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Membership Meetings

Coletta's Italian Restaurant

2850 Appling Road

Mark Your Calendar—

*Monday, March 17th; 6:00 p.m. for
dinner—7:00 p.m. for our program*

Taco Tuesday—TBA

*Above artwork —“Aston Martin DB6”, by Alain Levesque, used
by consent.*

HAVE YOU PAID 2023 DUES???

FROM THE PRESIDENT—

A special thanks to those members that renewed their 2023 membership in NAMGBR (North American MGB Register), which has enabled the club to maintain our million dollar liability insurance coverage for all events. This coverage is only available for affiliate member clubs with at least 8 members paying annual dues to NAMGBR.

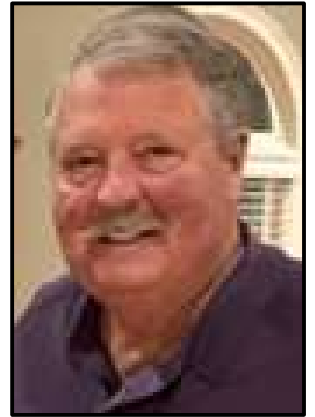
Please welcome our new web master, Chebik Kchouk who has agreed to take over from Joe Reed. We are fortunate to have Chebik take over this very important position. Thank you, Joe for all you have accomplished.

Please continue to volunteer, and support Hiram with the NAMGAR-GT-48 show, our chair people for our EURO Fest car show, and we are always looking for suggestions for presenters for our monthly meetings. Upcoming events- April 1st Poker Run drive event with details to be announced.

Please keep the “Dukester” in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his convalescence.

Happy motoring,

Al Ross



BSSC SUPER BOWL PARTY—FEBRUARY 12th



Thanks, Dave White for another super Super Bowl party. Everyone filled the table with delicious appetizers that spoiled our ability to eat the clam shell space sauce and marinara and meat ball sauce.

Not having a particular team to cheer for, both Hi and I had our Memphis logo on tonight.

Jim Hofer won the pot but probably should have because he had the most cash in the pot due to the

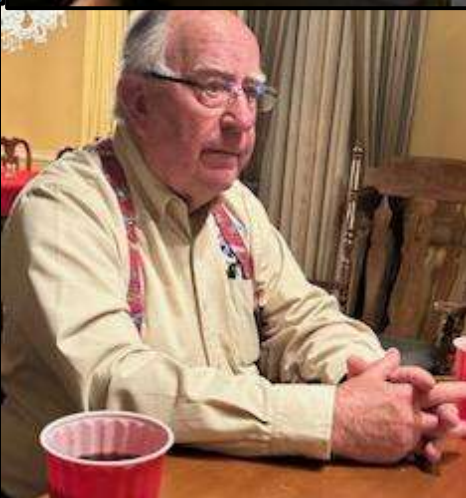
prankster Robin Balton pushing him for more money to fill in the squares. Lucky Jim!



Dave had just returned from Bangkok and did not miss a beat due to jet lag and a 12 hour time zone change. Thanks Dave. (Someday your sunken living room will kill me.)

--- From Carolyn Shepard

More from Dave White's BSCC Super Bowl Party!



Latest Updates NAMGAR GT-48 Car Show-June 12-16

Minutes from last meeting

Date: 3/6/23 Location: Feltman's House

Time: 6PM

Meeting Coordinator: Hiram Shepard

I. Welcome and Introduction

- Thank the Feldman's for their hospitality The grilled pork butt was delicious. All the side from the chairperson topped the meal. A garage setting was a perfect setting for the meeting.
- Welcome attendees and thank them for their participation. All chairpersons were present with the exception of Tom, Paul, Pam and Chris but a trip to Amelia Island is a perfect excuse.
- Handout agenda
- NAMGAR Board was in town 2/23 - 26.
 - Reviewed Hotel
 - Will give the club an additional \$1000 for hospitality
 - Toured Memphis and show site.
 - Will recognize the MG 100yr anniversary at the GT. The board's choice for the 100 year celebration was presented. Explained that the banquet will focus on the 100th year.

