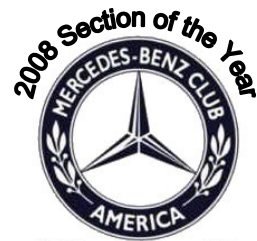




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Fort Worth Section

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First Quarter, 2020

FEATURE EVENT!

Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Azle, TX, Saturday, March 21, 11:30am.

Nipat Attavit & Cat Miller are hosting an aww-thentic Cajun Crawfish Boil for the club at their home. Can't think of a better way to spend a spring afternoon. Jim, Sean & Dannie 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. Ernie & Yolanda Borroel will also be grillin' wings and sausage appetizers.

When: Saturday, March 21, 11:30am.

Where: 317 Driftwood Court in Azle.

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:

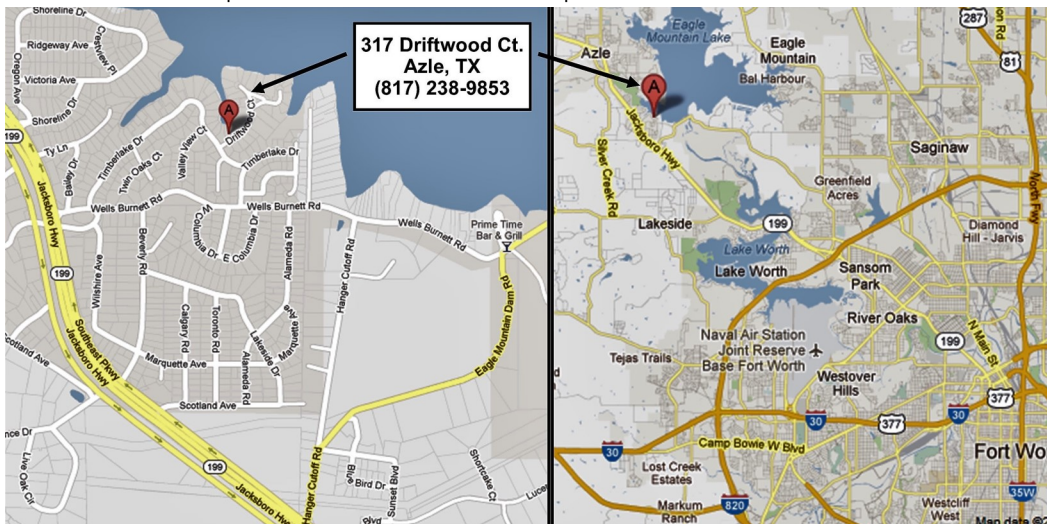
Go to our website, www.mbcafortworth.org, click the [Event Calendar](#) button, then select this event. Locate the payment button for this event's online write-up, and follow the instructions. Your online payment serves as your registration.

2) To pay with a check:

Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, djdejessus@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 Cat and Nipat's home at 317 Driftwood Court in Azle, 817-238-9853. From Hwy 199 (Jacksboro Hwy) toward Azle, turn right on Hanger Cutoff Road. At the dead-end, turn left on Wells Burnett Road, then turn right on Robinwood Lane to enter the Timberlake Estates subdivision. Turn left on Timberlake Drive, then right on Driftwood Court. Cat and Nipat's home will be on the left. See map below.



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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 (except holidays). 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.

2020 EVENT CALENDAR

February 8:	SOLD OUT! Pre-Valentine Dinner at Del Frisco's Grille *	(Saturday)
March 21:	Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Azle, TX *	(Saturday)
April 18-19:	Texas Hill Country Run	(Sat & Sun)
May 16:	Q&A Rally	(Saturday)
June 20:	Food 'n' Fun Road Trip	(Saturday)
July 11:	Texas History Tour	(Saturday)
August 8:	Keep Kool Event	(Saturday)
September TBD:	Park Place Luxury & Supercar Showcase	(Saturday)
October 10:	German Day	(Saturday)
November 7:	Fall Touring Event	(Saturday)
December 5:	Holiday Celebration at the River Crest Country Club	(Saturday)

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

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SOLD OUT, WAITING LIST OPEN. Pre-Valentine Dinner at Del Frisco's Grille, Sundance Square, Fort Worth, Sat., February 8, 6:30pm.



To get on the waiting list, go to our website, www.mbcafortworth.org, click the [Event Calendar](#) button, then select this event. When your spots are confirmed, please sign up as soon as you can so we can assure adequate accommodations for dinner. Use the same links above and follow the instructions.

