



# Texas Hill Country Section

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## Message from the President

*John is currently out of town...*

## Mercedes-Benz Club

CARS I HAVE OWNED— BEFORE I FOUND MERCEDES-BENZ

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Rebecca Creek Park—Charlie & Yaeko...

### *The Mustang – My 3<sup>rd</sup> car*

C. Dove

Over the last few months I've been writing about the experience of getting my first car and the ones that came after. I had a lot to learn about car ownership, the maintenance involved, and the cars ahead in my future.

So after my 1<sup>st</sup> car, the '59 Ford Galaxie 500, and after selling the '62 Olds and getting \$900 for it, I was on the hunt for my next car. When Ford unveiled the 1965 Mustang; I was hooked right away. That was the car for me. Of course \$900 was not going to get me a Mustang. I was still in high school. But the hunt was on for a used Mustang that I could possibly afford. Not long after the sale of the Olds, I lost my dad... and I drove his '61 Comet to school and work for a while longer.

I still had years to go before I discovered Mercedes-Benz and what

it was like to drive and own one. At this time in my life, a Mercedes-Benz was only a distant and passing dream.

But Mustangs were running through my head now – back then car ads were in the newspaper, and there were lots of ads. Used '65 mustangs were priced between \$1400 and \$1900 depending on options, mileage and condition.

During my junior year in high school, I got a part time job at the San Antonio Light newspaper company working in the advertising production department. It was an interesting job that paid well for a high school kid.

One morning I saw an ad for a Mustang at car lot located on the Southside of town. A little independent car lot (Cont'd on next pg)



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- called C&D Motors. I knew this had to be the place since those letters are my initials. I drove to the car lot and there it was – a bur-gundy 1965 Mustang coupe with white interior. It had a 289 V8, and a 3 speed standard floor shift. It had no A/C, no center console, but was in overall good condition. It had 58k miles on the odometer. A bit high for a 3 year old car. But it didn't have many options; it was priced well at \$1000 – Cash only. Plus TT&L. I was excited – but I still needed a little more money – now that I had a better paying job, I knew I could do this... so that weekend I took my mom to see the car. I needed to get her approval. She always liked cool cars, so it wasn't hard to get her okay. She liked the car. So the deal was done, and I drove home in the Mustang.

My dad had always told me that whenever a used car was purchased, the first thing to do is to change the oil and filter – and give the car a good tune-up. So that is what I did with the Mustang. New spark plugs, wires, points, condenser and distributor cap along with a new air filter, and fresh oil and filter. It ran—

.great! And since I had a good paying job with the San Antonio Light, I was able to have an under the dash Air Conditioner installed during the summer. A neighborhood auto service center had a special going on – for \$250 installed. It even included a larger radiator fan to help cool the engine with the added pull of the compressor. What a deal... I loved that car. I kept it through my high school graduation. Then I was ready for a newer car. Cars number 3 and 4 were next. Car number 3 was a short term – until number 4 came along. I'll elaborate on that story next time. Until then, enjoy your ride – whatever it may be.



1965  
Mustang





# ***August Event Siobhain's Collectibles***

Our group met up together in Boerne. From there, we enjoyed a scenic drive along the country roads to Comfort, Texas. Our destination - Siobhain's Antiques and Collectibles otherwise known as Shopping with Siobhain.. It was an excellent destination to explore unique vintage and antique treasures. The variety and uniqueness of the collection made for an interesting experience for everyone.

In back of the store is an area with a bar/kitchen that can be used for parties and catering events. A really nice touch. There is an option to stay overnight in one of several cabins or casitas as they are referred to.

On a side note, we met an old Benz club friend from several years ago. Paulette Sontag. She lives in Kerrville, so meeting us in Comfort was a better plan for her. We caught up on cars and life stories. She still has her 1982 SL380... I think it is a 1982, but still a 380SL. She also has a 2014 E350 Cabriolet that she drove on this day. It was so good to see her again and she has re-joined the club, so I'm sure we will see her again soon.





# August Event—Continued

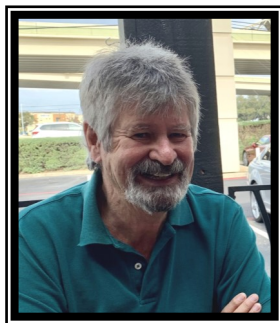
So onward to our next destination – Camp Verde General Store and Restaurant.. There were 8 of us at this point. Although the store has been in this same spot for over 150 years, it has gone through many changes. The store has a wide variety of products gathered from artisans and producers from around the world. And fine food offered in their restaurant is prepared fresh with something for everyone's needs and likes. We had an excellent lunch.

From there we drove on to Apple Annie's Orchard in Medina just down the road from the restaurant. Apple Annie has everything Apple. All creations are from their apple orchard. From homemade apple pies, turnovers, jams and jellies, to apple ice cream. A wonderful stop for us – we sampled the soft serve apple ice cream and added a bit of their homemade apple cider syrup for a topping... Soooo Good!

This was the end of our day – everyone said their good-byes and went on their way home. By the time we got back home, there were 162 miles added to the odometer on the SL What a great driving car too! It's nice to drive in a Mercedes-Benz – no matter what model it is. Happy Motoring.



