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**Heritage Ranch Country Club
 Fairview, TX
 Saturday, December 14, 2019**

2019 Annual MBCA, NTX Christmas
 Party December 14, 2019, 6:30pm -
 Mark Your Calendars!



Before you know it, Christmas will be here! It's just around the corner! The North Texas Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America will be holding its annual Christmas party on December 14, 2019, 6:30pm, at the Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club once again. The club has enjoyed having our Christmas Party previously at this venue, and we are looking forward to having it in this location again this year! Those of you who have attended in the past will recall the club's beautiful décor at this time of the year with its array of lights and wonderful holiday decorations. It also is a great place to showcase Mercedes cars. The setting is festive, the food is delicious, and every kind of music you can request will be available for dancing or just for enjoying. We will also be entertained by a special program that you will not want to miss! Overall, it will be just what you need to put you in that holiday mood and to keep you celebrating!!

The festivities will begin at 6:30 PM with cocktails and an assortment of delicious cheeses, crackers, fruits and berries. After our salad, our buffet will include Prime Rib with au jus and creamy horseradish and/or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Boursin cheese whipped potatoes, green bean casserole, and hot rolls will accompany the entrees. After dinner, you may choose from an assortment of desserts displayed for your convenience. Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout dinner also. Tickets will be \$45 per person and can be purchased by registering and paying through PayPal. Please be sure to note your guest's name when you register so that proper name tags can be made available to everyone.

There will be a pay as you go bar with wine, beer and mixed drinks. We will have some great door prizes to give away and will be drawing throughout the evening for the lucky winners! A 50/50 raffle and a special raffle will also be held to benefit our charities – The Samaritan Inn in McKinney and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.

Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club is located just off Stacy Road @ Highway 75 North at 465 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, Texas 75069.

Cocktail attire will be the dress for the evening. It should be a great evening of fun, food, fellowship, and festivities while we celebrate the Christmas season.

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November/December 2019 President's Message



I've just returned from the new car introduction at Mercedes-Benz of Plano. This year the 2020 GLE and GLS were featured and prominently displayed on the massive showroom at MB Plano. It wasn't the best night weather-wise with cold temperatures and threatening rain, but a good attendance nevertheless. Typical of the MB Plano new car introductions, guests were treated with an assortment of tasty food and beverages from 6 to 8pm. MB Plano representatives were on hand to answer questions and illustrate features.

An interesting side note was that both the GLS and GLE on display were made in America and in particular manufactured in Vance, Alabama. I wouldn't necessarily know where Vance, AL is located except we go right by it when we travel to Ft Lee, Virginia. What started as just a wide spot in the road has morphed into a huge vehicle manufacturing complex just east of Tuscaloosa and west of Birmingham. Sometime we'll have to allow enough time to visit.

Congratulations to our elected officers and board members, but we desperately need additional volunteers for our events planning committee and future officers and board members. If you feel like your arm is being twisted, it's probably because it is. Our section is the second largest in the entire club and we have the most talented members, but we need to hear from you.

The September membership appreciation picnic and clean car show were well attended in spite of their new venue. Many of the remarks went something like: "best ever," "fantastic BBQ!" Yes it was in a new place and I'm sorry, but Sandy Lake got sold and wasn't available. Maurice had to really scramble to find us a place that could accommodate our 100+ members that regularly attend.

The North Texas Christmas party is back to the familiar Heritage Ranch December 14th. Check your email and/or our website for time and location details.

A rather unique opportunity this year is the MBCA national board meeting scheduled November 14-17. Hopefully you have been watching your email blasts and monitoring the website because by the time you read this it will probably be over. Brett has been working tirelessly on this project and I expect to see many of you there.

Very sincerely,

Craig Halverson
President, North Texas Section



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Welcome!

The North Texas Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) is dedicated to enhancing the ownership experience of the finest automobiles in the world. We engage in a variety of activities throughout the year that hopefully appeal to a broad section of our membership.

Currently our membership totals almost 1000 members who are committed to furthering their experience and enjoyment of their cars. Whether you're a gear head, performance driver, rally enthusiast, cultural maven or social mingler, the MBCA North Texas Section had an upcoming event for you. Check out the Events section to see what's coming up during the year, and for details on events that are just over the horizon.

Event Reports

July Membership Meeting

**Islamorada Fish Company
Saturday, July 20, 2019
Garland, TX**



On Saturday, 7/20/19 the MBCA, NTX Section hosted another one of its great members' lunches. This lunch was held at the Islamorada Fish Company inside Bass Pro Shops located in Garland, Texas on Lake Ray Hubbard Lake. After a brief Saturday drive eastward in their MB's, the 28 members who attended visited and shared stories about their MB experiences. Those attending then enjoyed a great lunch of Cajun catfish, chimichurri chicken, or a tournament burger – all chef's specials. After the orders were placed, a 50/50 raffle was held to benefit the section's charities – The Samaritan Inn of McKinney and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. A total of \$103 was collected for the raffle, and the winner of 50% of this amount, \$51, was Eric Van Der Velden.

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MBCA NTX Oktoberfest

**Bavarian Grill
October 10, 2019
Plano, TX**



On a great Thursday night, The North Texas Section was hosted by The Bavarian Grill for our annual Oktoberfest. We had 31 people in attendance who all enjoyed great German entrees and dessert. Not to mention the very best German beer selection in Texas. Jurgen, the owner of Bavarian Grill, addressed the group and thanked us for visiting. We were addressed by our section leadership along with the South-Central Regional Director and our National President, Gene Jurick.



Two families came dressed in traditional Bavarian garb. The Jurick's and Kemball-Cooks wore Lederhosen and Dirndl's. This turned out to be a super fun event with great food, drink and fellowship. Thanks to Bavarian Grill for hosting and to everyone who joined us. Prost!



