



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

April 2015

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Wichita Section

Two Upcoming Events



Mystery Route Poker Run Saturday, April 25, 2015

Starting at 10:30 am, in the back parking lot of Cracker Barrel Restaurant
Located near the SE corner intersection of Interstate I-135 & 61st North St, Park City, KS

What is a poker run you ask? Before taking out, each car draws a card. We will then drive to three different locations, visiting these sites and having an early lunch. At each stop, each car will draw another card. We will end up at a special mystery location for the final (5th) card drawing, refreshments, prizes, and socializing. Prizes will be based on who has the best poker hand. It's not a race, we'll all travel in caravan together, and everyone wins a prize. Complete driving trip will be less than 150 miles. The final location will be something you won't want to miss! (Not required, but you may want to throw in some lawn chairs)

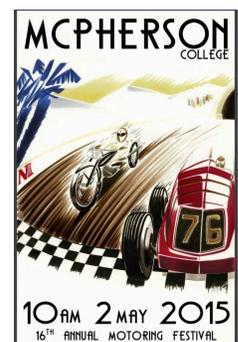
Please RSVP: by Friday, April 24th (And, in case of inclement weather, we need to know how to contact you)
Email to: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com
Or leave Suzanne a message at 316-838-3636

McPherson College | Automotive Restoration 16th ANNUAL C.A.R.S. CLUB Car Show Saturday, May 2, 2015 10am – 4pm

Location: McPherson College (center lawn), McPherson, KS
From Interstate I-135 & Hwy US 56 (State Ave), & 1 mile west over railroad bridge, & 1 block north on Eby, east along Baer 3 blocks, & west on Euclid St. to registration tent.
Entry Time: 10:00 – 11:00am

On line Registration*: \$10 prior by April 21st (\$20 at the show)

<http://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestitution/cars-show/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/831433240250102/>



For Mercedes-Benz enthusiast, this is the area show to both attend and also enter in! With the national Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) a strong supporter of the college, MBCA club members from surrounding states like to enter their vehicle to support this great car show. Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be judged in the Foreign Class category and will be parked all in one area. All models and years of Mercedes-Benz are encouraged to enter! It's free to attend the show and also during the show, it's free to go thru the guided tours of the auto restoration department facility. You can also see students demonstrate how to assemble a Model T from parts in less than 20 minutes. <http://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestitution/cars/> & <https://www.facebook.com/pages/McPherson-College-CARS-Club/104686016257415>

Registration* - Note to MBCA | Wichita Section members that enter their Mercedes-Benz will be offered their fees refunded from the section, with proof of registration.





Mercedes-Benz

PAST EVENT REPORT

Dealership Tech Session

Mercedes-Benz of Wichita

March 14, 2015

Wichita, KS

The Wichita Luxury Collection, Mercedes-Benz of Wichita hosted a fun and informative tech session for the Wichita Section. 17 members attended this event that was lead by the Marketing Director, Melody Matulewic.



Sales manager, Shahab Namdar, presented a brand new 2015 S550 Coupe, covering many of the new technical innovations, i.e., a heads up display, a shade transitioning moon roof, a 360 degree camera system, and driver assist/collision avoidance/cruise control features all tied to a sophisticated radar system in the car. Shahab fielded numerous questions from the group regarding both mechanical and technical features in the

car.

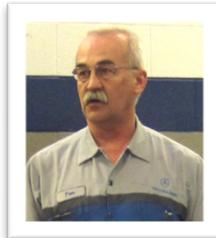


Parts manager, Stuart Sherre, showed us their state of art robotic parts bin system which stores around 85% of the dealership's parts inventory in a very small footprint. This frees up space in the service area and allows for automated parts inventory.



Tom Sincissen, a Mercedes-Benz Master Technician in the service area

gave us a behind the scenes look at all the work that is done on a previously owned Mercedes-Benz before it is designated as a Certified Pre-Owned vehicle. He showed us the extensive Mercedes-Benz service record system that is tied into all previously service records of a car done at any Mercedes-Benz dealership across the county. Tom also discussed the type of diagnostic test reports and service records that can be run on any 1996 and later vehicle and also answered several maintenance questions from the group.



