



The Road Benz

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President's Corner

Kirk Filbey, Section President



Happy 4th of July! Hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday. As we cruise through the middle of summer, it's hard to believe that September will be here before you know it...and yet plans are coming together

for events going out to the fall. Until then, I hope everyone is getting out there and enjoying the beautiful weather.

We have some top-notch events coming up in the next few months. The museum road trip up north in another week looks to be interesting and I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at our next membership meeting and lunch in August. After that we have some great car shows. I'm really looking forward to the Wichita All German car show at the end of September

In our last newsletter, we included a new column called Let Me Tell You About My Car. I would really like to keep it going, so please feel free to share stories about your car or cars. You can send your story or an idea for your story right to me and I'll be happy to work with you on it.

As always, I would ask that each of you continue to promote the club. Reach out to folks and bring them to club events. Let's get the word out that there's a local Mercedes-Benz club and we go out and do things!

That's all for now...and happy driving!

Kirk

2024 Chapter Event Calendar

Jul 13th: Visit to Midwest Dream Car Collection

Aug 24th: Membership Meeting

Sep 28th: ICT All German Car Show

Oct 5th: Sonnenblumen German Car Show

Oct 12th: Alzheimer's Walk

Nov: TBD

Dec: TBD

Jan 25th, 2025: Membership Meeting

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Upcoming Chapter Events

Road Trip! Visit to Mid-West Dream Car Collection

When: **Saturday, Jul 13th, 8AM to Late Afternoon**

Where: **Manhattan, KS**

Greetings everyone, we have an exciting club event coming up for July. This will be a joint event with the Cadillac Club and we will also invite the MBCA Kansas City chapter. This will be an all-day event as we will be driving up to the Mid-West Dream Car Collection in Manhattan, grabbing lunch, and then seeing the Race Car Museum in Chapman on the way back. Here's the plan:



Meet up at the back parking lot of the Cracker Barrell off of 61st Street (995 East 61st St N, Wichita, KS 67219) early in the morning. **Plan to depart at 8AM.**

Drive up to Manhattan to the [Mid-West Dream Car Collection](#) (3007 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, KS 66503). You can buy tickets to the car collection online ahead of time or at the location on the day of the visit.

Next we will grab lunch at [Vista Burger](#) (1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd. Manhattan, KS 66502)

Following lunch we will head back to Wichita, stopping at the [Kansas Auto Racing Museum](#) in Chapman (1205 Manor Drive, Chapman KS 67431)

As mentioned, this will be an all-day event but feel free to peel off from the group at your convenience.

If you would like to participate in this event or part of this event, please let us know by sending an e-mail to: MBCA.wichita@aol.com . Thanks very much!



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Chapter Membership Meeting

When: **Saturday, August 24th, 11AM to 2PM**

Where: **Firebirds Grill,**

We will have our bi-annual membership meeting and lunch at Firebirds Grill (10096 E 13th St N, Wichita, KS 67206). This will be an opportunity to talk about club events and outline events for the remaining part of the year.

3rd Annual Wichita All German Car Show

When: **Saturday, September 28th, 10AM to 2PM**

Where: **Wichita State Tech Campus, 4004 N. Webb Rd, Wichita KS 67226**

This local all German car show is always great with lots of cool cars and prizes. The show is jointly hosted by the Mercedes, Porsche, BMW, and Audi clubs. Over 120 cars participated last year, with a very good showing from Mercedes-Benz...but BMW won the award for most



participating cars. Come out to this show and let's take that award away from those Beemer folks! You don't need to stay there the whole time but long enough to get counted! Invite everyone you know who has a Benz!





**17th Annual
Sonnenblumen Autofest
German Vehicle Show**

Sat. Oct. 5th • Oakdale Park, Salina
Gates open at 8 am • Awards at 2 pm
Entry Fee- \$10 • Entrant Camping Friday & Saturday
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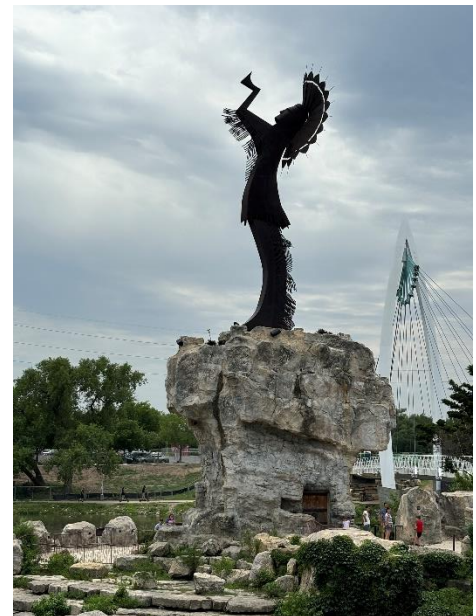