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Event Report

Autumn Trails Parade & Drive



October 26, 2019
Winnsboro, TX

This year 6 cars and 12 North Texas members braved the rain and attended the Winnsboro, Texas annual Autumn Parade. This was the 56th year of the event and our Section has been a part of the parade for several years. Early founders of the event were the Dallas Model A Ford Club and each year over a 100 Model A's attend the event. Always exciting

to see these old cars still running and in great condition. The parade route into the city is several miles long and hundreds of kids line the route waiting for the cars in the parade to throw candy and our group doesn't disappoint them with lots of Halloween treats. After the parade the group stopped for lunch at CountryBoys BBQ and Sweets for lunch and a raffle. While the rain kept a lot of our folks away it was a fun day and we enjoyed visiting over lunch. It is always fun getting out of the big city and being in a rural small east Texas town and seeing what it is like without high rise buildings and lots of traffic. A fun day even with the rain.



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Park Place Luxury & Supercar Showcase

September 28, 2019
Irving, TX



The North Texas Section was a part of the 2019 Park Place Luxury & Supercar Showcase. The field consisted of 200 cars with a Concours event for new and vintage cars and a car club showcase which our Section was a part of. The weather was great, the food and drink were interesting and the music was fun. The collection of new cars on display on the Concours field was amazing and it would be interesting to know the value of all of the cars at the event. We had 22 cars in the Mercedes Benz Club Showcase and 2 cars in the Concours. The 300 SL belonging to Richard Morrow won first place in the German Car Class. This was the third year Park Place Motor Cars our great dealer partner held this charity event benefiting Baylor Scott & White Irving Foundation. We are looking forward to next year.



Welcome 22 New Members Between 8/28 & 10/31!

Rahul Bapna
Kenneth Bloskas
Kevin Diamond
Clarence Drennon
Sylvain Edoukou
Christopher Francis
Jonathan Freeney
Bradie Hayes
Corey Jackson
Pon Keomanivong
Gottfried Laubichler

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Brian McCullough
Monte McGowan
Caroline Norris
Vijay Pillappa
Donald Severt
Rishi Sirpal
Fred Stovall
Roy Wedge
Drew Wilson
Richard Woodard

Thanks to Our 67 Renewing Members Between 8/28 & 10/31!

Jack Agnew
Imad Anabtawi
Anthony Androsky
Adrian Barfield
Orlando Barrett
Arthur Bollon
James Botary
James Briggs
Suzanne Callins
Miles Casad
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Jerard Martin
David Maschkowski
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Jimmy Negem
Louise Oeri
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1st Prize

2020 Mercedes-Benz GLE
MSRP: \$56,200



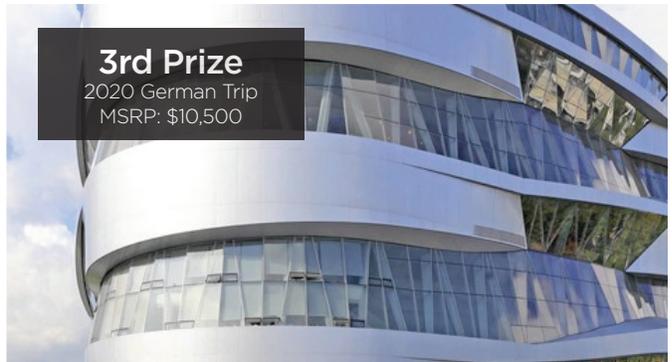
2nd Prize

2020 Mercedes-Benz GLC
MSRP: \$44,500



3rd Prize

2020 German Trip
MSRP: \$10,500



MBCA's 2019 Fall Raffle

Details & Dates

- Prize:
 - 1st: 2020 GLE 350 4Matic
 - 2nd: 2020 GLC 300 4Matic SUV
 - 3rd: MBCA German Trip
- Tickets are \$50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 4, 2019
- Drawing is Thursday, December 12, 2019
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit raffle.mbca.org, call the NBO at **800-637-2360** or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.

Open to MBCA Members only. Must be 18 years of age or older. No limit on the number of tickets one member may purchase. 1st place will receive \$56,200 less 25% tax-withholdings; 2nd place will receive \$44,500 less 25% tax-withholdings; 3rd place will receive \$10,500 less 25% tax-withholdings. The 1st and 2nd prize winners will shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. The 3rd prize will receive a check that may be applied towards the registration of a 2020 German trip. If fewer than 4,450 tickets are sold, 1st prize will receive 50% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales; 2nd prize will receive 40% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales; and 3rd prize will receive 10% of one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. Vehicles featured in this ad are representative only. Odds of winning depend on the total number of tickets sold. Must be a current Member of MBCA at the time of purchase and day of the prize drawing. Members may attend the drawing (not required to enter or win). 100% of net raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purpose of MBCA International Stars Section.

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Help!

Calling All Members...

We are always looking for new folks who are interested in participating in Club activities. Whether through events, driving, etc. Please contact Ron Seifert at rseifert@grandecom.net to learn more.

New Ideas Wanted

We're always looking for new ideas for events, get-togethers, drives, overnight tours, etc. If there's a particular type of event you would like us to host, let us know. Contact Maurice Nahas at maurice@mnaahas.com.

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Upcoming Events in 2019/2020

November 14 - 17	MBCA National Board Meeting - Frisco
December 14	MBCA NTX Christmas Party
January 11	DIY Tech Session
January 18	Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum
February 8	Membership Lunch
March 7	Membership Lunch
April 11	Granbury Drive & Brewery Tour
April 25	Spring Day at the Range
July 11	DIY Tech Session

More to Come!

Event dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check out our website at <http://ntx.mbca.org> for the most updated information.