II. Financial Status - Jerry Farrar

- Current Balance \$18,220 balance. the \$2000 hotel deposit has not cleared and the March deposit to the hotel of \$8900 is due. 50% deposit to Back Beat is due on the 15th. The two registries that missed paying their fee submitted their checks...Josefson and Madgwick.
- Account that was on hold - PayPal
- Check (deposit) due to Backbeat Tours by 3/15 (\$2500)
- Large deposit checks due to hotel by 3/9 (\$8900)

III. Registration development

- A large excel spread sheet was updated for a total count on most activities and dinners.
- Current count 70 cars - 121 people The Back beat has reached 64 of the 108 seats available.
- Office supplies purchased for building registration packets - to be given to Jack Reynolds
- We are creating tickets for dinners and entrance tickets to special events. A lot of excel work by Carolyn Shepard has been done to support this. The tickets that were created this AM were presented and given to Jack for the registration envelops. Jack requested the printed badges for the chairpersons and the other volunteers.
- Additional neck wallets/lanyards will be purchased These need to be ordered ASAP.
- We must create our own windshield placards. NAMGAR will pay for it. Informed the chairman that we thought NAMGAR was sending the placards but learned just the other day that they are paying for them not providing them. These must be purchased.
- We are creating the car show ballots. Larry Pitman sent a copy of last years ballots that must be modified slightly and printed.
- We must create our own program booklet. Example shown was twenty-five pages in full color 8.5 X11. Help is needed in this area. The magazine from last years show was presented to the chairman. Carolyn has started the publisher app for this booklet.

IV. Schedule of Events

- Still need woman's tech (non-tech) session - Pam Irving working Pam was not present, but Carolyn presented the idea of visiting Nail ology for a women's event and the need to develop a women drivers wing of Namgar is in the works by a registered named Melon who wants an event for women only.
- Suggested to add more events around the hotel during some of the optional event times and after the car show for those who don't wish to attend the optional events. Kevin talked to John Twist and Barney who have offered to do more than one tech session each and requested more activities at the hotel for those who do not want to do tourist events. Suggestions were a speaker who wrote SPEAK TO MY CAR. And the suggestion to bring a car into the hotel as a tech session and have one on display like the Cutaway. Or have a Tesla demonstration. There was a suggestion for a drive after the show past St. Jude's with a stop at the Pyramid with dinner at Waldburg or at Central BBQ after we complete a drive into town. There was an offer for a tech session on LED lighting from Mike Sabelhaus from Dallas and the company called LITEZUPP.

- **V. Vendors/Sponsors**–Need the total list of vendors and their requirements (# of tables, electricity, etc. Reinforced the need for vender/sponsor logos. The lists are imperative to write thank you notes and send them copies of the magazine from the show.
- Need the list of sponsors and how much each is giving.
- Need the logos from every vendor and sponsor. Will need the ads for sponsors I.E., half page, full page, business card depending upon the level of sponsorship.
- Need list of all the vendors who donated to silent auction and their logo Moss gave \$500/ Jerry

VI. Tech Sessions & Audio Visual

- Lock in all Tech Sessions including times, days and rooms used.
- Need to determine exact AV requirements for each room and each day (put total quote in budget) Kevin has an “in” at Nolan AV equipment and help secure this equipment for us. Need to make a list of items needed. Namgar requested two screens for the presentation.

VII. Silent Auction

- Lay out plan for obtaining auction items Steve has been collecting silent auction items. Hi, gave Steve a silent auction g\$50 gift certificate from British Vacuum Unit and tools to work with wiring from British Wiring and a \$50 donation for ¼ page ad and a T shirt.
- Develop auction sheets Steve developed the auction sheet ballots and will include the registered number on this form. Processing payments

VIII. Community Connections

- Need to find sources for maps of Memphis and places to visit. We must call Keven Kane to ask for specific support. Steve will stop at the welcome center for pamphlets and maps for the registration packet.
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IX. Grounds & Signage

- Examine the approach streets to both the hotel and show site to determine what signage will be required to help direct the GT attendees to the GT areas. There was a discussion that signage was really needed on Ridge Lake road due to the complicated intersection and difficulty going E and W on Poplar. The drive to the Edge on the car show day will take place during morning rush hour.
- Compile a list of needed signage within the hotel to direct people to the various GT meeting rooms etc.

