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FEATURE EVENT: Mercedes Car Show & Lunch, Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth, Saturday, June 4, 10:30am (rain date is June 11)



Join us for some fun and food at our section car show. All Mercedes qualify. We will have People's Choice awards for ANY Mercedes-Benz vehicle regardless of age and type. 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. Plaques representing three distinct class awards and Best of Show will be awarded via People's Choice balloting. In addition to the above People's Choice Awards, there will be three "Fun Awards" this year - Dirtiest Car, Most Unusual Color and Baddest Car.

More awards to win! 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, djdejesus@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 \$15 each. You have 2 ways to pay for the entry fees and guest lunches:

To pay online using your credit card, go to our website, www.mbcafortworth.org, click the **Event Calendar** button, then select this event. Follow the instructions in this event's online write-up.

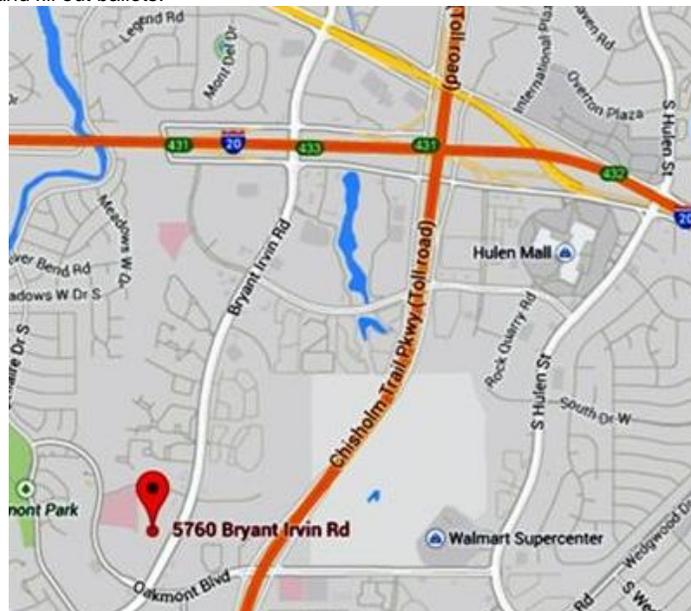
To pay with a check, first register to hold your spot. Make check out to MBCA (member fee of \$25 per car, \$30 per car for non-members, and/or \$15 per guest lunch) and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

Schedule of Activities (times are approximate):

- 10:30am - 11:00am: Park and register. Get windshield cards, ballots and lunch tickets. Please be prompt to maximize votes for your car.
- 11:00am - 12:45pm: Examine cars and fill out ballots.
- 11:30am: BBQ lunch buffet.
- 12:45pm: Turn in ballots.
- 12:45pm: Votes are tallied.
- 01:15pm: Awards presentation.
- 01:30pm: End of event.

Directions:

Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth, 5760 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, 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 (which will be on the left). After the car wash which you will see 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 as the dealership. 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, plus 15% off boutique items, offered to MBCA members. Simply show your current MBCA membership card when paying for these items. Park Place Fort Worth is located at 5601 South Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth TX, (866) 431-4572. Park Place Arlington is located at 4201 Beltway Pl, Arlington, TX, (817) 807-4800. Park Place Grapevine is located at 1300 Texan Trail, Grapevine, TX, (888) 693-4087.

Drive, Boat Ride & Lunch, The Cliffs at Possum Kingdom, Graford, TX, Saturday, June 18, 8am



Join us for a nice country drive, a boat ride on Lake Possum Kingdom, and a great lunch at the Cliffs Resort. The drive to Graford will be on great country roads. We will proceed to the Cliffs Marina and board our boats which take us on a leisurely cruise on Lake Possum Kingdom to the Devil's Gate (Red Bull had a diving competition there), and anchor on the calm waters of Devil's Cove. After our boat ride, we will have a Texas-style buffet lunch at the Chaparral Grill at the Cliffs resort by the lake. Space permitting, we can enjoy our meal with a great view of Possum Kingdom Lake. The event fee below includes lunch and the boat ride. Libations are extra.

