

**COVID Notes:** Regretfully, we will not have events for January and February to the increased risk of Covid exposure during this surge. We do not want to expose attendees to unnecessary risk. Our first event of the year will be the Crawfish Boil below, tentatively scheduled for March 27. Please note that the decision to attend these events is yours alone, and you assume all risks pertaining to Covid-19 in addition to the usual risks of event participation. Please do not attend if you have been exposed to the virus and/or are experiencing Covid or Covid-like symptoms. We will follow Covid protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) to make these events as safe as possible. You will be asked to certify that you have not knowingly been exposed to Covid-19, and are not experiencing Covid or Covid-like symptoms. Your temperature will be taken at some or all events - those who have temps which reach or exceed the CDC guideline of 100.4 will not be allowed to attend. Please bring an ample supply of masks, wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. so you may better protect yourself and others from this virus.

**NEXT EVENT (other events inside):**

**Nawlins Crawfish Boil, Crowley, TX, Saturday, March 27, 11:30am**



Our first event of the year will be our very popular crawfish boil. This event is tentatively scheduled for March 27 subject to the Covid situation in our area. Fellow members Ernest & Diane Castillo are hosting a Cajun Crawfish Boil for the club at their property in Crowley. Plus, Ernie Borroel of the Fort Worth board will be grilling up sliders and wings for those who don't eat crawfish (and those who do). Those who have attended this outdoor event in the past may remember that the Castillos' property is very spacious and will allow us to spread out to maintain social distancing. Jim & Sean Hannon will be doing the cooking, and all we need to do is enjoy. Make sure to BYOB to wash it all down.

Lots of crawdad boiled with real Louisiana spices, plus sausage and corn. You may book your reservations per the instructions below - we will refund your payment should the event be canceled.

**When:** Saturday, March 27, 11:30am

**Beverages:** Bring your own.

**Cost and Signup:**

The cost for the crawfish boil will be \$30 per person for MBCA members and their immediate family members. The non-member fee is \$40 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.

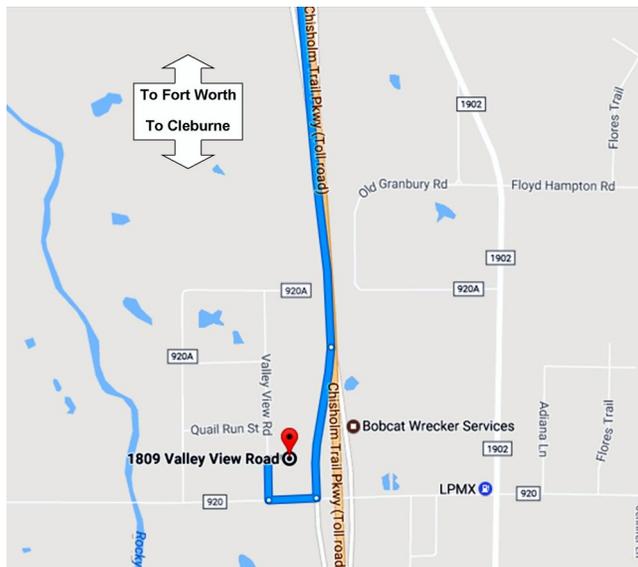
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2) To pay with a check:

Register and send your payment as soon as possible. Email DJ de Jesus, [djdejesus@charter.net](mailto:djdejesus@charter.net), (817) 319 3033, to let him know you are coming. Make your check payable to MBCA, and send to DJ de Jesus, 4159 Charon Ln, Ft Worth, TX 76116.

**Directions:** Proceed to Ernest Castillo's home at 1809 Valley View Road in Crowley. From Fort Worth, head south on the Chisholm Trail Parkway toll road. Take the County Road 920 exit then turn right (west) on CR-920. Right (north) on Valley View Rd. Third house on the right.



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**Fort Worth Section Meetings at Park Place Fort Worth**

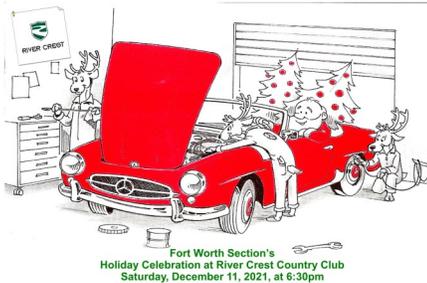
The Fort Worth Section board meets at 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. We encourage attendance, suggestions and exchange of ideas from any MBCA member. The meetings are held at Park Place Motorcars Fort Worth, 5601 S Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth.

*Park Place*

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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.

