

FEATURE EVENT!

Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Crowley, TX, Saturday, March 25, 11:30am.



New member Ernest Castillo is hosting a jen-yoo-wine Cajun Crawfish Boil for the club at his home in Crowley. Can't think of a better way to spend a spring afternoon. Jim & Sean Hannon will be doin' the cookin'. All we gotta do is be a-peelin' and eatin'. Make sure to BYOB to wash it all down. Lots of crawdad boiled with real Louisiana spices, plus sausage and corn. Yow!

When: Saturday, March 25, 11:30am

Where: 1809 Valley View Road in Crowley

Beverages: Bring your own.

Cost and Signup: The cost for the crawfish boil will be \$25 per person for MBCA members and their immediate family members. The non-member fee is \$30 per person. You may pay with your credit card or by check. Please let us know you are coming as soon as possible so we have ample food for everyone.

1) To pay the event fee online using your credit card:

Go to our website,

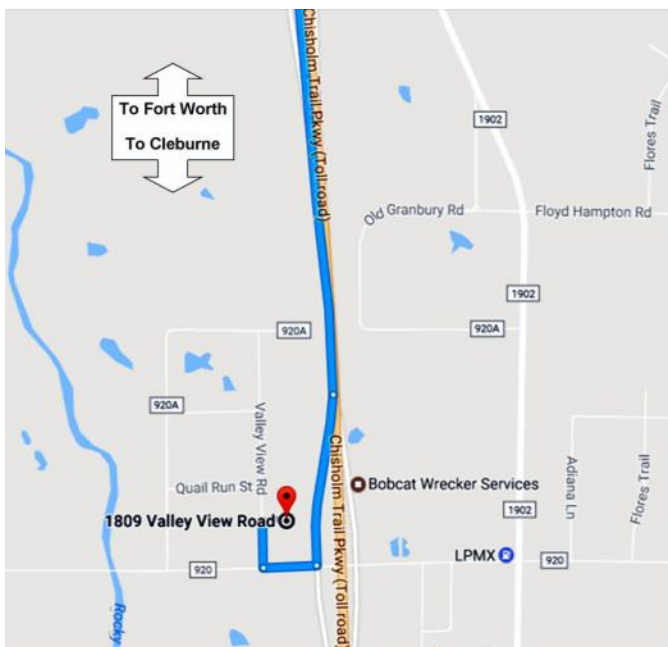
www.mbcafortworth.org, click the **Event Calendar** button, then select this event. Locate the payment button for this event's online write-up, and follow the instructions. Your online payment serves as your registration.

2) To pay with a check:

Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, or call (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.

Directions:

Proceed directly to Ernest Castillo's home at 1809 Valley View Road in Crowley. From Fort Worth, head south on the Chisholm Trail Parkway toll road. Take the County Road 920 exit then turn right (west) on CR-920. Turn right (north) on Valley View Rd. Third house on the right.



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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.



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. Discounts apply at all Park Place dealerships.

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

February 4:	<u>Pre-Valentine Dinner at Bob's Steak & Chop House *</u>	(Saturday)
March 25:	<u>Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Crowley, TX *</u>	(Saturday)
April 29-30:	<u>Texas Hill Country Run, Boerne, TX</u>	(Sat & Sun)
May 20:	<u>Texas Warbirds, Fort Worth, TX</u>	(Saturday)
June 17:	<u>Q&A Rally</u>	(Saturday)
July 15:	<u>Texas History Tour</u>	(Saturday)
August 12:	<u>Keep Kool Event</u>	(Saturday)
September 16:	<u>Food 'n' Fun Road Trip</u>	(Saturday)
October 28:	<u>Creepy Trek</u>	(Saturday)
November 11:	<u>Fall Touring Event</u>	(Saturday)
December 2:	<u>Holiday Celebration</u>	(Saturday)

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

February Event! Pre-Valentine Dinner at Bob's Steak & Chop House, Saturday, February 4, 6:30pm.



We will have our Pre-Valentine Dinner at Bob's Steak & Chop House, one of Fort Worth's best places for fine dining. Bob's is located inside the beautiful Omni Hotel on Houston Street in Downtown Fort Worth. They have prepared a special group menu for this event. After dinner, we will have a raffle or one of our famous games, depending on where they seat us. Lucky winners go home with great prizes. After the event, we can have an optional nightcap at one of the watering holes at the Omni. Please sign up as soon as you can so we can assure adequate accommodations for dinner. Let us know you are coming. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejesus@charter.net, or call him at (817) 319-3033.

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Time: 6:30pm.

Dress: Business Casual / Coat. Tie optional. "Dressy" jeans with coat ok.

Where: Bob's is located inside the Omni Hotel, 1300 Houston Street (2-way street), Fort Worth, (817) 350-4100, across from the Convention Center.