X. Next Steps

- Review action items and set schedules/responsibilities, Other topics included a presentation of the logo created by Emily for the back of the t shirt. She is designing a polo shirt design and has created the original logo.
- Types of payment will be checks and a fast card reader. Jack suggested the “square” that will take payment through a phone device.
- It was suggested that someone contact Don DeWeese who owns Gibson Donuts for donut donations for the workers and place the order for the Friday circle of Winners.
- Don Bridges from Jonesboro wants to bring items to sell. It was suggested he pay \$40 for a table like the vendors do.
- The discussion of the hospitality room was done with the hours of operation : Monday 8Am to 2PM. Tuesday 8am- 2Pm and Thursday 8-am-2pm. Forgot to mention the decorating of the banquet room. Jerry offered to be the runner for hospitality.
- Security ...2 at night and 1 during the day are provided by the hotel.
- Note Robert Lee is not trailering his car.
- Schedule next meeting April 3rd is the next meeting at the Feldman’s with a hot dog menu. Dessert and coleslaw and condiments have been assigned.

XI. Adjournment

- Adjourn the meeting.
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NAMGAR GT-48 Schedule of Events June 2023

	SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16
GMT-06				Flag Day		
7 AM						Winner's Circle Pic
8 AM			Magnette Breakfast - Lakeview Room 7:30 - 9am			The Presidential Su 7:30 - 8:30am
9 AM			Rollin Tech Sessi with Twist	Car T Sessi 9 - 1	Car Tech Sessi 9 - 1	GT-48 Poker Run 9 - 11:45am Hilton Memphis
10 AM				Car Show 9am - 1pm		
11 AM			Car Tech Session 10:45am	Women's Tech 10:45am	Sun Studio Tours 9:45am - 2pm Sun Studio	
12 PM		John Twist Tech Session 12 - 1:30pm Hilton Memphis				Back Beat Tour on Memphis Mojo 12 - 4:30pm
1 PM		Barney Gaylord (MGA Guru) Tech 1:30 - 3pm Hilton Memphis				
2 PM			Graceland Tour 1:30 - 5pm			
3 PM						
4 PM						
5 PM						Pre-Banquet Happy 5 - 6pm
6 PM		1st Timers Receptio				Banquet & Awards 6 - 7pm
7 PM		Welcome and Orientation 6 - 7:30pm Hilton Memphis				Introductions - Awa 7 - 8pm
8 PM		Hospitality Room - Open 8 - 10pm Hilton Memphis	Hospitality Room - Open 8 - 10pm Hilton Memphis	Hospitality Room - Open 8 - 10pm Hilton Memphis		Dancing to The Royal Blues Band 8 - 11pm
9 PM						
10 PM						

Cruisin' to Amelia Island with Pam & Chris –but no GPS

Emboldened by a fairly successful trip to Natchez, Chris and I toyed with the idea of taking one of the “fun” cars to the Amelia Island Concours at the beginning of March. There is something to be said for the nostalgia of a road trip in a car that is primarily open-air transportation. I was raised in a family of four children led by an enlisted military man that enjoyed cars. He had no qualms piling the four of us in the backseat of 60's era T-birds and Corvairs and hauling us and our beleaguered mother across the Rockies, wind whistling through all the open windows so loudly you couldn't hear yourself think. I still remember a short trip in my father's uncle's car that seemed really strange and foreign to me. It was...QUIET. It was only recently that I realized that this must have been the first car I'd ever ridden on the highway, maybe the first car I'd RIDDEN IN that had air conditioning. I tell all of that to say I'm no stranger to road trips nor to trips without the creature comforts we've become accustomed to, however, even I was a bit concerned at the idea of driving the TVR eleven plus hours to Florida.