We will have our Pre-Valentine Dinner at Del Frisco's Grille at Sundance Square, in the heart of Downtown Fort Worth. Our group menu for this event offers excellent choices for a great dining experience. We will dine in the private Cassidy Room, and after dinner we will play one of our famous games. Lucky winners go home with great prizes. The room can hold a maximum of 30 people. We have reached that limit, but get on the waiting list and we will advise if spots open up. You never know. **IMPORTANT:** Our venue is **NOT** Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse. That is a different place. Please note the address and read the directions below.

When: Saturday, February 8.
Time: 6:30pm.
Dress: Business Casual.
Where: Del Frisco's Grille, Cassidy Room, 154 E. 3rd St Fort Worth, 817-887-9900. Directions below.

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

1) First Course - Choice of:
Bacon & Blue Cheese Wedge, Hickory-Smoked Bacon Crumbles, Tomato, Blue Cheese Dressing.
The Grille Salad: Mixed Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Carrots, Thick Butcher-Cut Bacon, Garlic Croutons, Vinaigrette Dressing.

2) Main Course - Choice of:
8 oz. Filet Mignon.
Lemon Dill Salmon.
Roasted Chicken.

Sides of Hand-Mashed Russet Potatoes and Roasted Asparagus will be served family-style.

3) Third Course - Choice of:
Molten Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream, Raspberry Sauce.
Caramel Pot de Creme with Maldon Salted Caramel, Butterscotch, Whipped Cream

Tea, coffee and soda included. Wine, beer and other libations are extra-cost items available via cash bar.

Cost and Signup: The 3-course dinner is included in the event fee. Once we let you know that space is available, pay the event fee to secure your spot(s). The cost of this event will be \$65 per person for MBCA members and their immediate families, and \$75 per person for non-members.

General Directions: From I-35W, take exit 52A to enter Spur 280 toward downtown Fort Worth. (This is a right-hand exit from either direction, barring construction changes.) Bear right onto 4th Street. Go just past the Bass Hall, then turn right on Commerce Street.

Parking Directions: Note one-way and two-way streets.

a. Valet Parking is located on the southbound side of Commerce Street beside the Flying Saucer. If you are heading north on Commerce, go around (R on 3rd Street, L on Jones, L on 2nd Street, L on Commerce) so your car will be on the correct side of Commerce. Get your ticket validated by Del Frisco's so your valet parking is free. Don't forget to tip.

b. You may self-park at Sundance Square Garage 1 or 2, then walk to the restaurant. Garage parking is free on weekends.

To park at Garage 1, continue north on Commerce, then enter the garage on the right after you pass 2nd Street.

To park at Garage 2, from Commerce, R on 3rd Street, R on Calhoun, and the garage entrance will be on your left.

c. Street parking is also ok if you can find a spot.

NOTE: If you need more parking guidance, go to our website, www.mbcafortworth.org, click the [Event Calendar](#) button, then select this event. Here you will find a detailed parking map of the Sundance Square area at the bottom of the event write-up.



MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

1978 Mercedes 450SL. White exterior with caramel M-B Tex interior and dark brown soft top. Only 22,500 miles. Original owner, bought new in Fort Worth. All original except radio and battery. Have original Becker radio, toolkit, hardtop hoist. All books and records since new. Garage-kept since new. No accidents. Never restored. Interior shows no signs of wear. Exterior paint exhibits good depth with no scratches, dents or fading. Both tops. Original soft top excellent except for some minor discoloration on rear plastic window. Sun visors and tires need to be replaced due to age. Wife can no longer enter and exit the car due to health reasons. \$20,000 firm. Ron Jones, 817-738-7733, rdjonespe@sbcglobal.net.

1998 Mercedes SLK230. Green Automatic. Original one owner purchased new in 1998. 69,500mi, recent water pump, recent repair on convertible top hydraulics, recent refinish of interior. No accident or damage history. Everything works. Average of 3300 miles a year. In much better shape than anything else you will find. Truly a little old lady's car driven only on weekends. Asking \$7500. Vikki Kopp, Vikki.Kopp@MedicalCityHealth.com.

1999 SL500 Sport. Like new, fully loaded, 55,000 miles, Smoked Silver/Tan, garage kept, authorized Mercedes dealer maintained. \$18,500. Call for information, Doug Vining, 817-247-4764. Leave message if no answer. Or email at dougvinging@gmail.com.

2013 ML350 BLUETEC SUV. Loaded, Near-perfect condition. Palladium Silver / Black MB-Tex. 3.0 Liter, V6 Diesel with Turbocharger. 68,500 miles. One-owner. Bought new from Park Place Motorcars Fort Worth. Garage-kept Texas car. All service done by Park Place Motorcars Fort Worth. Averaged 27.1 MPG on last road trip of 1100 miles at average speed of 70 mph. Asking: \$21,825. Call Jerry R. (817) 819-4539.

