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Membership Meetings

Coletta's Italian Restaurant
2850 Appling Rd.

Mark your calendar - **Monday**,
the 18th; 6:00 p.m. for dinner, 7:00 p.m. for
our program

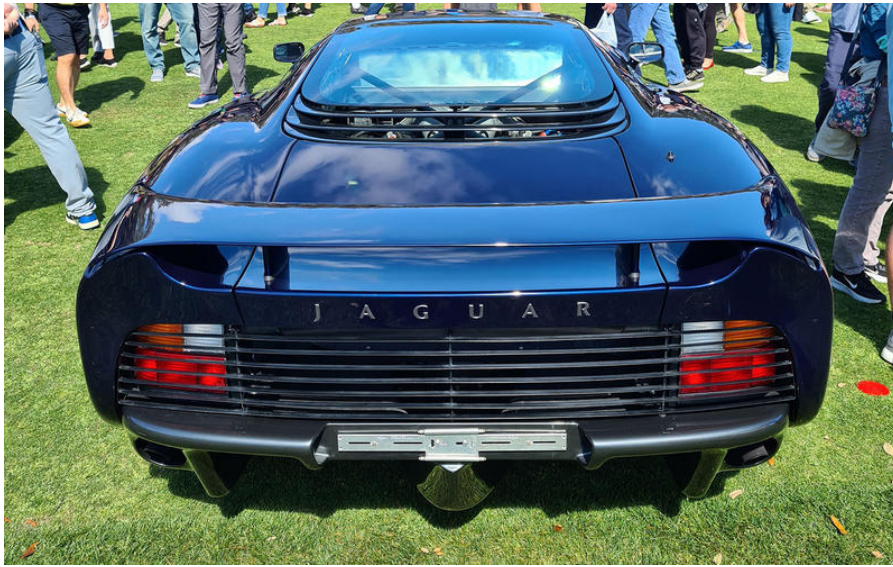
Taco Tuesday - Tuesday the 26th, 6 p.m.
at Rio Azul, 1204 N Houston-Levee



March came in like a lamb, then brought a surprisingly pleasant snow storm that didn't seem to affect the bursting of spring blooms. Like early spring flowers, car shows and gatherings soon blossomed. Perhaps the highlight of this year's spring blooms was 'The Amelia' held March 3rd through March 6th. Formerly named the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, the extravaganza had its name shortened after being acquired last year by the Haggerty insurance company.

Vice President Chris Irving, and wife Pam, were joined by Jon & Rita Brody (Triumph Marque Leader) in attendance at what might be the eastern U.S. premier car show. They returned with photos of amazingly rare and pristine cars displayed in a beautiful golf course setting. In addition to the concours presentation, the Irvings and Brodys experienced a Concours d' Lemons, a Radwood show featuring cars of the 80s and 90s, plus a Cars & Coffee on steroids.

It isn't every cars & coffee gathering that sports a Shelby Daytona coupe, a Fiat Multipla, an XK-150 coupe, an Aston Martin, and a host of Ferraris! Here's a couple of photos from the Cars & Coffee; next we'll see some of the Concours d'Elegance.



Here's an overview of the whole shebang!



And, now for a few shots of winning entrants



1910 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost



1933 MG J2



1929 Bentley Old Number One



1949 Ferrari Barchetta 166 mm



1935 SS Cars Airline Saloon

Just as March came in like a lamb, though it may go out with a roar, we're hoping April continues the BSCC's rousing from winter slumber.

Some additions to our usual hijinks include Chris Irving leading us on a merry ramble along the winding roads near Shelby Forest on April 23rd. Full details are yet under wraps, but plans do include lunch at the 'Old General Store'.

The schedule for local Cars & Coffee gatherings is on our web page (www.memphisbritishcars.org), but they include first and third Saturdays of each month, 8am-noon, at the Butcher Shop on Germantown Parkway; Second Saturdays, 8am-noon, at the Edge Motor Museum on Monroe. Also, don't forget the Collierville 'Cruise In' on alternating Wednesdays 6pm-9pm on the Collierville town square.

Then, Jim Hofer (Austin Healey Leader) will host our annual fish fry and Indy 500 party on May 29th - stay tuned for details. Speaking of details, Paul Burdette (serves both as VP and MG Marque Leader) has arranged for a visit to AutoZone Park to see the Memphis Red Birds in action in an evening game on June 9th. Again, make a calendar note and watch this space for further details.

