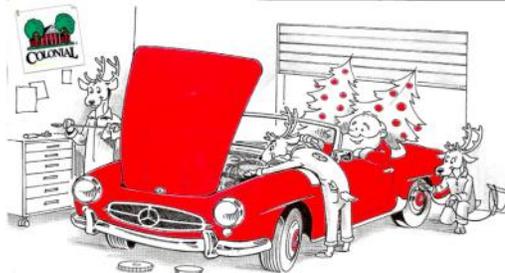


Holiday Celebration at the Colonial Country Club, Ft. Worth, TX, Saturday, December 3, 6:30pm.



Fort Worth Section's
Holiday Celebration at the Colonial Country Club
Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 6:30pm

Our 2016 Holiday Dinner-Dance will be at the famous Colonial Country Club, site of the Dean & DeLuca Invitational professional golf tournament. Let us jump start the holidays with a night of good food, entertainment, games, prizes, dancing and camaraderie with our fellow MBCA members. The agenda, menu and other details follow below. Also below is a listing of hotels located very close to our party venue, in case you would like to spend the night nearby.

When: Saturday, December 3, 2016, 6:30pm
Where: Colonial Country Club, 3735 Country Club Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76109, (817) 927-4200.
Dress: Cocktail, Coat and Tie.

Cost and Signup: Please sign up as early as you can so we can give the Colonial an accurate headcount and 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 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, (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.

AGENDA:

6:30 - COCKTAIL RECEPTION:

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

7:30 - DINNER:

Our 3-course menu will include:

Salad: Holiday Iceberg Wedge with Garlic Roasted Grape Tomatoes, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Avocado Ranch Dressing.

Main Course: Duet of Petit Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce and Grilled Sea Bass au Poivre, with Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Asparagus and Baby Carrots.

Dessert: Cranberry Walnut Tart - Sugar dough crust, Almond-Frangipane filling topped with Cranberries and Toasted Walnuts.

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

Special Dietary Needs: Please inform DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, of special dietary requirements when you book your spot(s). We will then make the arrangements.

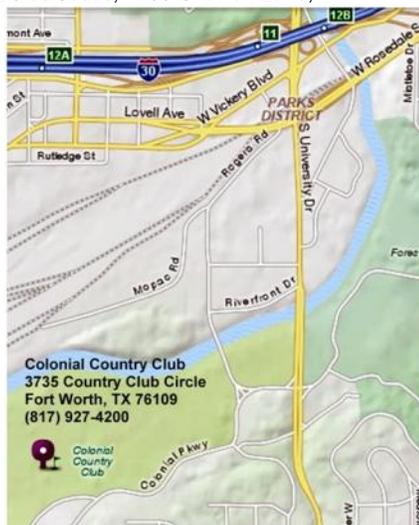
8:45 to ?? - DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES.

Cash Bar (cash only, please): Open throughout the event for liquor, cocktails, beer, wine by the glass, etc.

Parking: You may self-park (free parking on premises), or you may use our prepaid valet parking (no cost to you except for tips).

Nearby Hotels (very close to our party venue):

- Courtyard Fort Worth University Drive, 3150 Riverfront Drive, Fort Worth, TX (817) 335-1300
- Residence Inn Fort Worth University, 1701 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX (817) 870-1011
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Fort Worth University Drive, 1505 S University Drive, Fort Worth, TX (817) 335-2000
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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.

Prior Event Report - Four Winds Blowin' on Blueberry Hill, Edom, TX, July 9, 2016



The gang at the blueberry farm.

Twenty-two folks in eleven cars joined us for blueberry pickin' and steak eatin'.

First on the agenda was a break at Buc-ee's Travel Stop in Terrell, an attraction in itself to most of us. This incredible travel stop had 84 gas pumps, 700 parking spots, huge clean bathrooms, and a 60,000 square-foot store selling much more stuff than what you reasonably need for any road trip.

Our next destination was Blueberry Hill Farms in Edom. With cloudy skies shielding us from the hot Texas sun, conditions were ripe for blueberry picking. The farm also had a country store selling everything from pre-picked blueberries to preserves, donuts, pies and muffins. This farm and the family who runs it were featured on the Texas Country Reporter TV show and in Texas Highways Magazine - it was well worth the visit.

After we had our Thrill on Blueberry Hill, we drove on country roads to the Four Winds Steakhouse at Wills Point. Once owned by the Cowboys' Lee Roy Jordan, it is run by former Del Frisco Chef Frank Rumore. They opened for lunch just for the club, and we made our 3-course meal selections from our Group Menu which included steak, chicken and fish choices.

Our bellies satisfied, we then drove home on our own.



At the Four Winds Steakhouse



Rest stop.



Is everybody here?.



Time for lunch.



Cecile de Jesus., Ernest Borroel, Teresa & Chris Watt



Taste dem berries and pick the good ones.



Tom Clayton at the country store.

Prior Event Report - Texas History Tour - CR Smith Aviation Museum, Fort Worth, TX, August 27, 2016



The DC-7 had four of these.

Forty-four folks joined us for a guided tour of the American Airlines CR Smith Aviation Museum, which was a fun, educational activity to enjoy while staying cool on a hot August day. The museum boasts over 35,000 square feet of interactive exhibits on aviation history. These include engines and other equipment which show the evolution of commercial aviation, and displays which gave us a feel on what it was like to fly in the early days of air travel.

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 found, restored and is maintained by a retired American Airlines flight crew. We took an intimate look at this iconic aircraft, which represents the beginning of modern air travel.



