

FEATURE EVENT: Track Day, Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX, Saturday, October 8, 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 cost for members is \$95 per driver (non-members \$115 per driver- see note below). One driver per car (no sharing of cars). The fee gets you:

- 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: The Benz and Ferrari clubs have a combined maximum of 32 spots, first come, first served. Click to email DJ de Jesus, (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.

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 the online write-up.

To pay with a check, email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, to hold your spot. Make check out to MBCA and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

When: Saturday, October 8.

Time: 1:30pm. Please be on time. 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.

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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.

Texas History Tour - C R Smith Aviation Museum, Fort Worth, TX, Saturday, August 27, 9:45am



Join us for a guided tour of the American Airlines C R Smith Aviation Museum, where we can have fun while staying cool on a hot August day. The museum boasts over 35,000 square feet of interactive exhibits on aviation history. The jewel of the exhibits is the pristine Douglas DC-3 "Flagship Knoxville", which started service with American Airlines in 1940, served in the U.S. military during WW II, and then served with another airline. It was restored and is maintained by a retired American Airlines flight crew. We will be able to board and take a close look at this iconic aircraft, which represents the beginning of modern air travel. After

our museum tour, we will have a group lunch at Humperdinks Restaurant in Arlington, which is a short drive from the museum. After lunch, we will play yet another of Fort Worth Section's world-famous games and try to win some great prizes.

Where: We will meet at the C R Smith museum entrance. See map and directions below.

When: Saturday, August 27, 9:45am. Please do not be late - we need to be at the museum on time for our group tour.

Cost and Signup: 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. This fee covers museum admission and prizes for our game. You may pay the event fee online or with a check. Pay for your own lunch at Humperdinks.

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. Your online payment serves as your registration.

To pay by check, make check 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:

American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum, 4601 Texas Highway 360 at FAA Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155, (817) 967-1560

Driving Directions:

From Fort Worth: Take Hwy 183 East, then 360 South toward Arlington. Take the FAA Road exit. Follow the access road south; turn right at the stop sign. The museum is on the right. Parking is on the left.

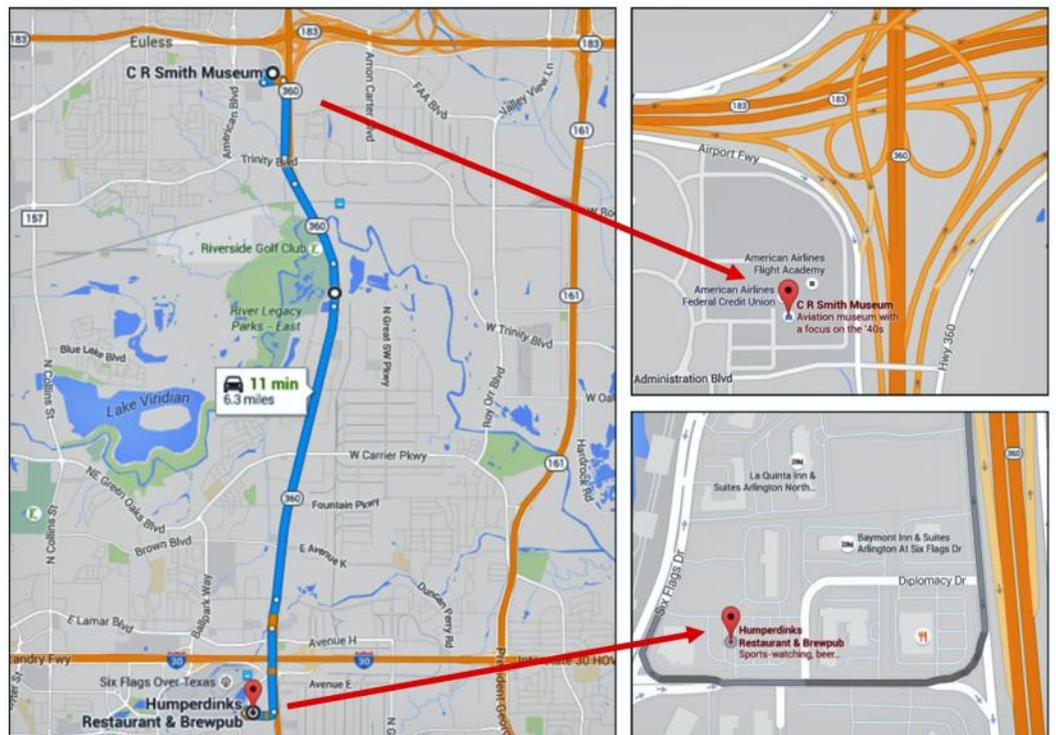
From Dallas: Take Hwy 183 West, then 360 South toward Arlington. Take the FAA Road exit. Follow the access road south; turn right at the stop sign. The museum is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport: Take the south exit from the airport and follow the 183 West / 360 South curve to the right. Exit at FAA Road and turn right at the stop sign. The museum is on the right. Parking is on the left.

