

**THE NEXT EVENT IS SOLD OUT!**

**Texas Hill Country Run, Boerne, TX, Friday to Sunday, March 31 to April 2**



The Lone Star (Austin) Section has invited us to attend the 2023 Hill Country Run which promises to be a great weekend of scenic drives, interesting venues, local cuisine, and camaraderie with your fellow MBCA members. The 2023 Hill Country Run will be a two-night event. The dates are March 31-April 1, check out on April 2. Our host hotel will be the very nice Bevy Hotel in Boerne.

Fort Worth Section attendees will caravan to the Hill Country. You may meet us in your choice of location below. For those who are attending, full event details with the agenda are posted on [www.mbcafortworth.org](http://www.mbcafortworth.org).

**1) Fort Worth Meeting Place:**

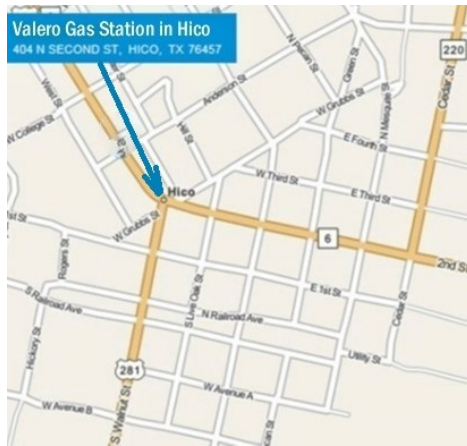
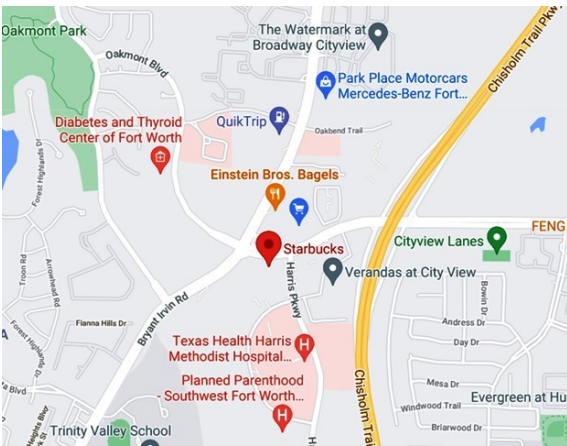
Friday, March 31, 1:15pm. Starbucks at 7429 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth. From I-20 head south on Bryant Irvin. The Starbucks is in the shopping center on the left near the corner of Bryant Irvin and Oakmont Blvd.

**2) Alternative Fort Worth Section Meeting Place in Hico:**

Friday, March 31, 2:45pm. Valero gas station in Hico. Caution: the gas station name may have changed. It is on the corner of TX-6 (2nd Street) and US-281, Hico, TX. Coming from Fort Worth, it'll be on the right.

**Lone Star and Fort Worth Sections Link-Up:**

Friday, March 31, 5pm. Gio's Italian Restaurant, 101 W Main St, Llano, TX.



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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 quarter. 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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and Mercedes-Benz of Grapevine invite you to avail of the 10% discount on parts and service and 15% off boutique items offered to MBCA members. Simply show your current MBCA membership card when paying for these items.

**BEAT THE DUES INCREASE!**

MBCA club dues will increase by \$10 beginning July 1, 2023. Until that time, you may renew at the current rates of \$55 for 1 year, \$107 for 2 years, and \$157 for 3 years. Effective July 1, the rates will be \$65, \$117 and \$167, respectively. Renew now to beat this price increase. As an additional incentive, you will receive one free month of membership if you renew for two years, and two free months if you renew for three years. You would need to renew at the current rates, or before July 1, to get these incentives. You lose nothing if you renew early. To take advantage of the immediate savings, login to your MBCA profile at [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org), call the office at 800-637-2360, or [click](#) for the renewal form and return it by mail, fax or email.



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### **MERCEDES-BENZ VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM FOR MBCA MEMBERS!**

You may qualify for rebates of up to \$1000 (sometimes more) depending on model! You need to be an MBCA member for at least 30 days to qualify for the new program. These rebates may change every month. [CLICK](#) for details.

### **MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS**

**1980 Mercedes 450SL.** 63K miles, in family past 16 years, everyday driver until retirement 5 years ago, painted once, original engine and transmission, both tops included, extensive records maintained, mechanically sound, all pneumatics replaced in climate control system, very dependable and solid, everything works, exclusive use of OEM parts during service and maintenance, all original except radio; spare parts, books, and cover included, car originally sold in Dallas, TX. \$10,500, located in Crowley, TX. Duerk Reimer, 817-909-7448.

**1983 380SL.** 121K miles. I've owned this vehicle since 1991. Approaching my 78th birthday I find it more difficult to get in and out of. I had a major tune up on the vehicle in 2014 by Loeffler's European Automobiles. Driven only 3,757 miles since the tune up. The tune up included replacing many engine parts, gaskets, the timing chain, fuel distributor and engine warm up regulator. The car really runs great. The air conditioning needs some attention. Asking \$15,000 or best offer. John H. Lewis, 817-475-3476, Arlington, TX.

