



# The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

April 2015

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Wichita Section

## Two (2) Upcoming Events



Saturday, June 20, 2015

### KWCH Channel 12 Facility Tour

2815 East 37th St N, Wichita, KS  
(west of Hillside & N 37th St)

**Start Time: 11:00am** at KWCH location  
but arrive early to have time to sign in at the reception area.

followed by lunch in Sedgwick, KS

**Cy's Hoof & Horn Steakhouse**  
425 N Commercial Ave. Sedgwick, KS  
(25-minute drive North of Wichita)



In lieu of the standard live broadcast tour, our special Saturday tour has been set up by Brian Gregory, the KWCH12 News Director himself to show us around the modern and impressive technologies of the newsroom, weather room, broadcast studio, and other areas!

You enter Hoof & Horn up thru a cattle chute with the receptionist at the top of the chute. Then there is the experience of all the taxidermy wild life on display. The open bar and TVs are one side of the chute and the restaurant on the other side ... making it a very interesting place!

**Please RSVP: by Friday, June 19th** (And, in case of inclement weather, we need to know how to contact you)  
Email to: [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com)  
Or leave Suzanne a message at 316-838-3636

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#### - MEMBERS REMINDER! -

July 1st Membership Dues to increase from current \$49/yr to \$55/yr.

The Star Magazine, Mar/Apr 2015 issue, Page 74. "...MBCA encourages all existing members to lock in the current rate by renewing for one, two, or three years prior to July 1, 2015."



Be sure to renew your membership!

**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

**STRATACA Tour  
Kansas Underground Salt Museum**

- Only salt mine in USA accessible to tourist -  
3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS  
(Intersection of Airport Rd (or Yoder Rd) & E Ave G)

**Tour Time: 10:40am**, but must be at mine **by 10:15am!**

(see optional caravan from Wichita Area below\*)



**followed by late lunch in Buhler, KS**

**Mustard Seed Coffee Shop and Deli**

214 N Main St, Buhler, KS  
(15-minute drive NE of Hutchinson)

A COOL location for a Kansas event in hot July. Lots of changes and additions since the club last visited the salt mine in August 2007!

Our group will be reserving the extensive 2-hour tour that includes a walking tour and 2 rides, i.e., Dark Ride (tram) & Train Ride (narrow gauge mini train).

A late lunch at a wonderful sandwich & dessert deli cafe and just a block away is Adrian's Boutique, a fun place to shop.

NOTE: Must be 4+ yrs old to go underground; Rides are not handicap accessible; No shade in parking lot.

**Strataca requires group tickets be purchased a week in advance. Please reserve your tickets when you RSVP and then pay the club for your tickets at arrival.**

**Strataca ticket prices:**

- Adult fare: \$19
- Senior 60+: \$17
- Active Duty Military: \$8
- Reno County Residents: \$14.
- Children (4-12): \$12

**Required RSVP: by Friday, July 17th**

- 1) Identify how many of each category of Strataca tickets
- 2) Identify if joining the caravan in Maize
- 3) Identify how many for lunch at Mustard Seed

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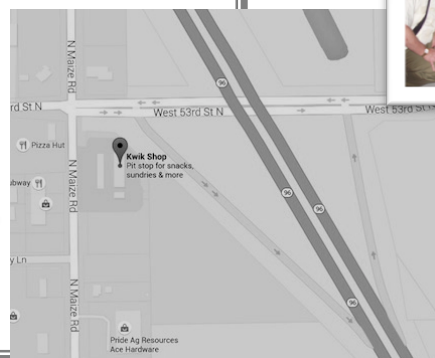
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**\* Optional caravan from Wichita Area**

**Leaves at 9:15am** from Kwik Shop  
5340 N Maize Rd (south of 53rd N & Maize Rd), Maize, KS



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## PAST EVENTS REPORT

### Mystery Route Poker Run

April 25, 2015



We had 9 brave members with 5 cars (only one new enough to have a GPS) enjoy the mystery poker run and another 10 members join in at the final "garage" stop. The poker run took us to Newton and lunch at the Bread Basket restaurant and taking a little time to explore Main Street. After some route

adjustments (let's just say we took a more scenic route) we made it to the even smaller town of Hillsboro where everyone enjoyed some coffee refreshments at the Little Pleasures coffeehouse.

