



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



The Wichita Section continues to monitor the state rules regarding gatherings in light of the Covid-19 virus.

Unfortunately our planned events have been drastically reduced,

however we want to make sure we are responsible and stay safe.

Looking ahead past Labor Day we do have some planned events. In September we are going to do our own Cars and Coffee event. In October we are planning a drive through the beautiful Flint Hills of eastern Kansas. In October or November we are also looking at another gathering at Prost since that was such a popular event earlier in the year. Other events may crop up as conditions change and other opportunities appear.

Our club officers and directors are starting to plan many more events for 2021. Some of these were postponed from this year and others are new. Stay tuned for further updates on section activities.

Until then, get out there and drive your car!

Lee

2020 Section Event Calendar

29 Aug – **Officer Elections**

19 Sep – Section Cars & Coffee

26 Sep – German car show in Salina (may be cancelled)

Oct – Flint Hills trip and lunch

Oct/Nov – Car drive and lunch at Prost

2021 – Stay tuned, planning in progress

Time for Officer Elections

Elections for section club officers occur every two years. Normally nominations for club officer positions and the election of club officers are accomplished during the August membership meeting and lunch. Because of restrictions on large gatherings, the Wichita section will be conducting elections electronically.

The current club officers are:

President: Lee Elrick

Vice President: Will Tobin

Secretary: Deana Gaffney

Treasurer: Vin Kissick

In July the section officers and directors had a meeting to discuss future club activities. During this meeting all the current section officers agreed to serve another term in their respective offices.

That being said, the “floor” is still open for nominations of other folks who might be interested in serving in a section officer position. The window for submitting nominations will be from **24 August until 28 August**. Nominations should be sent to the club e-mail account: MBCA.Wichita@aol.com. If no nominations are received then the current slate of officers will continue to serve in their respective positions for another two years. If there are any nominations, then an electronic ballot will be sent out on 1 September to all members in good standing. Members can make their selection(s) and e-mail their completed ballots to MBCA.Wichita@aol.com. **Ballots will need to be received by 8 September to be counted.**



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Upcoming Events

Section Cars and Coffee

When: Sep 19th, 9 to 11 AM

Where: Il Primo Coffee, 6422 E. Central Ave, Wichita KS 67206



Shine up your car and enjoy some coffee and donuts on behalf of the club! We will be gathering in the parking lot of Il Primo Coffee to enjoy some social distance fellowship and catch up on news and discuss future club activities. Please RSVP by Thursday, 17 Sep, by sending an e-mail to mbca.wichita@aol.com

Flint Hills Drive

When: October, exact date TBD

Where: TBD



Drive and Lunch

When: October/November, exact date TBD

Where: Prost, 2721 E. Central Ave, Wichita KS 67214



Recent Events

Section Cars and Coffee, Saturday June 13th

The Wichita section had a small cars and coffee gathering at IL Primo coffee. The coffee was very good and we had 7 cars and 11 club members participate. We even had an impromptu tech session on changing tires and tire age codes when one member's car got a flat. It was great to see folks and get out in our cars again.



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German Lunch, Saturday June 20th

It was a beautiful day to eat outside and enjoy some wonderful German food and beer! The Wichita section had 14 members and guests participate and of course folks brought out some beautiful cars. What a great way to start summer.



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The 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.

MBCA Raffle is Open!

You can [download the flyer](#) or [purchase your tickets now!](#)

Tickets are \$50 each and there is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase.

The International Stars Mercedes-Benz Club of America raffle is open to MBCA members only. Visit raffle.mbca.org for more information and to read the [rules and regulations](#).

To purchase tickets by phone please call 1-800-637-2360 (Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4:30 pm or Friday 8 am - 4 pm Mountain Time).

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ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

1st Prize
2020 AMG E 63 S Wagon
MSRP: \$111,750



2nd Prize
2021 German Trip
MSRP: \$10,500



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TICKET PURCHASES (including your Official Order Form and payment) MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 10, 2020.
If purchasing by credit or debit card you may call 800.637.2360
(Mon-Thursday 8am - 4:30pm; Fri-Sat 8am-Mountain Time)
or fax this completed Order Form to 719.633.8283
Make your check/money order payable to: MBCA, International Stars Section
Mail to: Raffle, 1901 Lelaury Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

No limit to the number of tickets you can buy. At least one phone number is required.

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Ticket Quantity _____ x \$50 each = Total Due \$ _____
Paying by (select one):
 Check # _____ Money Order # _____
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*MUST complete credit/debit card information on reverse side!

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National Club News

Are you considering buying or leasing a new Mercedes-Benz vehicle? Do you know of a friend or relative who is considering purchasing or leasing a new Mercedes-Benz? We have exciting news to share with you that you may have already read about in The Star® magazine or heard some MBCA members talking about.

Earlier this year the Mercedes-Benz Club of America partnered with Mercedes-Benz USA to introduce a new Member Rebate Program. All active primary members are eligible for exclusive savings, in some cases up to \$5,000 on selected 2020 and a few 2019 models on the lease or purchase of new Mercedes-Benz vehicles. The rebate incentives are available only for active MBCA members. This new member benefit is available immediately upon joining the club. There is no waiting period required for members to take advantage of this new program. As long as the buyer is an active member when purchasing the car, they can participate in the MBCA rebate program.

The new Member Rebate program **replaces** the MBCA Loyalty Rewards program. The MBCA Loyalty Rewards program is no longer offered and has been replaced with the improved Member Rebate program. Members using the new and improved program can save a significant amount of money when buying or leasing a new Mercedes-Benz vehicle. Certificates generated under the old MBCA Loyalty Rewards program are no longer valid and are not combinable with the Member Rebate program. Members having these certificates will need to obtain a control number by calling (866) 628-7232 | Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.

Current primary members can take instantaneous advantage of the Member Rebate program. If you're exploring leasing or purchasing a new Mercedes-Benz, be sure to mention the Mercedes-Benz Club of America program to your Mercedes-Benz dealer to see if the model you are considering qualifies for any savings. If it does, then you need to generate and present your control number to the dealer. The control number is specific to you and cannot be transferred to anyone else.

You can obtain a control number by signing into your member account (<https://www.mbca.org/user/login>) and clicking on the Member Rebate artwork located on your member profile page. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page and click on the red Generate MBUSA Rebate Number button. Give this control number to your Mercedes-Benz dealer and you're on your way to driving out of the dealer in a new Mercedes. The control number is valid for the current calendar year, expires on the last day of the year, and is only valid for the purchase or lease of one vehicle. After the control number expires, active primary members can create a new number for the following calendar years.

The Member Rebate incentives may change and update monthly. To view current savings, visit <https://www.mbca.org/mbusa-incentives>. The rebate program incentive grid only highlights a few models, but more models are included within the program. MBUSA offers discounts on almost every model under this program. To find out if the car you are interested in purchasing is eligible, you should contact your dealer. Please refer to the FAQ sheet if you have any questions about the program.

[FAQ sheet](#)



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Membership News

Our section currently has 189 members.

Here's a hearty thanks to all of our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Todd Borton, Jeffrey Dale, Larry Fear, Carol Figueroa-Ortiz, James Glenn, Michael Grant, Don Mayer, Marianne Misko, Harvey Nero, Ronald Padfield, David Saidian, Richard Samaniego, Kevin White, and Samuel Williams.** Thank you so much.

As always, 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.

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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