



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Spring is in the air and I hope all of you are staying healthy. We are certainly living in some very challenging times. That being said, it's nice to get back into club events.

Our club recently visited United Engines on the west side of Wichita. The company rebuilds engines and specializes in older flatheads. The company has a great reputation and ship engines all over the country. Everybody really enjoyed the tour and the owner and his many experiences.

The Wichita Sections will have a busy remainder of the year. I wanted to highlight the May 7th event out at McPherson College. Not only is this a great car show, but it will also be an MBCA regional event, so we'll be extending invitations out to the surrounding MBCA section. Our section will be hosting a BBQ lunch for all MBCA participants.

While at the school make sure to take advantage of the tours of the auto restoration facilities. Among the projects the students of the Auto Restoration degree program are working on, make sure to check out the 1953 Mercedes 300S cabriolet.

Lee

2022 Section Event Calendar

Jan 29th: Membership meeting at Firebirds

Mar 12th: Visit to United Engines

Apr 2nd: Visit to European Car Company

May 7th: McPherson College Car Show and MBCA Regional event BBQ

May 14th: Jenny Dawn Cellars wine event

Jun 11th: Poker Run

Jul 16th: Cars & Coffee

Aug 13th: Membership meeting and Officer elections at Firebirds

Sep 24th: Sonnenblumen German car show in Salina

Oct 10th: Flint Hills road trip and lunch

Nov: TBD

Dec: TBD



Upcoming Section Events

Visit to European Car Company

When: **Saturday, Apr 2nd, 9AM to 11AM**

Where: **122 N. Walnut St, Wichita KS 67203**

Dave Leivian has invited the club out to his shop in Delano to check out some current projects and field questions from the group. He has an extensive knowledge of cars and is happy to provide advice and guidance on car issues. Coffee and donuts will be served. Afterwards if there's interest, we can swing by Prost to get some lunch. Please RSVP to mbca.wichita@aol.com by Friday, April 1st, so we can get a head count for the event.



McPherson College Car Show and MBCA Regional Event

When: **Saturday, May 7th, 8AM to 4PM**

Where: **McPherson College, 1600 E. Euclid, McPherson KS 67460**

Save the date for this event! This is a very popular regional car show hosted by the students of McPherson College's Auto Restoration program. Several hundred cars of all makes and models will be there. Additionally, the school will host tours of the auto restoration facilities. If you check out the Star Magazine (Nov-Dec 2021 Issue), you'll see an article on a Mercedes-Benz the students are working on. This will also be a Mercedes-Benz Club Regional Event which means we will have participants from other MBCA sections as well. For this year's event, the school has set aside a separate area just for MBCA members which will be right next to the rest of the car show. The cost for participating in this event is \$15 per car. In the past we've had folks register on the car show website but this year we will simply collect the money directly from folks on the day of the event. All proceeds collected go directly to the school's Auto Restoration program. If you have already registered for this event on the car show website, that's fine, just let us know.



As part of this regional event, the Wichita Section will be hosting a BBQ lunch for all MBCA members, and we will potentially be adding on some additional events. It should be a lot of fun.

You can register for this event by simply RSVPing to mbca.wichita@aol.com. Further emails will go out with specific event times and convoy times if folks want to drive up as a group.



Recent Section Events

Wichita Section Membership Meeting, Saturday January 29th

Twelve members met at Firebirds for lunch and to kick off the new year. Our president, Lee Elrick, went over some planned events for the coming year and then we spent time getting caught up. We wrapped up the meeting with a prize drawing. Unfortunately, we don't have any pictures from the event!



Visit to United Engine Specialists, Saturday March 12th

We had a great turn out at this event, with around 16 members and guests in attendance. United Engine Specialists is an engine repair, rebuild, and remanufacturing company which focuses on domestic gasoline powered engines. Company owner, Jerry Livingston, gave our group tour of his shop. He showed off many specialized machines for testing and rebuilding engines, along with several ongoing shop projects. It was truly amazing to see the stock of both older and modern

engine parts he had. Additionally, Jerry regaled us with stories from his racing adventures out at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Here's a [link](#) to the company's website for more information.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section



Club News



1st Prize
 2022 AMG GLE 53 Coupe
 MSRP: \$95,570



2nd Prize
 2022 MBCA National Event
 Cash Value: \$10,000

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TICKET PURCHASES (including your Official Order Form and payment) MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 16, 2022.
 If purchasing by credit or debit card you may call 800.637.2360
 (Mon-Thurs 8am - 4:30pm; Fri 8am - 4pm Mountain Time)
 or fax this completed Order Form to 719.633.9283
 Make your check/money order payable to: MBCA, International Stars Section
 Mail to: Raffle, 1907 LeLaroy Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

No limit to the number of tickets you can buy. At least one phone number is required.

