



# The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Chartered in 1972

Wichita Section

## President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Greetings to our Wichita Section! We've had a very busy 6 months to kick off the year and I'm looking forward to an active schedule for the remaining months of 2022

May 7<sup>th</sup> was the McPherson car show and it was a huge success. This was designated as a regional event and so our section sponsored a BBQ for other visiting sections. We had MBCA members from Kansas City, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Additionally the Wichita Mercedes-Benz dealership was in attendance, providing gifts to MBCA members. I wanted to offer a special thanks to McPherson College for helping arrange an area for the event.

Looking over the July/August edition of The Star magazine, you'll notice our section has been getting some attention. One of the feature articles, "Star Pupil" was about Austin Cooper. Austin is a student in McPherson College's auto restoration program and he is member of our section! Additionally on page 96 you'll notice a yellow 1953 220. This car has had a frame off restoration and is now going to be sold on behalf of a close friend. Please give me a call if you have an interest in this vehicle (316-619-6922)

Lee

## 2022 Section Event Calendar

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup>:** Morrison Car Collection

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>:** Membership meeting at Firebirds

**Sep 17<sup>th</sup>:** Wichita Area German car show

**Sep 24<sup>th</sup>:** Sonnenblumen German car show in Salina

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>:** Flint Hills road trip and lunch

**Nov:** TBD

**Dec:** TBD



## Upcoming Section Events

### **Morrison Car Collection and Lunch**

When: **Saturday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM to 1PM**

Where: **Salina**

Our section has been invited to visit Roger Morrison's private car collection up in Salina. This is a great opportunity to get up close to some very special cars. Afterwards we'll grab some lunch in Salina.

For this event we will meet up at the parking lot behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Park City (996 E 61<sup>st</sup> St N, Wichita KS 67219). We will depart as a group at 9:30AM and head up to the car collection in Salina. Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and let us know if you are interested in getting lunch afterwards. You can RSVP by sending a message to [MBCA.wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.wichita@aol.com)



### **Membership Meeting and Lunch**

When: **Saturday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM to 1PM**

Where: **Firebirds, 10096 E 13<sup>th</sup> St N, Wichita KS 67206**

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. Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, August 25<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

### Wichita Area German Car Show

When: **Saturday, Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 11AM to 2PM**

Where: **Wichita State Tech Campus, 4004 N. Webb Rd, Wichita KS 67226**

This is a brand new Wichita event focused exclusively on German Cars. The show is open to all German cars, no matter the age of the car. We will pass on more information as it becomes available so for now make sure to circle this date on your calendar!



### Sonnenblumen Autofest German Car Show

When: **Saturday, Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 2PM**

Where: **Oakdale Park, 730 Oakdale Dr, Salina KS 67401**

This is a fun, relaxed car show featuring all sorts of German cars. There's usually a heavy presence from Volkswagen, so if you're interested in Beetles then this is the place to be! This is a show and shine event, with people's choice awards for different makes of cars. This event is open to all German vehicles, old or new, and it's always surprising to see what shows up. There is a \$10 registration fee for each car. Additionally there will be a Studebaker show nearby and there's a new car museum just a few blocks away. We will meet at the parking lot behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Park City (996 E 61<sup>st</sup> St N, Wichita KS 67219). We will depart as a group at 9AM and head up to the show. Event RSVP info will be sent out later so stay tuned.



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Recent Section Events

#### Visit to European Car Company, Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dave Leivian invited the club out to his shop, European Car Company, in Delano to check out some current projects and field questions from the group. We had great participation, with around 14 members and guests attending. Dave has an extensive knowledge of cars and was happy to provide advice and guidance on car issues. While enjoying coffee and donuts, we had a great time checking out all the cars in his shop. We were also quite fortunate to see not one, but two 1950's era 220's! Afterwards a few folks walked over to La Gallette to grab some lunch.



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### McPherson Car Show, Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>



The Wichita Section hosted a regional event as part of the annual McPherson College Car and Motorcycle show. There was excellent participation from other MBCA sections both within the Rocky Mountain Region and nearby, with around 35 folks participating. As part of the event there was a catered BBQ lunch just from MBCA members. Special thanks to members of the Kansas City Section and the Ozark Section for participating in this event!

