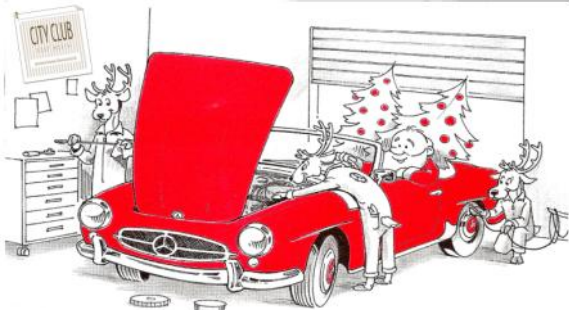


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Holiday Celebration at the City Club, Fort Worth, TX, Saturday, December 6, 6:30pm



Fort Worth Section's
 Holiday Celebration at the Fort Worth City Club
 Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 6:30pm

Our 2014 Holiday Dinner-Dance will be at the City Club in the heart of Downtown Fort Worth. The posh City Club has been one of Fort Worth's premier business and social clubs since its inception 25 years ago. Let us jump start the holidays with a night of good food, games, prizes, dancing and camaraderie with our fellow MBCA members. The agenda, menu and other details follow below.

When: Saturday, December 6.
Where: The City Club, Presidents Room, 4th Floor, D.R. Horton Tower, 301 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. 817-878-4000.
Time: 6:30pm.
Dress: Cocktail, Coat and Tie.

Cost and Signup: Please sign up as early as you can so we can assure enough food, drink and space for everyone. Family and friends of MBCA members are welcome. The cost of this event will be \$49 per person. Cocktails and wine can be ordered at additional cost. You have 2 ways to pay for the event fee:

1) **To pay online using your credit card:**

Go to our website, www.mbca.org/fortworth, click the **Event Calendar** button, then select this event. Locate the payment button for this event's online write-up, and follow the instructions.

2) **To pay with a check:**

Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, didejesus@charter.net, (817) 319 3033, and let him know you are coming. Make your check payable to MBCA, and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Ln, Ft Worth, TX 76116.

AGENDA:

6:30 - COCKTAIL RECEPTION:

Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash Bar (cash only, please) is open.

7:00 - DINNER:

Our 3-course menu will include:

Salad: WEDGE OF ICEBERG SALAD, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Avocado Slice, Pico de Gallo, Chipotle Ranch Dressing.

Main Course: DUET OF GRILLED FILET MIGNON AND LEMON CRUSTED HALIBUT, Asparagus, Dauphinois Potatoes, Beurre Blanc and Demi-Glace.

Dessert: GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE.

Beverages: Coffee and tea included. Wine and other beverages may be ordered at the cash bar at additional cost. Cash only, please.

Special Dietary Needs: Please email DJ de Jesus, didejesus@charter.net, on your special dietary requirements when you book your spot(s).

8:15 to ?? - GAME, PRIZES, DANCING.

CASH BAR (cash only, please) will be open for liquor, cocktails, beer, wine, and other beverages.

Directions to City Club:

NOTE: The directions are the same whether you are headed either North or South. From I-35W, take exit 52A to enter Spur 280 toward downtown Fort Worth. (This is a right-hand exit from either direction.) Bear right onto 4th Street. Go just past the Bass Hall, then turn right on Commerce Street. Go one block and turn right on 3rd Street. Go one block and turn right on Calhoun Street. Enter the parking garage on your left via the last entrance. After parking, find the elevator at the northwest corner of the garage. Take the elevator (if necessary) to Level 3 BLUE. Walk across two sky-bridges to the DR Horton Tower. Keep bearing right until you come to Sherry's Gifts and Snacks. Turn left and find 4 elevators marked "3-12". Go to the 4th floor (City Club Meeting Rooms). On the 4th floor, follow the signs to the Mercedes Club Dinner.

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Fort Worth Section Meetings at Park Place Fort Worth

The Fort Worth Section board meets at 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. We encourage attendance, suggestions and exchange of ideas from any MBCA member. The meetings are held at Park Place Motorcars Fort Worth, 5601 S. Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth, 76132.



invites you to avail of the 10% discount on parts and service offered to MBCA members. Simply show your current MBCA membership card when purchasing parts or service. The Park Place Fort Worth dealership is located at 5601 South Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth TX, or call (866) 431-4572. The Park Place Grapevine dealership is located at 1300 Texan Trail, Grapevine, TX, or call (888) 693-4087. Drop by and see both of their beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities.

