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Second Quarter, 2015

**DUES INCREASE - RENEW OR JOIN NOW AND LOCK IN THE OLD RATES!** Effective July 1, the MBCA national organization will increase our membership dues by \$6 per year to offset rising costs. The current U.S. rates are \$49 for 1 year, \$95 for 2 years, and \$139 for 3 years. The new dues will be \$55 for 1 year, \$107 for 2 years, and \$157 for 3 years. Renew or join now to lock in the old rates and enjoy MBCA benefits such as great Fort Worth Section events, Park Place discounts, The Star magazine, Loyalty Awards, and much more. Consider a multi-year renewal or new membership for even more savings. Renewing members also get 2 free months for a 2-year renewal and 3 free months for a 3-year renewal. If you are already a member, your renewal will be added to the end of your current term, so you can renew anytime.

**INSIDE:** Vintage Grill Poker Run and Track Day Details, plus 2015 Event Calendar!

**FEATURE EVENT:** Mercedes Car Show & Lunch, Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth, Saturday, May 16, 11:00am (rain date is May 23)



This year we will present our cars at Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth (see directions below), which has generously agreed to host this year's show. ANY Mercedes-Benz vehicle regardless of age and type qualifies for People's Choice awards. Plaques representing three distinct class awards and Best of Show will be awarded via People's Choice balloting.

During the show, Bodywerks will have an open house of their state-of-the-art body shop for attendees. Fort Worth head David Norris will be on hand to answer any questions about the shop and services offered. The event includes a catered BBQ lunch. Please don't forget your lawn chairs so you can sit and eat in comfort with your cars, or you may use the Bodywerks break room if you wish.

**Signup:** Email DJ de Jesus, [dijejesus@charter.net](mailto:dijejesus@charter.net), or call him at (817) 319-3033, to assure your spot(s). Please book your spot(s) as soon as you can - we need to make sure there will be enough parking and food for everyone. Please let us know the year and model of car(s) to be shown.

**Entry Fee:** Member fee is \$25 per car, \$30 per car for non-members. Entry fee includes one lunch. Lunch for your guest(s) may be purchased at \$12 each.

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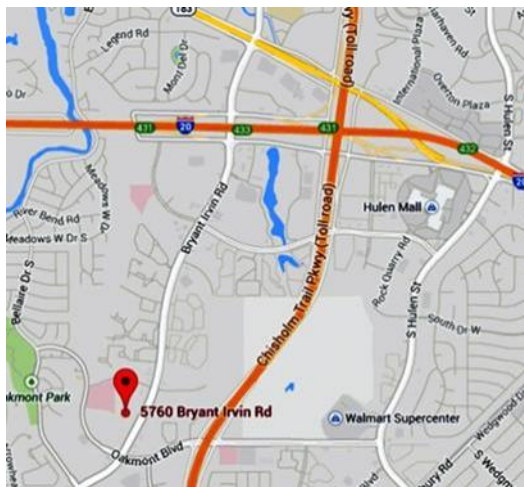
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Email DJ de Jesus, [dijejesus@charter.net](mailto:dijejesus@charter.net), to hold your spot. Make check out to MBCA (member fee of \$25 per car, \$30 per car for non-members, and/or \$12 per guest lunch) and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

**Schedule of Activities (timing approximate):**

- 11:00am - 11:30am:** Park and register. Get windshield cards, ballots and lunch tickets. Please be prompt to maximize votes.
- 11:30am - 01:15pm:** Examine cars. Fill ballots.
- 12:00pm:** BBQ lunch buffet.
- 01:15pm:** Turn in ballots.
- 01:15pm:** Votes are tallied.
- 01:45pm:** Awards presentation.
- 02:00pm:** End of event.