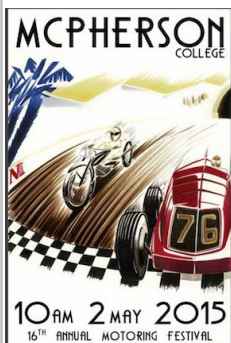
The next stop and card draw was in the scenic town of Marion and its beautiful county courthouse. The return trip back

took us through parts of the Flint Hills area of Kansas before pulling into an amazing garage co-owned by section member John Carnahan. Those on the poker run picked their prizes and everyone enjoyed food and refreshments and

the time spent exploring the garage,

amazing cars in the garage, and old automobile memorabilia.

Great fun and surprises! See more report and pictures at: <http://www.mbca.org/event-report/2015-04-25/wichita-mystery-poker-run>



### McPherson College | Automotive Restoration 16th ANNUAL C.A.R.S. CLUB Car Show May 2, 2015

The weather looked sketchy at first but this turned out to be a beautiful day for a car show. This year the foreign car category was located in another section of the campus lawn where MBCA members staked out a spot, set up a tent, brought in refreshments, enjoyed socializing and checked out all the cars. Mercedes-Benz Club of America made a great showing with member

entries from the Wichita, Pikes Peak, Kansas City, and Central Oklahoma sections showing up to dominate the foreign car category of this show. Mercedes-Benz entries included a total of 18 old and new vehicles, including 10 cars from our Wichita section alone. It was a great opportunity to meet

Mike Regennitter, MBCA's new Executive Director from the National Business Office (NBO) in Colorado Springs. And, we all enjoyed seeing Steve Dierks, past National President and Charlie Bennett, our Regional Director. McPherson College is the only college in the US offering a four-year degree program in auto restoration. Every year the auto restoration students host this large car show, which features makes and models from all years and from all around the world.



See more report and pictures at: <http://www.mbca.org/event-report/2015-05-02/16th-annual-motoring-festival-mcpherson-college>





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Strataca – Salt Museum Tour

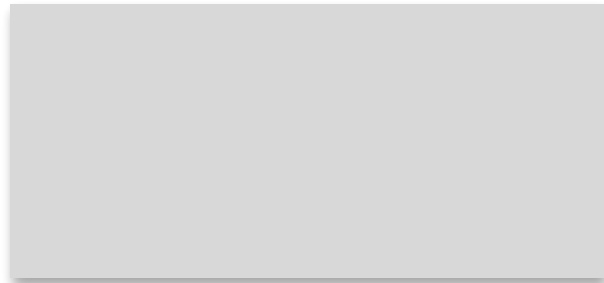
**August (TBA)**

Membership meeting & dinner

**September 26th**

8th Annual Sonnenblumen  
Autofest (German Car Show)  
in Salina, KS

\* \* \* More details coming \* \* \*



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Ok, ok, I know we needed the rain but I'm ready for sunshine and the start of summer! Despite the weather we really lucked out with our April Poker Run event and the May car show event up at McPherson. We had a great turn out at both events and I couldn't be happier. You can check out the event reports on the MBCA website ([www.MBCA.org](http://www.MBCA.org)).



As mentioned in previous newsletters we have summer events planned for the section however we've made some changes to our plans. Initially we planned to drive out to Greensburg, KS in June and Bartlesville, OK in July. However based on input from members we've changed both events to reduce the required drive time. Much of our section's membership lives in the Wichita area however we do have members spread out across other parts of Kansas. We are striving to plan events which are not always Wichita-centric but this can sometimes be a challenge. That being said, I love hearing from members regarding potential club events and activities. For members who are further away from Wichita, think about hosting a section event; we'll help you plan it.

Let me finish up my column with two quick reminders. First, we are always looking for stories about members and their cars and I'd like to include some of those stories as a regular feature of our section newsletter. Do you have a story about your experience with Mercedes-Benz that you'd like to share in a future edition of our newsletter? These could be stories about when you first fell in love with Mercedes-Benz vehicles, adventures (or misadventures) with your vehicle, or even a funny story from a past club event. You can submit your story via e-mail to [mbca.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:mbca.Wichita@aol.com) or pass on your story to one of the club officers. Digital photos are always good to include but are not required. A club officer will work with you to edit your story to fit the space in the newsletter. Second, and I know I say this all the time, however, 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!

My ragtop is deployed; hope to see you all at the next event. Thanks for your support of this club.  
Kirk