**2013 SL550.** Only 50.1K miles. I am offering for sale my beloved SL. I've owned this vehicle since 2018. Superb mechanical condition. Almost all available options in 2013. It is fully loaded with Premium Pkg 1 (Keyless Go, rearview camera, Parktronic, heated and cooled seats, massage seats, etc.), Driver Assistance pkg (Distronic cruise control, blind spot assist, lane keeping assist, etc.) 19" wheels, and more. Always serviced by Mercedes Benz of Grapevine. All maintenance records are available. Asking \$39,999. Ron Rubin, 817-239-4277, Grapevine, TX.

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

## Prior Event Report - Holiday Luncheon at Colonial Country Club, December 10, 2022



Time out for a group photo.

Thirty-seven folks attended Fort Worth Section's 2022 Holiday Luncheon, which was held at the historic Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth.

We helped ourselves to the Colonial Signature Buffet, which featured a great Texas Salad, pan-seared salmon, chicken-fried steak, herb-roasted chicken, all the fixings, and a dessert selection. After dinner, members tried their hand at winning prizes by playing the "Nutcracker Ring Toss" game. The five proud winners of great Mercedes-Benz prizes were:

- 1st Place: Mark Tirschler - Mercedes-AMG travel clock.
- 2nd Place: Carol Pinkston - G-Wagen Christmas mug set.
- 3rd Place: Teresa Watt - Mercedes Star wine glass set.
- 4th Place: Ernest Borroel - History of the Star ornament set.
- 5th Place: John Flynn - Mercedes key fob USB flash drive.



Marlene Spurgeon goes for a winning toss.

After our game, DJ de Jesus kicked off a brief discussion on section business (fun stuff only). Tom Jobe was honored as 2022 Fort Worth Member of the Year, Teresa Watt and Ginny Pitzen apprised attendees of upcoming events, and Cecile de Jesus, Ana Hughes and Teresa Watt modeled the new Fort Worth Section jackets, just in time for the winter.

The Holiday Luncheon was a great finale to our 2022 event season.



Everyone was in a festive mood.



Tom Jobe, Fort Worth's Member of the Year.



Modeling the new club jackets.



Helping ourselves to a nice buffet lunch.



The Colonial was a perfect venue for this event..



The Nutcracker Ring Toss Winners.

## Prior Event Report - Drive, Eat and Sip, Roanoke TX, January 14, 2023



Anderson Grill is located in Roanoke's historic downtown.

Twenty-four folks joined us for a country drive, lunch and distilled liquor tasting in Roanoke. The new Anderson Grill served up eats and micro-distilled spirits in a unique industrial bar atmosphere. It is located in the heart of Roanoke's beautiful downtown.

After a country drive which avoided urban traffic, we arrived at historic Oak Street in downtown Roanoke, where Anderson Distillery and Grill is located. Owner Jay Anderson and his son Corey cheerfully welcomed us to their establishment.



Ready for lunch.

We enjoyed a lunch of craft eats and liquor samples provided by the distillery. After lunch, we tasted 4 of Anderson's liquors - generous portions of rum, vodka, whiskey and coffee cream liqueur. After the tasting, Corey Anderson explained how they turn grain and sugars into drinks to enjoy. He also took us to their distillery room and showed us how each piece of equipment worked.

The 2023 season kicked off with a truly fun event.



The gang at the heart of Roanoke.



We tasted the raw material, too.



In the distillery room.



The caravan en route.



Corey Anderson tells us how he makes booze.



Trying to determine which stage is ready to sip.

**Prior Event Report - Pre-Valentine Sunday Brunch at Via Reál, February 5, 2023**



Greets before heading inside.

Nineteen folks joined us for a Pre-Valentine Sunday brunch at Via Reál in Las Colinas where we enjoyed a delightful Southwestern buffet. The buffet selections included Southwestern Eggs Benedict, beef chilaquiles, omelets made to order, fajitas, other beef & seafood dishes, carving, salad and dessert stations, and more. Unlimited Mimosas and Poinsettias were included with our meal.



Plenty of food to select from.

Kudos to the kitchen and service staff of Via Reál - the food and service were excellent.

After brunch, we stayed to chat and catch up with fellow members. Thanks to Chris and Teresa Watt for making this event happen.



Mimosas 'n' Roses.



Our welcome sign.



The dessert station.



Flower delivery.



The Three Amigos.



Our very nice private room.

**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](mailto:ryanne@mbca.org). Your email address will be used for MBCA correspondence only. Thanks!!

**MBCA Membership Application**  
*Please print clearly*

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Overseas and Canadians: use international money orders in U.S. funds. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express also accepted.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Fort Worth Section**  
 Section preference (or we will assign by zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

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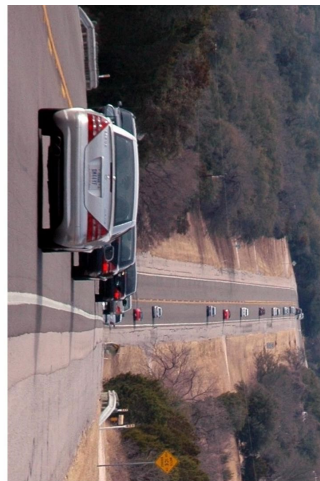
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 **2008 Section of the Year**



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