



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

March 2015

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Events

- Short Notice Event -

Saturday, 14 March 2015

Dealership Tech Session

***** Exclusive Club Event *****

at

MERCEDES-BENZ OF WICHITA

1545 N. Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS



Start Time: **2:00pm**

Come join us at the Wichita Mercedes-Benz dealership for an informative tech session led by the shop's master technician.

Topics covered will include:

- Introduction to New Technology in Mercedes-Benz vehicles
- Maintenance tips for your Mercedes-Benz
- Behind the scenes look at inspections conducted on Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles
- Answers to other automotive questions

Should be very informative plus there will be coffee and snacks provided.

Please RSVP: by Friday, 13 March

Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com

Or leave a message at 316-838-3636

MBCA | Wichita 2015 Upcoming Events

April	Poker run with Covered Bridge Tour
May	16 th Annual C.A.R.S. Club car show at McPherson College
June	Road trip and picnic at Greensburg, KS
July	Road trip to Bartlesville, OK
August	Membership meeting and dinner event
September	German car show at Salina, KS

*** More details coming ***



PAST EVENT REPORT

Membership Meeting & Lunch

River City Brewing Company

January 31, 2015

Wichita, KS



Well the weather outside was simply awful, however the Wichita Section had a very successful membership meeting and lunch on 31

January 2015. The meeting was held at River City Brewing Company in downtown Wichita.



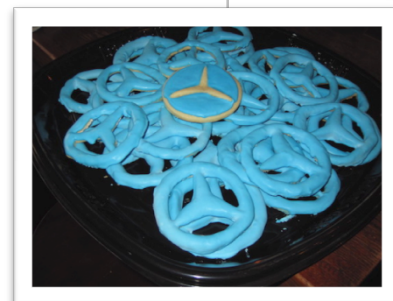
Not only did we have around 18 members and guests attend, but **Terry Kiwala, the National MBCA president**, was able to come to Wichita and enjoy lunch with us. This was a fantastic surprise and we enjoyed chatting with Terry about the club and swapping

ideas with him regarding events at other sections.



Future event planning was the theme of this meeting, and so we spent a lot of time collecting ideas from members and planning this year's events calendar. Lunch was fantastic, the beer was good, and everyone had a good time. We wrapped up our lunch with Mercedes-Benz themed cookies. What a great way to start off the year!

Special thanks to our venue host, River City Brewing Company, who did an excellent job taking care of all of us. And thanks of course to Terry for taking the time to come visit our section.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President



The other day I was looking through a book called *Schottenfreude* by Ben Schott. In this book Mr. Schott makes up very long German words to describe certain human conditions. I speak some German and so I have an appreciation for the long words that occasionally appear in this language. I ran across this word: Pagodeneitelkeit – the smug satisfaction of those behind the wheel of a vintage car. I laughed out loud when I saw this because first of all I'm sometimes guilty of this and second of all because the word is derived from the Mercedes-Benz 230SL, 250SL, and 280SL, which were often called Pagodas for their distinctive concave roofs. The fact of the matter is most of us feel a certain sense of pride when we take our MB's out, no matter the age of the car. But enough pagodeneitelkeit, let's talk about the upcoming year!

We had a fantastic membership meeting and lunch at River City Brewing Company on 31 January where we hosted Terry Kiwala, the National MBCA president. The conversation was informative and I heard a lot of great ideas for future section events. On 7 February the section leadership met and began planning out events for the next 6 months or so. We have a lot of exciting events planned, starting with a Tech Session at the Wichita Mercedes-Benz dealership at 2PM on Saturday 14 March.

You can find what else we have planned in this newsletter. We'll fill in more details about these events as the time gets closer, posting details in future newsletters and event reports on the MBCA website (www.MBCA.org).

Turning back to the theme of pagodeneitelkeit, one thing I really enjoy hearing at our section gatherings are all the great car stories. 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 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. Give this some thought.

Speaking of stories, 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!

That's all for now, hope to see you all on the 14th. Thanks for your support of this club.
Kirk

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- 11 General Inspection
- 13 Engine Compartment & Pre-Road Test Checks
- 16 Engine Component & System Inspection
- 32 Electrical Systems & Function Test
- 17 Undercarriage & Drive-train Inspection
- 26 Chassis & Body Inspection
- 14 Road Test
- 3 Post Road Test Inspection
- 32 Appearance Inspection

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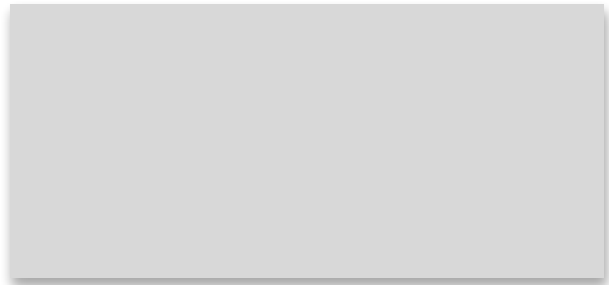
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Upcoming EVENT!

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Mercedes-Benz New Nomenclature, starting in 2015 (<http://www.mercedesbenz.com>)

- For a simple and transparent way to identify the growing portfolio of models and with different body variants and drive systems. - The model designation will always be an acronym made up of between one to three upper-case letters. The system centers around the five core model class series, A, B, C, E and S, which will continue to be used. The "L" is a linking letter that makes the model designations easier to remember and pronounce. The third letter will indicate the relationship to the relevant core model class series. The engine type will be indicated by a lower-case letter.

New SUV (GL):

- GLA (GL A-Class)
- GLC (GL C-Class); previously GLK
- GLE (GL E-Class); previously M-Class or ML
- GLE Coupé (GL E-Class Coupé) (available late summer 2015)
- GLS (GL S-Class); previously GL
- G unchanged because of iconic status

4-door Coupés (CL):

- CLA (CL A-Class)
- CLS (CL S-Class)

Roasters (SL):

- SLC (SL C-Class); previously SLK (starting 2016)
- SL unchanged because of iconic status

Engine Types (lower-case letter):

- c "compressed natural gas" (Natural Gas Drive until now)
- d "diesel" (BlueTEC and CDI until now)
- e "electric" (PLUG-IN HYBRID, BlueTEC PLUG-IN HYBRID, & Electric Drive until now)
- f "fuel cell" (F-CELL until now)
- h "hybrid" (HYBRID and BlueTEC HYBRID until now)

All-wheel-drive:

- 4MATIC unchanged