Parking: Valet parking is free with validated ticket. You may also self-park (extra cost) at the Convention Center parking garage beside the Omni.

Group Menu (three-course dinner included in the event fee):

- 1) First Course - Choice of:
Tossed Salad or
Caesar Salad
- 2) Main Course - Choice of:
Prime Filet Mignon (9oz) or
Broiled Salmon or
Prime Ribeye (14 oz),
each served with smashed potatoes and Bob's Signature glazed carrot.
- 3) Dessert - Choice of:
Carrot Cake or
Chocolate Amaretto Cheese Cake

One serving of tea, soda, or coffee included. Refills, extra cost. Wine, beer and other libations are extra-cost items to be billed individually.

Cost and Signup:

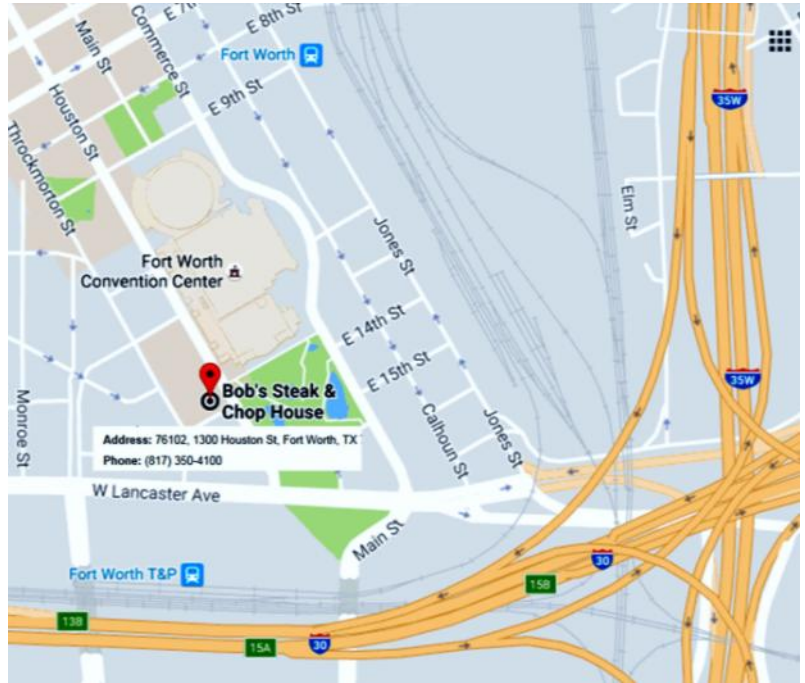
The 3-course dinner is included in the event fee. The cost of this event will be \$55 per person for MBCA members and their immediate families, and \$65 per person for non-members.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Pictures of all items can be seen on the [Classifieds](#) page of the Fort Worth Section website, www.mbcafortworth.org.

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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. jmark52@yahoo.com, (817) 685-8464.

2000 SL500. Silver/Grey. 142k miles. New black soft top & headliner. New upholstery. Black hardtop w/ suede headliner. New tires and front brake pads. Garage-kept. \$12,500 OBO. Dan Saldana, 817-975-9237.

2001 E55 AMG. Designo edition. 139k miles. 5.5-liter normally-aspirated AMG V8, 355 hp and 391 ft-lb of torque. Dark chocolate on the outside and milk chocolate on the inside. Loaded. Super Clean inside and out. Always serviced at Park Place dealer. No accidents. \$11,480. silvershadowbeliever@yahoo.com.

Customized Mercedes-Benz SLR Leather Jacket. From Mammoth Collection. Size is Small but on the large side. Try before you buy. Similar item in eBay for \$1750. Yours for \$600. Diki Terry, dterry@parkplace.com.

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

Prior Event Report - San Antonio Missions & Hill Country Drive, October 29 & 30, 2016



Getting the caravan ready.

Sixteen members in 8 cars toured the chain of missions established along the San Antonio River in the 18th century. These missions are a reminder of Spain's attempts to extend its influence north of New Spain (now Mexico).

On Saturday, we began our trip from Fort Worth to San Antonio. We stopped for lunch with a lakeside view at the River City Grill in Marble Falls on our way south. Arriving San Antonio, our first stop was Mission Espada, which is the southernmost mission. After the Espada stop, we visited the still-functioning Espada Aqueduct, built in the 1750s, which helped supply water to farms and ranches that sustained the Indians who chose Spanish protection in exchange for labor, conversion to Christianity and a different way of life. We worked our way north, visiting Missions San Juan, San Jose and Concepcion, each stark and beautiful in its own way, but each a common remnant of Spain's efforts to extend its Empire and Christianity.



Hill Country drive.

