could forget that meal and the personalized menus at the Swedish Crown restaurant in Lindsborg! Additionally we took part in two car shows, the McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club Car Show and the Sonnenblumen Autofest (German Car Show) in Salina. Like I said, it was a pretty busy year for us.

And yet even as I look at my old car cocooned in the garage waiting for warmer weather, I can't help but get excited about the coming year. My goal is to have a club event at least once a month and so I want to hear your ideas about what you want out of your club...because after all this is your club! Our next club event will be a lunch meeting at River City Brewing Company in Wichita on 31 January. This will be an opportunity to socialize, catch-up after the holidays, and start talking about future club events for 2015. I hope we have a great turn out because I know it's going to be fun. The section officers and board members will be meeting to plan activities for the next 6 months based on feedback/ideas we receive. At this time we already have one event on our calendar: the 16th annual McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club Car Show on 2 May. We'll send out more information on this event later in the year.

In the last newsletter I mentioned I had three goals: increase the number of club activities, improve communication with the chapter membership, and increase the number of participants in our section events. I feel like we've made good progress in the number of club events and participation numbers have gone up for each event. I'm still working to improve communication with all the chapter members. While we will continue to send out paper copies of our newsletter periodically, electronic communication is the best way to send out information quickly and easily. We are also expanding our web presence. If you go to the MBCA website (www.mbc.org) you can look up and read about our most recent club activities. We also post information here on upcoming activities. Additionally we have been working the MBCA national business office to get our own webpage set up. However to really make this all work we need your e-mail address! This newsletter will again instruct you how to add your email. Please do this; your e-mail address will not be shared with outside parties, and I promise we won't inundate you with e-mail. Finally, don't forget to talk about the club! If you have a friend or an acquaintance who has a Mercedes or has an interest in the brand, tell them about the club and invite them to an event. Remember, it's the people who make this club so let's let other people know about it!

Hope to see you all on the 31st. Thanks for your support of this club.

Kirk

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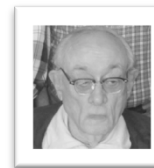
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In Memory of Herb Aillsieger:

We are sad to inform you that on Dec. 5, 2014 Herb Aillsieger passed away. Herb was an active member of our Wichita Section. He was an Air Force veteran, physicist, aviation engineer, lifelong pilot, avid motorcyclist and Mercedes-Benz enthusiast. We will miss him.





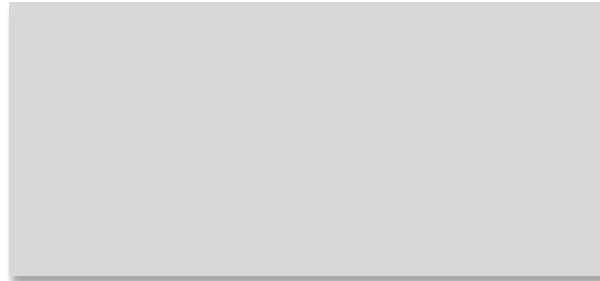
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

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Be sure to renew your membership!



TIDBITS FOR READERS

- please read -

☺ Thank you members! Already we have 75% of our ~500 section members that have now registered their email addresses with MBCA National Business Office (NBO)! Instructions on how to register your email address are on page 1 of this newsletter.

☺ **We had 40 of the emails addresses bounce.** So please remember to add "MBCA.Wichita@aol.com" to your email contact list so the section emails won't bounce.

☺ The section newsletter will be sent via USPS only 3 times this year and all other updates and additional communications will be via email.

Note: If you do not have an email address, please let us know so arrangements can be made to keep you informed on local activities (call Newsletter Editor at 316-838-3636).

☺ See Wichita Section recent activities published in current Jan/Feb 2015 issue of *The Star Magazine* (p88 & p90).



HOW TO: See More Event Report Details & More Photos on MBCA.org

Steps to follow:

- 1) On MBCA.org home page, click on "Latest Event Reports...MORE EVENT REPORTS"
- 2) On Event Reports page, select "Wichita" under "Section" and then click on "Search"
- 3) Click on the event title to see more details and pictures
- 4) Click on the first photo to enlarge and then slide cursor over picture until right & left arrows show to cycle thru the enlarged pictures

Good News: You do not have to be logged in to see this information!

