



Wyres & Tyres

January 2024, Part II



www.memphisbritishcars.org British Sports Car Club, Memphis, TN

Membership Meeting

Coletta's Italian Restaurant
2850 Appling Road

Mark Your Calendar—**TUESDAY**, Jan. 23rd
6 pm for dinner—7 pm for our program

The BSCC needed to change the date of our January membership meeting. Because of wintry weather, Coletta's couldn't be sure of accommodating us on Monday the 15th.

*President Kevin Childers negotiated with Coletta's for January 23rd. Yes, that's a **Tuesday**. But same time, same station, just a different day.*

We hope everyone can make it, but enjoy the snow and frosty weather in the meantime.

Taco Tuesday Rescheduled!

Is your calendar in an uproar because of the weather? The British Sports Car Club's sure is.

We had to reschedule our membership meeting from January 15th to January 23rd - a Tuesday. And not just any Tuesday, but the date which Ileana Feltman had set as our Taco Tuesday! Like tumbling dominoes, that event is now shifted on our calendar to Tuesday, January 30th.

Here are the details -

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
255 New Byhalia Rd.

Collierville, TN 38017

Tuesday 1/23/24

6:00 p.m.

Arrive early, and win a prize - prime seating!



Dave White's Super Bowl Party—Feb. 9th



Where is Super Bowl 2024? The Super Bowl is headed to **Las Vegas** in 2024, with two NFL teams facing off at Allegiant Stadium. The least expensive ticket package still available is the Playmakers Club **starting at \$9,000**.

If you cannot go there come to my gathering at 1875 Wood Oak Drive, Cordova at 4:30.

There will be a football pool so bring a dollar per square or more to join in.

The food theme will be Mediterranean,

BYOB and come and join the fun!

Dave White

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Drive Your Triumph Day

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Dear Fellow Triumph Enthusiast,

We're just one month away from the annual Drive Your Triumph Day, Saturday, February 10, 2024.

In anticipation of Triumphs and Standards hitting the roads worldwide to commemorate Sir John Black's birthday, I'd like to share some guidelines.

Participating is easy—on February 10, simply take your Triumph or Standard out for a drive. Capture a photo of the car, and if possible, include the driver/owner in the shot. If you happen to reside in snow-covered regions or if your car is undergoing restoration, photograph it in its current condition or location (even if it's tucked away in your garage). Group events and collective photos are great, and individual photos of the cars are also encouraged.

Following your drive, and before the end of February, kindly send high resolution versions of your photos to DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com. Ensure that you include your name, the year and model of your car, as well as the city, state, and country where the photo was taken.

Once all the photos are processed and posted, I'll send out another email containing the link for you to view the photos.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your club members and friends to drive their Triumphs and Standards on February 10th.

Best Wishes,

Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com



2023/24 Financial and Membership

08 JANUARY 2024 / 4:30 PM/ PORTALES

ATTENDEES

Kevin Childers, Chris Irving, Jon Brody, Jerry Farrar, Carolyn Shepard, Hiram Shepard, Joe Reed, Paul Burdette, Jim Hofer, Jim Duke

AGENDA

1) **Financial - Reporting, Budgeting, Goals**

Reporting:

The treasurer's report was distributed to each board member. (See attached 1). Balance \$9810.36
Accurate reporting and accountability were addressed before the meeting by Joe Reed who established a financial flow sheet for Jerry Farrar to follow for the 2024 year. Updates will be distributed to Joe Reed and Kevin Childers.

Budgeting:

The request for a budget was denied with Jim Hofer and Jerry FARRAR stating that a budget is not necessary. Jerry Farrar listed five constant budgetary items including calling post (\$0.07 per call that amounts to approximately \$0.30 per member per month per Jim Duke), the web page, mailing costs, and the mailbox. The estimated cost of events, memorials and monthly give away gifts were not included.

Income from approximately 80 paid members was estimated at $80 \times \$30 = \2400 .