Not long ago, Chris made the mistake of giving me a book report on “Cross Country with Elan...An Old Small Car, an Old Tall Man and a Trip of a Lifetime” by Ross Robbins, an entertaining read about a cross country excursion during which Robbins ticked off a number of boxes including seeing the “four furthest points in the contiguous Continental USA which are reachable by public road”, the highest and lowest elevations towns, and two different geographic centers of the US. He had the idea to accomplish this feat using *gasp* only PAPER MAPS! Here was his commentary, “These days, we get on the Interstate/Motorway, set the GPS and cruise control and arrive at our planned destination pretty stress free and exactly at the expected time of arrival. But I wanted to do a trip that I might have done just after my college graduation in 1965...I resolved to use old fashioned maps instead of GPS, and mostly take the old roads that were available in 1965 as well. Perhaps, I thought, it might encourage the digital generation to get their noses out of their

devices and take advantage of the freedom offered by the automobile before it becomes nothing more than a transport module one rents from Google for a trip...” WOW! A man after my own heart. I realized I wasn't the only one that longed for the adventure of a trip taken with a map on the lap of a navigator in the shotgun seat.

Chris submitted the Chimaera to the Cars and Caffeine show that is held the day before the concours and was disappointed (AKA “secretly relieved”) to learn a few weeks out that it was not selected. I, on the other hand, was openly ecstatic. We learned another Chimaera had already been accepted, softening the harsh blow. This fortunate turn of events meant we were left with one good option, the F-type. To be fair, that car is not very nostalgic, not very old, and not very uncomfortable. It has air conditioning, good speakers and heated seats. No gas fumes, quirky electrical problems or whistling wind noises. The seats not only move back and forth, but the BOLSTERS adjust. This was clearly NOT going to be the same trip Robbins made in the Elan.

I willingly sacrificed the full-on old-school experience but I had one firm stipulation for the road trip...we would stay off the interstate and would use only paper maps to make the trip.



I ordered the maps and Chris studied potential routes. The final one was memorialized in fluorescent green highlighter and we set out early Tuesday morning heading southeast.

The drive through Mississippi took us past the Slugburger cafe in Corinth, though my mouth was watering, it was only about 8:00 am and Chris was “making good time”. As we zoomed through Alabama past the Coondog Cemetery, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, and the Helen Keller birthplace Chris explained that now, at 9:30, it was STILL too early for me to have an order of fries. This trip was beginning to go sour way too soon.

Chris and I used to travel to far flung places so he could drag a knee around the corners of a motorcycle racetrack so I've navigated many a mile, but it's never come naturally. When driving south, I have to fight the urge to turn the map upside down, instead I resort to



complicated mental gymnastics to figure out which direction we need to turn next. To make things worse, I have become mentally lazy thanks to GPS devices...and unaccustomed to watching for route signs, forgetting that often there are four routes sharing the same roadway. Once we had an ambiguous sign that seemed to tell us to turn, but looking down the road we thought...to WHERE? Chris declared, turning later, “I don't know if this is it, but it's the RIGHT DIRECTION.” I'm in awe of that sense/skill because my internal compass was not convinced. The driver/navigator relationship should be a form of premarital screening. Mr. Sarcasm later thought it was funny to ask ME, “Are you SURE we're on the right road?” We joked that it would be nice if we had a device that could tell us where we were...

In spite of, to my way of thinking, inordinately long intervals between meals and a few hiccups

with my less than perfect navigating, it was a great trip...we saw things we have never seen from the interstate...pecan and peach orchards and rows of needle bales lined up like fat buddhas on the floor of pine forests. There were



several stockyard auctions, the Fun-derdome Skate Rink and a dead boar on the side of the road, swollen and legs splayed. We passed a sad Bricklin beside the road just before Gadsden... with one door open waving to passersby. I can't pinpoint its exact location other than to say if Bob Watkins gets to the yard dotted with individual rooster cages, he has gone too far. We saw concrete statuary dealers and open air “private car museums”. The redbuds and dogwoods were showing off their spring finest. The trip became a more meaningful experience for both of us since we were engaged in it as opposed to enduring it. We were happy to be reminded of the soulful appeal of a REAL road trip, maybe next time we go all the way and do it in a sketchier car. —Pam Irving

