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Fourth Quarter, 2018

**Holiday Celebration at the Colonial, Ft. Worth, TX, Saturday, December 15, 6:30pm.**



Our 2018 Holiday Dinner-Dance will be at the famous Colonial Country Club, site of the Fort worth Invitational professional golf tournament. Let us jump start the holidays with a night of good food, entertainment, games, prizes, dancing and camaraderie with our fellow MBCA members. The agenda, menu and other details follow below. Also below is a listing of hotels located very close to our party venue, in case you would like to spend the night nearby.

NOTE: We have always filled our venues and had to turn away some late registrants in the past. Sign up now and pay the event fee to assure your spot(s).

**When:** Saturday, December 15, 2018, 6:30pm  
**Where:** Colonial Country Club, 3735 Country Club Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76109, (817) 927-4200.  
**Attire:** Cocktail, Coat and Tie.

**Cost and Signup:** Please sign up as early as you can so we can give the Colonial an accurate headcount and assure enough food, drink and space for everyone. Family and friends of MBCA members are welcome. The cost of this event will be \$55 per person. Cocktails and wine can be ordered at additional cost. You have 2 ways to pay for the event fee:

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), (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.

**AGENDA:**

**6:30 - COCKTAIL RECEPTION:**  
 Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash Bar (credit card ok).

**7:30 - DINNER:**  
 Our 3-course menu will be:  
**Winter Spinach Salad:** Baby Spinach, Sliced Mushrooms, Hard-boiled Eggs & Gorgonzola Cheese, Candied Bacon & Pomegranate Molasses & Mustard Vinaigrette.  
**Surf 'n' Turf:** Grilled Petit Beef Tenderloin Medallion, Port Wine Reduction Baked Salmon & Crab Meat Roulade, Boursin Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes, Green Asparagus with Roasted Red Pepper Marmalade.  
**Apple Cider Pound Cake:** Buttery Pound Cake made with Apple Pie Spices & Streusel Topping Served with Pumpkin Spice Latte Ice Cream.

**Beverages:** Coffee and tea included. Wine and other beverages may be ordered at the cash bar at additional cost.

**Special Dietary Needs:** Please inform DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto:djdejesus@charter.net), of special dietary requirements when you book your spot(s).

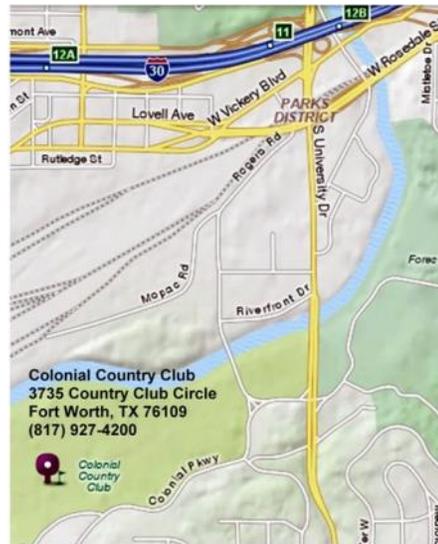
**8:45 to ?? - DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES.**

**Cash Bar:** Open throughout the event for liquor, cocktails, beer, wine by the glass, etc.  
**Parking:** You may self-park (free parking on premises), or you may use our prepaid valet parking (no cost to you except for tips).

**Nearby Hotels (very close to our party venue):**  
 Courtyard Fort Worth University Drive, 3150 Riverfront Drive, Fort Worth, TX (817) 335-1300  
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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.

**SOLD OUT! Texas History Overnighter, San Angelo, TX, Saturday and Sunday, November 3-4, 8:15am**



This event sold out in a day, but we have opened a waiting list. Email DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto:djdejesus@charter.net), to get on the waiting list. You'll never know unless you try. We will apprise if slots become available.

This Fall driving event will be a fun-filled Texas History themed overnighter in San Angelo, TX. We will visit some of the many attractions the city has to offer, eat at local-flavor restaurants, enjoy a social, and play one of our world-famous games for prizes. Our headquarters will be the Marriott Residence Inn, and we have reserved a limited number of beautiful Studio Suites (all with King Beds) for the club.

On Saturday we will make our way to San Angelo on roads less traveled. We will head directly to The Grill for lunch. After lunch, we will visit Fort Concho, which was built in 1867 to protect frontier settlements, patrol and map the vast West Texas region, and quell hostile threats in the area.