Fall Overnighter, Paris, TX, Saturday and Sunday, November 8-9



Our Fall Overnighter event will take us to Paris, TX, a unique city of over 25,000 people northeast of the Metroplex. Paris, named after the beautiful City of Light, is a city rich in history and tradition. We have planned a full weekend of activities. On Saturday, we plan to visit the Lamar County Historical Museum and Confederate General Maxey's restored house, attend the downtown open house at the Plaza (the city will also light up their Christmas tree on this day). After dinner, we will have a private wine tasting at the Carriage House Jewelry and Gift Shop Downtown, then proceed to the hotel for our social. On Sunday, we will visit the Evergreen Cemetery to see some unique Texas-themed monuments. After our Evergreen visit, we will see Texas' own Eiffel Tower. We will then proceed on a scenic drive to Denison, passing through the Caddo National Grasslands and Lake Bonham along the way. We will have lunch at Denison, and then we will visit the General Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site.

IMPORTANT! SIGN UP AND BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! We have blocked a limited number of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express at a reduced club rate. Help us out! Unless we get an early feel on attendance, we may be unable to get more rooms after we use up our block due to the weekend festivities in Paris. Blocked rooms are first come, first served. See below for details. Email DJ, djdejesus@charter.net, to let him know you are coming and that you have a room.

Accommodations:

Book your hotel room at the Holiday Inn Express below for Saturday, November 8. Say you are with the Mercedes-Benz Car Club to get the club rate of \$89 plus tax per night. Breakfast is included in the price of the room. The rooms we blocked are first come, first served. Do NOT wait until the last minute to make your reservation - you may run out of rooms if you delay.

Holiday Inn Express, 3025 NE Loop 286, Paris, TX, (903) 785-0088

Registration and Event Fee:

We will charge an event fee of \$15 for each MBCA member and each immediate family member, and \$20 for each non-member. The fee will cover the admission to all museums, printing and other planning expenses. Attendees will be responsible for the cost of accommodations, meals and other travel expenses. Pay the event fee online or by check.

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Schedule of Activities (ETA's are approximate):

Saturday, November 8:

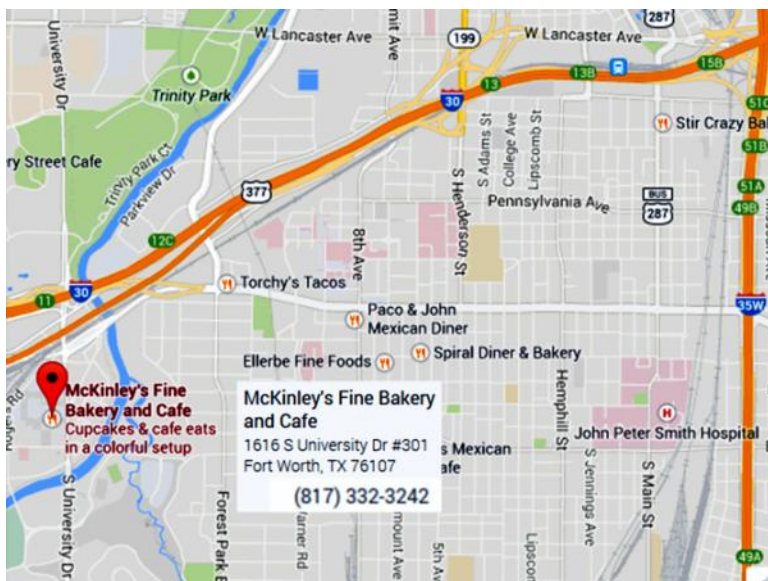
- 08:45am: Briefing at the parking lot in front of McKinley's Cafe on 1616 S. University Drive, Fort Worth. See map below. Arrive earlier if you wish to have breakfast on your own.
- 09:00am: Caravan departs.
- 11:30am: Lunch at Casa del Mare Italian restaurant, 3003 NE Loop 286, Paris, TX, (903) 739-2100. Pay your own. BYOB.
- 01:00pm: Guided tour of the Sam Bell Maxey House, 812 S Church St, Paris, TX, (903) 785-5716.
- 02:15pm: Tour of the Lamar County Historical Museum, 1009 W Kaufman St, Paris, TX, (903) 783-0064.
- 03:30pm: Attend the Paris Downtown Square open house. Reference address is 8 West Plaza, Paris, TX.
- 05:15pm: Check-in at the Holiday Inn Express, 3025 NE Loop 286, Paris, TX, (903) 785-0088. Pay your own.
- 06:30pm: Dinner at Magel's Grill, 3805 NE Loop 286, (903) 784-3186. Selections from group menu. Pay your own.
- 08:00pm: Private wine tasting at the Carriage House Jewelry & Gift Shop, 21 Clarksville St, Paris, TX, (903) 784-6711. They will open just for us. No charge, but we do encourage you to purchase the wines you like during the tasting.
- 09:15pm: Social at the Holiday Inn. BYOB.

