



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita Section

September 2012

Wichita Section 40th Anniversary

Upcoming Event

Saturday, Sept 22, 2012
Afternoon Road Trip |
Cotton Field Harvest & Gin Tour
1:00pm – 6:00pm



RSVP by Friday Sept 21st: Suzanne Moore, suzmoore@aol.com, or call 316-838-3636. Please supply name, how many in party, and telephone number.

Itinerary: Caravan out to the harvesting field operated by Duane Regier and Ty Miller, and view the process of picking and module packing cotton. Then, travel 70 miles (1 1/2 hours) for a private tour of a cotton gin in Anthony, KS. After the tour, gather nearby for refreshments & drawings.

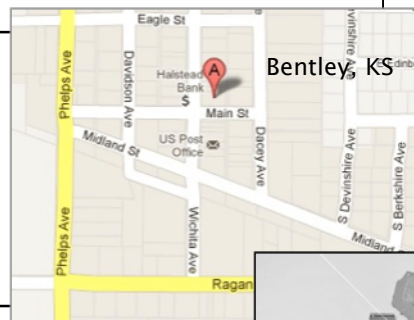
Option: Arrive early, 12:00pm, and have lunch at the cafe before heading out to the field. Have your vehicle fueled and ready to head out promptly at 1pm.

Note: Everyone should be able to safely ride in the harvesting equipment and see things close up if desired. All the moving equipment is enclosed and one will have to climb 4-5 steps on entrance ladders etc. so dress appropriately (no loose clothing or open shoes). Should be lots of opportunities for photos. Access to the harvest field and gin may be on paved or gravel roads. If needed, vice president Vin Kissick has volunteered to shuttle passengers from a paved area to the field site. Do expect some dust.

The road trips are designed to have fun taking our beautiful vehicles out for a nice drive and to see and learn something special or unusual along the way.
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Rendezvous Location:
Bentley Corner Bar & Grill (No Later Than 1pm)
102 Wichita Ave., Bentley, KS
(corner of Wichita Ave. & Main St.)

Directions: From K-96 at Maize, KS, go west on K-96 for 4 miles, then north on 151st Street for 4 miles.



For the past 10-15 years, Kansas farmers have been planting and harvesting cotton, an alternative to wheat, soybeans, or corn. Cotton is heat and drought tolerant, insurable, and traded on the board of trade; a basic commodity that is as old as time itself. With a new strain that matures in a shorter time, cotton can now be grown as far north as southern region of Kansas.



Modern cotton harvesting is a lot different from the way it was decades ago. Now it is harvested and tightly packed into 30 foot modules that are picked up by trucks and hauled to a gin for thorough cleaning and baling for shipment to cotton mills all over the world.





PAST EVENT REPORT

McPherson College | Automotive Restoration 13th Annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show May 5, 2012

Mercedes Benz Club of America is very active in supporting the McPherson College Automotive Restoration department (along with Jay Leno and many more) as it is the only accredited college in the country offering a 4 year degree in Auto Restoration. Last May, the section participated in their annual restoration student's car club show. There were MBCA members from 6 different sections from Kansas City, Nebraska, Indiana, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Wichita.... as well as one from Connecticut & Florida. Our section brought pizza and invited all MB people to participate. We had 23 Mercedes-Benz in the "foreign" class, along with ~15 other foreign cars... Porsches, Lamborghini, etc. Wayne Carini, host of "Chasing Classic Cars" was there and touring our car class.

The class registration options were:

- 1927 & Earlier
- 1928-1944
- 1945-1954
- 1955-1964
- 1965-1972
- 1973-1987
- CCCA Classics
- Special Interest
- Trucks (post-war only)
- Hot Rods/Custom/Mods
- Foreign

MBCA Wichita Section's 30 year members, Don & Suzanne Moore, won the "1st Place – Foreign" division with their Barolo Red 2008 S550 Mercedes-Benz!

Tyler Hoover, our section's past president, was over by the stage watching the awards ceremony and came back yelling YOU WON! and carrying the trophy! He had fun going up and accepting it for Don and Suzanne because he said everyone thought it was for his car. Don said he was lucky to be right there to open the car up when the judges came by to evaluate all of Suzanne's detailing hard work.



*The
details
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pay
off!*



Be sure to renew your membership!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – Steven Beskett

First, I want to welcome all new members and I look forward to meeting all of you at our next event.