It housed up to 500 men from some of the most famous frontier units after the Civil War. It preserves twenty-three original and restored fort structures. After we get settled in our hotel, we will have a private tour of Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum. Miss Hattie's was an infamous house of ill repute from the turn of the century until the Texas Rangers shut it down in the 1950s. It is a prominent part of San Angelo's history. We will access the bordello through Legend Jewelers, a San Angelo jewelry store which crafts and sells jewelry with Concho River pearls, found only in the Tampico pearlymussel in the Concho River and its environs. Dinner will be at the unique Miss Hattie's Restaurant and Cathouse Lounge, owned by Brenda Gunter, mayor of San Angelo. The restaurant used to be a bank, and it had a secret tunnel to the bordello in case its clients wanted to engage in some discreet extracurricular activities. After dinner, we will go back to the hotel to play another of our world-famous games at the hotel's meeting room - winners will get great prizes. After the game, we will spend the rest of the evening catching up with old friends, and hopefully make new ones, at the social in the meeting room.

On Sunday, we will see the San Angelo Riverwalk, which we will access via the magnificent saddle-shaped San Angelo Visitors' Center and its beautifully-maintained grounds. Then, we will visit the International Water Lily Collection. One person owns this collection, and this will only be 1/2 of 1% of the water lilies he owns and cares for. He rotates the exhibit every year. It is located in a public park and he converted the area from an eyesore to what it is today. Depending on the weather, he will be there to tell us about his water lilies. We timed the visit to increase the chances of the plants blooming while we are there, but this depends on the temperature and the weather. Our lunch venue will be at the Zero One Ale House, which also brews its own beer. After lunch, we will drive back home on our own.

For complete details, go to our website, [www.mbcafortworth.org](http://www.mbcafortworth.org), click the [Event Calendar](#) button, then select this event.

### MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

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**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.

**1983 Mercedes 380SL.** V8, hard/soft tops, Champagne metallic/leather. 60k miles. Excellent mechanicals, needs some interior refurb. One owner. \$16k. 817-261-7605. [Mjupton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mjupton@sbcglobal.net).

**1985 500SEL.** Great Condition. Everything works well. Factory delivered and then lived in California until we moved to Texas in 2016. Road trip car, not used for local stop and go trips. 199,830 easy miles. It's been maintained by the dealer & then a private MBZ expert. We're not in a place where we can maintain it now. Almost-concours or just show it off today condition. Recent transmission work was done by dealer. New battery and tires. Receipts are available. Original Becker radio, sunroof, and other original goodies. 408-489-5579 to view. \$13,500 or best offer.

**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.

**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 - Watts Cookin' BBQ! Irving, TX, July 7, 2018**



Drinks before lunch.

Teresa and Chris Watt invited the club for lunch at their home. Twenty-six folks enjoyed great home-smoked ribs and brisket, accompanied by a nice salad, beans, plus iced tea and soda, brownies and chocolate cake. Members BYOB'd to enjoy lunch with their favorite libations. In addition, Ernest Borroel grilled up some sausage, Paula Bartlett baked peanut butter cookies, and Mel Kym brought some watermelon. It was not possible to remain hungry after all that food.

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:



Beauties: Bill Kimball's 190SL and Mark Tirschler's Pagoda.

**First Place - Team A:** Dan Patz, Yolanda Borroel, Teresa Watt and Tom Clayton. Each team member got a Li'l Larry LED work light.

**Runner-Up - Team C:** Bill Kimball, Nancy Petty, Peggy Williams and Mark Tirschler. Each team member got a Mercedes-Benz valve stem cover set.

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 cooking our meal, to Ernest Borroel for his grilled sausage, to Paula Bartlett for her home-baked peanut butter cookies, to Mel Kym for the watermelon, and to Kris Ikejiri for his fine photo contributions.



Members enjoy home-cooked Texas BBQ and grilled sausage with all the fixin's.



Chef Chris Watt at work.



Teresa Watt says the ribs are ready.



Ernest Borroel and Chris Watt.



Peggy Williams tries to sink one for her team.



Team A wins first place.

Prior Event Report - George H. W. Bush Museum Trip, College Station, TX, August 25, 2018



Part of the lineup.

Fifteen members in 8 cars made the trip to College Station, had a Texas BBQ lunch, and enjoyed a visit to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Located in the Texas A&M campus, the museum exhibits recreate the life and times of President George H. W. Bush. They include replicas of President Bush's Camp David Office, White House Press Room, the Situation Room, and the Oval Office. Also housed in the museum is a restored 1944 TBM Avenger torpedo bomber like the one President Bush flew as a Navy pilot in World War II, the presidential limousine, a section of the Berlin Wall, and much more. The current featured rotating exhibit is Machines in Motion, featuring 30 Leonardo da Vinci machines, which were faithfully reconstructed from his original designs.



Texas BBQ lunch at the Texas A&M campus.