Sunday, November 9:

- 08:45am: Depart Holiday Inn. Please be done with breakfast, checked out, gassed up and ready to go.
- 09:00am: Visit the Evergreen Cemetery, 560 Evergreen St., Paris, TX. Photo op.
- 09:30am: Visit Eiffel Tower, 2025 South Collegiate Drive, Paris, TX. Photo op.
- 10:00am: Depart Paris. Scenic drive to Denison.
- 12:00pm: Lunch at Girasoles Mexican Restaurant, 505 South Armstrong Ave, Denison, TX, (903) 464-0003. Pay your own.
- 01:30pm: Tour of the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, 609 S Lamar Ave, Denison, TX, (903) 465-8908.
- 02:30pm: Depart for home on your own.

Directions to McKinley's Bakery & Cafe:

McKinley's Cafe is on 1616 S University Drive in Fort Worth. From I-30 (west of I-35), head south on University Drive toward TCU. Enter the University Village shopping center on your right. McKinley's Cafe will be to the right of the Apple Store. There is also a Starbucks within walking distance. Briefing is at 8:45. Arrive earlier if you wish to have breakfast on your own.



2015 EVENT CALENDAR

January 17:	<u>Winter Getaway</u>	(Saturday)
February 7:	<u>Pre-Valentine Event</u>	(Saturday)
March 21:	<u>Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Azle TX</u>	(Saturday)
April 18-19:	<u>Texas Hill Country Run</u>	(Saturday & Sunday)
May 16:	<u>Mercedes Club Car Show</u>	(Saturday)
June 13:	<u>Q&A Rally</u>	(Saturday)
July 11:	<u>Texas History Tour</u>	(Saturday)
August 16:	<u>Food 'n' Fun Road Trip</u>	(Saturday)
September:	<u>Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure Car Show</u>	(Saturday)
October 3:	<u>Track Day, Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX</u>	(Saturday)
November 7:	<u>Fall Touring Event</u>	(Saturday)
December 5:	<u>Holiday Celebration</u>	(Saturday)

Please note events are subject to change as plans progress.

Prior Event Report - Watt's Up, Doc? Get-Together at the Watt Home, Irving, TX, July 12, 2014



En route to Irving on the last few 2-lane roads in DFW.



A stop on the shores of Lake Grapevine.

Thirty-four members enjoyed a nice drive from Fort Worth and a great lunch at Teresa and Chris Watt's home. We met in North Fort Worth and drove on some of the last remaining two-lane country roads in the metroplex to avoid construction and traffic snarls to the extent possible. We stopped for a short break at the shores of Lake Grapevine, where we were lucky to find lakeside parking available for us all.

Teresa and Chris served a great lunch of grilled pork ribs and chicken, accompanied by corn-on-the-cob and a nice salad, plus iced tea, soda and water. Of course, some libations were made ready in case some members forgot to BYOB. Kathy Casey and Paula Bartlett brought dessert to cap the meal.

After lunch, teams of randomly-selected members were formed to compete for prizes by playing an abbreviated game of pool - the two teams with the highest scores won prizes for each team member. The results were:

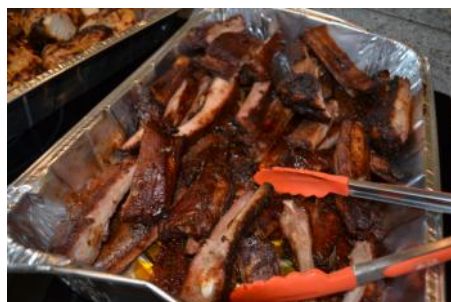
First Place (each member got an MB tire gauge / flashlight combo): Miles Faherty, Anna Clayton, Fred Hekking, Dannie Hannon and Rick Bollar.