Prior Event Report - German Day, Lunch and Wine, Muenster & St. Jo, TX, October 19, 2019



Lunch at Rohmer's in Muenster.

Thirty-two folks in 17 cars joined us for a country drive, a German lunch at Rohmer's Restaurant in Muenster, and a wine-tasting and winery tour at Blue Ostrich Vineyard and Winery in St. Jo. At Rohmer's, most enjoyed German food like schnitzel and sausages while some had American home-cooked meals.



Group pic at the Blue Ostrich Winery in St. Jo.

After lunch, we had a scenic drive to St. Jo and visited the Blue Ostrich Winery, a charming venue nestled on the rolling hills and meadows unique to this part of Texas. Here we enjoyed a tour-taste event, sampling wines while visiting this beautiful facility. The winery is home to two ostriches, the remnants of a herd that once roamed this former ostrich farm.

The event ended after the winery tour, but some members returned to Muenster to shop at Fischer's Meat Market for some German sausage, cheese and other goodies.



Special parking for us.



Cheers, y'all!



Kicking off the wine-tasting.



Enjoying schnitzel, sausage and other eats.



Waiting for the rest of the caravan.



Touring the winery.

Prior Event Report - Fall Overnighter, Fredericksburg, TX, November 2 & 3, 2019



Sunday Drive.



Group dinner at Bella Sera, Fredericksburg.

Thirty-six folks in 18 cars joined us for the 2019 Fall Overnighter in Fredericksburg, TX. The always-fun WW2 airbase-themed Hangar Hotel, which is just a short hop away from Fredericksburg's main drag, served as our headquarters.

On Saturday we made our way from Fort Worth to Fredericksburg on roads less traveled. Lunch was at the excellent Cooper's BBQ at Llano. After lunch, we proceeded to Messina Hof Hill Country for wine-tasting and a short winery tour. After our winery visit, we explored Fredericksburg on our own to do some shopping, visit the National Museum of the Pacific War, sample a local craft beer, and/or see the many other things that Fredericksburg has to offer. We had our group dinner at Bella Sera, an Italian eatery close to the hotel. After dinner, we spent the rest of the evening at the Hangar's Officers Club to catch up with old friends and hopefully to make new ones.

On Sunday, we enjoyed a twisty, scenic drive through the heart of the Hill Country and headed to Kingsland. Fellow members Ginny and Arno Pitzen graciously hosted lunch for our group at their new home. After lunch, we drove home on our own.



Ready to leave the Hangar Hotel, Fredericksburg.



Lunch at Cooper's BBQ, Llano.



Part of the group with a WW2 C-47 Dakota.



Messina Hof Winery, Fredericksburg.



The group enjoying a wine-tasting.



At the Pitzen Haus, Kingsland.

Prior Event Report - Holiday Celebration at the City Club, Fort Worth, TX, December 7, 2019



A great dinner with friends.



Dancing to cap a fun event.

Fifty-four members and guests attended the Fort Worth Section's 2019 Holiday Dinner-Dance, which was held at the City Club in the heart of Downtown Fort Worth. Arriving members 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 4-course dinner, which featured a tenderloin filet mignon as the main course. After dinner, members tried their hand at winning prizes by playing "Benz Bowl." In this tabletop bowling tourney, teams earned points by knocking down as many pins as possible, with bonus points awarded for strikes and spares. The three teams with the most points won prizes for each team member. The proud winners were:

1st Place: Team G - Dannie Hannon, Tom Jobe, Cecile de Jesus, Ana Graves, and Jorge Ordoñez, who each won a Mercedes-Benz key fob USB flash drive.

2nd Place: Team C - Scott Williamson, Mark Tirschler, Kathleen Basoco, Lois Parrott and Rick Spurgeon - Mercedes-Benz stainless steel thermal wine glass set.

3rd Place: Team J - Teresa Ordoñez, Ernest Borroel, Jerry Hathaway, Laura Hopkins and Bruce Parrott - Mercedes-Benz Swiss Army Knife by Victorinox.

The rest of the evening was spent on the dance floor to the beat of music selections played by our DJs, Wen & Lily Grio. The Holiday Celebration was a great finale to our 2019 event season. Congratulations to Scott & Rhonda Williamson, who were presented the Fort Worth Section 2019 Member of the Year award. Special thanks to Kris Ikejiri for his photo contributions.



Benz Bowl - a chance to win great prizes



Members of the Year - Scott & Rhonda Williamson.



Officers arriving early to set up.



Team G - Benz Bowl Champs!



Team C - Second Place.



Team J - Third Place.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have received a paper copy of our newsletter via the USPS, this means that we are unable to contact you via email. Maybe your email address has changed or you have not provided one to the club.

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 Rynne 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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