



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

Upcoming Section Event

Saturday, September 26, 2015



DAS SONNENBLUMEN AUTOFEST

(The Sunflower Car Show)
Oakdale Park - Salina, KS

(see included flyer & map)
Hosted by: German Car Club Kansas

- **Food Vendors**
- **Nearby - Smoky Hill Museum Street Fair**

<http://www.smokyhillmuseum.org/street-fair/>

This will be our club's second year participating in the car show event. Everyone had such a fun time last year that we decided to do it again. Last year Lee Elrick displayed his gorgeous 1971 280 SE Cabriolet, easily winning 1st prize in the MB category and also taking the best car interior award for the whole show!

Join the Mercedes Benz Club Caravan (or meet us at the show) –
The caravan leaves from Cracker Barrel Restaurant's back parking lot in Park City, KS (I-135 Exit 14 & 61st N) and others can join in along the route, e.g., as we pass by the McPherson ramp on I-135 Exit 60 & US 56 Hwy.

- 8:15 am Departure from Cracker Barrel back parking lot**
- 9:00 am Merge with more members near McPherson**
- 9:45 am Arrive at show in Salina**

Registration – No pre-registration **Note:** Our club will pay the registration fees for any Mercedes-Benz entered by a Wichita Section club member.

RSVP by Friday, Sept 25th in order to reserve your parking space at the event. Let us know when to expect you in the caravan or at the show.

Email to MBCA.Wichita@aol.com

Or leave a message at 316-838-3636



PAST EVENTS REPORT

- KWCH Newsroom Tour - June 20, 2015 Wichita and Sedgwick, KS



Well it's not very often when one gets a chance to get behind the camera and behind the scenes at a television station however the Wichita section got just such an opportunity. Thanks to club vice president Calvin Kissick and KWCH news director Brian Gregory, 14 members and guests got a detailed tour of the TV station and learned about how the newscast is put together. Several folks got a chance to man the news desk for "late breaking events" and give a try doing the weather forecast while speaking in front of a green screen. We discovered that talking in front of the green screen while imagining the projected weather map proved to be a real challenge! The tour also included time in the engineering and production booth and a look into how the cameras are synchronized and operated during a broadcast. The group gained a real appreciation for all the hard work that's done on a daily basis to produce a local news show. Following the tour the group then headed to Cy's Hoof and Horn restaurant in nearby Sedgwick, KS for a hearty lunch and to swap stories about being in front of the camera.



- Salt Mine Tour - July 25, 2015 Hutchinson & Buhler, KS



15 members and guests from the Wichita section met up in Hutchinson to take a tour of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum. We picked a good day to take the tour because the hot Kansas summer quickly disappeared when the

group took an elevator down 650 feet to begin the tour...it was a nice cool 68 degrees! The underground tram ride took the group through the entire salt mine and we learned all about mining techniques, types of salt, and the world wide reach of salt exports from this mine. Additionally parts of the mine are used for long term storage of documents, records, and even movie memorabilia. Following the very interesting and entertaining tour, 8 cars caravanned to nearby Buhler, KS to have lunch at the popular Mustard Seed Coffee Shop and Deli. The Reuben sandwiches are highly

recommended!

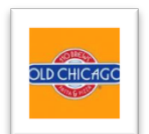


- Membership Meeting & Dinner - August 30, 2015 Wichita, KS



The Wichita section had a fun and relaxing dinner at Old Chicago as we bid farewell to the final days of summer. 22 members and

guests showed up to swap stories and discuss future events for the section. Kirk Filbey, the section president, gave a recap of the year's activities and noted that section membership and participation numbers remain strong.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Well the end of summer is upon us and the weather is starting to cool off, but as far as I'm concerned we are entering the prime driving season. That being said, we had a great turn out at both of our summer events; a visit to a local TV station and a tour of the



Kansas salt museum in Hutchinson. I heard some great reviews of the events and I'm envious of those of you who attended them. Who knew our club had so many budding TV personalities! You can check out the event reports on the MBCA website (www.MBCA.org).

As this newsletter is coming out, the Wichita section officers are meeting to plan some fall and winter event options based on input we received from our membership meeting/dinner in August. The first one out of the bag will be the German car show up in Salina, KS which is sponsored by the German Car Club of Kansas. We had a lot of fun there last year and this year should be no different. Look for more details in this newsletter and on-line on the MBCA website. Speaking of websites, we are putting the finishing touches on our very own. On our website you'll be able to find past newsletters, post pictures of your car or cars, read up on our latest section events, and provide feedback on car related services or companies. I'm hoping by the time the next newsletter is released the website will be up and running. Keep your fingers crossed!