Goals:

Carolyn Shepard presented a letter requesting the NAMGAR donation be placed in a separate savings or checking account to limit the \$5851 from being used as part of a donation or frivolously dispensed after a year of work went into securing these funds. The board decided to keep the NAMGAR funds in the check book with **judicious distribution and protective oversight**.

President Kevin Childers then addressed Carolyn Shepard and her desire to:

#1 Implement steps for more organized BSCC with an updated google drive, email list and calling post phone numbers.

#2 Create a well-developed budget that is based on previous spending over the years. (The board felt this was unnecessary since it has not occurred in recent years).

#3. Secure a protective shield over money given by the NAMGAR GT 48. and all board members accountable and protective of the club finances including the NAMGAR funds.

She concluded that the \$9810.36 balance minus the protected NAMGAR funds of \$5851 and minus the \$2500 that will be donated to Youth Villages leaves a true BSCC balance of \$1459.36. Jerry Farrar added there are still other items to pay for. This is a fluid number and subject to change.

THE LTD status (usually used in the UK for limited liability) of the club was removed from the title in 2007 according to Joe Reed. The status of the BSCC is a simple club.

2) **Active Members - Renewal strategies, membership data clean-up and google drive notifications.**

Renewal strategies:

Renewing and collection of dues will be done both at club meetings and through the mail. The square method of payment will be used for dues collection and other means of payment. A welcome letter (see Attachment 3) is composed, will be rewritten to include additional information and sent out to current members asking for updated information on their cars, phone numbers, mailing address and email addresses. Accompanying will be a return addressed envelope for payments. A question was asked whether the web site could be used for payment. No conclusion for this was made. Dues remain \$30 with an associate membership of \$15.

The definition of an associate membership is an added membership available for other family members and friends other than the spouse who would benefit from emails and will receive invites to driving events. They are not included in the calling post.

Membership data clean-up:

Identified is the need to clean up the google spread sheet. Using the returned letters from the membership renewal mailing, the large data sheet will be brought up to date and those who no longer care to remain in the club will be purged. Some members have fallen through the cracks, and this will be corrected through this process.

For those who are on the google drive list and have not responded to the mailed renewal letter then a personal phone call will be made to confirm their interest in the club.

A discussion on the business card associated with the BSCC was completed. They still exist and may be reinstated as a source for new membership.

Google drive notification and suggestions: Joe Reed wrote a seven-paragraph assessment (see Attachment #4) for the correction and updating of the google drive update. These suggestions include removing the car information, reformatting with different font, asking “why” you no longer desire membership and updating information on those who are no longer with us.

Name Badges:

Board members were encouraged to locate their formal badges and wear them thus reminding membership to wear theirs. Conclusion was to continue with the \$15 formal badges versus creating simple and cheaper paper and plastic ones.

3) Inactive Members - Renewal strategies, emails, phone calls, mail mergers, etc.

See above membership steps for steps to clarify the inactive members.

4) Presenters for our membership meeting in January (Bob Watkins), Feb (Dr. Howell), March

Bob Watkins will be the presenter for January. Kevin Childers has reached out to him with a nice thank you.

Paul Burdette states finding speakers is exceedingly difficult and time consuming. A discussion to tap special interests of members and /or presenters with the ladies in mind was suggested. Again, it was suggested that the board members each take a meeting to provide a speaker. No conclusion was made to solve this task.

5) Euro Fest Chairperson - "To Be Announced" - will present Youth Villages - Check on 1/19 at 10am, MS Kaitlyn Kyle's office on Brother Blvd.

The Euro fest chairperson for 2024 will be Paul Burdette. Jim Hofer's reiterated that he is not interested in this position. Kevin Childers thanked him for the years of service.

The presentation of the \$2500 to Youth Villages will be presented on 1/19 at 10AM at the office of Kaitlyn Kyles on Brother BLVD.

Jon Brody explained that Youth Villages is state funded and the BSCC donation is a minuscule donation in comparison. Jim Hofer stated that the BSCC is one of the only organizations to use the grounds for an event and the "kids" love it. He is grateful for the assistance they gave to the actual show by setting up tents and tables. Jon Brody suggested another venue and the use of Hicks Convention for the ancillary equipment for a car show and reiterated the previous sites where the show was held like Mud Island and the River.

