



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

March 2017

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Events (March, April, May)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

**- Special Event -
Viewing of Private Car Collection**

9:15am Caravan departs promptly from the Poplar Restaurant parking lot located at the southwest corner of Kellogg & Andover Rd, Andover, KS
9:30-11:00am Private Car Collection Viewing
Lunch: Follows at the Las Palmas Restaurant, 119 W Central Ave. Andover, KS

This is an exclusive invitation to MBCA club members to tour a private car collection. The owner is a prominent Wichita businessman, former owner of the local Mercedes Benz dealership, organizer of the huge Starbird-Devlin Rod & Custom Charity Car Show, and a serious car collector. You don't want to miss this very rare opportunity!

RSVP Required: by 5:00pm Friday, March 24th

Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

Saturday, April 22, 2017

**- Mercedes Benz Tech Session -
Luxury Import Specialists**

(luxuryimportspecialists.com)

8091 E 45th St N, Wichita, KS (Southeast corner of 45th N & Rock Rd)

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Lunch: Follows at the Carrabba's Italian Grill, 3409 N Rock Rd, Wichita, KS

We've asked owner Tom Sincissen, Mercedes Benz Master Mechanic, to include in his session how best to prep our cars after a long winter. Don't miss this great opportunity to ask questions to one of the best Mercedes Benz mechanics in the region!

Please RSVP: by 5:00pm Friday, April 21st

Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

Upcoming Section Events (March, April, May cont.)



Feature Car: 1937 Mercedes Benz 540K Cabriolet

Saturday, May 6, 2017

McPherson College | C.A.R.S. Club 18th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

- Restoration Program's 40th Anniversary –
8:00am – 2:00pm, Awards Follow

Location: McPherson College | 1600 E. Euclid | McPherson, KS (center lawn)

Registration Directions: Entry vehicle parking 8:00am-10am. From Interstate I-135 & Hwy US 56 (State Ave) in McPherson, drive west 1 mile on US 56 and over railroad bridge; turn north for 1 block on Eby; then turn east along Baer St. for 3 blocks as it curves north; then turn west on Euclid St. and proceed west half block to registration tent.
<http://www.mcpherson.edu/about/map/>

Show Admission: Free

Vehicle Entry Registration: \$15 prior to April 15th (\$20 at the show)

On-line registration: <http://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestitution/cars/>

Note - MBCA | Wichita Section members that enter a Mercedes-Benz vehicle in the show will have their fees refunded by the Wichita Section, with proof of registration.

Caravan: 9:00am departs promptly from the back parking lot of the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Park City, KS (I-135 & North 61st St) or optionally meet us at the show.

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-Benzes. Almost 275 cars were in last year's show, covering many car makes and models.

Caravan RSVP: by Friday, May 5, 2017

Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com

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PAST EVENT REPORT



Membership Meeting & Lunch
January 28, 2017
Larkspur Bistro & Bar
Wichita, KS

This year's kick off meeting was attended by 19 active members ready to find out what fun is in store this coming year. Lots of information was shared of this year's current plans from the previous board meeting. Kirk

Filbey was presented a Past President pin and Suzanne Moore was given a Section Member of the Year Award.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lee Elrick, Jr., Section President



I have been busy having fun finding future new activities for our club members. I hope you will be able to take advantage of them as we set them up. It is very important to me to expand our membership and participation, to develop a great working relationship with the new owners of our local Mercedes Benz dealership, and to expand our regional participation with other sections.

A couple months ago I was contacted by Gary Anderson, The Star Magazine editor, with interest in pictures and an article of my newly restored silver 1971 280SE 3.5 liter Cabriolet. This was a great opportunity to have it professionally photographed and that's just what I did! After that 6 year restoration project was completed, I decided I needed a new restoration project so I recently bought a 1977 450SEL with 38K miles from California that is in need of a restoration! For sure, the Mercedes Benz Classic Center will be receiving more parts business from me.

I hope you will join us in these upcoming events.
Lee



Refer a Friend Program | How does it work?

Invite a friend to join the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (friends do not need to own a Mercedes to enjoy full Membership privileges).

How to refer a friend to the club and get an additional month membership FREE when they join:

-Easy Steps to Follow -

- 1) Log into MBCA.org
- 2) Top Menu, select Membership/Member Benefits
- 3) Benefits Page, select Refer a Friend Program/Read More
- 4) Refer a Friend Program Page, select Click here for more.
- 5) Fill out the electronic invitation form with: Your name, Your email, Friend(s) email, add personal note to pre-scripted invitation message / select Send Invitation button. <https://www.mbc.org/refer-a-friend>



Section Member | Star Magazine Contributor

Tyler Hoover (2010/2011 - Wichita Section Past President) has become a contributor to the Star Magazine. In the Jan/Feb 2017 issue, he is introduced on page 10 and on page 66 with his cute and humorous article you don't want to miss and it's titled: *Joy Ride | True Confessions by Tyler Hoover.*

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Mercedes Benz Classic Center to Attend McPherson C.A.R.S. Show

The McPherson C.A.R.S. Club Motoring Festival will be one of the 12 classic car shows the Mercedes Benz Classic Center (MBCC) from Irvine, CA will attend in 2017!

See MBCC classic car shows schedule:

https://www.mbusa.com/mercedes-benz-classic-center/events_community/events





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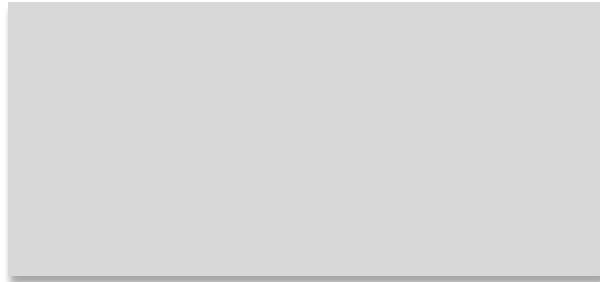
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Upcoming EVENTS!

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May 6, 2017



March 2017 Membership Update

While our section continues to have a vibrant core of folks who participate in Mercedes-Benz club events, our overall section membership numbers are down. We currently have 88 members in good standing. This number is rather low for our section and so this is a reminder to make sure to renew

your membership and to also spread the news about our club. We have fun events throughout the year and have other tangible benefits to membership.

Membership Milestones | Congratulations are in order for the following folks:

- 25 Years of Membership: **Larry & Judith Fear**
- 20 Years of Membership: **Richard & Suzie Ahlstrand, Robert & Margaret Houston, Richard & Lois McClelland, Dave Peters, and Gene Rising**
- 10 Years of Membership: **Lawrence Appenfeller**
- 5 Years of Membership: **Robert Babst, Jeffrey Dale, Donald Piros, and Dwayne Rumsey**

Thanks to everyone for your sustained membership and support of the club!

Membership Tangible Benefits

- **\$500 off the purchase or lease price of a new Mercedes-Benz**
- **6 issues per year of the award winning Star Magazine**
- **Discounts on parts, services, and accessories at participating dealerships**
- **15% off parts from Mercedes-Benz Classic Center (one of my favorite benefits)**
- **15% off clothing and accessories from Brooks Brothers**
- **Exclusive club trips to Germany**
- **5% off collector car insurance from Hagerty**
- **And more ...**