Ok, I know I sound like a broken record, however let me finish up my column with some quick reminders. First, we are always looking for stories about members and their cars and 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. Secondly, 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!

We've included a couple more HOW TOs in this newsletter to help you navigate the national club's website and benefit even more from your membership.

Happy Driving!
Kirk

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- How To - Keep up with the Latest Mercedes-Benz News

MBCA **Home** page has handy links to almost all the latest MB news on the internet!

Go to MBCA website:
<http://www.mbca.org>
(- no password or log-on required! -)

1. On **HOME** page, scroll down to lower right until you see "**Latest News**". Click on "**MORE NEWS**>".
2. On **Current News** page, click on interested article's title or "Read More".





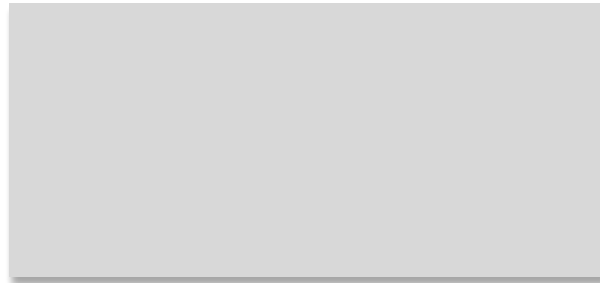
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Upcoming EVENT!

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**Saturday
Sept 26,
2015**



Be sure to renew your membership!



- How To - Find & View Upcoming Events & Event Reports

Go to Mercedes-Benz Club of America's website:

<http://www.mbca.org> (- no password or log-on required! -)

To find Wichita Section's Upcoming Events:

1. On **HOME** page, scroll down to lower right until you see "**Latest Events**". Click on "**MORE EVENTS>**".
2. On **Upcoming Event** page, click "**Section**" arrows and scroll down to near the bottom of the list and click on "**Wichita**". Now click on the "**Search**" button.
3. A list of Upcoming Events with a brief description will display. Click on the **event's title** and a full description and other information of the event will display.

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3. A list of Event Reports with a brief description will display. Click on the **event's title** and a full description and event images will display. Click on any **small picture/image** to enlarge it. Drag the cursor along either side of the picture and click on **pop-up arrows** to advance to the next picture. (- See lots more pictures than published in the newsletter! -)

Vehicle Value

- Helpful Hint -

If you are interested in the value of a vehicle that is older than 1992, you will need to find resources other than the **Kelly Blue Book**. There are many websites that can help. One useful resource is at **Hagerty.com**; but without a free account, the *Hagerty Classic Car Value Guide* is limited to only 10 searches. However, to get around the limit, many other well known sites use Hagerty's data and will link to the same Hagerty.com webpages, e.g., **Hemmings.com**.





September 26, 2015
 Oakdale Park • Salina, KS
 8 AM to 3 PM

Register by Noon for Entrant Voting
 16 Classes of "German Heritage" Vehicles
 Cars, Trucks, Buggies, Cycles, et. al.
 \$10 Entry Fee & \$5 Each Additional Vehicle
 No Pre-registration • FREE Camping Fri & Sat
 Nearby Street Fair & 10 AM Parade
 Salina Brewers Guild • KS Auto Model Society
 CAPS Fundraiser & Live Bands



Food Vendors:
 Race Day Brats
 Chapman Takeaway



www.gckc.org or kabprsn@yahoo.com or 785.577.5033 for more info



Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 10 am to 4 pm

10:00 - 4:00 pm	Food Vendors Open
10:00-10:45 am	Parade on Santa Fe from Elm to Masonic Temple
10:00-5:00 pm	Museum Gallery Open
10:30-4:30 pm	Make and Take Crafts
	Outdoor Activities
	Inflatables, wristbands \$5 ea.
11:00-4:00 pm	Historic Demonstrators
	Caricaturists
	Indoor Activities
	The Dock, Youth/Community Stage
12:00	Main Stage, Musical Entertainment
3:00	Chili Cook-off
3:30	Chili Cook-off Winners Announced
	Spaghetti Eating Contest



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