The reason that the BSCC changed charitable institutions from the Variety Club to Youth Villages was discussed by Jim Hofer and Jon Brody who was on the VARIETY Club board and denied Jims's accusation of impropriety by the Variety Club.

- 6) The Crystal Ball is taking place at the Southaven Arena on January 20, 2024. The theme is Shaken Not Stirred, James Bond era, British theme. Scott Hollis is the Chair, looking for vintage jags, Aston DB5 would be nice.... Bobby Prior (confirm), Simon Wadsworth (confirm), and Kevin Childers**

BB Motors contacted Kevin for cars that could be displayed at the Crystal Ball event. Three BSCC members have confirmed their cars for this event.

- 7) Promote Local Drives and Garage Parties**

This year's goal is to promote drives and parties throughout the year. A question was asked about how many drives are needed but a conclusive number was not made but many suggestions were given including the Balton's sign shop to see the creation of many of the auction signs he donated over the years.

- 8) Updated BSCC Website to include "Memphis", done!**

A huge thank you was given to Joe Reed for including Memphis on the WEB page. Kevin Expressed his appreciation for what Joe has done.

- 9) Updated BSCC Facebook page to specify our location as "Memphis", done!**

Chris Irving added "Memphis" to the BSCC Facebook page.

- 10) Need nominations for Secretarial position.**

Board appointments: Carolyn Shepard will take on the task of recording secretary. Hiram Shepard will be the historian and Jim Duke will continue as the corresponding secretary.

- 11) Taco Tuesday - January 22nd, lobbying the team at BBs to nominate a "safe location" to mix it up a bit with Brit Car Enthusiast in their area. TBD**

BB Automotive requested a Taco Tuesday nearer to the members who live in the Southern end of the metropolitan area. Kevin requested that they find a safe and delicious Mexican restaurant near Olive Branch or Southaven. TBD

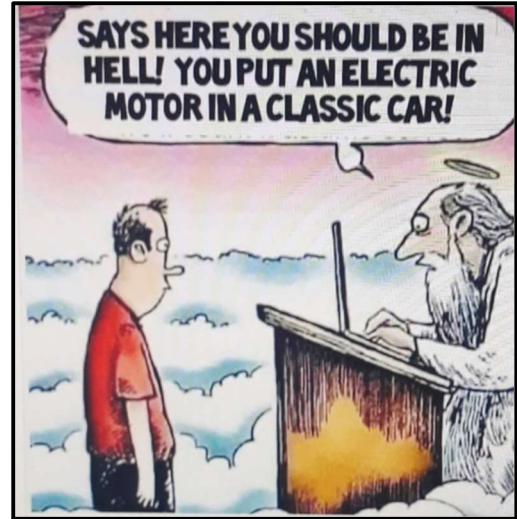
12) Let's Grow, Have Fun and Preserve British Cars!

Kevin Childers slogan for this year's BSCC.
Thank you everyone! Let's have a great BSCC

year!

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Respectfully submitted,
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December 16, 2023

BSCC
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Dear Members of the BSCC,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform the esteemed membership of the BSCC about a generous donation made to our club.

In the month of October, the NAMGAR Car Show, held in Memphis, TN, proudly contributed the sum of \$5868 to the BSCC. This significant amount was the result of a year-long effort by Hi and Carolyn Shepard, along with numerous dedicated club members who volunteered their time in support of the National MGA organization. The success of the show, both in terms of attendance and financial outcome, can be attributed to the diligent efforts involved in hosting the event. This included designing and creating a magazine, securing a suitable show site, maintaining accurate bookkeeping, and developing a show inspired by high-end travel programs.

The donated funds will be placed into a separate savings account where the money will be judiciously overseen and the allocated for special needs that may arise, specifically pertaining to the club and club members.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to this endeavor, and we hope that the benefits of their hard work will be realized at the National car show.

Sincerely,
Carolyn and Hiram Shepard
901 754-0538