After the Mission Tour, we checked in at the historic Emily Morgan Hotel, right beside Alamo Plaza, then had dinner at the Market on Houston, a restaurant on the busy streets of downtown San Antonio. After dinner, we enjoyed the bustle of the Riverwalk on a Saturday night. Some of us stopped for drinks at the nearest bar which could seat us.

On Sunday, we visited the last mission, The Alamo, on our own. It is preserved not as a Catholic mission, but as a shrine to Texas liberty. We then took to our cars at the designated time and place, and began our dippy, twisty Hill Country Drive. We stopped for a break at the quaint little town of Wimberley for some window shopping, then continued our drive. Lunch was at the famous Salt Lick Barbecue in Driftwood. After lunch, we continued our Hill Country road trip, our Mercedes cars at home on the twisties. We said our goodbyes at a Starbucks stop in Marble Falls then made our way home.



At Salt Lick BBQ in Driftwood.



Lunch at Marble Falls.



Stop at Wimberley.



Espada Aqueduct.



Min & Bert Graham at Mission San Jose.



At Mission San Juan.

Prior Event Report - Holiday Celebration at the Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth, TX, December 3, 2016



Larry Vaughn gives a warm welcome address.



Ernest Borroel takes a shot at the target.

Fort Worth Section's 2016 Holiday Dinner-Dance was held at Fort Worth's famous Colonial Country Club. Guests were welcomed with an hors d'oeuvres reception, giving everyone a chance to catch up and get to know new folks.

We sat down to a nice 3-course dinner, which featured a Duet of Filet Mignon and Sea Bass as the main course. After dinner, we declared Fred and Peggy Hekking Members of the Year, for their contributions to the club and their continuous participation. We also took the opportunity to honor our President, Larry Vaughn, for twelve years of exemplary service. Larry will not be rejoining the section's leadership team in 2017 so that he can spend more time with his growing grandchildren.

After acknowledging the contributions of these special people, it was time to play the Christmas Tree Snowball Toss, which involved earning points by tossing a Velcro "snowball" so it would stick to strategic places on a felt Christmas Tree. Teams were formed whose members each took a toss. The three teams with the most points won prizes for each team member. The proud winners were:

1st Place: Team E - Glenn Nolasco, Linda Dooley, Mike Armstrong, Lois Parrott, and Ernest Borroel. Each member won a Fort Worth Section lawn chair.

2nd Place: Team J - Peggy Hekking, Mike Dougherty, Judi Patz, Dianna Radspinner and Bruce Parrott. Each member won a "Big Larry" work light.

3rd Place: Team H - Paul Deeley, Nipat Attavit, Nicky Branville, Fred Hekking and Lynda Reier. Each member won a classic Mercedes-Benz "Customer Service" wall thermometer.

The rest of the evening was spent on the dance floor to the beat of music selections played by our DJs, Wen & Lily Grio. Special thanks to Kris Ikejiri, whose photos captured the spirit of this event.



Outgoing president Larry Vaughn with the ladies in red.



Members of the Year Fred & Peggy Hekking.



Sendoff for Larry.



Team E with their loot.



Christmas toast.



Time to dance.

Prior Event Report - Winter Getaway to Greystone Castle & W. K. Gordon Museum, Mingus, TX, January 7, 2017



View from atop the castle.

Twenty-five members in fourteen cars attended our first event of the year, despite cold weather and snow the previous evening. We enjoyed a very nice drive on scenic, twisty and hilly roads.

The Greystone Castle is a unique structure, turrets and all, located on 6500 acres of ranchland and hunting grounds. It sits on a hill and offers a majestic view of the surrounding area. Many of us climbed the stairs to the turrets and walls and enjoyed the scenery below. We had a delicious lunch at the castle's main dining room, which we had all to ourselves.



Lunch in the main dining room.

After lunch, we visited the W. K. Gordon Center's small but very interesting museum on the history of Thurber, which was an industrial town wholly owned by The Texas and Pacific Coal Company. Now a ghost town, Thurber was a major brick and coal center in its heyday, attracting a population of 10,000 from eighteen nationalities. After the museum visit, some of us went to a nearby park to see original Thurber buildings which are being preserved there.



Group photo at the castle.



En route to Mingus.



Some of us went up to the walls and turrets.



Diana Lussier, Chris & Teresa Watt, Scott & Rhonda Williamson.



At the WK Gordon Museum.



Lois & Bruce Parrott and the preserved St. Barbara's Catholic Church.

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To receive more timely information on the club (and maybe help save a tree or two), please provide a valid email address along with your name and member number (it is on the mailing label) to RYANNE DIAS of the MBCA national office. Her email address is ryanne@mbca.org. Your email address will be used for MBCA correspondence only. Thanks!!

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

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Fort Worth Section

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