



The Road Benz

The Newsletter from MBCA | Wichita

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Wichita Section

President's Corner

Lee Elrick Jr., Section President



Hello again Wichita Section members! Our club has been very busy with activities since the start of the year and as you can see from our calendar, we have all sorts of activities planned for the second half

of the year.

Our April event out to Elderslie Farm was really well attended. We were very fortunate to get a personal tour from George Elder and it's a reminder of all the little hidden treasures that exist in the Wichita area.

We couldn't have asked for better weather for the McPherson car show in May. It was so gratifying to see the results of the student restoration efforts on the 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S and I look forward to seeing it presented at Pebble Beach later in the year.

Looking ahead we have the very popular Poker Run coming up along with some area Cars and Coffee events. Don't forget about our membership meeting officer elections in August! See you soon.

Lee

2023 Section Event Calendar

Jun 10th: Poker Run

Jun 17th: Wichita Cars and Coffee & Lunch at Stearman Field

July 15th: Wichita Cars and Coffee & potential tour of Shift Garage

Aug 12th: Membership meeting & officer elections

Aug 19th: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Sep 16th: Wichita German Car Show

Sep 30th: The Garage Automotive Museum in Salina

Oct 14th: Oktoberfest Celebration at Prost

Oct 21st: Wichita Cars and Coffee

Nov 11th: TBD

Dec 9th: TBD

Jan 2024: Membership Meeting

Upcoming Section Events

Poker Run!

When: **Saturday, Jun 10th, 9:30AM to 2:30PM**

Where: **Various Locations**

This is always a fun event. We will be driving in the local area visiting different spots and collecting playing cards at each location. Put together your best poker hand and see if you can win some fabulous prizes. We will depart from Il Primo Café (6422 Central Ave, Wichita, KS 67206) at 10AM, visit a site, grab lunch at some location during the drive, hit another site, and then finish up at a final spot for some frosty beverages. Total drive distance will be about 67 miles. Oh, and no poker experience is required to enjoy this event!



Please RSVP for this event by Friday 9 June, so we can get a rough head count. You can RSVP by sending a message to MBCA.wichita@aol.com See you there!

Wichita Cars and Coffee

When: **Saturday, Jun 17th and Jul 15th, 8AM to 11AM**

Where: **Braeburn Square, Wichita State University, 4521 E. 21st St N, Wichita KS 67208**

This monthly local car event location has changed, it will now take place at Braeburn Square on the WSU campus. We will plan on meeting up there at 8AM so that we can all park close to each other. For those interested following the June 17 event, we will go up to Stearman field for lunch. Following the July 15 event, we may get to tour Shift Garage in downtown Wichita...more details to follow.



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Section**Membership Meeting and Officer Elections**When: **Saturday, Aug 12th**Where: **TBD**

It's time for our semi-annual membership meeting! Additionally all the section officer positions are up for election. Come to this event and make your voice heard regarding our section's activities...and enjoy a nice lunch. Whether in a leadership role or an event support role, volunteers are what keeps this club going. Please consider running for an officer position and make it a point to come to the membership meeting in August to participate in discussions about club activities. If you have any questions about running for an officer position or how you can help with the section, please send a message to mbca.wichita@aol.com and the current officers will be happy to contact you and answer your questions. The specific time and location for this meeting will be sent out in a future e-mail.



Vote!



Recent Section Events

Visit to Luxury Import Specialists, Saturday March 11th

Tom and Dave and their staff hosted a visit from our section in early March. While we munched on a spread of wonderful food, they walked us through changes and improvement to the shop. After fielding some general car questions, we then walked out onto the shop floor to look over some current projects and they field additional

questions. Tom provided a detailed demonstration of how they pull codes from a car to help diagnose problems. One member was able to bring his S550 in so that Tom could perform a full diagnostic on the vehicle. The system not only peered into the car's various electronic systems, but it was also able to actuate the individual wheel suspension systems and make the car "dance" as part of a suspension check. It was very impressive, and we are fortunate to have a shop like Luxury Import Specialists available to us.



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Visit to Elderslie Farm, Saturday April 29th

Elderslie Farm is a small farm near Kechi which has a farm to table restaurant and café, a creamery, blackberry picking, and a sawmill and custom woodworking studio. The owner, George Elder, led a private tour of the farm, focusing on the sawmill and woodworking shop. Our group got to see exactly how the sawmill worked and George provided some fascinating insights into local tree harvesting and how certain types of wood are targeted for specific uses.

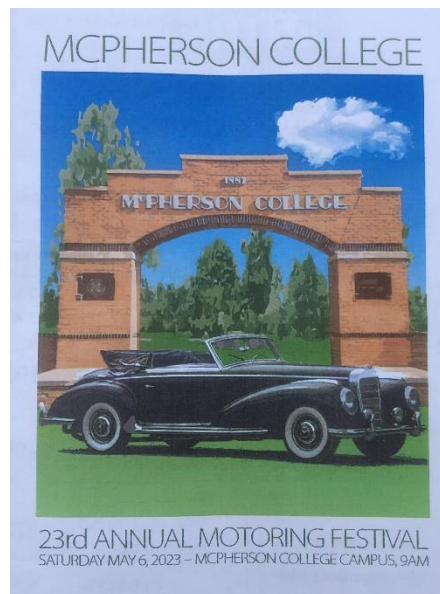
Following a walk-through of the woodworking shop, the group then headed over to the dining room. In the dining room we had the opportunity to sample a variety of cheeses which are also made right there on the farm, while George answered numerous questions about how the farm operated.



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McPherson College Car Show, Saturday May 6th

The 23rd annual Motoring Festival at McPherson College was a hit! The students of McPherson College's auto restoration program did a great job setting up and running this topnotch car show. Mercedes-Benz was well represented with MBCA members from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas City, and of course Wichita. There was an incredible variety of vehicles on display. During the course of the event, the students presented a 1953 Mercedes 300S cabriolet which was recently accepted for the Pebble Beach car show and auction in August. This car was the culmination of many years of restoration work by numerous McPherson students.



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Trip Report

Tour Auto 2023: Paris to Cannes by Kirk Filbey



Anne and I traveled to Europe in April and as part of the trip we spent a few days in Paris. While we certainly don't plan our trips around car events, I seem to stumble upon them! It just so happens the Tour Auto 2023 rally was kicking off in Paris at the Grand Palais Ephemeral right when we were there. I was not able to see the start of the rally but I was able to check out most of the competing vehicles during the kick off event. According to [the website](#), Tour Auto is one of the oldest continuously running car rallies. For the current event, entries consist of cars which participated in the rally between 1951 to 1973. As expected, most of the vehicles I saw were European models (including TWO gullwings!). The rally itself takes place over 6 days as the cars make their way through stages between Paris and Cannes. It was a very impressive event and what a blast it would be to actually participate in it!



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Section Membership News

Our section currently has **69 members**.

Welcome to our newest members: **David Jensen, Thomas Hollingsworth, and James Rishel**

Here's a heartfelt thanks to all our renewing members since our last newsletter: **Lawrence Appenfeller, Paul Courtney, Richard Goodison, Richard McClelland, Stephen Morris, and Dennis Thompson**. 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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