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I asked my wife, "Did you know that humans eat more bananas than monkeys?"

She rolled her eyes at me, but I insisted. "It's true!"

To which she asked, "When was the last time you ate a monkey?!"



We've Been There

Steve Olsen

MG Driver

We've all been there – there's some bolt on your car that needs to be removed to do an important task. You're on your back, under the car barely able to touch the head of the bolt that lies behind some other parts that can't be easily removed to get them out of the way. You know it is a bolt because you can feel the hexagonal shape. Mechanics would be good at reading braille except their fingertips are covered by callouses and scars, if they still have fingertips.



You have to guess the bolt's size and whether it is SAE, Metric, Or Whitworth! If you're lucky, there's another, more easily reached bolt holding the same part and you can guess it is the same size. Still, up there in the dark greasy abyss you find there is no way to get your wrench or socket, or deep socket, or flex socket on the bolt and allow you to turn it.

So, you have to sacrifice one of your, more expendable, wrenches to fashion a custom tool. You grind away at the wrench head, thinning it enough to get down on the bolt and then heat and bend the handle to clear things in the way. You get the wrench customized to fit after a few tries.

Maybe it is time to celebrate your small success with a short break and a beverage.

Now, refreshed and rested, you again tackle the problem. You wriggle your arm and the wrench back into that dark place and find the bolt head. But, it refuses to turn when you try, and you don't have much leverage. You recite the "righty-tighty, lefty-loosey" verse a few times to make darn sure you are trying to turn the bolt anti-clockwise. Modern kids, familiar only with digital clocks may never understand.

You pull harder, but still no joy. Time to find a

small section of pipe, or rig another wrench to attach to the end of the first one in a way that seems sure to end up with spilled blood. Now, with added torque and leverage, you apply some muscle. Then, some more muscle, maybe even finding a way to use your foot instead of your hand.

The bolt still refuses to turn.

Time for another rest break and perhaps another beverage. But, before doing that, you get out whatever magic snake-oil rust penetrating stuff you have on hand and give it a generous dose.

You go back at it after resting only to find the bolt head is so slippery that the wrench slides right off of it. Once you wipe down the bolt, your hands, and tools, you recite the "righty-tighty, lefty-loosey" verse once more, just to be sure, and pull on your crudely extended wrench handle with all your might until something gives. Perhaps the bolt has turned just a bit, or perhaps your makeshift wrench has again slipped.

Perhaps the bolt head has rounded off. Perhaps the bolt has snapped in two.

Before you even check to see which result you have achieved, you wipe away some of the blood now dripping off your elbow. Some part of your hand or wrist has made contact with a sharp object. Using a shop towel that isn't too greasy, you wipe away the blood and see that stitches probably won't be needed. So you wind some masking tape around the wounded area to slow the leakage, and get back to work.

Your throbbing fingers find the bolt head is still there and seems to still have corners. You put your wrench back on and try to rotate the bolt clockwise a bit and feel it slightly move. You work it back and forth a few times, each time moving it a tiny fraction more.



Time for another dose of snake-oil and another beverage.

You can only turn the bolt a few degrees until your wrench runs out of room, but one notch at a time you have it turning. Why did they use such a long bolt? With such fine threads? When you eventually succeed in getting it out, it drops somewhere on the garage floor, along with all the dirt, grease, snake oil, and blood drippings.

There's only five more bolts holding the part, so you've made real progress. At this rate, you'll have it removed by end of the week.

Again, time to celebrate by cleaning up and going to the store for more beverages.

If you haven't been in similar situations, you

haven't fully enjoyed ownership of an old car. Doing your own maintenance and repairs will provide countless hours of entertainment and probably increase your vocabulary. Even sailors envy the curses mechanics know.



Fun fact - sugar is the only word in the English language in which letters su are pronounced as 'sh'.

At least I'm pretty sure.

Taco Tuesday – What's In A Name

A Wyoming-based restaurant chain, Taco John's, has laid claim to the phrase / name "Taco Tuesday". They are Johnny-come-lately to the claim. Taco John's registered their trademark for the phrase in 1989, while the usage dates back to, at least, the 1930s.

