



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Greetings Wichita Section members! We've made a quick start in 2023 with several events already under our belt.

As you can see from our section event calendar, we are starting to fill up the year with all sorts of activities. My goal is to have at least one event per month and we are trying to have that event occur on the second Saturday of every month. You'll notice that Wichita Cars and Coffee has started up again, so that's another opportunity to get together as well

In September there's a listing for the Wichita German Car Show. There isn't a set date for the event yet, but our section definitely plans to be there. The inaugural gathering last year was extremely well attended with almost 220 cars participating.

There's lots of other news in this newsletter so check it out. I'm looking forward to the slowly warming weather and more opportunities to get out and drive our cars.

Lee

2023 Section Event Calendar

Mar 11th: Visit to Luxury Import Specialists

Mar 18th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Apr 15th: Visit to European Car Company

May 6th: McPherson College Car Show

May 20th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Jun 10th: Poker Run

Jun 17th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Jul 8th: TBD

July 15th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Aug 12th: Membership meeting & officer elections

Aug 19th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Sep: Wichita German Car Show

Sep 30th: The Garage Automotive Museum in Salina

Oct 14th: Oktoberfest Celebration

Oct 21st: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Nov 11th: TBD

Dec 9th: TBD

Upcoming Section Events

Visit to Luxury Import Specialists

When: **Saturday, Mar 11th, 9AM to 11AM**

Where: **8091 E. 45th St N, Bel Aire KS 67226**

Have some car maintenance questions? This is a great opportunity to quiz Dave and Tom as they show off their wonderful repair facility. Plan on meeting up here at 9AM and bring your questions as we check out the new additions to Luxury Import Specialists. There will also be coffee and donuts. Please RSVP for this event by Thursday, so we can make sure there are enough donuts. You can RSVP by sending a message to MBCA.wichita@aol.com

See you there!



Wichita Cars and Coffee

When: **Saturday, Mar 18th, 8AM to 11AM**

Where: **Braeburn Square, Wichita State University, 4521 E. 21st St N, Wichita KS 67208**

The area Cars and Coffee meet ups will start on the 18th. The event location has changed, it will now take place at Braeburn Square on the WSU campus. While our section doesn't have anything formally planned around this event, it's a great opportunity to meet up and see some really cool local cars. If there's enough interest we can set up a meet up time so we can try to park our cars next to each other.



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Visit to European Car Company

When: **Saturday, Apr 15th, 9AM to 11 AM**

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

David Leivian has once again invited our section 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. Please RSVP to mbca.wichita@aol.com, so we can get a head count for the event.



McPherson College Car Show

When: **Saturday, May 6th**

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. You can register for the show by going to the event website: [Car Show Registration - McPherson College](#) The cost for participating in this event is \$20 per car and goes up to \$25 after April 22nd. All proceeds collected go directly to the school's Auto Restoration program.



Further emails will go out with specific event times and convoy times if folks want to drive up as a group.



Recent Section Events



Lunch at Prost, Saturday January 14th

The Wichita section gathered for an impromptu lunch at our favorite local German restaurant, Prost. All together 14 members and guests attended. It was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone after the holiday season. We also practiced our hand/eye coordination with a beer deckel (coaster) flipping game. Some folks were better at this than others....The beer and food were outstanding as usual.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Section Membership Meeting and Lunch,
Saturday January 28th**

The Wichita Section gathered for the semi-annual membership meeting and lunch at Firebirds. Around twelve members attended this meeting. Vice President Will Tobin kicked off the meeting by reviewing our activities from last year and then outlining the many activities we have planned for 2023. I didn't get any shots of the group inside, but we sure did luck out on the beautiful weather that day.



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Breakfast and Garage Visit, Saturday February 11th

We had a great turn out for this event! About 22 members and guests gathered for breakfast at Stearman Field Bar and Grill. After grabbing some food, doing a little catching up, and checking to see if anything interesting was taking off or landing at Stearman Field, we then headed out for a garage visit. Club member Jeff Siebels very kindly hosted our section for visit to his garage in Andover. Jeff has an amazing collection of both foreign and domestic vehicles, including of course several nice MBs! Everybody enjoyed quizzing Jeff on the background of some of his cars and, since he does a lot of his own restoration work, this was also an opportunity to get some good practical car care and maintenance

information. Jeff also has a YouTube channel ([American Dream Garage - YouTube](#)) in which he provides more information on his cars and auctions he's attended. Thanks for having us out Jeff!