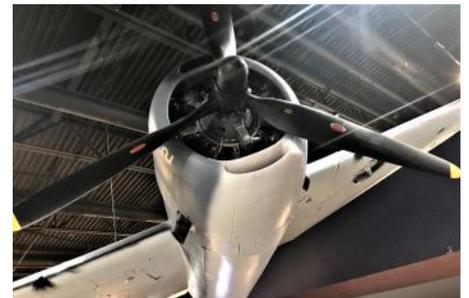
We also took a short walk through beautiful, meticulously-maintained gardens and visited the gravesite of Barbara and Robin Bush, and the future resting place of President Bush.



Group picture at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.



Politics is about compromise.



WW2 Grumman TBM Avenger torpedo plane.



Barbara and Robin Bush gravesite.



Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit.



How do you tweet on this thing?

**Prior Event Report - Crafts, Cheese and BBQ Tour, Waco, TX, September 22 , 2018**



En route to Waco.

Ten folks in 5 cars joined us for a country drive to Waco, a BBQ lunch, a craft village visit, and delicious cheese. Some members opted out due to high chances of rain. However, apart from a few short drizzles en route, the rain stayed away, the roads were dry, the temperature was refreshingly cooler and the crowds stayed home. It all turned out for the best.



The caravan pauses for lunch.

Lunch was at the Red Wagon BBQ, which serves about the best BBQ anywhere. Then, we visited the Homestead Craft Village, established by folks who have decided to simplify their lives with old skills, old traditions and living low-tech. We saw the pottery shop, woodworking shop, blacksmith forge, water-powered grist mill, textile shop, gift shop and more, all immaculately maintained. The folks who run these establishments were very nice and answered any questions asked in great detail. This village and way of life was featured in the Texas Country Reporter TV series some years ago. Last, we visited Brazos Valley Cheese, makers of excellent cheeses which some of us purchased to take home. We enjoyed a great cheese tray and iced tea at their picnic area before the trip home.



At the water-powered grist mill.



The herb garden.



At the Brazos Cheese Factory.



Lunch was at the Red Wagon BBQ.



The blacksmith forge.



Enjoying a really good cheese tray.

**Prior Event Report - Mercedes-Benz Financial's Oktoberfest and Heritage Event. September 26, 2018**



It was raining, then the skies turned blue.

Mercedes-Benz Financial Services invited a limited number of MBFA Fort Worth Section's classic and new-timer owners to show their model year 2000 and older Mercedes-Benz automobiles to help celebrate Oktoberfest at the MBFS office campus in Fort Worth. This is so MBFS employees can have the opportunity to enjoy real examples of their Mercedes-Benz's rich heritage.

Despite some rain that morning, eleven classics and newtimers made an appearance to the delight of many MBFS associates. More would have come if not for the rain chances. To our relief, the sun came out and the skies turned blue that afternoon - perfect weather to show cars. We made ourselves available to MBFS staff to answer any questions about our cars.



Newtimers!

More than 600 MBFS employees attended the celebration, and we MBFA members enjoyed great German food and drink as their guests. At the end of the event, MBFS presented each car owner a set of beautiful Mercedes-Benz stemless wine glasses for participating in the car show. Many thanks to MBFS for inviting our club and for the great hospitality.



Part of the club line-up.



The event was very well-attended.



Cecile de Jesus and Jim Hannon.



MBFS employees enjoyed the veterans.



One last picture before leaving for home.



Cecile de Jesus, Jorge Ordonez and Mary Gaines.

Prior Event Report - Park Place Luxury & Supercar Showcase, Las Colinas, TX, October 13, 2018



A Rolls remains an ultimate symbol of wealth and luxury.

Despite torrential rains which soaked the Park Place Showcase at the Four Seasons, the few of us who came made the most out of this event.

Predictably, the classic show cars stayed home. However, a few nice ones did brave the weather. Also, the various Park Place dealerships lined up their most premium automotive offerings - Rolls-Royce, Bentley, McLaren, Bugatti, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Jaguar and more. The party went on despite the elements - the food, drink and entertainment were excellent.



The post-event social at the Watt home.

As scheduled, Chris and Teresa Watt held the post-event reception for club members at their nearby home despite the weather. Those who came enjoyed drinks, snacks and camaraderie. Many thanks to the Watts for their hospitality.



The Pirelli Gang: DJ & Cecile de Jesus, Teresa & Chris Watt.



The food and drink were excellent and plentiful.



Classic Bentleys.



The new 4-door AMG GTS coupe.



The Bugatti Chiron was an obvious star.



The completely redesigned G63 AMG.

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Mercedes-Benz cars now owned (model and year): \_\_\_\_\_

(List additional cars elsewhere)

Interest: (please check)  driving events  car shows  social events

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