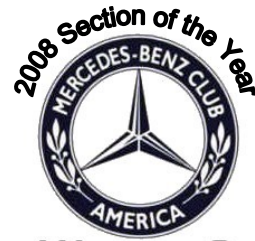




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Fort Worth Section

Third Quarter, 2022

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**OCTOBER EVENT: Norwegian Day, Norse, TX, Saturday, October 8, 9:45am**

This Texas history trip will take us to the unincorporated community known as Norse. Once numbering thousands, only about 100 widely-dispersed people remain in this community today.

We will have a country buffet lunch at Johnny's Place in Clifton (pay for your own lunch), have a brief stop at the historic Ringness House Museum, and then visit two beautifully preserved, historic churches. The restored Ringness House was the home of early Norwegian pioneers Jens and Kari Ringness. It was the site of many worship services held by the early pioneers before they established the congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church. This church, also known as the Old Norse Church, is still in regular use today. We will also see the grave of Cleng Peerson, "The Father of Norwegian Immigration", who is buried in the Norse Cemetery adjacent to the church. Due to the community's strong ties to its original Norwegian heritage, this area was visited by King Olav V of Norway in 1982 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Cleng Peerson's birth. The second structure is the newer but arguably more famous St. Olaf's Kirke, also known as the Old Rock Church. The church was built to accommodate the movement of settlers west, but is no longer in regular use due to the demise of its congregation. St. Olaf's also has a beautiful adjoining cemetery which we will explore.

**When:** Saturday, October 8, 9:45. We will have a briefing on the event then hit the road.

**Where:** We will meet at the Starbucks at 7429 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth. See map below.

**Signup and Cost:** We will charge an event fee of \$5 per person for each MBCA member and their immediate family members. Non-members are welcome, and will be charged \$10 each. The event fee will cover planning expenses and other sundries. Pay for your own lunch. There is no charge for admission to the Ringness House and to the churches, but donations will be appreciated.

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

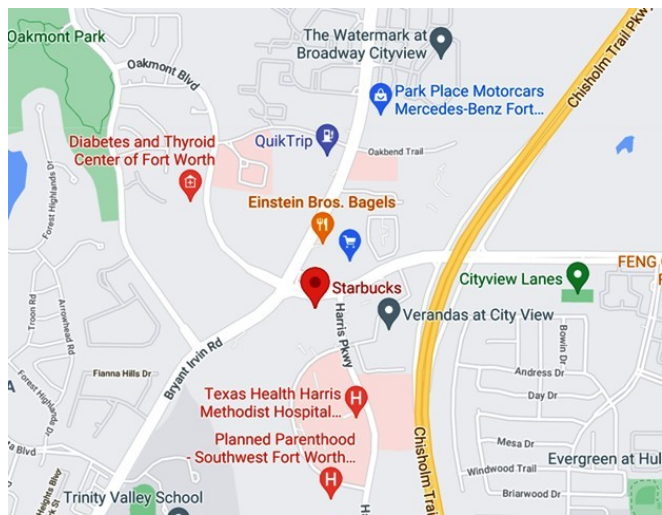
Go to our website, [www.mbcafortworth.org](http://www.mbcafortworth.org), click the [Event Calendar](#) button, then select this event. Locate the payment button for this event's online write-up, and follow the instructions. Your online payment serves as your registration.

**2) To pay with a check:**

Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto: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.

**Meeting Place:**

Saturday, October 8, 9:45am. Starbucks at 7429 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth. From I-20 head south on Bryant Irvin. The Starbucks is in the shopping center on the left near the corner of Bryant Irvin and Oakmont Blvd. left.



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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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See other ads and pictures of all items on the [Classifieds](#) page of the Fort Worth Section website, [www.mbcafortworth.org](http://www.mbcafortworth.org).

Prior Event Report - Texas History Tour - Thurber! Mingus, TX, May 21, 2022



Part of the gang at the bluff overlooking Thurber.

Twenty members in eleven cars joined us for a great drive to Mingus, a delicious lunch at New York Hill restaurant, and to see what remains of the town of Thurber.

The town was wholly owned by The Texas and Pacific Coal Company. Now a ghost town, Thurber was a major brick and coal center during its heyday in 1918-1920, attracting a population of some 10,000 from eighteen nationalities. The town was dismantled in the mid-1930s when oil supplanted coal as fuel for locomotives.



Lunch at New York Hill.

We had a very nice drive on a scenic, twisty and hilly route, leaving behind the relatively crowded cities south of Fort Worth. We enjoyed a good home-cooked lunch in a private room at New York Hill restaurant, named for the fancy neighborhood of managers hired from the east coast at the base of the hill. The restaurant also offers a panoramic view of downtown Thurber and seeks to preserve its history. After lunch, We briefly checked out the smokestack, the only remnant of the Thurber power plant which made the town one of the earliest to be electrified in the USA.

Finally, we explored the historic Thurber cemetery to see some interesting graves of unusual and/or prominent citizens buried there.



The lineup near Thurber Cemetery.



Waiting for the cemetery gate to open.



Map of Downtown Thurber.