## SECTION OFFICERS



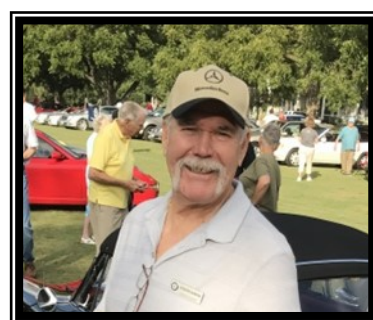
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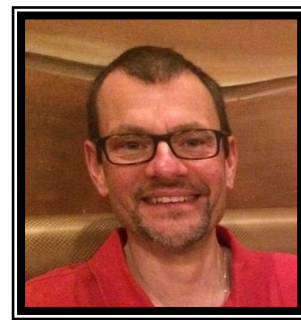
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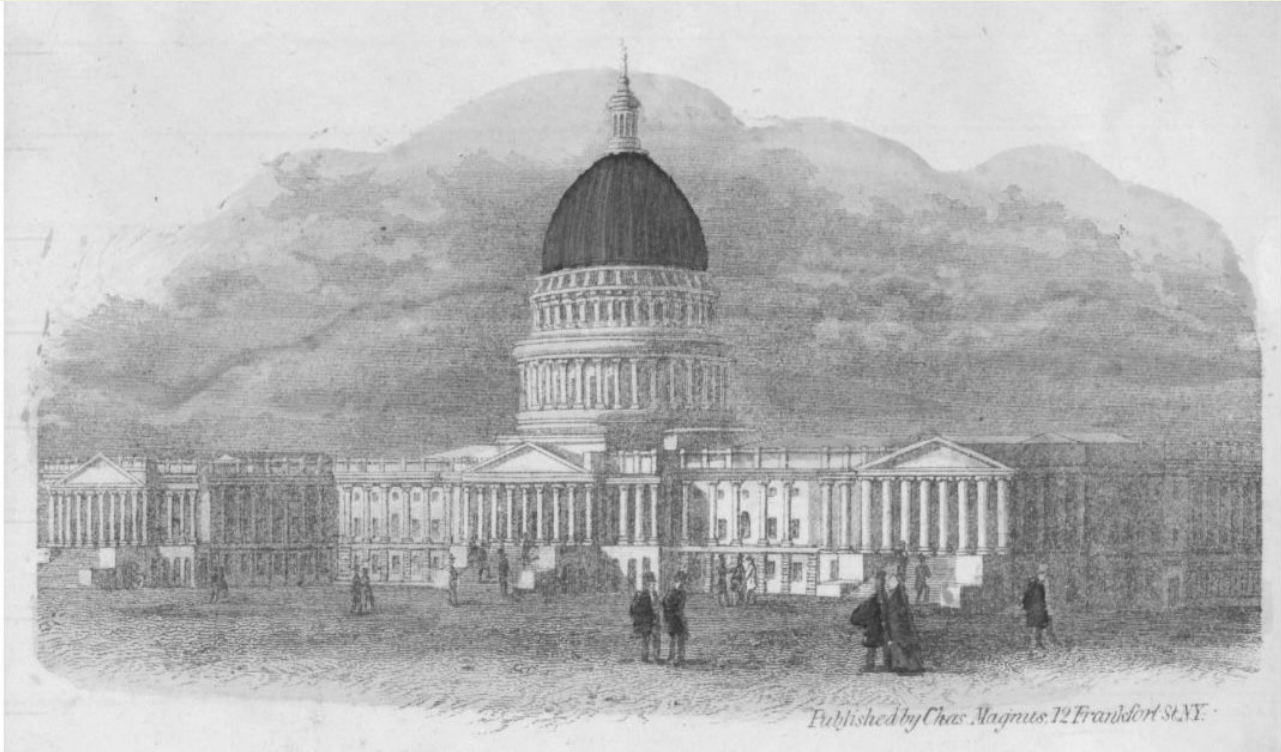
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Board Member*



*Continue to have strength and courage.  
We stand with you...*







## November Election—Voting:

*This November we have a very important election. It will define who we are as a nation, and who we are as human beings. It will determine whether we preserve our democracy as we have always known it. It will determine whether we maintain our humanity, justice and our compassion. We have a chance to make a difference and to vote for decency, honesty and integrity. We all have the right to vote, and it is up to all of us to be mindful and educated with real facts in this election. Our rights and freedoms are on the ballot. Every vote matters. We can make a difference. Please vote wisely.*

*C. Dove*




## Upcoming Events:

**October 26th—[Gateway Classic Cars](#)** in New Braunfels. There will be a car show from 9:00 to 12:00. We can meet up there, check out the cars and the car show. Then go to lunch at [Freiheits Country Store](#) and restaurant.

**November—Nothing scheduled. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.**

**December 7th—Holiday Dinner Party** at Stone Werks on 1604 and Blanco in the Vineyard Shopping Center. More on this will come to your inbox.



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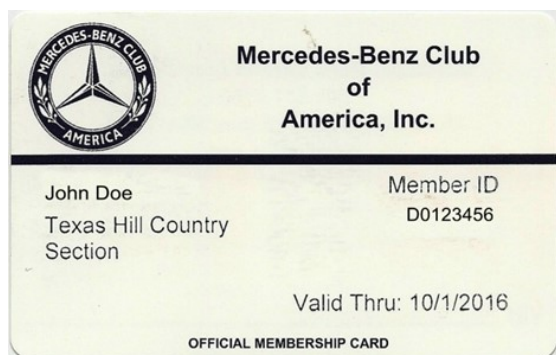
*\$125—\$150—Schedule your appointment with Tee.*

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