**Directions:** Park Place Bodywerks, 5760 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, [844-384-7923](tel:844-384-7923). From I-35W head west on I-20. Exit Bryant Irvin Road and head south. Go past the Park Place Mercedes dealership on the left. After the car wash on the right, enter the driveway of the Park Place Maserati dealership on the right. Park Place Bodywerks is behind the Maserati facility and shares the same entrance. Head to the right of the Bodywerks facility. We will guide you on where to park. After parking, please proceed to the registration desk.



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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.

**Poker Run to the Vintage Grill and Car Museum, Weatherford, TX, Saturday, June 13, 10:15am**



Join us for a poker run to the Vintage Grill and Car Museum in Weatherford, TX. We plan to have a nice drive on country roads. Each participant will complete his/her poker hand of 5 cards, to be drawn at the meeting place, our lunch venue, and at stops along our route. The top 3 hands win great prizes. No poker knowledge required.

Our lunch destination will be the new Vintage Grill, a unique venue which combines an excellent restaurant and a car museum housing a small collection of classic cars. We will make our selections from a group menu which features great food at reasonable prices. Pay for your own lunch - tax and an 18% gratuity will be added to your bill.

**NOTE:** Vintage Grill can handle a maximum of 35 guests from our club, so please book your spot ASAP. First come, first served.

**When:** Saturday, June 13, 10:15am. We will start with a briefing. Attendees will draw their the first poker card, then we will depart at 10:25. Please be on time.

**Signup:** Let us know you are coming - email DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto:djdejesus@charter.net), or call him at (817) 319-3033. We will close registration if and when we reach 35 attendees.

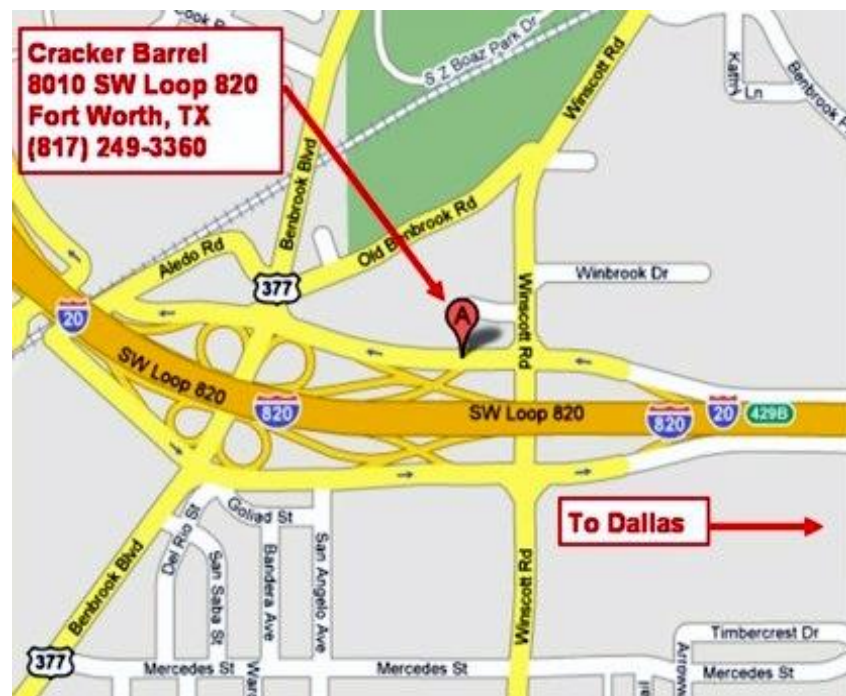
**Event Fee:** The cost of this event will be \$10 per person for MBCA members and their immediate family members. Non-members will be charged \$15 per person. You may pay the event fee online or with a check (see below). Pay for your own lunch at the Vintage Grill.

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**Where:** We will meet at Cracker Barrel at 8010 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth (I-20 and Winscott Road, west Fort Worth), (817) 249-3360 (see map). See map. Arrive earlier if you wish to have breakfast on your own.