Recent Chapter Events**Poker Run, Saturday June 8th**

Well another chapter poker run is in the books with 5 vehicles and 7 members taking part in the event. We kicked things off by meeting up at Il Primo coffee. After passing out the first playing card and the route map we then took a scenic drive to the Panhandle Railroad Museum in Wellington. Perry Wiley, the curator of the museum, gave us a private tour of the collection of railroad memorabilia



which he collected over his 27-year career with the Santa Fe Railroad. The collection is housed in a refurbished gas works building which was built in 1886. Everyone grabbed their next card and we then continued on our scenic country drive to the little town of Conway Springs where we stopped for lunch at the Stock Tank Bar and Grill. The food was excellent, and it was nice to cool off as the weather was starting to get hot and muggy. Following lunch and a third card, we then headed back north to Wichita, stopping at the famous Keeper of the Plains statue at the confluence of the Little Arkansas and Arkansas rivers. We snapped some pictures and selected a fourth card as we next headed to our favorite German restaurant, Prost! After the fifth card was drawn, everyone laid down their hands. The big winners were Randy Roths and Deanna Gaffney, both taking home automobile themed books. We wrapped up the event with cold beers and lots of laughs.



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Model Introduction Dealership Event, Saturday June 15th

Mercedes-Benz of Wichita held a model introduction party and we had several chapter members attend. Campbell Walser, Manager of Operations, welcomed everyone and hosted the gathering which included heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. After some introductory comments he then presented the new E Class and CLE Coupe. Both vehicles were stunning and packed with amazing technology and features. The entire dealership sales team was on hand to

answer all our questions as we had the opportunity to “kick the tires” and really explore these cars. This was a fun event and we look forward to future activities at the dealership.



Trip Report



A Visit to Morocco and Portugal - by Kirk Filbey

At the very end of May, Anne and I had the opportunity to travel to Morocco and Portugal. We started out the trip in Tangier, Morocco. Tangier is not as well known as other Moroccan cities but it has a fascinating history. It sits on the Strait of Gibraltar and as result has been ruled by a variety of different countries (including a stint as an international free port) before Morocco took it over in 1958. We stayed in a small riad in the old city; I enjoyed watching the sun rise each morning from the rooftop balcony. There were a lot of interesting sites in the city including the old American Legation building which was one of the US's very first embassies. There were also some very interesting cars, including a lot of W123's and W124's working as taxis.



Benzs of Tangier

After a few days in Tangier, we then flew up to Lisbon with the primary purpose of seeing Taylor Swift in concert. We saw other sites there as well, made a side trip to Sintra to see an aircraft museum and castle, and got to ride one of Lisbon's historic trolleys. A few days later we rented a car and drove further north to the city of Porto. At one point we got off the main road to look for an old Pan Am mosaic billboard (I know, kind of obscure) and we happened to stumble upon a hill climb event which was part of a national car rally. We had fun hanging out with lots of local folks as we watched cars race up a mountain pass. These spontaneous events are what make trips so much fun!



Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Wichita Chapter**Some MB's in Portugal (and a Fiat!)**

We had a wonderful time in Porto (the home of port wine), walking all over the city and spending time in cafes watching the world go by. It's a very picturesque city. One thing we did note was that all of Portugal seemed hilly. We certainly got our steps in and a good calf workout on this trip!



The Benz Bazaar

Do you have a Mercedes-Benz vehicle you'd like to sell or trade? Are you looking for MB parts or perhaps have parts you'd like to sell or pass on? Do you have some Mercedes-Benz memorabilia you'd like to sell? If so, then the Benz Bazaar is an easy way to advertise to all section members and others who see our newsletter. Our section newsletter comes out 6 times a year. If you are interested in posting an item in the Benz Bazaar, please contact the newsletter editor, Kirk Filbey, at rkfilbey@gmail.com.