An El Paso newspaper, the Herald-Post, ran an ad in October 1933 in which the White Star Cafeteria let folks know they were offering 'Mexican Tacos' each Tuesday. While not the exact phrase, that's a whole lot earlier than 1989! If you're insisting on the specific wording, we can point to the ad from Snow White Drive-In in the Rapid City Journal in 1973. Just a couple of years later, Marti's, a Manhattan, Kansas restaurant also advertised their 'Taco Tuesday' offerings.

Taco John's doesn't even own the web name TacoTuesday.com – that's owned by a restaurant named Tortilla Flats, located in California.

Many taco fans dispute the idea that any one entity can "own" the term "Taco Tuesdays", and Taco John's seems to have surrendered the battle as lost anyway.

We don't have to quarrel over words to know tacos are especially sweet when shared with our British car friends at a site carefully picked

by Ileana Feltman, our own Taco Queen!



Our last Taco Tuesday was March 22nd when we gathered at La Hacienda on Collierville's



west edge. Next, on April 26th, we'll meet up at Rio Azul near the intersection of Houston Levee Rd. and Wolf River Blvd.



I'd been out drinking, and knew I'd had way too much to drive my car safely. And, I knew there was a breath testing checkpoint between the bar and home, so I decided to take a bus. Sure enough, when the bus reached the checkpoint we were waved through. This morning though when I woke up, hungover as can be, there was a damn bus on my lawn and I don't know what the heck is going on.

Is A Rose A Rose, Or Not?

Jim Hofer, AH Marque Leader and perpetual Car Show Chieftain, is aiming at a late September date to resurrect our annual EuroFest following a two-year Covid hiatus.

The fest location may be new, or once again at Youth Villages in Bartlett. We'll let you know in good order. But, keep them shiny bits nice and shiny in preparation.

Speaking of car shows, here's this long quote from 'Just British' an Online Magazine.

"I go to a wide variety of car shows each year, but they all seem to fall into one of three broad categories. And please know, I enjoy each category but there are distinct differences. And sure, the lines blur between them, but in that broad-brush way, you can pretty much categorize most shows as either a golf course show, a park show, or a parking lot show. I am going to talk about these distinctions more in a future post, but basically they come down to where you hold your show, whether you must register or be invited to the show, and how open the show is to the public.

Again, there is nothing wrong with any of these, but it is helpful when you are planning to put on an event what you are trying to achieve and who you market is. Sorry if this sounds a bit too much like business, but it really is. I mean, is the goal of your show to give exposure of the cars to a wider public audience and perhaps recruit new member or enthusiasts? Then maybe you need to be looking at a "parking lot"



show that is in a public, well-traveled place. The prime example of this is the near ubiquitous Cars and Coffee. No registration, no fees, no awards.

On the other end, you have the more closed show that is set to appeal to those who are already in the hobby, know the cars, and want to see the best of the best. These shows are not just shows, they are showcases and Events. Yes, with a capital "E". These shows



are art gallery openings, not just visits to the local museum. With these shows, the presenters are not trying to appeal to the general public to garner interest in the hobby or get member for a club. No, they are putting the finest examples of motoring art on a pedestal. Oh, and the awards are prestigious. These are concours events.

Between those two extremes are what I call the "park" shows. These are the events, normally held by a club or group of clubs, at a local park or more contained venue like a racetrack. Registration is required and must be



paid for. Awards are given but are normally more of the popular choice variety. To the

automotive crowd, this is a time to gather with friends, have a picnic, and examine what the other person is doing with their hobby. There may be competition, but it is all very friendly and casual.

I will reiterate, again, there is nothing wrong with any of these, but it is important to understand the difference both as the show organizer and a show attendee. If you go to a golf course event expecting the environment of a parking lot show you will be both disappointed and shocked. If you go to a park show with popular judging while expecting the concours judging of a golf course show, you will probably be upset and want your money back. Having unhappy attendees is usually the result of expectations not matching what was being presented. And the reverse of that is that when the show is presented well, exactly according to what it is, and publicized as such then attendance will go up too."

The Memphis show, the EuroFest, falls into the middle category - on grass, with registration, awards, and popular choice judging. In the past, however, when we held a strictly British show, the BSCC was noted for the modified 'Concours' judging process employed.