Runner-Up (each member took home an MB compact umbrella): Paula Bartlett, Giff Marr, Bert Graham, Teresa Watt, Ron Harwick

After our game and more socializing, we left for home on our own. Special thanks to Teresa and Chris for hosting a great event, and to Kris Ikejiri for his photo contributions.



The shaded patio was comfy this hot July day.



BBQ ribs!



Who says this isn't a game of luck?

Prior Event Report - August Events - International Day & Panther City Classic Autos, August 2 & 9, 2014



Our Panther City private tour is about to begin.

August 2: International Day

Forty members enjoyed an authentic German dinner at Greenwood's German Restaurant, which serves one of the best (if not the best) German meals in Fort Worth. We made our selections from a group menu, and our food was prepared by owner, Master Chef and Offenbach native Peter Gruenewald. After dinner, we played an International Trivia game for prizes. Congratulations to the winners:

- First Place - Dan Patz - Mercedes-Benz sunglasses
- Second - Judi Patz - Mercedes-Benz umbrella with clamshell case
- Third - Rick Gibbons - Mercedes-Benz classic wall thermometer
- Fourth - Buzz Bartlett - Mercedes-Benz LED flashlight
- Fifth - Dannie Hannon - Mercedes-Benz pen

August 9: Panther City Classic Autos Private Museum Tour

More than sixty members enjoyed this event. First on the agenda was breakfast at La Madeleine a few miles from the auto museum. After breakfast, we caravanned for the short trip to the Panther City Classic Autos museum for our private tour.



Caravan departs for the Panther City museum.

The museum houses Paul Andrews' superb collection of classic cars, which is among the finest of private automobile collections anywhere. We perused concours-quality Duesenbergs, Packards, Pierce-Arrows, classic Cadillacs, and more, many of which were class winners at Pebble Beach and other prestigious concours venues. Vintage racers are part of the collection, as well as a good number of classic American autos of the fifties, and even one-off concept cars. All of them are superbly maintained and/or restored to the highest quality. Among the Mercedes in the museum is an impeccable 1959 300SL roadster, and (OMG) a CLK-GTR, one of 26 built.

Alas, photography was not allowed inside the museum, but we do have pictures of the beautiful Mercedes during the event and of their happy owners.



We were able to gather most, but not all, attendees for a group picture.



DJ de Jesus & Larry Vaughn do the briefing.



Benzes at La Madeleine in Fort Worth.



Our International Day venue.



International Trivia Quiz time.



DJ & Cecile de Jesus enjoy Jagerschnitzel undt beer.

Prior Event Report - Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth Tour (and Lunch), September 20, 2014



Member cars on the Bodywerks driveway.

Twenty-two members in 14 cars participated in a private tour of the brand-new Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth location. The tour was conducted by General Manager David Norris.

David opened the session explaining why a certified body shop should be the preferred choice for our Mercedes cars, especially those equipped with adaptive lighting systems, Distronic radar cruise control, electronic driver aids and other equipment which could be damaged due to a collision.

The tour included an example of a bad repair from another body shop, which his shop is now tasked to correct at the car owner's request. We saw the proper repair of a Mercedes frame rail, and how the shop intends to repair damage from a bad side collision. Our next stop was the paint booth, where a technician was actually painting a car during our tour. Also included was an explanation of how the foolproof Celette Bench system worked. The bench uses fixtures and jigs specific to the car model to accurately measure frame damage, and then the damage is fixed to get the car back to manufacturer's specifications.

After the tour, most of us opted to enjoy a group lunch at Cooper's BBQ at the Fort Worth Stockyards. To get there, we drove through the heart of the city, passing by some nice Fort Worth neighborhoods, TCU, Trinity Park, the Fort Worth Zoo, Downtown, and the Stockyards.



En route to the Stockyards.

Many thanks to David Norris for opening his shop on a Saturday just for us.



Photo op after lunch. Note the famous Billy Bob's Texas sign in the background.



Our lunch venue.



A proper paint job.



Manager David Norris conducts the tour.



Proper frame rail repair.



The Celette Bench explained.

Prior Event Report - Track Day 2014, Texas Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX, October 4, 2014



Lead-and-follow session begins.