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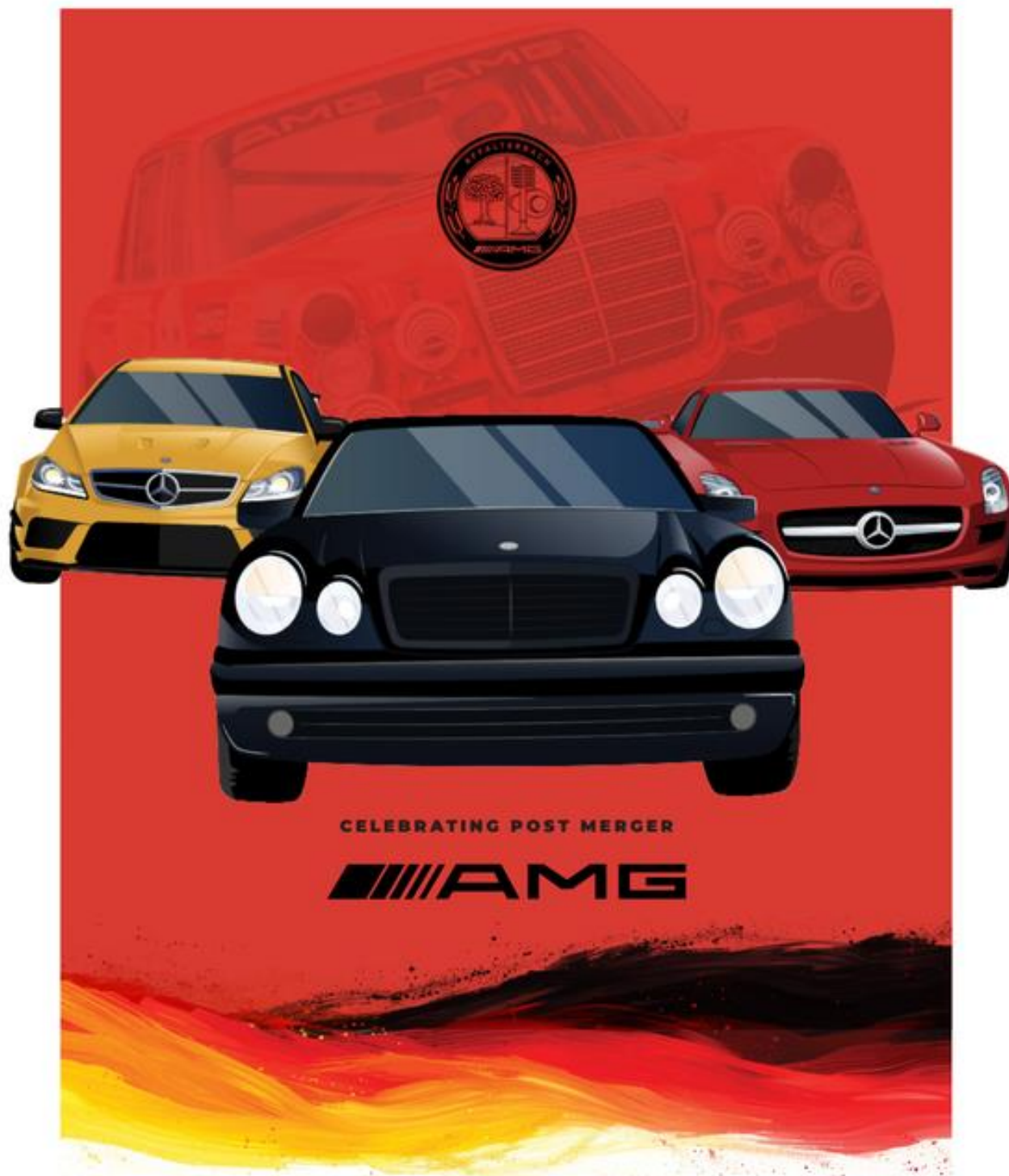
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Attend **Legends of the Autobahn** during Monterey Car Week 2024! This year's event highlights 25 years of post-merger AMG. All Mercedes-Benz are welcome. The following categories include:

- **Display cars:** Open to all vintages. Not a judged category. It places your car as part of the show to display your prized vehicle to the attendees.
- **Judged Car Category:** This category is for cars 20 years and older. Each class has 3 awards. Judging is based on original condition criteria.
- **25 Years of Post-Merger AMG Category:** This year, we celebrate 25 years of post-merger AMG. On January 1st, 1999, Mercedes-Benz became the majority shareholder of AMG. We will celebrate this milestone. This class is open to vintages.
- **Silver Star class:** Cars of all conditions of originality. This is a preservation class. Patina is welcome and appreciated.

Legends of the Autobahn is a free event for spectators. This flagship event will feature an incredible array of Mercedes-Benz vehicles in beautiful Monterey.

* Early bird registration is now live. Prices go up on July 10th and again on July 31st. Register now to get your best price. At the end of July, there will be a strict cutoff for both judged and Silver Star cars. However, we will accept display cars in August. Sign up early and save!

* The event runs from 8am-3pm approximately. So if you bring a car you are committed to the full event. Due to logistics cars must remain in place.

Would you like to spend the day on the show field at Legends of the Autobahn? We are looking for members who would like to help! We compensate \$25/hr, free parking, lunch and a t-shirt! Email David Abarr at mbcapdxdave@comcast.net if you're interested. This would not be a full-day commitment. Any questions feel free to reach out.

Pre-paid Spectator parking is \$30 / \$40 on day of event.

Sponsorship opportunities available at Legends of the Autobahn. Put your brand center stage in front of tens of thousands of German car enthusiasts. Email Katie@mbca.org

Register for Legends of the Autobahn

Legends of the Autobahn Spectator Parking Passes



Chapter Membership News

Our section currently has **57 members**.

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 Randy Roths (randyandcj@gmail.com) or 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. If you run into any issues with renewing your membership, please let us know.

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



The Valkyrie is back from the shop!

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