



# The Road Benz

The Newsletter from **MBCA | Wichita**

March 2014

Chartered in 1972

Wichita Section

## Upcoming Event



Mercedes-Benz of Wichita dealership has graciously offered our car club the use of their beautiful conference room in their new facility!

### MEETING AGENDA

What do you want from the club? Please come and provide input ideas for this year's upcoming activities – subjects, places, frequency, times, etc.

### MARCH KICKOFF MEETING

#### Club's Yearly Planning

*in The Conference Room*

**@ MERCEDES-BENZ OF WICHITA**

Date: **Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

Time: **5:30pm – 6:30pm**

Location: 1545 N. Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS  
(Just north of 13th Street)

Parking: Please park back near the Service Center and enter thru the Service Bay Door

Dinner following the meeting: **Golden Corral** at 11006 E Kellogg St, Wichita, KS (Just west of Kellogg St & Greenwich Rd)

RSVP: **\*\*\* None Required – Just show up! \*\*\***

Questions: [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com) or leave a message at 316-838-3636

### Upcoming Events

\*\*\* Mark your calendars \*\*\*

- Mar 19th Kickoff Planning Meeting
- Apr 12th Cosmophere & Space Museum Tour
- May 3rd C.A.R.S. Car Show

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*The club needs:  
your ideas,  
your help,  
&  
your  
involvement!*

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Mercedes-Benz of Wichita



## PAST EVENT REPORT



### EXCLUSIVE CLUB MEMBERS TOUR

#### @ MERCEDES-BENZ OF WICHITA

December 14, 2013 Wichita KS

We want to thank Mercedes-Benz of Wichita for hosting a wonderful tour thru their new facility. Melody Matulewic, Marketing Director was key in coordinating the event and Scott Jewett, Director of Operations provided the extensive tour. The tour gave us insight why the parts department square foot was able to be reduced, the complexity of the shop floor foundation and its tile installation, how the place is economically heated and cooled with state of the art technology, the design floor plan for hosting special events, and even more. While discussing the fast moving overhead doors, Scott pointed out that when we bring our vehicles in for service, be sure to come up very close to the door so the sensor can detect the vehicle and raise the door. There was a really nice turnout (17), in spite of it being only 1 1/2 weeks from the holidays and during a WSU basketball game. It was a treat to have two different members attend that are ~2 hours from Wichita, Jamestown, Ks and Chanute, Ks.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Steven Baskett, Section President

Our last club event, touring the new Mercedes-Benz dealership facility, was a great success. I really enjoyed meeting more members of the club. I especially want to thank Scott Jewett of Mercedes-Benz of Wichita, for his informative and impressive tour of the new dealership. From the eco-friendly all LED lighting to the efficient service bay and parts department, one could easily understand the care and thought that went into designing this new state-of-the-art facility. It's truly a masterpiece of design and function. I highly encourage any member who missed the tour to take the time and visit the dealership.

To enable members to become more active in the events planning process, a March 19th planning meeting will be in the new conference room at Mercedes-Benz of Wichita. I urge everyone to come join us and share your ideas and thoughts. The meeting should last no more than an hour or so.

Already lined up is a trip to the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Museum on April 12th. Coming into the severe weather season, it is imperative that you RSVP so you can be notified if we have to cancel the last minute. And, with the RSVP, the club will pay for your admission and one guest.

The annual McPherson C.A.R.S. show is May 3rd. They usually reserve a designated place for all the Mercedes-Benz entries. It doesn't matter how old or new your Mercedes-Benz is; show your Mercedes-Benz pride and display your car! Two years ago, our section club members, Don and Suzanne Moore, won first place in the foreign class with their Barolo Red 2008 S550 Mercedes-Benz. They beat out a classic Ferrari! Join the fun; you'll enjoy the show. The tour of the Auto Restoration Department will impress and amaze you. McPherson College is the only one in the country that teaches auto restoration with a 4 year degree. Mercedes-Benz sponsors the school and selects the top students for internship at the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center.

As a reminder, the club welcomes and appreciates input from the membership. If you have an article you wish to share, please submit it.