McPherson College is the only school in the US which has a 4-year car restoration degree program. Each year the students of the school's car club host this top notch car show which typically attracts around 400 cars. Some of the headline cars this year were a 1938 Buick Y-Job Concept car, the 1961 Mako Shark Corvette concept, the 1970 Pontiac Pegasus concept, an early 1930's



Duesenberg Model J, and the 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K. Additionally the school showed off the Mercedes 300S they are restoring.

This year's car show was very well organized, with both exceptional weather and a fine selection of cars to see.



**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****Jenny Dawn Cellars, Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Wichita section headed over to Jenny Dawn Cellars for wine tasting right in the heart of Wichita. The winery is located within the historic downtown Union Station building. The proprietor, Jennifer McDonald, conducted a wine tasting with our group showing techniques for approaching and experiencing new wines and explaining how different food flavors impact how a wine tastes. Jenny answered all sorts of questions from the group and provided some interesting information on the wine making business. It's unusual to have a winery situated in an urban location! Following the tasting we then headed across the river to Delano for dinner at Ruben's Mexican Grill.



**Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section****Wichita Cars & Coffee, Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Every month there's a large Cars and Coffee gathering in Wichita. For the month of July the Mercedes-Benz club was designated as one of the host car clubs for this event. Section members arrived early to set up cones for a special MB only zone along with chairs and tables so we could pass out information about the club. Around 20 MBs participated in the event and over 300 cars of all makes and models showed up. It was a fun event, and we were thankful for cloud cover which helped keep temperatures down!



## Section News

2022 is an important year for our Wichita section. You'll notice on the masthead of this newsletter that our section was chartered in 1972 which means this year is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As luck would have it, long time section member Michael Coup recently rediscovered a framed certificate of our section's charter! He presented it to our section leadership during the McPherson car show. In case you were wondering, the section's official birthday was on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It's great to have this piece of section history and it's reminder of all the dedicated volunteers who have stepped up over the years to keep this section active and viable. Whether in a leadership role or an event support role, volunteers are what keeps this club going.



Please make it a point to come to the membership meeting in August to participate in discussions about club activities. If you have any questions about how you can help with the section, please send a message to [mbca.wichita@aol.com](mailto:mbca.wichita@aol.com) and the current officers will be happy to contact you and answer your questions.





# MBCA's German Trips Have Returned!

Choose from one of two space-limited trips that have been scheduled for this 2022 year!

- **September 5 to 11, 2022**
- **September 12 to 18, 2022**

Each trip includes six hotel nights, six breakfasts, six dinners, and four lunches. Travel by chartered deluxe coach, admissions and taxes, hotel and restaurant gratuities, English-speaking Mercedes-Benz host, and an MBCA host are also included. Airfare and personal expenses such as alcohol and souvenirs are not included.

Cost: \$3,000 per person. A nonrefundable \$500 deposit per person is required upon registering for a German Trip. An additional 10% supplement fee is required for single travelers.

Understandably, the German Trips are contingent upon COVID-related circumstances, which are subject to change at any time.

Trip participants must carry and present proof of vaccination and any required boosters in addition to requirements by Governments for travelers to/from or within their countries. Face masks may be required at any or all venues. MBCA may cancel the German Trips for any unforeseen reasons.

Please contact Nicole Noll – [Nicole@mbca.org](mailto:Nicole@mbca.org) or (800) 637-2360 – to register today.

For questions, comments, or additional information, please contact German Trip leaders Cliff Reyle and Chuck Stanford at [GermanTrips@MBCA.org](mailto:GermanTrips@MBCA.org).

Don't miss your chance to experience where it all began. See you in Stuttgart!

[2022 German Trip Form](#)



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

### Section Membership News

Our section currently has **67 members**.

Welcome to our newest member: **Richard Goodinson**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Lawrence Appenfeller, Todd Borton, David Busenitz, John Carnahan, Jeffrey Dale, Rodney Handsfield, Juvenal Jubal, Vin Kissick, Don Mayer, Don and Suzanne Moore, Ronald Padfield, William Preuit, Ronnie Stopfer, and Charles Welsh**. 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.



Spotted this car outside of Dublin, Ireland – The Editor

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