A fellow was having a pint at a local pub when a phone lying on the bar top rang.

He answered, and a woman asked him : "Sweetheart, I'm going to the mall and I just took 1000 dollars from your desk, is that okay?"

"Absolutely", he answered, "Treat yourself."

"Thank you, but can I take 500 dollars more?, my friend suggested a robe and it's simply amazing and I can't wait to wear it"

"Yes", he replied. "I trust your taste and you deserve having such robe."

"Thank you, but you know, I don't have a purse

that goes with that robe's color, can I take 200 dollars more ?"

"Of course", he replied.

"Baby I love you so much, you're the best man in the world, kisses."

The fellow hung up, sighed, took a sip from his drink then shouted : "Hey, guys, whose phone is this ?"



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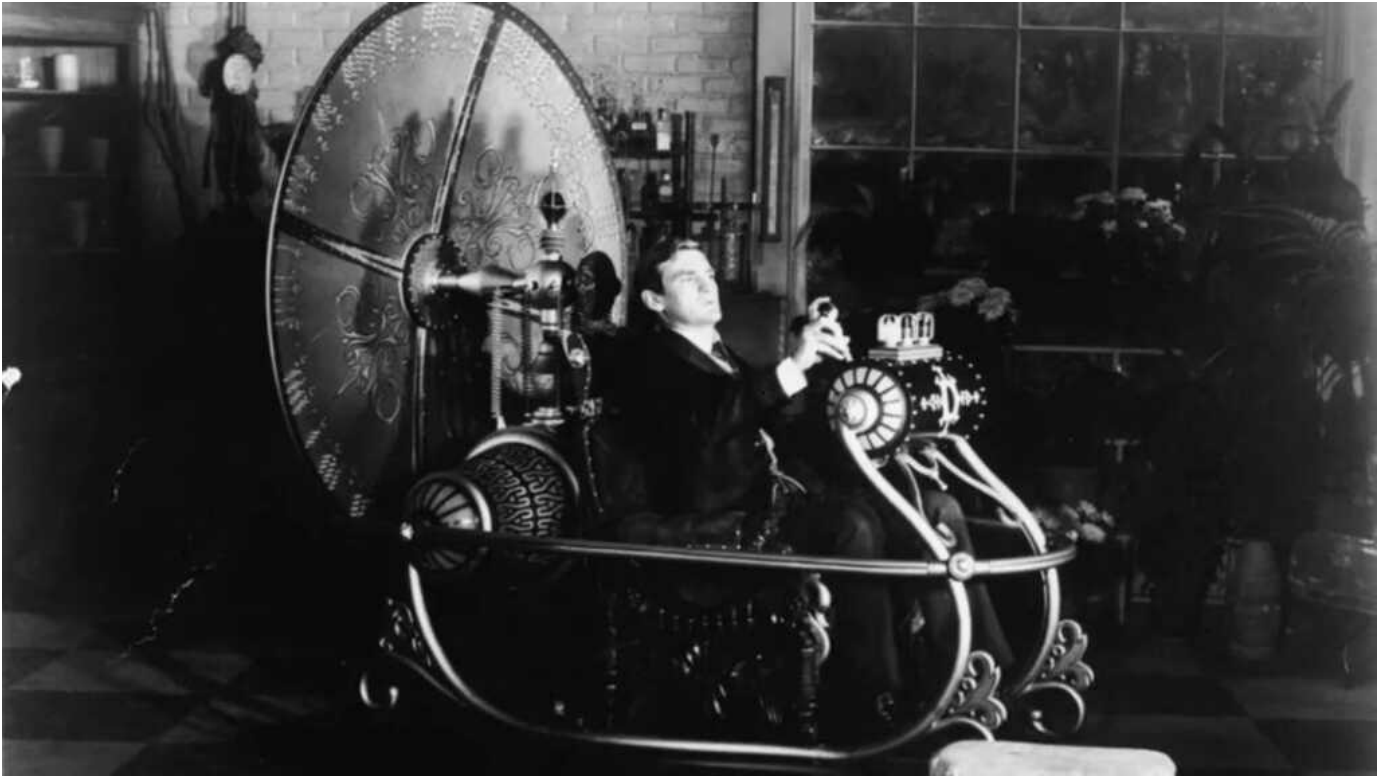
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