Cost and Signup:

We will charge an event fee of \$40 per person

for MBCA members and their immediate family members. This includes the cost of lunch and the boat ride. Non-members are welcome, and will be charged \$50 each. Alcoholic beverages are not covered by the event fee - and will be billed individually if you choose to have them with your lunch. Please register and send your event fee as soon as possible so we can provide a good headcount to the restaurant. You have 2 ways to pay:

Old Fashioned Texas Luncheon

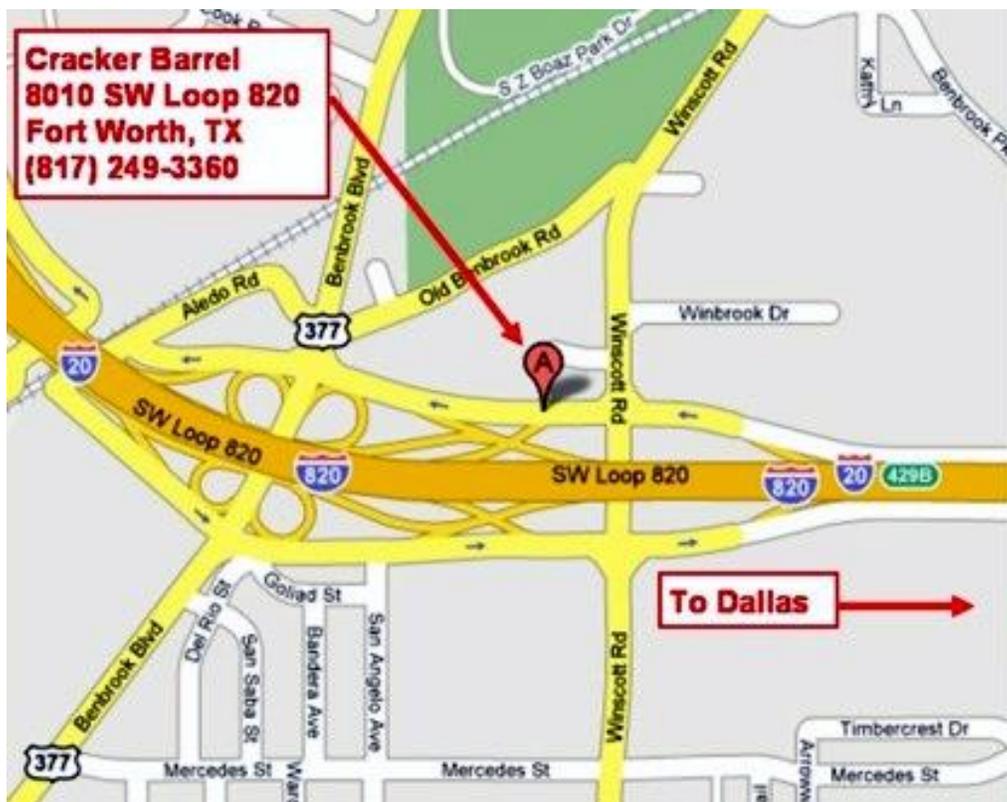
Blended Fresh Greens served with a Condiment Display of
Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots, Red Onion, Garlic & Herb Croutons
Dressing selections: Blue Cheese, Ranch, Italian and Basil-Balsamic Vinaigrette
Chicken Fried Steak with Country Gravy
Barbeque Chicken
Ranch Beans
Potato Salad or Cole Slaw
Texas Toast and Butter
Deep Dish Pecan Pie
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea

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To pay by check, make payable to MBCA, and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, and let him know you are coming.

Meeting Place:

At 8am (come earlier if you wish to have breakfast), we will meet for a briefing at the Cracker Barrel at 8010 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth (I-20 and Winscott Road, west of Fort Worth), (817) 249-3360 (see map below). We will depart immediately after the briefing.



Prior Event Report - Winter Getaway to Zur Autobahn, Meridian, TX, January 16, 2016



Winter on Texas backroads.



En route to Meridian.

