



# The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

September 2014

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Wichita Section

## Upcoming Section Events (Sep, Oct, Nov)

### Saturday, September 27, 2014

#### DAS SONNENBLUMEN AUTOFEST (Sunflower Car Show)

Hosted by: German Car Club Kansas  
Oakdale Park - Salina, KS



- Beer Garden & BBQ Contest
- Nearby - Smoky Hill Museum Street Fair  
<http://www.smokyhillmuseum.org/street-fair/>

We hope for a large showing of member Mercedes-Benz's in the car show. The show is setting aside an area just for MBs.

**Join the Mercedes Benz Club Caravan** - meets up at I-135 Exit 14 & 61st N (Park City), Cracker Barrel Restaurant's back parking lot. Others can join the caravan at the on ramp as it passes McPherson at I-135 Exit 60 & US 56 Hwy. Or, join in at other locations or just meet us at the show. When you RSVP, let us know when to expect you in the caravan.

- 8:30 am** Departure from Cracker Barrel back parking lot
- 9:15 am** Merge with more members near McPherson  
I-135 & US-56 (Exit 60)
- 10:00 am** Arrive at show in Salina

**Suggestion** - Come early and pick up breakfast at any of the many restaurant or fast food establishments near Exit 14 area or just be sure to arrive before departure time.

RSVP: by Friday, Sept 26th  
Email to [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com)  
Or leave a message at 316-838-3636  
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### October 25, 2014

#### Road Trip

Meet for Lunch  
12:00 Noon

Stearman Field Bar & Grill  
Benton Airpark (1 mile south of  
K-254 & Main St)  
Benton, KS

Walnut River Brewery  
El Dorado, KS

Enjoy the brewery's  
products

Willie's Bar & Grill  
El Dorado, KS

RSVP by  
Friday, Oct 24th

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### November 8, 2014

#### Tour

Roger Morrison's Car  
Collection  
Salina, KS  
(more later)

## PAST EVENT REPORT

### Club Social & Dinner with Elections Wichita, KS August 30, 2014

A group of 18 club members and guests met at Adrian's Cafe restaurant in Wichita for a club hosted dinner that included a business meeting for election of new officers and directors and discussions of communication methods & future events.

Each person shared a little about themselves and included what type of Mercedes-Benz they owned and some attendees included humorous side comments about their other non-Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

New - A proposal was unanimously accepted to extend the number of section board members beyond the just the officers and to include as many directors as were interested in committing to the responsibility. Election results are on the next page.



### Our Appreciation Goes Out To

Steven Beskett,  
Section Past President



With a great can-do attitude, he was at the helm while we enjoyed the past 2 1/2 years of the following activities:

- Membership Planning Meetings
- Road trip to cotton field & cotton gin
- Annual spring McPherson College C.A.R.S. car shows
- Visit to Museum of World Treasures
- Visit to Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center
- Tour of Mercedes-Benz of Wichita dealership's new facilities
- Presentation on detailing vehicles for car shows
- Presentation on touring the Alabama & Stuttgart production facilities

**Thank You Steven!**



## Important! ANNOUNCEMENT

### Digital News

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The Wichita Section is moving its communications to the 21st century technology. Unless we hear back from you that you do NOT have an email address to send the newsletter to, most communications and newsletters will be sent electronically, in lieu of via USPS.

That is why we need you to provide your email address to the National Business Office (NBO). To avoid the newsletter getting into your spam folder, please add the section's email address to your contacts list.

Your information will not be shared, sold, rented, or leased to anyone else. And, we will not inundate you with email.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Hi! My name is Kirk Filbey and I'm the new president for the Wichita Section. I'm very excited about this opportunity and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I'm both a new Mercedes Benz owner and relatively new to Kansas. I'm a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. Early in 2013 the Air Force informed me that I would be transferring to Wichita, Kansas and that's how I arrived here in July of last summer. I'm a career acquisition officer, working in program management and contracting...not exactly the kind of work you might see in a Hollywood military action movie! I'm the proud owner of a red 1973 350SL convertible which I purchased on a fluke back in October 2013. It's unique in that it's a European spec vehicle; the speedometer is in kilometers per hour so I have to do some math while driving to figure out how fast I'm going. I bought the car because I fell in love with it and because I like to work on mechanical things...and thus far this car has kept me occupied.