From the North: Follow Hwy 360 South. Take the Trinity Blvd. exit. Stay on the left lane, go under the highway and stay on the access road northbound to the stop sign at FAA Road. Take a left over Hwy 360. The museum is ahead on the right. Parking is on the left.

From the South: Follow Hwy 360 North. Take the Trinity Blvd. / FAA Road exit. Proceed straight across Trinity Blvd. and stay on the access road northbound to the stop sign at FAA Road. Take a left over Hwy 360. The museum is ahead on the right. Parking is on the left.

Route from C R Smith Museum to Humperdinks Restaurant: 700 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011, (817) 640-8553. Head south on Hwy 360, then exit on Six Flags Drive. Continue heading south on the access road. Bear right onto Road to Six Flags St. Turn right on Six Flags Drive. Humperdinks will be on the right.



Mercedes-Benz Regional Parts Distribution Center Tour, Fort Worth, TX, Saturday, September 17, 9:45am



Join us for a private facility tour of the Mercedes-Benz Parts Distribution Center, located south of DFW airport. This tour will show us how the center supports the sales and distribution of spare parts to dealers and other customers in the South-Central part of the country. After our facility tour, we will have a group lunch in a nearby restaurant (TBA). After lunch, we will play yet another of Fort Worth Section's world-famous games and try to win some great prizes. Our host has asked us to limit attendance to 50 people. This should be plenty but attendance for some past events has surprised us before. So, sign up now to hold your spot - you never know how popular this event will be.

Where: We will meet at the facility's entrance. See map and directions below.

When: Saturday, September 17, 9:45am. Please do not be late - we need to be on time for our group tour.

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. This fee covers prizes for our game and other sundries. You may pay the event fee online or with a check. Pay for your own lunch.

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. Your online payment serves as your registration.

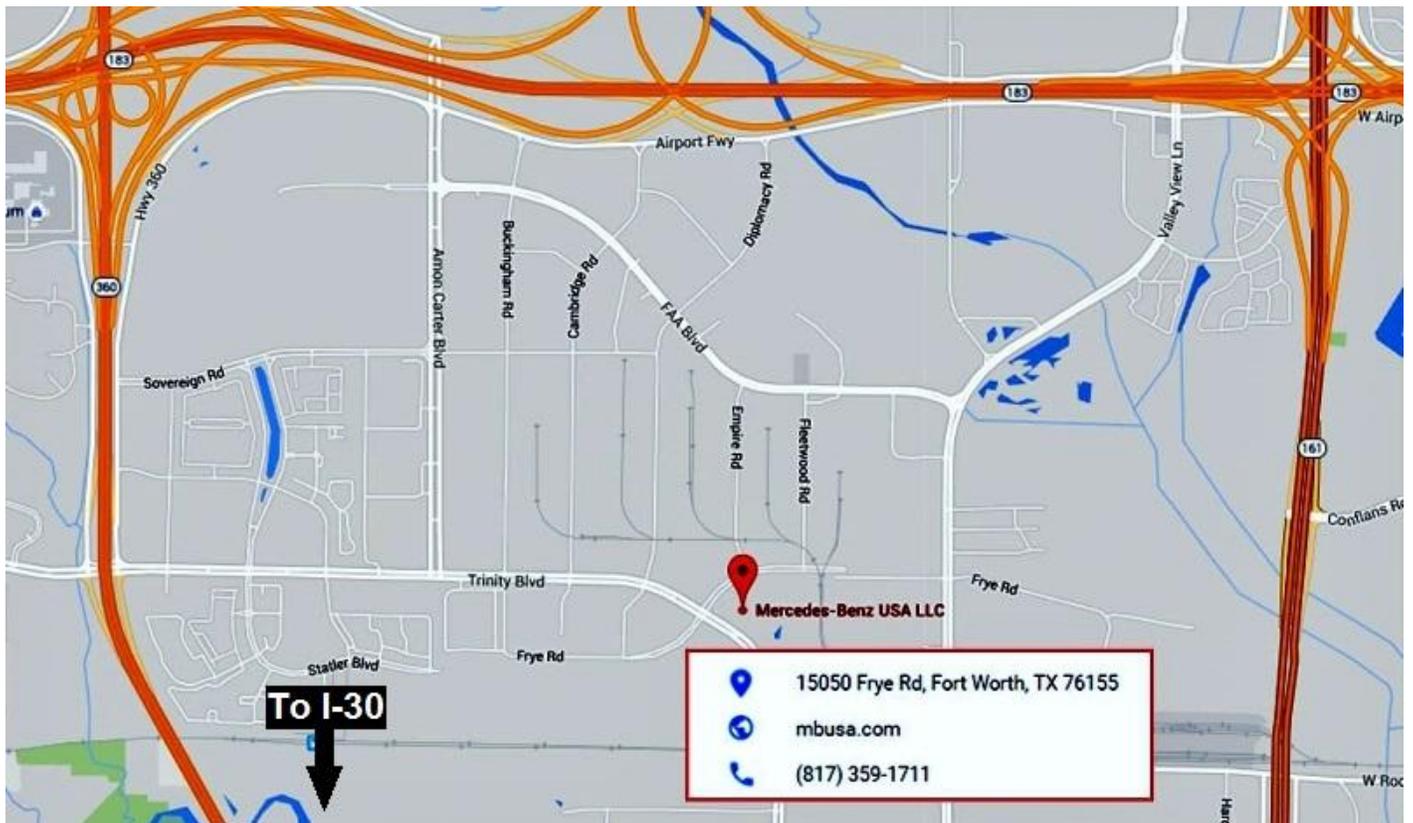
To pay by check, make check payable to MBCA and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charron Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76116. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, and let him know you are coming.