## **Track Day, Texas Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX, Saturday, October 3, 1:30pm**



We have made arrangements to spend an afternoon on the track at Motorsport Ranch in Cresson, TX. This driver education event is geared toward both novice and more experienced drivers and will be run on a road course (sports car track). This is not racing school - the objectives are for you to become more familiar with the driving characteristics of your car and to improve your driving skills. The instructors will teach you how to drive the track in the optimum manner, which will not be dependent on your car's horsepower. Classroom instruction is included and mandatory. The event will happen, rain or shine. Limited slots available – we will be sharing the track with the Ferrari Club. First come, first served.

### **Cost and Signup:**

The member cost is \$95 per car (non-members \$115 per car - see note below) which includes:

- Classroom Instruction.
- 2 lead-and-follow sessions behind a pace car to get the feel of the 1.7 mile track.
- 2 solo (on your own) sessions.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** We will be sharing a maximum of 32 spots with the Ferrari Club, first come, first served. Email DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto:djdejesus@charter.net), (817) 319-3033, to register and so assure your spot. Members have priority on slots. We will accommodate non-members if there are still slots available as we approach the date of the event. If you are a non-member and wish to participate, please sign up to be put on the waiting list.

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**When:** Saturday, October 3.

**Time:** 1:30pm SHARP. We will get the paperwork and signups done, then start the sessions.

**Directions to the track:** From Fort Worth, go south on US 377 toward Granbury. About 14 miles south of Loop 820, you will come to a traffic light at Highway 171 in the town of Cresson. Go straight another 1/2 mile. The entrance is on the left just before the divided highway begins.

**Condition of your vehicle:** Safety is paramount. It is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is capable of safely participating in this event. The list below offers a general list of important safety checks. This is a guideline only, and not a comprehensive list. Please inspect your vehicle and fix issues as necessary, or have a mechanic do it.

- No Fluid Leaks.
- Belts & Hoses firm and secure.
- Battery Secure.
- Brake shoes/pads 50% or better.
- Seat Belts installed, secure, not frayed or cut.
- Lug Nuts torqued.
- Tires: at least 3/32" tread, no cuts, no bubbles.

**Other:** Helmets are required. Some will be available for rent at Motorsport Ranch or you may bring your own. Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes which are comfortable for driving. No sandals, no flip-flops. Clear your car of loose items in the passenger compartment and trunk so they won't be tossed around while you are on the track.

**Prior Event Report - Winter Getaway at The Cliffs, Graford, TX, January 17, 2015**



Not all of Texas is flat.

After weeks of dreary weather, abundant sunshine and warm temperatures graced our first event of the year. Thirty-nine members in 22 cars joined us for a nice country drive to Graford, a great lunch and a fun chance to win some prizes. Our destination was the Chaparral Grill at the Cliffs Resort, where we enjoyed a Texas-themed lunch buffet and a view of Possum Kingdom Lake.

After lunch, we played our very own Mercedes-Benz crossword puzzle “couples” game. The 5 couples with the highest scores chose their prizes from a pool of Mercedes-Benz boutique items.



En route to Graford.

Congratulations to the winners! They were:

- 1st - David & Rosemary Jobe:  
“Customer Service” Wall Thermometer
- 2nd - Tom Cundari & Mary Anderson:  
Multi-Function Flashlight
- 3rd - Glenn & Riza Nolasco: Boutique Sunglasses
- 4th - Sam Pearson & Janet Steen:  
Pierre Balmain Pen Set
- 5th - Tom & Yvonne Adcock: USB Flash Drive



Part of the group in a Kodak Moment



Larry Vaughn goes over the game rules.



Our members take these games seriously.



Ready to go.



Roads were dry. Good driving conditions.



Vicky and Richard King go for selfies.

**Prior Event Report - Rough Creek Pre-Valentine Lunch Plus Chocolate Trip, Glen Rose & Hico, February 7, 2015**



Stopping to pick up more cars at Granbury.

