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Woodlands Marriott



## **Marvin Boyd's 1973 280SE 4.5**

Marvin has just become the proud owner of this new toy. It is an all original, never restored or painted, specimen with a documented 69,000 miles.

During 1971-72 13,527 of these vehicles were produced. They were the first to use the 4.5 liter M117 V-8 engine. The US version is rated at 230 horsepower with a top speed of 118 miles per hour. The SE version of this 108 body has independent front and rear suspension with coil springs (thankfully, no pneumatic suspension 'bags') and four wheel disc brakes. It has factory air conditioning, power brakes, power steering, central door locking and automatic transmission. It is a beautiful burgundy with cognac leather interior.

The car was sold to the original owner in Bethesda

Maryland in April 1973. It made it's way to Houston where it was sold to the second owner who sold it to his son in 1995. Marvin is the fourth owner. The car originally sold for \$10,283.

The car has been outfitted with a new set of Michelins. A leaking steering box has been rebuilt and a steering coupler replaced. Richard Wilkins led the repair of frozen heater valves, a common problem on these cars. Then it was off to Duncan Oklahoma where the pleats on the front seats were restitched, the sun visors repadded and a hood pad installed. The windshield and seal were replaced. Finally the wood trim below the windshield was refinished to like new by Marvin's brother Charles. Now it is up to Boyd standards and ready to enjoy. Hope you get to see this stately, old Mercedes at a Club gathering soon.

## President's Message



Well, Hurricane season has taken it's toll on our friends to the east, but so far we've been lucky... Our Fall Autocross is scheduled to **THIS SUNDAY** (October 10th) as most of you know, I've been hoping for a wet running of the Autocross just once (is that too much to ask?). Well, the forecast isn't looking like this is going to be my year. But who knows?, it's Texas!!!

After the Autocross on the 10th, we'll be celebrating our tenth annual Oktoberfest with the gang at Texas German Autohaus. The tech session will be a hands-on brake repair & maintenance kinda thing, but will be open to any and all MB related questions. Hans has told me that he's planning a great lunch for us with plenty of German food and beer. His only caveat was the no one leaves until the beer is gone... seemed like a fair request to me!

The Holiday Brunch is under development by our membership chairs Jeff Evans & Norma Kilway, it's looking like we'll be ringing in the holidays at the Woodlands Marriott on December 5th. So mark your calendars! One last item, We've got opening for more cover cars. Please forward pictures and info on your favorite MB to me at the address listed on the back page.

Mike Haney  
President - Houston Section



In case the standard MB Interior isn't enough for you, check out the special-edition CLK-Class Cabriolet personalized by the renowned Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani. (See page 10 for another view)

(Cover Car Continued)



**Marvin's 1973 280SE 4.5  
Front View**

**This car looks great  
from ANY angle**

**Marvin's 1973 280SE 4.5  
Interior View**

**All Original, Low miles and well  
cared for... and it shows!**



**Marvin's 1973 280SE 4.5  
Rear View**

**They weren't afraid to splash on  
plenty of chrome back then!**



It's that time again!!! The Fall Autocross is Sunday Oct. 10th. at Kingwood College in Humble.

**Event cost:**  
**\$10 per driver for members**  
**\$15 per driver for non-members**

**Drivers should be there by 12:30, event begins at 1:00pm**



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## Election Dinner at Humble City Cafe'

Officers and Directors to serve the Club for the coming year were elected at a dinner meeting September 18, 2004. The meeting was held at the Humble City Café where members enjoyed either strip steak, chicken cordon blue or blacken fish and peach or blueberry cobbler, all for twenty bucks.

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate submitted by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation. See the complete list of Board Members on page 12.

Mr. Tom Ott, owner of the vintage 1914 café, presented a humorous and informative history of the Humble area and his café. In the early 1900's some 30,000 lived in the area, mostly in tents, following the discovery and development of the Humble oil field.

Mr. Steve Lippert, executive manager of Mike Smith Autoplex in Beaumont, presented an interesting discussion on new Mercedes-Benz models to be introduced during the next year, including SLK3.5, CLS, M, S, GST and Smart SUV/4 door/roadster.

Steve also related his recent personal experience at the Texas Motor Speedway where professional Peneske drivers tutored dealer representatives around the track at up





## Election Dinner at Humble City Cafe' (Continued)

to 180 mph. Vehicle ESP and speed limiters were turned off and tires were inflated to forty psig. Otherwise, the cars were stock. General consensus was the Mercedes was the definite preference for high speed and handling.

Thanks to our guest speakers and welcome aboard to our new board members.

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**For Sale:** Set (2) rear tail lights for 2000 S-Class (220) sedan. Call Ron 713-882-4283 [05/04]

**For Sale:** 1972 Mercedes 450SL, 99k miles, cream with dark brown interior. New soft-top, and hardtop has a winch storage system. Interior and dash is all original. Great condition and fun to drive. \$14,500 obo. Call Jennifer @ 281-425-6955 (evening) or jschubert@houston.turbocare.com [06/04]

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