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SOLD OUT! Greystone Castle Lunch and Safari Tour, Mingus, TX, Saturday, May 19, 8am.

This event comprises a great drive to Mingus, a delicious lunch at the Greystone Castle Sporting Club, and a safari-style tour of its grounds. Greystone Castle is a unique, first class facility, turrets and all, located on 6500 acres of ranchland and hunting grounds. We will embark on a safari-style tour of the grounds on 4x4 trucks. That alone will be a treat, but with luck we may see some exotic animals such as deer, antelope and bison if it is not too warm.

To get on the waiting list:
Go to our website, **www.mbcafortworth.org**, click the **Event Calendar** button, then select this event.

STARFEST 2018
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

May 14-21, 2018. StarFest 2018 is a unique opportunity for us Texans to attend MBCA's premier event AND to bring our cars. If you had not attended a StarFest, we strongly recommend you do so on your own for factory tours, scenic drives, the concours, and various driving events. For instructions, please visit **https://starfest2018.mbca.org**.

Poker Rally, Tolar, TX, Saturday, June 16, 9am.

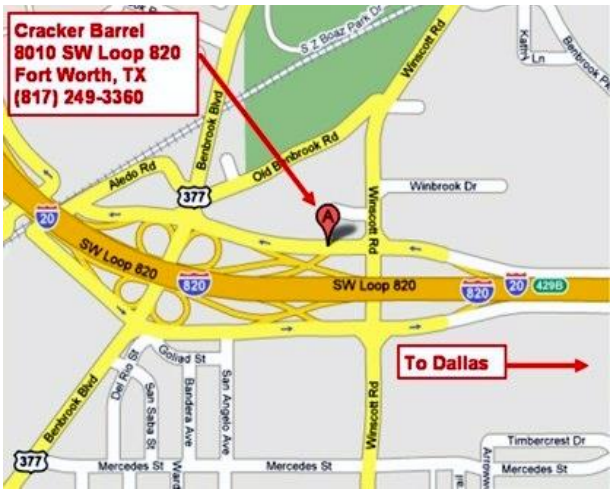
Join us for a great country drive, a poker rally, and a good lunch. Each participant will receive a poker card at the start of the trip, at three stops along the way, and at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, our lunch destination. Garcia's does not serve alcohol, but you may BYOB if you wish to enjoy lunch with your favorite libation. We will order from the menu and pay for lunch on our own. One of our more interesting stops will be a windmill farm in the middle of nowhere, with around 30 restored and work-in-progress windmills on the grounds. There will be prizes for the 3 best poker hands.

Cost and Signup: We will charge an entry fee of $10 per person for MBCA members and their immediate family. The fee covers prizes for the poker rally and some trip planning sundries. Pay for your own lunch (separate checks, tip not included). Non-members are welcome, and will be charged $15 each. Please register and send your entry fee as soon as possible so we can provide a headcount to the restaurant.

1) To pay the event fee online :
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.

Directions: At 9am, we will have a briefing at the Cracker Barrel, 8010 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, (817) 249-3360. Arrive earlier if you wish to have breakfast. We will depart immediately after the briefing.



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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.

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2018 EVENT CALENDAR

April 14-15:	**SOLD OUT! Texas Hill Country Run, Gruene, TX***	**(Sat & Sun)**
May 14-21:	**Starfest 2018, Birmingham, AL***	**(Mon to Mon)**
May 19:	**SOLD OUT! Greystone Lunch & Safari, Mingus, TX***	**(Saturday)**
June 16:	**Poker Rally, Tolar, TX***	**(Saturday)**
July 14:	**Texas History Tour**	**(Saturday)**
August 11:	**Keep Kool Event**	**(Saturday)**
September 15:	**Food 'n' Fun Road Trip**	**(Saturday)**
October 20:	**German Day**	**(Saturday)**
November 10:	**Fall Touring Event**	**(Saturday)**
December 8:	**Holiday Celebration**	**(Saturday)**

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

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

Fort Worth Section Polos, Camp Shirts and Caps! Our beautiful Polos (good color assortment) are made with cool, stay-dry fabric. Consider also our nice Camp Shirts - they look great and are easy to wear. All shirts 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 Fort Worth Section 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. Contact Jim Hannon, jamesrhannon@charter.net, (817) 294-0206.

1980 Mercedes 450SL. Red w/Black interior. Original interior in excellent condition. Runs and drives great. 63030 original miles. (5) New Michelin tires. A/C needs work and needs a new soft top. The frame for the top is like new. Asking $16,000. Call Robyn at 817-821-0375. If no answer please leave message.

1998 C43 AMG. Silver / Black/Silver interior. 85k miles. 4.3 Liter normally-aspirated AMG V8. Two-tone interior. AMG Monoblock wheels. Sunroof. Magnificent car & ride. $8000 OBO. Michele Kelsey, MKelseyPT@aol.com.

