

NEXT EVENT: Fort Worth Aviation Museum and Cooper's BBQ Lunch, Sat, May 18, 10am



Join us for a guided tour of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. It features a collection of over 30 cold war warbirds which includes a US Navy Blue Angel F/A-18 Hornet, an F-14 Tomcat carrier fighter, a T-33 jet trainer, a Vietnam-era Forward Air Controller (FAC) OV-10 Bronco, and many more aircraft in the outdoor display. You can see the aircraft up close and touch them. The indoor displays include the Forward Air Controllers gallery, honoring the brave FACs who flew very close-in support missions for ground troops and identified targets for prosecution, sometimes by themselves. We will

meet at the museum and, if the grounds are dry enough, will be guided to park among the aircraft for some photo ops. After our museum visit, we will enjoy a BBQ lunch at Cooper's near the Stockyards.

As we will remain in Fort Worth, **there will be no caravans**. Please make your own way to the venues below. Parking maps are also below.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We are NOT visiting the nearby Vintage Flying Museum. Please go to the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

Date: Saturday, May 18.

10:00am: Fort Worth Aviation Museum, 3300 Ross Ave Fort Worth, TX 76106, (855) 733-8627. Parking map below. **Please be on time.**

12:30pm: Lunch at Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ, 301 Stockyards Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76164. (817) 626-6464. Let us all try to arrive at the same time. We will be seated at the covered patio to the right of the main entrance. Parking map below. Get your own food, pay your own.

Cost and Signup: The event fee of \$15 per person will cover museum admission, docent tip and administrative costs. Non-member guests are welcome. Lunch at Cooper's BBQ is pay your own. Help us out by signing up as soon as you can. We need to apprise headcount to our venues. You have 2 ways to pay:

1) To pay the event fee online using your credit card: Go to our website, www.mbcafortworth.org, click the **Event Calendar** button, then select this event. Locate the payment button for this event's online write-up, and follow the instructions. Your online payment serves as your registration.

2) To pay with a check: Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, or call (817) 319-3033 to sign up. Make your check payable to MBCA, and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

10am: Parking Map, Fort Worth Aviation Museum: 3300 Ross Ave, Fort Worth.

We will line up on Ross Avenue in front of the Meacham gate beside the aviation museum parking lot at 10am. From there, we will be led through the gate and guided to park amongst the aircraft if the grounds are dry enough or on the street if the grounds are too wet. Please be on time. **CON'T NEXT PAGE**



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12:30pm: Parking Map, Cooper's BBQ: 301 Stockyards Blvd, Fort Worth.

The reservation is made for the Mercedes-Benz Car Club. We will park to the right of the main entrance. Let us try to arrive at the same time so please do not leave the museum early. Parking is supposed to be free because we have Cooper's reservations, but some attendants may not know that. If an attendant approaches you, say we have reservations at Cooper's. If they insist on the \$10 fee, pay them and get the receipt so Sean or Les, restaurant management, can reimburse you by taking the parking fee off the cost of your meal. We will be seated at the covered patio as shown below.

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See ads and pictures of all items on the [Classifieds](#) page of the Fort Worth website, www.mbcafortworth.org.

Prior Event Report - Guided Tour and Lunch at the Fort Worth Modern, January 13, 2024



At the Café Modern.

Twenty-two folks attended our first event of the year, which was a guided tour and lunch at the beautiful Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. The Modern features one of the foremost collections of modern and contemporary art dating from the postwar period to the present. Its collection is housed in an elegant contemporary building designed by the renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando.

We began our visit with prix fixe lunch at the excellent Café Modern, which is managed by Wolfgang Puck. After lunch, we split into 2 groups expecting to see the museum's permanent exhibit. Instead, our docent guided us on a tour of Native-American Jaune Quick-to-See Smith's works, and talked about some of her most intriguing pieces. This, the museum's current featured exhibit, is a fusion of contemporary art and Smith's view of life in America as seen through her cultural perspective. This was a pleasant surprise, because the permanent exhibit will always be there to see another time.