As all of us are aware, this summer has been hot. Fortunately, the McPherson C.A.R.S. Club Car Show held on Saturday, May 5th had beautiful weather. There were Mercedes-Benz clubs represented from: Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Illinois and Wichita, to name a few. The car show was a great success with a large turnout of vehicles of different makes and models.

The college gave tours of the auto restoration department, as well as, various demonstrations on restoration techniques. We had a very shady area on the campus grounds for the Mercedes-Benz group. Our section provided lunch for all the Mercedes-Benz participants from the different sections. One of the best parts of this type of event is the opportunity to visit with fellow Mercedes-Benz owners and share experiences and to show off our cars. Also, members enjoy viewing the other makes of cars and visiting with other owners, sharing information about our cars & their cars.

Don and Suzanne Moore's 2008 S550 Mercedes-Benz won first place in the foreign car class division. The car beat out some very tough competition including a classic Ferrari. As you know, Suzanne does double duty as our club treasurer and secretary in addition to being the club's newsletter editor. I want to personally thank her and acknowledge her dedication to the club. She does an exceptional job and I cannot be happier for her that their beautiful Mercedes-Benz won the award. She definitely deserved it.

As a new feature of the newsletter, we are asking members to submit stories about their experiences with their Mercedes-Benz for future publication in the newsletter. This can be stories of when you first fell in love with Mercedes-Benz vehicles, or other interesting information regarding your Mercedes-Benz vehicle, or past club events. Stories can be submitted via email mbca.wichita@aol.com or given to one of the officers at the next event. Digital photos optional. Club officers have the final editorial authority on all submissions.

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L-R: Moore, Kissick, Beskett

MY MERCEDES EXPERIENCE by Steven Beskett

I'll tell you my story of how I got bit by the Mercedes-Benz "bug". As some of you may or may not remember, back in the 80's there was a TV show "DALLAS" about a wealthy Texas family in the oil business. One of the main characters, Bobby Ewing, drove a red 560 SL. At the time, I thought that was the most beautiful car I had ever seen. I should mention that I was only ten years old. I didn't know anything about Mercedes-Benz at the time so I read everything I could find about them. I was impressed with the style, engineering, safety features, and the high level of quality.

I had to wait ten years before I could purchase my first Mercedes-Benz, a 1979 450 SEL. Much of my free time was spent waxing and detailing my pride and joy. But, it wasn't until the day before Halloween, 1998 when a massive storm system hit the Wichita area (most remember it as the great flood of Augusta, Ks) that I experienced first hand the safety features of my Mercedes-Benz.

I was involved in a car accident in which my car was totaled. I was able to walk away uninjured. The officer on the scene was amazed that I wasn't seriously hurt. The Mercedes-Benz, in a split second, did everything that it was designed to do. It saved my life.

Not only does Mercedes-Benz have style, comfort, and reliability, but it also is one of the safest cars on the road.





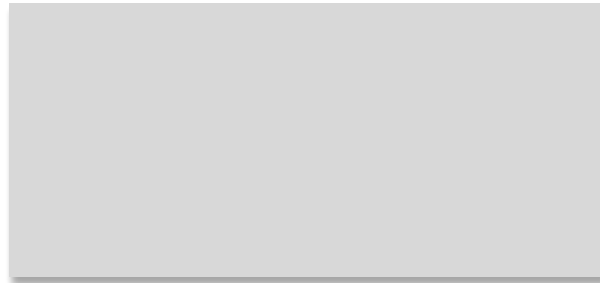
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There are many reasons you have a passion for Mercedes-Benz. This is the place to indulge them.

Join us at StarFest® 2012
Hosted by the MBCA Desert Stars Section
September 28 - October 3, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona



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Visit www.starfest2012.com
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to the latest in on-board technology; timely articles from the Club’s award-winning magazine plus details & directions to Club events, performance driving schools, tech sessions & more.

Mercedes-Benz USA new CEO Steve Cannon seeks better vibe for M-B customers: Improving customer experience at dealerships is a top priority for the new management team at Mercedes-Benz USA as it prepares for an onslaught of new models and considers adding an assembly plant in North America.

Checked out our Wichita Section member's STAR column!

The Star Magazine (Sept-Oct 2012)
Column: Fresh Perspective by Wes Anderson

Article: Learning by Doing As a Summer Intern

