

**MBCA Alabama Section
Minutes of meeting 18 August 09**

Board Members present:

Pres.: Jim Roberts

V.P.: Manny Sousa

Treas: Carl Cullison

Secretary: Dodie Roberts

At Large: Bob Hinds

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Other members: Robert Hinds, Jr. and Vicki Sousa

Minutes of the last meeting were not read but are available on the web site

Treasurer's Report (See attached) was presented by Treasurer Carl Cullison.

Old Business:

Discussion ensued of the Lotus Owners Gathering/ Heimatfest. The event was a financial success. The event made \$15,000.00

Discussion continued about shirts from the event.

Lotus has sent the check for reimbursement to the Club.

Board Vacancy: Martin Mayer's vacancy is open for replacement.

Upcoming Events:

August:

This month we will visit the Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville. We will leave from the Gardendale Cracker barrel at 8:00A.M. Please arrive early at 7:00A.M. for breakfast. We will head to the Space and Rocket Center. We will then lunch at Ol' Heidelberg. Sam Powers arranged for a visit to the Mercedes dealer in the Huntsville area.

September:

Bob Hinds is planning a caravan for lunch at Callaway Gardens. He will lead the group to the Macon Concours.

In September we also have an opportunity to join Barber Motor Sports Park for the Historics in the Park car show. This event is September fifth. Dodie Roberts will contact Clark Virden for more details.

October:

Bob Hinds is lchecking in to an addition to our fall color drive to Little River Canyon and Desoto Falls. The drive will take us north to overnight at the "Delta Queen" riverboat that is now docked in Chattanooga. An alternative plan to stay at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo is a possibility.

There are plans to expand this event with Peachtree and Smokey Mountain sections.

November:

We are still planning a trip to Pensacola. Carol and Tom Patterson are working on their home and will be unable to host at the house. They will plan a dinner at their Yacht Club as well as places to stay for the event. The trip will be the 13-15. We will highlight our trip with a visit to the Naval Air Museum.

December:

Jim and Dodie Roberts will host the Christmas party at their home in Mountain Brook.

Other Business:

Bob Hinds has graciously offered his home theater for a great event. Bob plans to show the movie Genevieve. The movie depicts the London to Briton race and features a car of 1904 vintage.

Respectfully,
Dodie Roberts, Secretary Mercedes Alabama Section