



The Road Benz

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Hello everyone! The Wichita Section board is in the process of planning events for the rest of 2021, but we have stayed busy from the start of the year.

The year started with a string of cultural events at the Wichita Art Museum, the Sedgewick County Historical Museum, and Mark Arts. We also had a great visit to the European Car Company, the very popular Poker Run, and of course our most recent visit to the Twisted Oz motorcycle museum.

Looking ahead we will have our membership meeting this month and will be attending a polo match in September. More events are in the process of being finalized.

Earlier in the year I was selected as a board member of the MBCA Educational Foundation. I bring this up only because most members are not aware that this foundation has been around since 1997. I will provide more information about the board's activities in a future newsletter and stay tuned to The Star for additional news.

That's all for now, looking forward to seeing everyone at the Membership Meeting on the 28th.

Lee

2021 Section Event Calendar

Aug 28th: Section meeting at Firebirds

Sep 11th: Introduction to the new S-Class at the dealership

Sep 18th: Polo Match

Late Sep: Sonnenblumen Car Show in Salina, date TBD

Oct: Section driving event

Nov: Shop visit, details are being finalized

Dec: Dealership event

Jan 2022: Section meeting



Upcoming Events

Section Membership Meeting

When: **Saturday, Aug 28th, 11:45 to 1:30**

Where: **Firebirds, 10096 E 13th St N, Wichita KS 67206**

It's time for Section Membership meeting and you're invited to come celebrate the waning days of summer and catch up with everyone. During the meeting we will discuss future club activities and ideas for membership recruitment. We will also have a drawing for several prizes! Please RSVP to mbca.wichita@aol.com by August 26th so we can get a good head count



Dealership Event: The New S-Class

When: **Saturday, Sep 11th, 10 to 11:30**

Where: **Mercedes-Benz of Wichita, 1545 N. Greenwich, Wichita KS 67206**

Come get an up close and personal view of the new S-Class! The S-Class has arrived in Wichita and Mercedes-Benz of Wichita has invited us out to take a look at this remarkable vehicle. Afterwards we will all grab lunch. Don't miss out! Please RSVP to mbca.wichita@aol.com by September 9th.



Polo Match!

When: **Saturday, Sep 18th, 1PM to 3PM**

Where: **Fairfield Polo Club, 9420 S. Broadway Ave, Haysville KS 67060**

Polo and beautiful Mercedes-Benz vehicles will make this one classy event! Here's a chance to come watch an exciting sport highlighting the teamwork of animals and people. Don't worry if polo is new to you, it's easy to pick up and fun to watch. Feel free to bring snacks and beverages of your choice as we line up our cars along the field and watch the match. The individual matches are short so you can depart from the event whenever it best suits your schedule. This event is highly weather dependent, so we'll keep an eye on things as the event date gets closer.



Recent Events

Visit to European Car Company, Saturday May 15th

It was a rainy morning, so an excellent day for an indoor event. Dave Levian of European Car Company hosted 12 members of the Wichita Section for visit to his shop. Section members enjoyed some pastries and wandered around the shop looking at a variety of cars being repaired. We also got to check out several cars going through detailed restoration. Additionally, Dave fielded questions on car repair and maintenance



and told us a lot of great stories about cars he had worked on. We are very fortunate to have his shop and his knowledge here in Wichita. Following the shop visit we then ventured to our favorite German restaurant, Prost, for lunch and frosty beverages.



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Poker Run!, Saturday June 12th



The Wichita section had a fantastic poker run. We had six cars participate (with a 7th car joining later). The day started out with a gathering at a local bookstore, Watermark Books and Cafe. Participants caught up with each other, grabbed some coffee, and then received the day's route. At this point we also drew our first card.

The first stop was the Kansas Firefighter's Museum in downtown Wichita. The museum is housed in an old fire station which was built in 1908. Beside all the incredible Kansas firefighting history housed



in this museum, we were also fortunate to view a special traveling display commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. After drawing a 2nd card we then headed out west.



The section enjoyed a beautiful country drive out to the little town of Cheney. While in Cheney we stopped at a local burger joint, Benny's. Benny's certainly lived up to its reputation, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the burgers here. After some more chatting and a chance to cool off, we then drew the third card.

The next stop was Lake Afton. The state park was full of people enjoying water activities on the lake. Our section found a quite spot to take some great group pictures and draw a fourth card. We then proceeded to parade around the perimeter of the lake before

heading back east to Wichita.



Our final stop was our favorite German restaurant, Prost! After settling down to some nice cold German beer we then drew the fifth card. The prizes for the day were two Mercedes related books. Our big winners were Dave Snodgrass and Teresa Poulseen. Special shoutout to the Poulseens who came up from Arkansas to participate in our section event.



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Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum, Saturday July 17th

Twelve members and guests from the Wichita section headed out east to Augusta to visit the Twisted Oz Motorcycle Museum. This museum opened in 2016 and has continued to grow ever since. The museum currently has around 150 vintage motorcycles and other historical artifacts housed in a repurposed body shop. The museum has bikes from every era and from all around world, including English, Italian, German, and Japanese cycles. Of course there is also an extensive selection of US bikes. A majority of the bikes still run and are occasionally driven.