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.

2007 CLS550. Pewter/beige interior, 96,000 miles with new Continental extreme tires. $15,000. Dan Saldana, 817-975-9237.

2011 E350 Cabriolet. Triple black convertible. 88,000 miles and all available options. 4 new Michelin tires. Excellent condition inside and out. 2nd owner and always a Texas car. $18,500. Please contact Greg Irwin at 817-360-2862.

2012 SLK350. 22,800 miles, near perfect condition, local Dallas car, all history. Special order car, RARE Distronic Plus and Dynamic Handling Package. Sticker (incl.) was $71,115, all but two options. 2016 GPS maps, $350 value. Always garaged, non-smoker. Dealer serviced 9/17, no work needed. Ready to enjoy. $34,900.

W123 Parts. All parts from 1982 240D. Two bumpers w/shocks, 7 hub caps, original first aid kit, Zebrano wood ash tray and cup holder, ignition switch w/key and gas pedal rubber covering. For more information call James Hannon, 817-294-0206. All items are located in Fort Worth, Texas.

Prior Event Report - Cactus Grill, Red Caboose & Whipple Truss Bridge, Meridian, TX, Jan 13, 2018

Link-up at the Cactus Grill.

The Whipple Truss Bridge

It was time to leave the house on our first event of the new year. Twenty-six folks in 14 cars joined us for a country drive to Meridian, lunch at the highly-rated Cactus Grill Restaurant, wine-tasting at the also highly-rated Red Caboose tasting room, and a visit to the 1884 Whipple Truss Bridge.

The Cactus Grill was featured in Texas Highways Magazine, and is a surprising find in little Meridian. We ordered from a group menu which featured a variety of selections sure to please anyone. After lunch, we tasted 6 wines at the Red Caboose tasting room in nearby Clifton, and had an opportunity to purchase some of its highly-regarded wines. After the tasting, we took a short hop to the Whipple Truss Bridge. Named after its designer, this historic single-lane bridge was built in 1884 (before cars were invented) and is one of the few remaining bridges of its type in Texas. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and the surrounding construction did not deter us from stepping foot on the old bridge for a very close look.

Sorry, no caravan pictures this road trip. The club's trusty little GoPro camera fell off the car while going 70+ mph. But that did not stop us from having a fun event. By the way, on the way back we found the camera on the side of the road and it still works!

Photo op en route.

At the Red Caboose tasting room.

Downtown Meridian.

Lunch at the Cactus Grill.

At the Red Caboose.

Cheers!

Prior Event Report - Pre-Valentine Dinner at Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine, Fort Worth, TX, February 3, 2018

Arriving at Bonnell's.

Thirty-five folks joined us for our Pre-Valentine Dinner at Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine, one of Fort Worth's most highly-rated restaurants for fine dining. We dined in a beautiful private room, and our fixed-price 3-course group menu offered excellent choices for a great dining experience. Owner and chef Jon Bonnell, Fort Worth native and nationally recognized as one of the top restaurateurs in our area, visited to see how we were doing. At the end of our meal, each lady received a red heart and lip chocolate truffle duet to help celebrate the occasion.

The game begins.

After dinner, we played "How Low Can You Go?," yet another of our world-famous games. Each contestant tried to win a prize from the Mercedes-Benz boutique by submitting one of three lowest unique numbers.

The winners were:
Linda Stack - set of 4 MB stemless wine glasses.
Rhonda Williamson - MB ballpoint pen by Cross.
Cecile de Jesus - MB gym bag.

Happy faces in our beautiful private room.

Valentine treat for the ladies.

Socializing before dinner.

Linda Stack.

Rhonda Williamson.

Cecile de Jesus.

Prior Event Report - N'awlins Crawfish Boil, Crowley, TX, March 24, 2018

Chris Watt and our hosts, Ernest & Diane Castillo.

The Castillos' property is a perfect venue for a crawfish boil.

Jim & Sean Hannon and Ernie & Diane Castillo hosted an authentic Crawfish Boil for the club. Over 40 members and their guests attended the party, enjoying lots and lots of crawfish boiled with real Louisiana spices, plus sausage, corn, mushrooms and potatoes. Generous batches of boiled shrimp were also there for the eatin'. Ernie and Yolanda Borroel brought their tailgate equipment, and grilled up plenty of sliders, wings and sausage. And then there were cookies for dessert provided by Larry & Karen Vaughn and Chris & Teresa Watt. Attendees brought their own beverages to wash it all down. There was absolutely no way that anyone went home hungry.

Wonderful people, plenty of delicious food, beautiful weather and a great venue made this a perfect spring event.

We ate till full, and then some.

Sean Hannon about to boil 4 big bags of crawdad.

Ernest Borroel grilling his famous wings.

Almost ready.

Nipat Attavit is dressed for the occasion.

Teresa Watt and Glenn & Riza Nolasco.

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