Our first event of the year was a country drive to Zur Autobahn, an authentic German restaurant which sits on a Bosque County valley in the middle of nowhere. This quaint restaurant was established by Kornelia and Dieter Sedlmaier, and features Hessian cooking in a Teutonic setting. The unique building was built by Dieter himself from the foundation up - with German doors and windows installed. The furnishings and decor complete the effect of a neighborhood café, which can be found in a typical German village.

We met at the Cracker Barrel near Benbrook to form our convoy, and we proceeded on a great drive on country roads. We traveled on a scenic, mostly twisty and hilly route through the North Texas Hill Country.

We filled the small restaurant, which we had all to ourselves. We had a nice lunch of Schnitzel and Bratwurst, with red cabbage and potato salad, plus dessert. Some brought their favorite libation to accompany the meal.

After lunch, we played a card game of "In-Between". Each member guessed whether the next card drawn would be in-between the two cards shown on an easel, or not. After several rounds, only Mike Armstrong and Jim Kelley were left standing, so both took home a unique umbrella / flashlight from the Mercedes-Benz boutique.



We filled the little restaurant.



Ready to eat.



Game Master Larry Vaughn.



Break along the way.



Pretty in her Dirndl.



Winners Mike Armstrong and Jim Kelley.

Prior Event Report - Park Place Arlington Dealership Tour, February 27, 2016



Club cars.

Park Place Arlington General Manager Hesham Elgaghil graciously invited the Fort Worth Section to a private facility tour of his brand new Mercedes-Benz dealership. This beautiful facility manifests the latest Mercedes-Benz "Autohaus" design concepts applied to dealerships worldwide, and features 2 showrooms, a shop with 35 service bays, 10 make-ready bays, multiple client lounges and a private kids playroom. It opened for business last November.

We met at Park Place for coffee and pastries before the tour. Hesham kicked off the tour with visits to the showroom, delivery area, client lounges, and spoke about the many client amenities Park Place offers. He talked about the Park Place customer service philosophy and the dealership's involvement with the Arlington community. He introduced Richard Wasson, who gave a heads-up on the Mercedes pipeline for new products coming soon. Hesham then turned the tour over to Service Manager Ray Torres, who guided comprehensive visits to the service department, make-ready bays, parts department, and the oversized Sprinter service area (which includes a paint booth).

We capped the event with a group lunch at Rudy's Country Store and BBQ just across the freeway.

Special thanks to Hesham, Richard, Ray, and the rest of the Park Place staff for their time and effort in doing this tour, and for their wonderful hospitality.



The group.



Park Place Arlington is a beautiful facility.



General Manager Hesham Elgaghil.



Richard Wasson speaks about cars coming soon.



Service Manager Ray Torres.



Service department tour.



Lunch at Rudy's BBQ.

Prior Event Report - Pre-Valentine at the Harbor Inn, Corsicana TX, February 6, 2016



AMG Lineup.

Twenty-nine members in 15 cars joined us for our Pre-Valentine touring event. After a nice drive, we arrived at the Harbor Inn on the shores of Richland Chambers Lake near Corsicana. Owned by Chef Andreas Kotsifos, the restaurant features good food and great wines at reasonable prices. We made our selections from the previously-arranged group menu and enjoyed a nice three-course lunch.

After lunch, couples tried to solve our "Neighbors" number puzzle as quickly as they could. The three couples who took the least time to solve the puzzle won prizes from the Mercedes-Benz Boutique. The winners were:

- Scott & Rhonda Williamson - Cheese Service set.
- Milt & Karen Shrepel - "Customer Service" Thermometer.
- Chris & Teresa Watt - SLS and SLK key hangers.

We capped the event with a visit to the Russell Stover factory store to shop for Valentine candy.

The organizers wish to thank Tom and Anna Clayton for acknowledging our efforts in running our club, and for the Bearded Lady gift cards. We will definitely enjoy its fun location, extensive beer offerings and great food.



Game master Larry Vaughn goes over the game rules.



Group picture (most of us, anyway) at the Harbor Inn patio.



Jay Ratliff and his GTS AMG.