On a perfect Saturday with 70+ degree weather under gorgeous sunny skies, 32 members in 16 cars enjoyed a nice country drive, a great lunch, and some Valentine chocolate shopping. Those who brought convertibles put their tops down to take full advantage of this splendid day.



The Wiseman House chocolate store.

We traveled on two-lane blacktop with plenty of twists and dips on our country drive to Glen Rose. Lunch was at the famous Rough Creek Lodge and Resort, known nationwide for its great restaurant, hunting and fishing, great family vacations, and as a venue for world-class corporate conferences and retreats on its 11,000 acres in the middle of nowhere. We enjoyed a hearty buffet lunch of hamburgers and fried catfish, plus soup, salad, sides and dessert.

After lunch, we took to our cars for the drive to Hico, where we shopped for Valentine chocolates at the Wiseman House Chocolate Store. After shopping was done, we returned home on our own.



Group photo on the patio.



Caravan en route to Glen Rose.



Enjoying lunch in the rustic dining room.



At the ranch gate with its famous brand.



On the private ranch road.



Getting set to leave for Hico.

Prior Event Report - Da Watt Crawfish Boil, Irving, TX, March 21, 2015



Catherine Miller, Larry Vaughn, Mike Armstrong, Nipat Attavit.

Just because they wanted to, Chris and Teresa Watt hosted an authentic Cajun Crawfish Boil at their home for the club. We went for a catered boil this year so all we hadda do was go a-peelin' and eatin'. What a great way to spend a spring afternoon! We had a light rain early on, but we were all nice and dry under the large covered patio.



Almost ready.

Twenty-nine members pinched some tail, enjoying lots of crawfish boiled with real Louisiana spices, plus sausage, corn, mushrooms and potatoes. Attendees brought their own beverages to wash it all down.

Special thanks to Chris & Teresa Watt for hosting the event, and to Kris Ikejiri for his photo contributions.



Teresa Watt shows off a fat one.



Our cook at his craft.



Pile 'em up high, says Tom Clayton.



Digging in.



Suck dem heads!.



So spicy - but it hurts so good.

2015 EVENT CALENDAR

May 16:	<u>Mercedes Club Car Show *</u>	(Saturday)
June 13:	<u>Vintage Grill Poker Run *</u>	(Saturday)
July 11:	<u>Texas History Tour</u>	(Saturday)
August 15:	<u>Locomotive Factory Tour (Pending)</u>	(Saturday)
September:	<u>Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure Car Show (Pending)</u>	(Saturday)
October 3:	<u>Track Day, Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX *</u>	(Saturday)
November 14:	<u>Fall Touring Event</u>	(Saturday)
December 5:	<u>Holiday Celebration</u>	(Saturday)

\* Details available. Please note all events are subject to change as plans progress.

CLASSIFIEDS

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jbmark52@yahoo.com).

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

**2005 SL65 AMG.** Car is black on black and in great condition with only 44,000 miles. V-12 with twin turbos, 604 HP, 738 foot-pounds of torque. Includes cocoa mats and a hard-wired radar detector. \$39,900. Contact Larry Vaughn: [larryvaughn309@gmail.com](mailto:larryvaughn309@gmail.com), 817-237-4232, 817-917-5389.

**R107 EURO Headlights.** Non-vacuum type. New clear lenses. \$1200 cash or best offer. Pick up in Arlington, TX. David Parrish, [parrishd01@hotmail.com](mailto:parrishd01@hotmail.com).

**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. Mariilyn Weiss, 8009 Cahoba Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76135, (817) 798-2718.



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Mercedes-Benz cars now owned (model and year): \_\_\_\_\_

(List additional cars elsewhere)

Interest: (please check)

driving events  car shows  social events  
 car care  technical  *The Star*

Please enroll me as a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America for the following term (check one):

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Make check payable to MBCA; Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express also accepted.

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1 year (\$59)  2 years (\$115)  3 years (\$169)

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Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Fort Worth Section**

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