After exploring the collection, which is contained in two buildings, the club then headed into downtown Augusta to grab lunch at Sugar Shane's Café.



Benz Bazaar

Have something to sell? Does your Mercedes need a new home? Extra parts lying around? Looking for a part or a car? Send a message to the editor (rkfilbey@gmail.com) and we'll get your listing or request in The Benz Bazaar. Our section newsletter comes out about once a quarter.



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ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!



1st Prize
 2021 AMG CLS 53 Coupe
 MSRP: \$89,690

2nd Prize
 A trip to one of three MBCA
 Events
 Cash Value: \$10,000



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 or fax this completed Order Form to 719.633.9283
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 Mail to: Raffle, 1907 LeFay Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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OFFICIAL RULES. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. You must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a current Member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) to purchase tickets.
2. You must be a current Member at the time of the drawing to be eligible to win.
3. Credit and debit cards accepted. Payments made by check/money order must be in U.S. funds. Checks must be exclusively for the payment of the ticket(s) and not include other purchases or renewal payments.
4. Void where prohibited by law.
5. An Official Order form, or copy thereof, must be used to purchase tickets when ordering by mail. Order forms have been mailed to members and are also available upon request from the National Business Office (NBO) or at www.mbca.org. Mail order form requests to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.
6. Ticket orders must be received no later than December 2, 2021. Ticket orders and checks arriving after December 2, 2021 will be returned to sender.
7. All ticket sales are final at the time of purchase. There are no refunds.
8. Tickets will only be issued in the name of the Primary Member listed in the MBCA membership files and does not include Associate Members. Prizes will be awarded on the same basis. Winning tickets cannot be assigned, transferred or sold. Membership must be current at the time of purchasing a ticket(s) and at the time of the drawing.
9. Paid staff, contractors of MBCA and The Star® magazine, their immediate families and household members may not participate in the Raffle.
10. Odds of winning will be based on the number of tickets sold.
11. Prize winners must complete a form from the NBO and return it within 45 days of the mailing of written notification of winning.
12. The drawing will be held and certified at 5754 South Dundas Road, Beaverton, MI 48612 at 10:30 a.m. ET on December 9, 2021. Any MBCA member may attend the drawing; attendance is not required to win. Results will be posted at www.mbca.org.
13. The raffle is sponsored by MBCA, International Stars Section and ticket requests are subject to its acceptance. This Raffle is licensed under the laws of the State of Michigan. License Number R61528.
14. A minimum of 3,900 tickets MUST BE SOLD to award prizes. 1st place winner will receive \$89,690 less 24% tax-withholdings; 2nd place winner will receive \$10,000 less 24% tax-withholdings. The 1st prize winner may shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. The 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied to 2022 Mercedes Freude, Germany Trip or Tuscany Trip (subject to availability). **If fewer than 3,900 tickets are sold, 1st prize winner will receive 90% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales; and 2nd winner prize will receive 10% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 24%, or the shared prizes of \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. The 90% 1st prize and 10% 2nd prize will be paid directly to the winner. If the winner is a Michigan resident there will be an additional withholding of 4.25%. Winner must be a U.S. Citizen.**
15. 1st prize winner may select the vehicle of their choice at a U.S. Dealership designated (see rule #14). Any expenses incurred to take possession of the vehicle, which exceed the 1st prize payment check awarded to the Dealer, will be the sole responsibility of the 1st prize winner. The winner will be responsible for all licensing, registration, taxes, fees, duties, insurance, and other costs as well as transportation to and from the Dealership. 2nd prize winner will receive a check that may be applied to 2022 Mercedes Freude, Germany Trip or Tuscany Trip (subject to availability).
16. The withholding deposited on behalf of the winner may not be all of the taxes owed depending upon the winner's tax bracket. The gross amount of the prize will be added to the winner's income for the tax year of 2021.
17. If fewer than 3,900 Raffle tickets are sold, MBCA will substitute one-half (50%) of the gross sales revenue from the entries sold as of the time of the entry deadline as the Prize, in lieu of the 1st and 2nd prize (see Rule #14).
18. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for MBCA to use the winner's name, Section affiliation, likeness and photograph in any MBCA publicity worldwide in all media including the Internet without additional compensation.
19. By participating in the Raffle, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules.



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Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section

Membership News

Our section currently has **87 members**.

Welcome to our newest member: **Rodney Handsfield, Juvenal Jabel, Jay Lunden, and Jordan Patrick-Satterfield**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Luis Lopez, Don Mayer, Richard McClelland, John Sybrant, and Charles Welsh**. Thank you so much for your sustained membership.

Please continue to promote our club with other Mercedes owners so we can increase our numbers. If you meet someone who has specific questions about our club, please direct them to contact us at MBCA.Wichita@aol.com. If you have other ideas about how to improve our membership numbers, please don't hesitate to contact me (Kirk Filbey) at rkfilbey@gmail.com.

For our current members, please don't forget to renew your membership so you don't miss out on future events. Renewing members are the core part of our section.

Thank you all for your sustained membership and support of the club!



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