The art compliments the Modern's spacious minimalist interior.

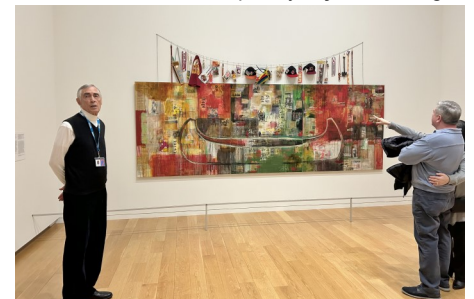
It was time to hurry home right after the tour, because the dreaded arctic blast was fast approaching Fort Worth from the Northwest.



All here. Almost.



The Modern's contemporary façade and sign.



Native American reference in modern times.



The canoe is used extensively in Smith's works



Our guide explains each major piece.



The canoe is again the subject here.

Prior Event Report - Pre-Valentine Lunch and Chocolates, Hico, TX, February 3, 2024



Downtown Hico.

Fifteen folks in 9 cars joined us for a country drive and a prix fixe 3-course ribeye lunch at Oma Leen's, a farm-to-table restaurant which has just relocated to a beautiful location in Downtown Hico. This fine dining restaurant was established by young couple Austin and Shannon Odom not long ago. It is named after Austin's great-grandmother Oma and Shannon's grandmother Willene. This highly rated restaurant was featured in Fort Worth, Texas magazine.



Sitting down to lunch.

A highlight of the new location is its massive hand-carved 1880s Brunswick bar which was originally in service in Dodge City, Kansas. It was displayed in the Gene Autry Museum before the restaurant owners bought it at an auction in Pennsylvania. It was taken apart and shipped by rail to Hico, TX.

After lunch we walked or drove to the nearby Wiseman House chocolate store for some Valentine chocolate shopping.



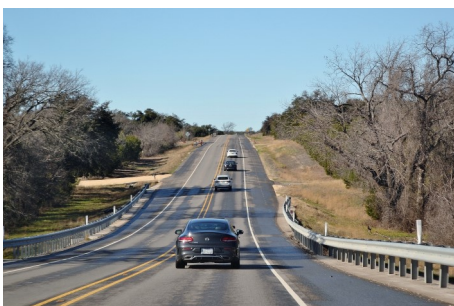
The massive Brunswick bar, originally from Dodge City, KS.



Terrific ribeye!



Shopping for treats.



En route to Hico.



The sign was missing the "I". No more.



Wiseman House chocolate store.

Prior Event Report - Mustangs, Comfort Food and Crazy Water, March 23, 2024



En route to Graford.

Twenty-seven folks in 13 cars enjoyed a home cooking lunch at The Café in Graford, a vintage Mustang collection at the Blue Oval Car Barn in Mineral Wells, and the Famous Water Company store, home of Mineral Wells' Crazy Water.

The Café in Graford served great food from burgers to quesadillas to fried catfish in gargantuan portions, which can be accompanied by its wonderful onion rings.

The Blue Oval Car Barn is home to vintage Mustangs, particularly 1971 high-performance models. Finley and Joni Ledbetter own around 80 vintage cars and rotate their collection at this facility. Finley is a valuable resource to 1971 Mustang enthusiasts. He gave us a great tour of his facility, talked about his cars and what it took to restore them or just to keep them going.

The Famous Water Company is a remnant of Mineral Wells' golden age as one of the world's foremost spa cities. Its Crazy Water is so named because it is rumored to prevent, ease or solve mental issues. After a dose of Crazy Water No. 4 (their strongest mineral water), we emerged from the event in the best possible state of mental health.



At The Café in Graford.



At the Crazy Water Company.



Freshly-restored Boss 351.

Finley is partial to 1971 performance Mustangs but does not hesitate to work on other models.



Part of the lineup at Mineral Wells.



Going over the engine bay of a Boss.



1967 Fastback.



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