Trip Reports

Visit to the Mercedes-Benz Museum by Randy Roths

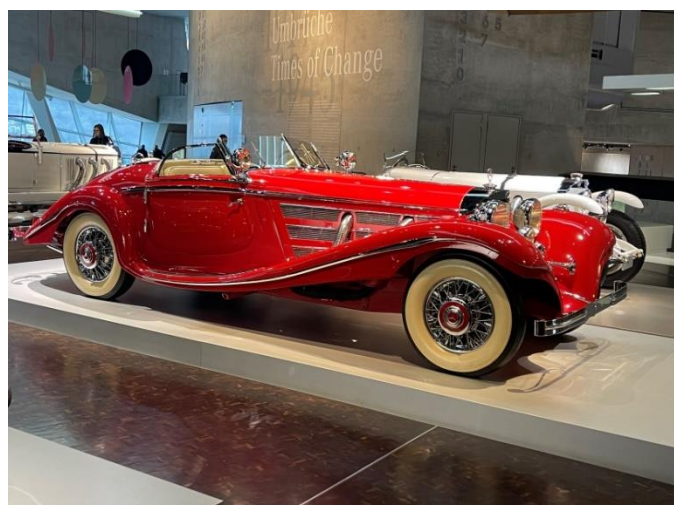


Early this December, my wife and I took an amazing trip to see the German Christmas Markets. For part of our visit we based ourselves out of Stuttgart, the home of the Mercedes Museum. Our visit to the architecturally stunning museum took us a whole day. You are encouraged to begin your tour on the eighth floor and work your way down, as the exhibits are presented chronologically.

Some of the highlights included:



1893 Benz Vis-à-vis



1936 500K Special Roadster

When visiting the Mercedes from the 20's and 30's I found my favorite car of the Museum.



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1955 Gullwing

A side section of interest displayed buses, transportation trucks and even the “Pope-mobile”.

Winding down the circular museum we came upon an interesting find.



The museum ended with “Road to Emission Free Mobility”. They had an all-electric car built in 2017. I couldn’t believe the advances after seeing the 2022 EQS. The museum ends with a gift shop and café. There is no way to encapsulate all this amazing museum has to offer into a newsletter. I count myself lucky to have been able to visit it.



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Attending Bonham and Barrett-Jackson Car Auctions by Lee Elrick

I had the opportunity to attend two car auctions on Scottsdale, AZ at the start of the year. Both the Bonham and Barrett-Jackson events were exciting and a reminder of the truly remarkable cars that are out there. There were a lot of nice looking MB's available too!



National Club News

2023 German Tours

Mercedes-Benz Club of America offers members a unique travel and adventure experience to the iconic Mercedes-Benz Museum, AMG Factory, Classic Center, Sindelfingen Factories, and much more! For further information, email germantours@mbca.org

Dates:

May 22–27

September 11–16

[Monday – Sunday Itinerary attached.](#)

Mercedes Grande

Save the Date!

Sept 9-10

Indianapolis, IN

<https://www.mercedesgrande.org>

in association with Artomobilia

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2023 F1 Miami Grand Prix

May 5-7

Miami, FL

<https://f1miamigp.com>

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Nomination Process for 2023 Election

This year there are three Director at Large (DAL) and six Regional Director (RD) (Northeast, Midwest, Rocky Mountain, Northwest, Central, and Western Regions) positions to be elected.

If you are interested in being considered, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information from The Governance Committee. **All Nomination Petitions must be submitted to the National Business Office, to the attention of the Governance Committee, by the May 1 deadline.**

Questions or further information? Please contact Governance Committee Chair Laura Simonds at lsimonds97520@gmail.com.

At the Printer



The March/April 2023 issue of The Star® will be arriving after the 9th of March.



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The 2023 EQE Sedan.

The wheels are always turning.

\$1,750 Incentive¹

Purchase or lease the 2023 EQE Sedan, and receive a \$1,750 incentive¹ toward your down payment or cash due at signing. Additional \$7,500 Lease Bonus Cash² available on select EQ models leased through Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.



Spring into action behind the wheel of the new EQE Sedan. This vehicle was built to have your back. An interactive voice assistant is there for you behind the wheel, while two years of complimentary 30-minute DC fast charging sessions on the Electrify America network. With all this protection, there's no guessing how far you'll go. Test-drive one today.

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² \$7,500 Lease Bonus Cash available only on select eligible EQ models leased through Mercedes-Benz Financial Services (MBFS). Customers are not pre-approved and are subject to MBFS credit approval. Application of Lease Bonus Cash to deal structure may vary. Certain exclusions apply. See your participating Mercedes-Benz dealer for details. Offer expires March 31, 2023.

³ MSRP based on 2023 models. Suggested starting MSRP excludes all options, taxes, title, registration, transportation charge and dealer prep fee. Actual prices may vary by dealer.

Please note that these incentives can be combined with most, but not all, retail programs offered at the time of the transaction.

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Section Membership News

Our section currently has **67 members**.

Welcome to our newest members: **David Estes** and **David Hoffman**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Thomas Alm, Joshua Dutcher, Robert Houston, Joseph Kause, Tom Sincissen, John Sybrant, and Nestor Weigand**. 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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