**- APRIL EVENT -**  
**Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center**  
 1100 N Plum St, Hutchinson, KS  
**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

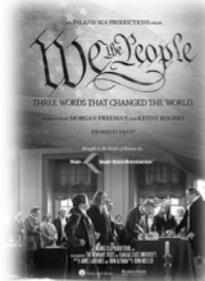
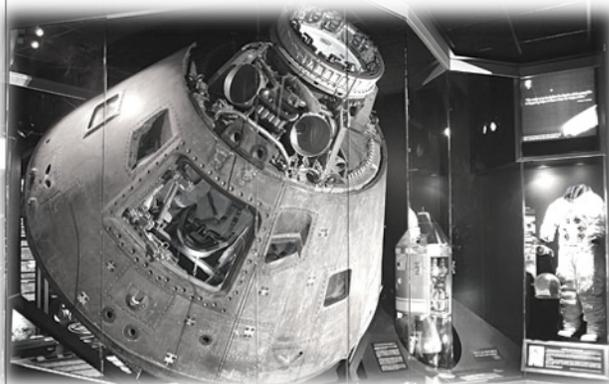
Schedule: Meet in lobby 12:30-12:45pm – please be prompt  
 1:00 Planetarium | Night Sky Live (45 min)  
 1:45 Hall of Space Museum  
 3:00 Imax film | Jerusalem\* (45 min)  
 4:00 Imax film | We The People\*\* (45 min) –optional-

Admission: Club will pay entry fee for current MBCA member and for 1 guest

RSVP: **\*\*\* Required \*\*\*** by April 1, 2014  
 - Imperative so in case of potentially severe weather, you can be notified of cancellation.  
 - Email attending names & telephone no: to [MBCA.Wichita@aol.com](mailto:MBCA.Wichita@aol.com) or leave a message at 316-838-3636

\* *Jerusalem* - follows 3 families exploring the intersection of science, history and religion in this ancient, enigmatic place.

\*\* *We the People* - America's founding documents and the people who wrote, shaped, and tested them.



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Suggestion: Additional Morning Activity  
 \*\*\* on-your-own \*\*\*

**Stutzmans Greenhouse & Garden Center**

5 miles SW of Hutchinson on K-61 & US-50  
 Saturdays open 8am-5pm

Huge selection of flowers, plants, herbs, & pots in their 38,000 sq ft greenhouse and with an extensive 6,000 sq ft gift gallery. This is NOT like their regular parking lot garden centers. - see [Stutzmans.com](http://Stutzmans.com)



**OUR FIRST MERCEDEZ-BENZ**

by Don & Suzanne Moore

It was Christmas Eve 1982. We had just built a new garage for the 944 Porsche that had been on order for 6 months and expected it to arrive in January 1983. Joe Sappok, our friend and at the time was the owner of Autohaus Stuttgart, told us we needed to see this beautiful car from Russell, Ks that was in for regular service and was for sale. It was love at first sight but it's understandable how we were perplex with the new car due to arrive any day. Well, we could not pass up the opportunity, so we purchased this mint condition burgundy 1972 300 SEL 4.5, a 10 year old car with 80,000 miles. Its actual title had the color specified as RED, so we named it "Old Red". Later that day we celebrated our unexpected purchase at The Looking Glass restaurant that was on Douglas Ave. and we continued to enjoy "Old Red" for 22 years and then we sold it back to Joe. We've had 10 different Mercedes-Benz cars, but we'll never forget our first!

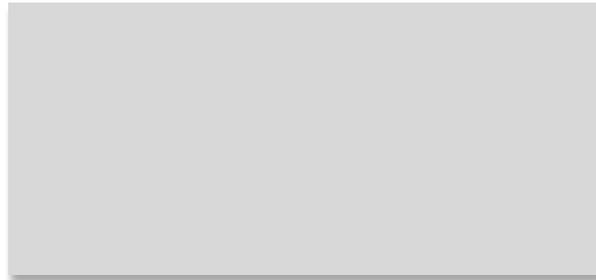




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*Be sure to renew your membership!*



## McPherson College | Automotive Restoration C.A.R.S. Club Show 15TH ANNUAL C.A.R.S. CLUB Car Show Saturday, May 3, 2014 9am - 4pm

Location: McPherson College (center lawn), McPherson, KS  
Entry Time: 9:00-11:00am  
Registration Fee\*: \$15 (\$10 prior to April 21, 2014)

This has been the only show in the area that we have promoted each year. And, the National level of Mercedes-Benz Club of America is a strong supporter. All models and years of MBs are encouraged to show. MBs are in the "Foreign" class.

During the show, there are free guided tours of the auto restoration department facility, students do a demonstration of how to assemble a Model T from parts in less than 20 minutes, and more.

\* MBCA | Wichita Section members that enter their Mercedes Benz will be offered a fees refund from the section, with proof of registration. Form: [http://www.mcpherson.edu/academics/auto\\_club.php](http://www.mcpherson.edu/academics/auto_club.php).