Meeting Place:

Mercedes-Benz Parts Distribution Center, 15050 Frye Rd, Fort Worth, Texas 76155, (817) 359-1711

Driving Directions:

From Downtown Fort Worth, head east on I-30 toward Arlington. Go north on TX-360. Take the Trinity Blvd exit and head east on Trinity Blvd. The Mercedes-Benz parts facility is near the corner of Trinity Blvd and Frye Road.



Prior Event Report - Hill Country Run to the Flying L, Bandera, TX, April 16-17, 2016



Getting the caravan ready.

Our 2016 Hill Country Run was an overnigher at Bandera, TX. Thirty-four members in 17 cars from Fort Worth, Lone Star and Texas Hill Country sections attended. We stayed at the Flying L, a dude ranch just outside of town.

Just after arrival at the ranch on Saturday, Lone Star hosted a happy hour in one of their suites. After some great food and wine at the happy hour, we took a tractor wagon ride to the ranch's Ghost Town for an evening of music, a BBQ dinner and a goat-herding demonstration by Booth the Border Collie. Fort Worth's Larry Vaughn even borrowed a guitar and sang a tune while accompanied by the musicians. We then took the ranch bus to the Colonel's Quarters, where most of us were staying, for our social. This included a game of Team Ball Billiards, yet another of our infamous games. Teams earned points by hitting or sinking their team ball, which is determined by a roll of the dice. Each member of the 3 highest-scoring teams got identical prizes, which were selected by their Team Captain. The winners in order of most points scored were:

Team A - Heavy-duty magnetic work lights: Nipat Attavit, Lee Melugin, Lynn Cunningham, Anna Clayton.

Team G - Mercedes-Benz gym bags: Teresa Watt, Mike Smith, Catherine Miller, Arno Pitzen.

Team B - Mercedes-Benz combination tire gauge / flashlights: Debbie Everett, Tom Clayton, Jo Nell Kelley, Bert Graham, Cathy Ingalls.

We spent the rest of the evening enjoying more wine, beer, snacks and the company of fellow MBCA members.

On Sunday, we took to our cars for a wonderful Hill Country drive, easily one of the best touring drives one can have in Texas. We ended our drive with lunch at the Apple Store in Medina. They don't sell iPhones there, but they were featured on the Food Network and are recognized as one of the best small town cafes in Texas by Texas Monthly. We lunched on burgers, sandwiches, salads, and incomparable desserts and ice cream made with fresh apples from its orchard. This was not the time to skip dessert. After lunch, we made our way home on our own.

Despite forecasts of 90-100% chance of very strong rain for the weekend, the bad weather stayed away and we had yet another memorable Texas Hill Country Run.



At the Flying L Ranch.



Head for the Hills!



Bus ride to Ghost Town for the Wild West show.



Fort Worth's Larry Vaughn entertains.



Part of the group at Marble Falls.



At the Lone Star Happy Hour.



At the Apple Store in Medina.

Prior Event Report - Mercedes Car Show & Lunch, Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth, June 11, 2016



All set for the show.