We were also invited to see a 2016 AMG GT S Coupe that was stopping at their AMG dealership for 90 minutes the following Monday to give the staff an up close look. Several members did come by and enjoy the opportunity to view. It was white and just like the car shown on the back cover of the Mar/Apr 2015 issue of The Star magazine and the spring raffle's grand prize.

It was a great day at the dealership!



See more report and pictures at: <http://www.mbca.org/event-report/2015-03-14/wichita-section-tech-session>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Filbey, Section President

Spring has sprung! Now I don't want to completely jinx things but I'm giving some serious consideration to taking the hard top off of my car and leaving it off until the fall. Taking the roof on and off is a pain so once it comes off, I'm committed...oh the joys of owning an old car. Anyway, we all know the weather will get screwy throughout April and into May but you have to admit we've had a really nice spring thus far. Knock on wood! We'll keep an eye on the sky and press forward with our events.



Speaking of events, we have some great ones coming up which should be a lot of fun no matter what sort Mercedes you drive. First up will be a poker run on Saturday, 25 April. It's not a race, we'll all travel together and explore places outside of Wichita. Plus the final location is going to be great!

Just a week later, on Saturday, 2 May, we'll gather at McPherson College to participate in the 16th Annual Motoring Festival. This is an amazing car show that our section supports every year. All are welcome, no matter the age of your car. You don't have to compete; you can literally hang out and checkout the show. The section will even cover your registration fee, but you need to register now.

In June we have a road trip to Greensburg planned. We'll have more details on that event at a later date. As always don't forget to check out the event reports and notices at www.MBCA.org for the latest details.

Finally I wanted to thank Mercedes-Benz of Wichita for hosting a very informative tech session on 14 March. We were able to get up close and personal with a 2015 S550 Coupe, experiencing first hand all technology built into that car. We had a great turn out for the event and I'm sure I wasn't the only one drooling. We are fortunate to have such a supportive dealership. Additionally the Wichita dealership is an AMG performance center, which means it gets access to many finely tuned Mercedes-Benz AMG models, including none other than the new AMG GT S! Yet another reason to swing by the dealership!

That's all for now, looking forward to our driving event on the 25th! Thanks for your support of this club.

Kirk

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Tina Norman is making sure her granddaughter starts out with the right wheels, riding her little Mercedes-Benz. - Adorable! -

StarTech
June 13-15, 2015



This is MBCA's National Technical Event that is held every two years. Learn more at: <http://startech2015.mbca.org>





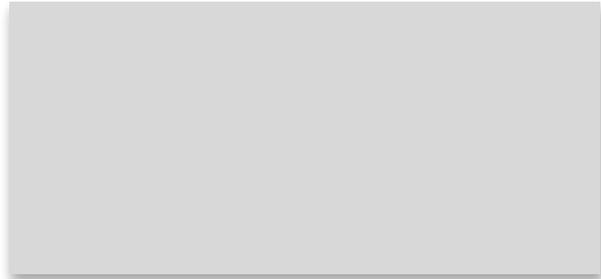
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Wichita Section

Upcoming EVENTS!

Saturday
April 25, 2015
&
Saturday
May 2, 2015



Be sure to renew your membership!



TIDBITS FOR READERS

- please read -

1. Membership Dues to Increase, The Star Magazine, Mar/Apr 2015 issue, Page 74. (currently \$49/yr, changing to \$55/yr)

"... a \$6 increase in annual membership dues, effective July 1, 2015. ... Multiyear membership discounts will continue to be offered. The MBCA encourages all existing members to lock in the current rate by renewing for one, two, or three years prior to July 1, 2015."

2. Talk about the club! If you have a friend or an acquaintance who has a Mercedes-Benz 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! You do not have to own a Mercedes-Benz to be a member of the club.

3. Looking for stories about members and their cars. Do you have a story about your experience with Mercedes-Benz that you'd like to share in a future edition of our section 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.

4. Where to keep up with News: <http://www.mBCA.org/current-news>

MBCA | Wichita 2015 Upcoming Events

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 ***