**RESCHEDULED: Holiday Celebration at River Crest Country Club, Fort Worth, TX, December 11, 2021, 6:30pm:**



Our 2021 Holiday Party will be at the River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth. The iconic River Crest has been one of Fort Worth's premier country clubs since its inception. Let us jump start the holidays with a night of good food, games, prizes and camaraderie with our fellow MBCA members. The agenda, menu and other details follow below. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can. First come, first served.

NOTE: Covid-19 has taken a financial toll on our club. The MBUSA stipend to the MBCA National Office has been suspended, and National Office revenues from other sources have declined, and so financial support to MBCA sections has been reduced. However, Fort Worth Section is still able to subsidize over 40% of our party's cost, so our members do not have to bear the full cost of the event. Please sign up early to help us plan and manage our costs!

COVID Precautions on Page 1 will apply if necessary on December 11, 2021:

**When:** Saturday, December 11, 2021, 6:30pm.

**Where:** River Crest Country Club, Founders Room, 1501 Western Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76107. (817) 738-9221.

**Dress:** Cocktail, Coat and Tie.

**Cost and Signup:** Please sign up as early as you can so we can assure enough food, drink and space for everyone. Family and friends of MBCA members are welcome. The cost of this event will be \$75 per person. Cocktails and wine can be ordered at additional cost.

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**Agenda:**

**6:30 - COCKTAIL RECEPTION:**

Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash Bar (cash only) is open.

**7:15 - DINNER:**

Our 3-course dinner will include:

1) Winter Blueberry Salad - Winter Blueberries, French Brie, Oranges, Spiced Almonds, Jicama, Feta Cheese Crumbles, Warm White Balsamic Dressing

2) Char-Grilled Bacon-Wrapped Filet Mignon and Sea Bass Filet Roasted in Brown Butter and Lemon, Roasted Asparagus, Garlic Mashed Potatoes

**3) Plated Dessert Trio:**

\* Egg Nog Creme Brulee Spoon - Creamy Egg Nog, Fall Spices, Burnt Sugar Crust

\* Winter Bread Pudding - Bread Pudding, Vanilla Custard, Dried Fruit, Whiskey Cream, Spiced Caramel Sauce

\* Pecan Black Bottom Tart - Bourbon Pecan Pie laced with Dark Chocolate, Sugar Pie Shell, Warm Butterscotch Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream

**Beverages:** Coffee and tea included. Wine and other beverages may be ordered at the cash bar (CASH ONLY, NO CREDIT CARDS) at additional cost.

**8:30 to 10:30 - GAME, PRIZES, CAMARADERIE.**

**Directions:** From Downtown Fort Worth, head west on I-30. Exit Hulen Street and turn right (north) on Hulen St. Go past Camp Bowie Blvd. Turn right (east) on Crestline Road then left (north) on Western Ave. River Crest Country Club will be on your right.

**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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Vikki.Kopp@MedicalCityHealth.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.

**2000 SL500 Hardtop.** Black, excellent paint and new Alcantara headliner (grey). \$795 OBO, contact Dan 817-975-9237.

**Prior Event Report - Smokin' Joe BBQ & Prime Rib Day, Davis, OK, November 14, 2020**



Break at St. Jo, TX.

MBCA members Martin & Nicki Branville and Scott & Rhonda Williamson of our section board hosted this scenic Fall Drive through St. Jo and the Oklahoma Arbuckles - a great route to a fine BBQ lunch. Thirty-four folks in 19 cars attended. Our lunch venue was Smokin' Joe's Rib Ranch in Davis, Oklahoma, where we enjoyed just about the best BBQ around.



The lineup at Smokin' Joe's, Davis, OK.

After lunch, some of us opted to proceed to Gravity Hill in nearby Springer, where our cars were seemingly pulled uphill while on neutral. We positioned our cars at just the right spot, put them on neutral, and let them go where they wished. Optical illusion or not, it worked.

Many thanks to our organizers for their hard work so we can have a fun event during these difficult times.



The caravan en route.



Martin Branville briefs attendees in Fort Worth.



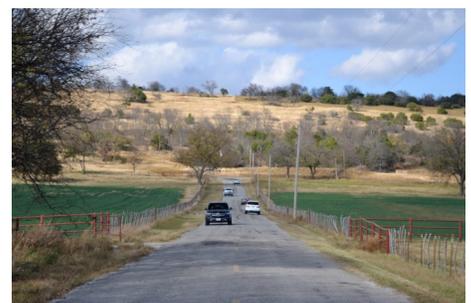
DJ & Cecile de Jesus, Chris & Teresa Watt.



Our hosts, Martin & Nicki Branville.



Smokin' Joe's famous prime rib.



Gravity Hill, Springer, Ok.

**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 RYANNE 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!!

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**Fort Worth Section**

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