Over 30 beautiful cars from the Mercedes and Ferrari clubs converged at the Motorsport Ranch in Cresson for an afternoon on the track. Club members took the opportunity to give their Mercedes, Ferrari, Audi, BMW, or Jaguar a chance to flex their muscles in a controlled environment, and to improve their driving skills. A number of club members, who did not wish to drive on the track, came as spectators to find out if they would like to give it a try next time.

The event started with a safety and introduction class taught by Jack Farr, the founder of Motorsport Ranch, the original sports car country club. We then proceeded to the track for our first lead-and-follow session - four groups each following a pace car. Members who did not drive had a chance to experience the track as passengers. A second classroom session followed, then we got on the track again for another pace car session.



Classroom instruction by Jack Farr.

After another classroom session, we were let loose on the track by ourselves. We broke up into "fast" and "faster" groups. This time we were allowed to pass on the straightaways. The instructors communicated constantly with the drivers via our standard FM radios. More solo sessions followed after breaks to let our cars cool down.

After a full afternoon, we went home satisfied that we made the most of this splendid day on the track.



Getting set to go.



S550 on the straight.



SL55 AMG tries to get a good line.



All Mercedes here.



Lamborghini pace car.



S63 AMG

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Contact Jim Hannon, jamesrhannon@charter.net, (817) 294-0206. Pick your goodies up at the next event, or contact Jim Hannon for other pick-up arrangements. While supplies last. First come, first served. If we don't have your size, allow one week lead time for us to get it for you.

1974 450SL. Not grey market. Good mechanical maintenance, but high-mileage car- about 176,000. Factory upgrades and recalls done right. Over 10 year storage, after extensive body restoration. Very presentable exterior. With some interior restoration, would make very nice daily driver. Second owner since 1975-6. Both tops included. Original wheel covers, owner's manual and data plate. A few missing pieces- one seat hinge chrome plate (plastic) missing, one broken. Driver's seat back corner (leather) needs to be recovered. Brakes work, starts and runs. New Bosch battery. Electric windows inoperative. A/C complete but inoperative. Fuel leak near tank: probably the return line. Old tires. Hear it run, drive it around the block, but you should get it home on a trailer. In Fort Worth. \$5,000 'As-Is'. Jonathan Mark, (817) 685-8464, jbmark52@yahoo.com.

1979 450SEL 6.9. Very rare and desirable. Real - not clone, not grey market. Only about 500 imported to US that year. Only produced 2 years. 'World's Fastest Sedan' in its day. First of the modern 'S' Class. This car was in mint condition- with 40,000 miles- when purchased from the original owner. My family owned it from about 1984. A very solid rust-free, low-mileage example - now 71,000 original miles. It needs little reconditioning: the paint and leather are very good. There are a few small cracks in the dash - you won't see them unless you look very carefully. One piece of wood at the console shows some age. There are minor dings underneath - one dent- and the chassis has probably never been detailed. Has been in storage for about 10 years. Not perfect mechanically: running, and brakes work. Suspension is apparently working. It probably needs some A/C work. Needs a tune-up. I suspect an ignition relay needs replacing. Easily a show quality car. Sunroof. Light metallic blue with dark blue leather interior. Owner's manual and original toolkit, first aid kit, emergency reflector. Good tread, but old tires. Should not be driven home. Needs to get home on a covered trailer. \$20,000.00 for a car easily worth over \$35,000. Sold 'As-Is'. In storage near Auburn, IN. Jonathan Mark, (817) 685-8464, jbmark52@yahoo.com.

Package Deal: Both 1974 450SL and 1979 450SEL 6.9 above for \$24,000.

SL Hardtop Rack. Slightly-used Mercedes-Benz SL rolling hardtop storage rack. Metal with rubber bumpers. Sold my SL and need to free up garage space. \$100 or best offer. Marilyn Weiss, 8009 Cahoba Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76135, (817) 798-2718.



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Fort Worth Section

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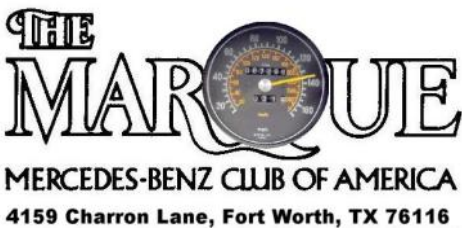


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