Guided tour.

After our museum tour, we had a group lunch at Humperdinks Restaurant in Arlington, which is a short drive from the museum. Here we played a game of Benz Poker, yet another of Fort Worth Section's world-famous games. Each attendee got a set of 4 cards before leaving the museum, then drew the fifth card at the restaurant. Trading was allowed to obtain the best hand possible. The winners were:

- Lynda Reier - "Big Larry" heavy-duty magnetic-mount worklight
- Jeff McGuire - Set of 3 pairs of Mercedes-Benz argyle socks
- Dan Patz - Mercedes-Benz night light

After our game, we left for home on our own.



Group shot with the Douglas DC-3 "Flagship Knoxville".



Time for lunch!



"Benz Poker".



"I am not a crook!"



There was actually more legroom then.



The gang at Humperdinks Restaurant.

Prior Event Report - Mercedes-Benz Regional Parts Distribution Center Tour, Fort Worth, TX, September 17, 2016



The lineup at the Parts Center.

Twenty-two folks joined us for a private facility tour of the Mercedes-Benz Parts Distribution Center, located south of DFW airport. Parts Logistics Manager Joe Hall showed 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, with particular emphasis on customer service, accuracy and efficiency.

One highlight was the key room, where they program key fobs using codes received from Germany. And, they have a group of craftsmen who make genuine Mercedes keys for the old cars the old fashioned way. This center is the only one in the country which does such work. Sadly, pictures of this process are not allowed.

The parts center will be moving to a new, ultramodern facility in Grapevine, TX, and Joe has already invited us for a tour of the new facility next year. We are looking forward to that. Meantime, many thanks to Joe for a very engaging tour of the facility.

After our facility tour, we had a group lunch at the nearby Tio Carlos Mexican-Latin Grill in Irving. After lunch, we played yet another of Fort Worth Section's world-famous games - this time a word puzzle. The winners were:

- Dan Patz - Mercedes-Benz Wine Corkscrew/Stopper Set
- Rhonda Williamson - Sprinter Glove Box Tool Kit
- Buzz Bartlett - Mercedes-Benz Umbrella/Flashlight Combo

After our game, we proceeded to Chris and Teresa Watt's home for dessert, beer and wine, and a friendly game of group pool.



The gang at the entrance.



Inside the Parts Center.



Shooting the bull in the shade.



Trying to solve the word puzzle.



Joe Hall explains the center's processes.



Larry Vaughn, Giff Marr, DJ de Jesus, Jim Hannon.



Group pool at the Watts' home.

Prior Event Report - Track Day 2016, Texas Motorsport Ranch, Cresson, TX, October 8, 2016



Ready and waiting to get on the track.

Twenty beautiful cars from the Mercedes and Ferrari clubs enjoyed a fine afternoon on the track at the Motorsport Ranch in Cresson. The weather could not have been better. Members of both clubs availed of the opportunity to improve their driving skills and to get a taste of what their cars are capable of. A number of club members came as spectators to see if they would like to give it a try next time.

The event started with a safety and introduction class. We then proceeded to the track for our first lead and follow session - three 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.



Comparing notes after a session.

After another classroom session, we were let loose on the track by ourselves. We broke up into "fast" and "faster" groups. We were now allowed to pass on the straight-aways. The instructors communicated constantly with the drivers via our standard FM radios. A second solo session followed after our cars had a chance to cool down.

There is nothing like being on the track on a perfect Fall day!



Ready to go.



Not all members brought their Benz or Ferrari.



Throttling up.



Classroom instruction.



Lead and Follow.



Solo Session.

Prior Event Report - FallFest 2016 with the Alabama Section, October 14-15, 2016



DJ de Jesus, Larry Vaughn, Fran & Charles Boyd.

Several Fort Worth Section members, as well as others from 6 different states, attended this event hosted by the Alabama Section. Some 90 members have registered for this event. The event kicked off on Friday with a meet at the Brand Immersion Center on the grounds of the Mercedes-Benz factory in Vance. The Immersion Center comprises a full-blown museum of significant Mercedes cars and a store which sells unique items not available in a dealer boutique.

After we received our eye protection, radio receivers and ear buds, we broke up into several groups, each led by an MBUSI guide. We walked the 1.5 mile-long C-Class production line, while our guide talked us through each phase in making a brand-new C-Class, AMG's included. Sorry, pictures were not allowed. Following the plant tour we had lunch with MBUSI associates in the plant cafeteria.



The sprawling Barber Museum.

After the plant tour, we proceeded to the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum which houses a staggering 1,700 motorcycles and 65 Lotus race cars of all eras. It was impossible to individually peruse and do justice to all of the wonderful vehicles housed in this museum.

Dinner was at our Hilton hotel headquarters. Here we were able to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

On Saturday, we took a 2.5-hour scenic drive to the highest point in Alabama on roads full of twists, turns and dips, all the time enjoying the rich foliage of the southern countryside. The event ended with a local-flavor lunch at a favorite cafe.



DJ de Jesus, Giff Mar, with Fran and Charles Boyd of the Central Oklahoma Section.



Giff Marr at the Barber Museum.



Part of the vintage motorcycle collection.



Larry Vaughn at the Motorsports Fall of Fame in Talladega.



Leaves beginning to turn.



Alabama countryside.

2016 EVENT CALENDAR

October 29-30: San Antonio Missions & Hill Country Drive * (Saturday & Sunday)
December 3: Holiday Celebration at the Colonial Country Club * (Saturday)

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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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.

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