MBCA Member # _____

Member Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Ph. # (____) _____

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Ticket Quantity ____ x \$50 each = Total Due \$ _____

Paying by (select one):

Check # _____ Money Order # _____

Credit or Debit Card*

*(MUST complete credit/debit card information on reverse side)



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section



To Purchase Tickets

Go to raffle.mbca.org
 Log-in with your user name and password to purchase your tickets or to print a Raffle Order Form (see mailing instructions on reverse side)

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OFFICIAL RULES. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. You must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a current Member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) to purchase tickets.
2. You must be a current Member at the time of the drawing to be eligible to win.
3. Credit and debit cards accepted. Payments made by check/money order must be in U.S. funds. Checks must be exclusively for the payment of the ticket(s) and not include other purchases or renewal payments.
4. Void where prohibited by law.
5. An Official Order form, or copy thereof, must be used to purchase tickets when ordering by mail. Order forms have been mailed to members and are also available upon request from the National Business Office (NBO) or at www.mbca.org. Mail order form requests to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.
6. Ticket orders must be received no later than June 16, 2022. Ticket orders and checks arriving after June 16, 2022 will be returned to sender.
7. All ticket sales are final at the time of purchase. There are no refunds.
8. Tickets will only be issued in the name of the Primary Member listed in the MBCA membership files and does not include Associate Members. Prizes will be awarded on the same basis. Winning tickets cannot be assigned, transferred or sold. Membership must be current at the time of purchasing a ticket(s) and at the time of the drawing.
9. Paid staff, contractors of MBCA and The Star® magazine, their immediate families and household members may not participate in the Raffle.
10. Odds of winning will be based on the number of tickets sold.
11. Prize winners must complete a form from the NBO and return it within 45 days of the mailing of written notification of winning.
12. The drawing will be held and certified at 5754 South Dundas Road, Beaverton, MI 48612 at 10:30 a.m. ET on June 23, 2022. Any MBCA member may attend the drawing; attendance is not required to win. Results will be posted at www.mbca.org.
13. The raffle is sponsored by MBCA, International Stars Section and ticket requests are subject to its acceptance. This Raffle is licensed under the laws of the State of Michigan, License Number R63718.
14. A minimum of 4,225 tickets MUST BE SOLD to award prizes. 1st place winner will receive \$95,570 less 24% tax-withholdings; 2nd place winner will receive \$10,000 less 24% tax-withholdings. The 1st prize winner may shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. The 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied towards 2022 Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. National Event (subject to availability). **If fewer than 4,225 tickets are sold, 1st prize winner will receive 90% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales; and 2nd prize winner will receive 10% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 24%, or the shared prizes of \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. The 90% 1st prize and 10% 2nd prize will be paid directly to the winner. If the winner is a Michigan resident there will be an additional withholding of 4.25%. Winner must be a U.S. Citizen.**
15. 1st prize winner may select the vehicle of their choice at a U.S. Dealership designated (see rule #14). Any expenses incurred to take possession of the vehicle, which exceed the 1st prize payment check awarded to the Dealer, will be the sole responsibility of the 1st prize winner. The winner will be responsible for all licensing, registration, taxes, fees, duties, insurance, and other costs as well as transportation to and from the Dealership. 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied to 2022 Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. National Event (subject to availability).
16. The withholding deposited on behalf of the winner may not be all of the taxes owed depending upon the winner's tax bracket. The gross amount of the prize will be added to the winner's income for the tax year of 2022.
17. If fewer than 4,225 Raffle tickets are sold, MBCA will substitute one-half (50%) of the gross sales revenue from the entries sold as of the time of the entry deadline as the Prize, in lieu of the 1st and 2nd prize (see Rule #14).
18. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for MBCA to use the winner's name, Section affiliation, likeness and photograph in any MBCA publicity worldwide in all media including the Internet without additional compensation.
19. By participating in the Raffle, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules.



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MBCA's German Trips Have Returned!

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

- **July 11 to 17, 2022**
- **July 18 to 24, 2022**
- **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 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.

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

[2022 German Trip Form](#)



Section Membership News

Our section currently has **70 members**.

Welcome to our newest member: **Josh Dutcher**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Lee Elrick, Harriet Irwin, Joseph Kause, Jack Pelton, Randy Roths,** and **Darrell Youngman**. 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. 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.

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.

Thank you all for your sustained membership and support of the club!



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