Cecile de Jesus in her SLS AMG.



The caravan takes a break.



Tom Clayton acknowledges the organizers.



Riza Nolasco has a heavy heart.

Prior Event Report - N'awlins Crawfish Boil, Azle, TX, March 26, 2015



Sean Hannon starts the pots

These Cajun Crawfish Boils have become tradition for the Fort Worth Section. Jim & Sean Hannon and Larry & Karen Vaughn hosted an authentic Crawfish Boil for the club. Da Hannons did da cookin', da Vaughns done provided da housin', and we all went a-peelin' and eatin'. What a great way to spend a spring afternoon!

About 45 members attended the party, enjoying lots and lots of crawfish boiled with real Louisiana spices, plus sausage, corn and potatoes. Generous batches of boiled shrimp were also there for the eatin'. Attendees brought their own beverages to wash it all down. And then there were cookies for dessert.



We having fun yet?

Nearly 200 pounds of crawdad were cooked, consumed, and taken home. This year's crawfish harvest was a good one, and the critters were big, plump and juicy. There was no way that anyone went home hungry.



Larry & Karen Vaughn's home was our crawfish boil venue.



Nearly ready.



Ready to eat.



Nearly 200 pounds of crawfish.



Host Larry Vaughn & Chef Jim Hannon.



Enjoying unique Crawfish Boil Camaraderie.

2016 EVENT CALENDAR

April 16-17:	<u>Texas Hill Country Run, Bandera, TX (Fully Booked) *</u>	(Saturday & Sunday)
June 4:	<u>Mercedes Car Show, Bodywerks Fort Worth *</u>	(Saturday)
June 18:	<u>Drive, Boat Ride and Lunch, Cliffs Resort *</u>	(Saturday)
July 16:	<u>Texas History Tour</u>	(Saturday)
August 27:	<u>Stay Cool Tour</u>	(Saturday)
September 17:	<u>Food 'n' Fun Road Trip</u>	(Saturday)
October 8:	<u>Track Day, Motorsports Ranch, Cresson, TX *</u>	(Saturday)
November 12:	<u>Fall Driving Event</u>	(Saturday)
December 3:	<u>Holiday Celebration</u>	(Saturday)

* Event details available. Please note all events are subject to change as plans progress.

CLASSIFIEDS

Fort Worth Section Polos, Camp Shirts and Caps! Our beautiful Polos (navy or white) are made with cool, stay-dry fabric. Consider also our nice Camp Shirts - they look great and are easy to wear. Both come with an embroidered MBCA, Fort Worth Section logo. Only \$30 each if picked up, add \$5 per shirt if you want it shipped. Men's L and XL, and ladies' M, L, and XL sizes available. No more worries on what to wear during our events. Our Navy Blue Caps are a perfect match for our shirts! High-quality New Era brand custom-fit caps. Embroidered MBCA, Fort Worth Section logo. Only \$20 each if picked up, add \$5 per cap if you want it shipped. As these are custom-fit caps, please specify Small-to-Medium or Medium-to-Large size. Pictures of these items can be seen on the [Classifieds](#) page of the Fort Worth Section website, www.mbcafortworth.org. Contact Jim Hannon, jamesrhannon@charter.net, (817) 294-0206.

1979 450SEL 6.9. Iconic "First Modern S-Class". Unusually nice example, should be in collection or museum. Cosmetics very good. Light blue metallic with dark blue leather interior. Second owner- in family since 1984. 71,000 actual miles. Not perfect mechanically, but no major problems. Stored about 10 years. Brakes & suspension are up. Sunroof. Owner's manuals, toolkit, first aid kit & emergency reflector. \$22,000. Too good to open trailer. Near Auburn, IN. Jonathan Mark, (817) 685-8464. jbmark52@yahoo.com, (817) 685-8464.

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



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Associate member (spouse or dependent) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

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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
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U.S. and possessions:

- 1 year (\$55) 2 years (\$107) 3 years (\$157)
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Applicant's signature _____

Fort Worth Section

Section preference (or we will assign by zip code)

Sponsor's name and member number (not required)

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