I joined MBCA just as I was purchasing my car because I wanted to learn more about my car and I wanted to meet other people who had a similar interest in the Mercedes Benz marquee. Our section here in Wichita has more than met my expectations and I want to make sure we continue to be a club that's beneficial to be part of.

I have three goals I'd like to focus on during my tenure as president. I want to increase the number of activities the club participates in, I want improve communication with the section membership, and I want to increase the number of participants in our chapter events. With that in mind, the chapter officers and board members recently met to lay out planned activities for the next 6 months. Our first activity will be a trip to the Sonnenblumen Autofest car show in Salina. Stay tuned as we send out information on other future activities including a brewery tour in El Dorado and a visit to a car collection in Salina. Speaking of sending out information: We need your e-mail address! We will continue to send out some hardcopy newsletters however having the ability to send out updated information about club activities is much simpler if we can do it electronically. Please send your e-mail address to [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com); it's easy to do, your e-mail address will not be shared with outside parties, and I promise we won't inundate you with e-mail. My final request to all of you is 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!

Thanks again for this opportunity. I look forward to meeting you at the next section event. Thanks for your support of this club.

Kirk

## MBCA | Wichita Board

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### OFFICERS

#### President:

Robert (Kirk) Filbey  
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#### Vice President:

Calvin Kissick

#### Secretary:

Chris Hoffman

#### Treasurer

Suzanne Moore

### DIRECTORS: (3)

Steven Beskett,  
(Section Past President)

David Snodgrass

William Tobin

#### Newsletter Editor:

Suzanne Moore

## COMING SOON!

SECTION  
NEWSLETTERS WILL  
BE ARRIVING VIA  
EMAIL, in lieu of USPS

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address at [mbca.org](http://mbca.org)  
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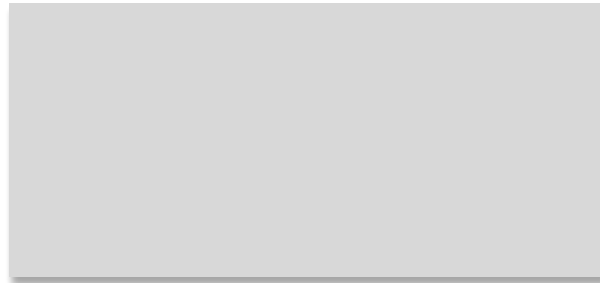
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## Upcoming EVENT!

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**Saturday  
Sept 27,  
2014**



*Be sure to renew your membership!*



### \*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\* READERS

- ☺ You are receiving this newsletter because you are a member of the national car club, **Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA)**.
- ☺ You are also receiving the club's national award winning magazine, **The Star**, published bimonthly, only because you are a member.
- ☺ As a member, you need to be registered at **mbca.org** to receive all the upcoming communications. Go to "Login", select "Create new account" or call the National Business Office at 800.637.2360.

### **FINALLY!**

**Section newsletters  
& communications  
are going  
electronic**

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provide your email  
address**

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or  
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# September 27, 2014

Oakdale Park • Salina, KS  
8 AM to 4 PM



Register by Noon for Entrant Voting  
Awards in 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  
Tennis Courts & Playground  
Beer Garden & BBQ Contest



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# DAS SONNENBLUMEN AUTOFEST



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**Schedule of Events**



**Saturday, September 27, 2014, 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
10:30-4:00 pm	The Dock, Youth/Community Stage
1100-1200	<u>Laughing Matters</u>
1200-100	<u>Flying Debris</u>
100-200	cash hollistah.
200-300	<u>Laughing Matters</u>
300-400	<u>Flying Debris</u>
10:30-4:00 pm	Main Stage, Musical Entertainment (TBA)
1100-1200	Bill Burrows
1200-100	<u>Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy</u>
100-200	<u>Soul Preachers</u>
200-300	<u>Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy</u>
300-400	<u>Soul Preachers</u>
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
11:30-3:00 pm	Chili Cook-off