Fort Worth Section's car show went on as scheduled despite a good chance of rain (light rain was reported by a member just east of Fort Worth). Due to the weather potentially impacting attendance, event organizers were allowed to compete with one car each, so participants could have a larger selection of cars to vote for. However, the rain spared us, and twenty-four cars showed up at Park Place Bodywerks Fort Worth. Sixteen cars competed for prizes, and 3 were displayed. A nice variety of beautiful cars were presented. We counted 34 members, nonmembers and spectators who enjoyed the show.

After the cars were made ready to show, attendees enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch catered by Risky's. Bodywerks head David Norris also showed us around his shop and answered questions on services provided. Thanks to wonderful attendees, the event was a fun and festive occasion.



Parked and prepped.

Three class awards and Best of Show were determined by People's Choice ballot. Plus, three "Fun Award" winners were selected by the organizers. The winning cars were awarded beautiful plaques which paid tribute to the time and effort devoted by their owners to keep them in excellent condition. Congratulations to all participants! The winners were:

Class Awards: Best Veteran (1979 and Older) - Mark Tirschler, 1968 280SL
 Best Newtimer (1980 to 1999) - Paul Pate, 1984 280SL Euro
 Best Contemporary (2000+) - Larry Vaughn, 2009 SL550
 Best of Show - DJ & Cecile de Jesus, 1960 220SE Cabriolet

Fun Awards: Most Badges - Giff Marr - 2010 S63 AMG
 Best License Plate - Chris & Teresa Watt - 2013 SL550
 Best Car for a Date - Jim & JoNell Kelley - 2016 GLC300

Many, many thanks to Bodywerks' David Norris for hosting this event.



Club cars on Bodywerks grounds.



Mark Tirschler and his 1968 280SL.



Time for lunch.



The slow one is the loveable one.



1960 220SE.



Bodywerks' David Norris talks about his shop.

Prior Event Report - Drive, Boat Ride & Lunch, Possum Kingdom Lake, Graford, TX, June 18, 2016



Part of our country drive.

Thirty folks in 15 cars joined us for this event. After a great drive to Graford on country roads, we proceeded to the Cliffs Marina where we boarded our boats. Our small flotilla of 3 boats took us on a leisurely cruise on Lake Possum Kingdom to Hell's Gate, and then to the calm waters of Devil's Cove. We not only caravan in cars, but on boats as well.

Lunch was next after our boat ride. However, the entire resort had lost water pressure at the exact hour of our arrival and, all of a sudden, it seemed we were faced with the dilemma of finding a restaurant that can feed 30 people all at once in little Graford. Fortunately, the Chaparral Grill by the lake was able to serve a Texas-style buffet lunch as originally planned. Disaster averted.



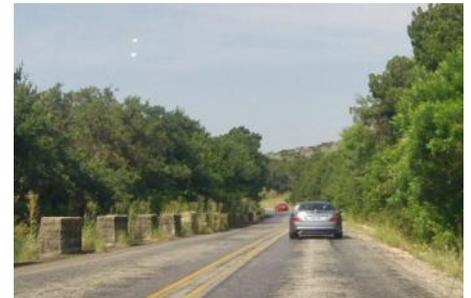
Group pic at the Chaparral Grill

After lunch, we played our own version of the Dollar Game, where participants took turns to guess the serial number of a dollar bill by process of elimination. Three lucky winners each got their choice of Fort Worth Section apparel to wear at the next event. Congrats to Min Graham, Sam Pearson and Russ Coffman!

After our game and more socializing, we drove home on our own.



Approaching Hell's Gate.



Descent from the hills.



The Lone Star at Hell's Gate.



Boat #1 on Lake Possum Kingdom.



Boat #2 plays catch-up.



Boat #3 - Doc Sam Pearson at the helm.

2016 EVENT CALENDAR

August 27:	<u>C R Smith Aviation Museum Guided Tour</u> *	(Saturday)
September 17:	<u>Mercedes-Benz Regional Parts Center Facility Tour</u> *	(Saturday)
October 8:	<u>Track Day, Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX</u> *	(Saturday)
November 12:	<u>Fall Driving Event</u>	(Saturday)
December 3:	<u>Holiday Celebration at the Colonial Country Club</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.

R129 SL500 Windscreen. Only a year old and in perfect condition. It went on my 1999 SL500. \$100. Gary Stewart, 817-312-0303.

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

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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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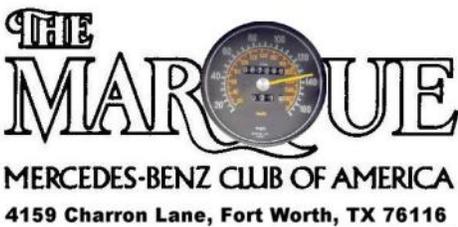


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 Fort Worth's web site: www.mbca.org/fortworth



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