

## **MBCA Alabama Section Minutes of meeting 21 July 09**

Board members present:

Pres: Jim Roberts

V.P: Manny Sousa

Treas: Carl Cullison

At Large: Bob Hinds

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Other members: Robert Hinds, Carol Wadley, Cheryl Cullison, Carol Patterson, Tom Patterson

Minutes of last meeting were not read but are available on website.

Treasurer Report--- (See attached) presented by Treasurer Carl Cullison with notation that since this accounting we have received a \$500 check from MBCA for hosting a regional event and dispersed \$300 for air travel for director John Olson who presented the Sat. pm program at Heimatfest.

Old Business:

Pres Jim Roberts reported mixed results from the past weekend's car corral at the Grand Am race at Barber: Saturday had 12 M-B cars in attendance, but only 6 on Sunday. This is slightly better than past years. There were several from other sections. A few expressed interest in joining MBCA after seeing our display and took membership applications.

Treasurer & Webmaster Carl Cullison asked for photos for the website. He is also updating the calendar of coming events.

Acting newsletter co-editor Jim Roberts pointed out that e-mail was more than twice the size of printed version and the cost of printing and mailing has been absorbed by Jim and is reflected in the growth to treasury.

There is a new advertiser (Bada-Ding paintless body repair) and we received an inquiry from an independent M-B repair shop.

New Business:

Board vacancy: Martin Mayer's membership has expired since his job ended. Martin had worked diligently to stage and host events in Montgomery. The board will seek someone to finish Martin's term.

Upcoming events:

August: The August visit to Alabama Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville on 29 Aug was discussed. Sam Powers is to talk with M-B Huntsville's G.M. about a visit there after lunch at Ol' Heidelberg Restaurant.

September 18-19: Bob Hinds suggested a caravan Friday by way of Calloway Gardens to avoid Atlanta's Friday traffic to the Macon concours d'elegance.

October: Bob Hinds suggested continuing north of Little River Canyon and Desoto Falls to overnight at the "Delta Queen" riverboat that is now docked at Chattanooga. Alternatively "Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

There has become a popular fall foliage/sightseeing event. We will try to expand this with Peachtree and Smoky Mtn. sections.

November: Pensacola: Carol and Tom Patterson graciously offered to host this gulf coast event at their home and on their 51 foot sailboat on the weekend on 13-15 Nov. Tom will contact the dealer there and also suggested visiting the Naval Air Museum.

December: We discussed a holiday party in either Montgomery or Birmingham. Last year we held it in Montgomery to make it more accessible for members from the gulf coast but none attended. Board members in attendance and those who attended last year were all from Birmingham and northward to Huntsville.

Without a Montgomery board member it will be difficult to make local arrangements there.

2010: We have an offer for a visit to the approved M-B body shop for Jan or Feb.

Mobile members have offered to help host an event in March for the Azalea Festival.

Barber would like to have M-B as the featured marque for their vintage classic next spring. Date will probably be in May but will depend on the Indy Car and Grand-Am schedule. We will be planning the locations and events. We are working on a major tour along with a factory visit and the vintage race with concours and auction at Barber.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 to the parking lot to look at Sam Flowers' new E-550 sport.