



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

January 2016

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Events

Saturday, January 30, 2016

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



**Bricktown Brewery
2035 N Rock Road
Wichita, KS**

<http://www.bricktownbrewery.com>

Time to kick-off the New Year at Bricktown Brewery! Come on out for a membership meeting and discussion about future section events. The club will pick up lunch for members in-good-standing and guests. Participants will be responsible for any alcoholic beverage purchases. See you there!

RSVP: by 6:00pm Friday, January 29th
Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com
Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

**January
Meeting Agenda**

*- What do YOU want to do
in 2016?*

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

McPherson College C.A.R.S Club 17th Annual Motoring Festival

Sat, April 30, 2016 @ 10:00am - 4:00pm
McPherson College | McPherson, KS

The car show is completely organized and run by students enrolled in the Automotive Restoration program at McPherson College, the only school in the United States to offer a Bachelor's Degree in the restoration of antique and classic collector vehicles. MBCA members from several sections participate in showing their classics, to-be classics, and brand new Mercedes-Benz. More details as the event gets closer.



PAST EVENTS REPORT



Fall Drive October 24, 2015

Beaumont & Augusta, KS

More report: <http://mbca.org/event-report/2015-10-24/wichita-section-fall-drive>

This event had something for everyone: a beautiful drive in the country, a unique lunch spot, a history museum, and a

military museum. 19 members and guests gathered for a drive out to Beaumont, Kansas where we had lunch at the historic Beaumont Hotel, established in 1879 and a landing strip created in 1948. While enjoying lunch, two small aircraft landed and taxied up to the hotel so the passengers and pilot could enjoy a nice lunch as well.

Following lunch the caravan headed out and stopped at a lookout to admire the huge wind turbine farm before visiting the Augusta Historical Museum and log cabin structure which has been standing in its original place since 1868. Final stop was the Kansas Military Historical Museum for a private tour and a reminder of the amazing finds that exist in small towns around us.



Taste of Sweden Fall Drive November 21, 2015

Lindsborg & Marquette, KS

More report: <http://mbca.org/event-report/2015-11-21/taste-sweden-fall-drive>

The caravan arrived at the Swedish Crown Restaurant in time for 13 members and guests to enjoy the flavors of Swedish cuisine. With an open agenda, several continued the caravan spirit and drove over to the next town and toured the Kansas Motorcycle Museum while others did a little shopping in Lindsborg.

Dealership Showing & Social December 12, 2015 Wichita, KS

In spite of all the holiday shopping and WSU basketball game, 16 dedicated and active members came out to the exclusive showing of the

latest Mercedes-Benz SUV models and enjoyed a club social at the Mercedes-Benz of Wichita dealership. The social holiday cheers included refreshments with a drawing where everyone received an official Mercedes-Benz lifestyle gift, compliments of both Mercedes-Benz of Wichita and MBCA Wichita Section.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Happy New Year everyone! 2015 now goes down into the record books. As I started putting together this column, I looked back at my article from January 2015. In that piece I laid out some goals for the Wichita Section and I think we did pretty well achieving them.



First I wanted to increase the number of club activities during the year. The section stepped up, did the planning, and we ended up having a very busy and eventful year. Next I wanted to find ways to improve club communications. This past year we pushed hard to embrace electronic communication and for the most part it was pretty successful. Since about 88% of our section members now have an e-mail addresses, sending out newsletters and event reminders has become much easier. We also have increased our web presence by regularly posting our event reports and notices on the MBCA.org webpage. As a result the Wichita Section gets mentioned in the Star magazine in almost every issue. We didn't get a dedicated web page set up like I wanted to, so that will be a goal for 2016. Finally I wanted to try to increase the number of participants attending club events. I'm happy to say that the average number of participants in our club events has gone up, however it would be nice to get even more people involved. All in all though, 2015 was a good year for us.

But enough reminiscing! It's a new year and we're going to get things kicked off with a membership lunch and meeting at the end of the month. I hope as many people as possible can attend because this will be yet another opportunity to discuss future club events for 2016. The club officers will be meeting in February to start planning for the next 6 months or so, so your input is important. At this time we already have one event on our calendar: the 17th annual McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club Car Show on 30 April.

Well that's about it for this column. With this strange weather, I have no idea if I need to put down the soft top on my old car or go ahead and put the hard top back on. In any case, I look forward to seeing everyone at the membership lunch on the 30th. As always, thanks for your support of the club and happy driving!

Kirk

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MBCA Multi-Regional Event

Save
the
Date !

- Visit -
Mesa Verde National Park,
Colorado
& Four Corners Monument

September 9-11, 2016

Be sure to renew your membership!





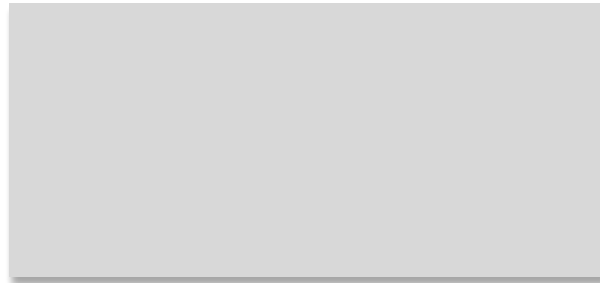
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2015 - Year in Review

Section's most active year for the past 20 years!



- Jan – Lunch & Meeting, River City Brewery, Wichita, KS
- Mar – Dealership Tech Session, Mercedes-Benz of Wichita, Wichita, KS
- Apr – Mystery Poker Run, The Breadbasket lunch & Surprise Garage Showing & Social, Newton, Hillsboro, Marion, Wichita, KS
- May – McPherson C.A.R.S. Car Show, McPherson, KS
- Jun – Channel 12 News Room Tour & Cy's Hoof & Horn lunch, Wichita & Sedgwick, KS
- Jul – Salt Mine Tour & Mustard Seed Cafe lunch, Hutchinson & Buhler, KS
- Aug – Membership Meeting and Old Chicago dinner, Wichita, KS
- Sep – German Car Show, Das Sonnenblumen Autofest, Salina, KS
- Oct – Fall Drive - Beaumont Hotel Lunch, Augusta Historical & Kansas Military History Museums, Beaumont & August, KS
- Nov – Drive-Swedish Crown Lunch-Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Lindsborg & Marquette, KS
- Dec – Exclusive Showing & Social, Mercedes-Benz of Wichita, Wichita, KS