Getting ready to explore the cemetery



Many graves have interesting stories.



Home Cookin' lunch!

## Prior Event Report - Watts Cookin' BBQ! Irving, TX, June 25, 2022



Our hosts - Teresa and Chris Watt.

Teresa and Chris Watt invited the club for lunch at their home. Twenty-two folks enjoyed great Texas BBQ ribs, accompanied by a nice salad, cole slaw, fruit, beans, plus iced tea and soda, and home-baked cookies. Members BYOB'd to enjoy lunch with their favorite libation. It was impossible to go home hungry.

After lunch, teams of randomly-selected members were formed to compete for prizes by playing an abbreviated game of pool - the two teams with the highest scores won prizes for each team member. The results were:

First Place - Team B: Buzz Bartlett, Nancy Rubin, Eric Clayton and Mary Ann Schepler. Each team member got a Mercedes-Benz leather grip ballpoint pen.

Runner-Up - Team A: Susan Williams, Billie Williams, Carol Pinkston and Lou Hemler. Each team member got a Mercedes-Benz stainless steel Capri water bottle.

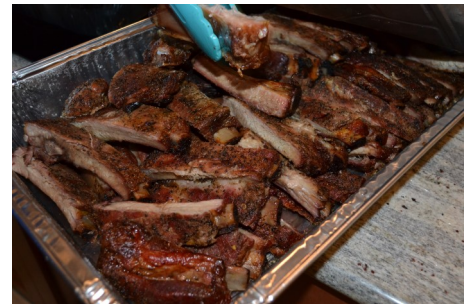
After our game and more socializing, we left for home on our own. Special thanks to Teresa and Chris for hosting a great event, and to Paula Bartlett for preparing healthy salad, fresh fruit and home-baked peanut butter cookies for members to enjoy.



Tom and Sharon Jobe.



The weather cooperated so lunch was al fresco.



Ribs aplenty!



Paula's salad.



Team B won first place.



Team A - the runners up.



The beans were darn good!

# Prior Event Report - Rough Creek Breakfast & Bluff Dale Wine-Tasting, July 23, 2022



Scenic drive to Bluff Dale.

Twenty-five folks in thirteen cars joined us for a great country drive, a hearty breakfast at the sprawling Rough Creek Lodge, and wine-tasting at Bluff Dale Winery, located at the gateway of the North Texas Hill Country. Having this event was questionable for a while due to the Chalk Mountain Wildfire in the area, but fire maps and calls to local officials confirmed our routes were clear. The event happened as scheduled.



The lineup at Bluff Dale Winery.

Rough Creek Lodge and Resort is famous for its great restaurant, hunting and fishing, great family vacations, and as a venue for world-class corporate conferences and retreats on its 11,000 acres in the middle of nowhere. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast buffet at the restaurant.

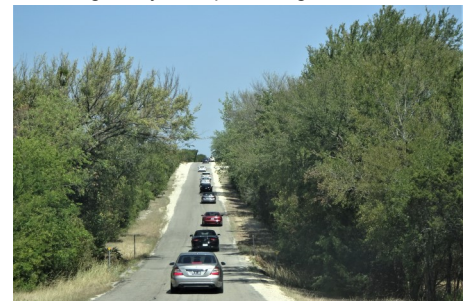
After breakfast, we made our way to Bluff Dale Winery for a tasting of 5 highly-rated wines and great views of the valley from their deck. In contrast to the huge Rough Creek Ranch, Bluff Dale Winery is family-owned, quaint and rustic. They are recovering from wildfires which ravaged North Texas in March. The vineyards are destroyed but the winery still stands, thanks to the efforts of many firefighters.



The gang at the Rough Creek Patio.



Getting ready to depart Rough Creek Ranch.



No wildfires here.



Entering Rough Creek property.



Rough Creek's private road. The ranch is huge.



Bluff Dale Winery tasting room.

## Prior Event Report - Perot Museum and El Fenix Lunch, Dallas, TX, August 20, 2022



At El Fenix's original location.

Twenty-six folks joined us for a Mexican lunch and a visit to the renowned Perot Museum.

First on the agenda was lunch at the original, flagship El Fenix location near downtown Dallas. The manager even briefed us on the history of this venerable restaurant chain and its future plans. It was founded in 1918 and is the oldest chain of Mexican restaurants in the USA. After owning the chain for 90 years, the Martinez family sold the company to the Firebird Restaurant Group, also based in Dallas.



The Dallas skyline.

After lunch, we proceeded to the nearby Perot Museum of Nature and Science, which is an award-winning architectural jewel located in Victory Park, adjacent to the Dallas Arts District. The massive windows of the building offered magnificent views of the Dallas skyline. We enjoyed fun and interesting exhibits which are presented via halls filled with prehistoric creatures, the wonders of outer space, wild weather, robots, sports, and more.



The gang with the Perot Museum building as a backdrop.



Scott & Rhonda Williamson.



Prehistoric MBCA member.



Tyrannosaurus hunting down an Alamosaurus.



Glenn & Riza Nolasco.



Earthquake!

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