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Rowdies Business Meeting, Feb. 7, 2009
It's time to elect new officers!

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HISTORY The Chapter was established August 14, 1976. It was the NAMGAR's first chapter. We are a low-key club, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our MGA's. Anyone is welcome to join our chapter and they are asked to join NAMGAR too.

CHAPTER DUES \$20 annually (\$25 for printed newsletter)

NICKNAME *Rowdies*

MOTTO *People First!*

ROWDIES SITE

www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies

MG WEB SITE

www.mgcars.org.uk

NAMGAR WEB SITE

www.namgar.com

PAST CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

1976-1980 *Bruce Nichols*

1981-1982 *Tom Latta*

1983-1984 *Dick Feight*

1985-1988 *Dave Smith*

1989-1990 *Dave Quinn*

1991-1994 *Mark Barnhart*

1995-1995 *Herb Maier*

1996-1996 *Tom Knoy*

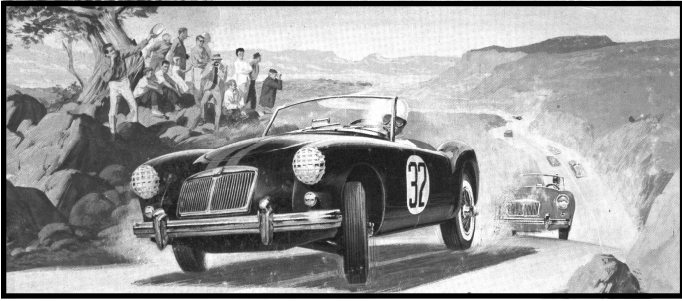
1997-1998 *Neil Griffin*

1999-2002 *Bruce Nichols*

2003-2004 *Bob Sutton*

2005-2008 *Gordie Bird*

Rowdies Calendar of Upcoming Events



January 24, 2009

University Motors Birthday Party, Ada, MI
John Twist & Caroline host

February 7, 2009

Rowdies Business Meeting, Clarkston, MI
Matt & Lisa Wigent host

July 13-17, 2009

NAMGAR GT-34
Hot Springs, AR

Members Page

Rowdies Website

Steve Mazurek, Webmaster

URL: <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies/>

Mac McDonnells Database Report

No new members since January 1, 2008.
70 Active and paid-up members.

E-mail & address corrections:

Please help us keep our e-mails up to date

**Deadline for submitting material for the next
issue is: February 20th**

Cover Photo: The entrance to the Bone island Grill,
site of the 2008 Rowdies Christmas Bash.

Classified Ads

Personal for sale or wanted classified ads are free to all paid-up members. Commercial ad rates: Full page \$40 issue/200 year; 1/2 page \$25/135; 1/4 page \$20/110; Bus Card \$10/55.

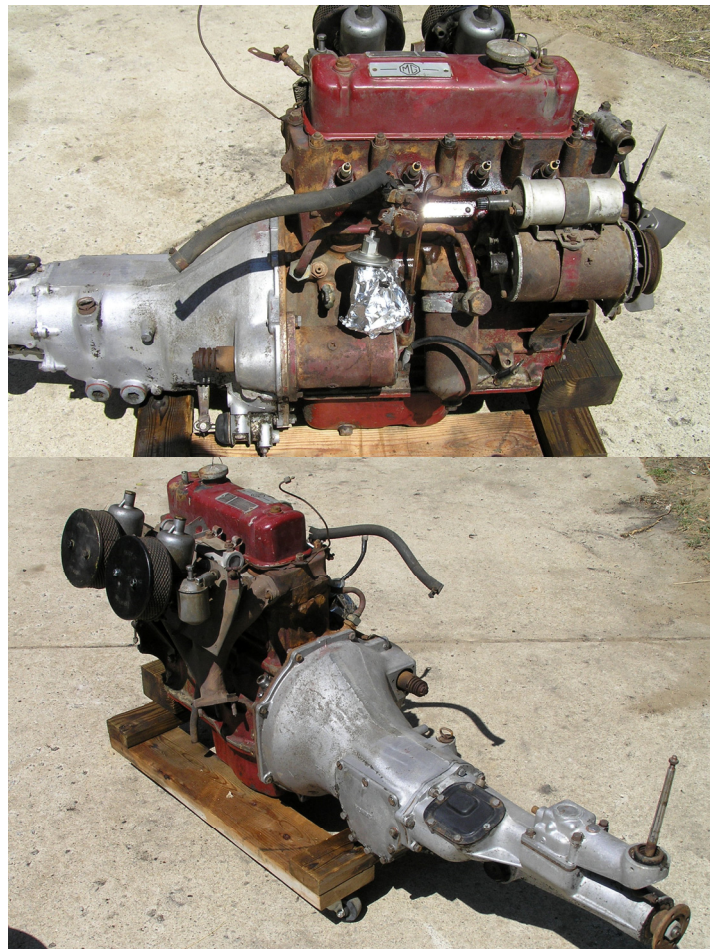
Total ads may not exceed 12-1/2% (2 pgs of 16); ads accepted on first come, first served bases.

1500 Engine & Trans. For Sale

I'm selling my engine & transmission out of my parts car. I've determined that I will not rebuild it and put it in my 57. Photos attached.

\$1,000 OR BEST OFFER.

Dick Grucz, 517-548-1035





Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie Bird

With the arrival of 2009 and the business meeting right around the corner I am reflecting on the past and wondering what the future holds for the Michigan Rowdies. Since 1976 the Michigan Rowdies have been in the forefront of the preservation of the MGA and today are the oldest and one of the most active chapters in NAMGAR. I hope the younger members of our club can carry on our traditions well into the future. The combined MGA knowledge in our membership is arguably the greatest of any group in the world and our members are more than willing to share that knowledge.

During the past 4 years that I have had the privilege of being the Chairman we have hosted a national GT, worked on many an MGA at our Day in the Garage events, printed club calendars, started an electronic newsletter, given away hundreds of dollars in our Rowdie Raffles, and catered a Christmas Party as well as many driving and social events. My thanks go to our other officers and support staff for they really make everything happen.

At this years business meeting we will be electing new officers. Some of you have been nominated and/or have offered to fill some of the positions. My sincere thanks to those of you who have offered to run for the position of Treasurer, Meets Chairman, and Webmaster. We are still in need of someone to fill the positions of Chairman and Newsletter Editor as both me and Dave Goeddeke will be stepping down from our posts. Both positions only require a couple of hours a month of time and the support from past officers is outstanding. I'm looking forward to our business meeting on February 7 (see flier in this issue) and seeing new names on the ballot for officer positions. Please consider yourself as a candidate for one of the positions.

I must make a retraction from the last Chatter. I stated (somewhat rhetorically) that Jeff Zorn got his MGA out of the trailer, in the rain, for the Battle of the Brits show in September. Actually, as Jeff pointed out, Annette drove his A, in the rain, from Farmington Hills to Sterling Heights, and he drove

the return trip which was in a downpour. My apologies to Jeff for implying his MGA was a trailer queen, we all know that he no longer has room for a car in his trailer along with his inventory. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are now preparing for another great MG summer. Make sure and attend the business meeting to find out what surprises the club has in store for 2009.

Safety Fast!
Gordie

Win \$50

The Rowdies will have a drawing at each meet for a gift certificate worth \$50 in merchandise from Jeff Zorn's Little British Car Co.

We hope to see some new faces at our meets and encourage you to bring a friend to join. All paid-up members are eligible for a raffle to be held at each Rowdie meet. The winner of the raffle will receive the gift certificate.



Rowdies Business Meeting

Come see and be seen at the most exciting event that you won't bring your MG to this year!

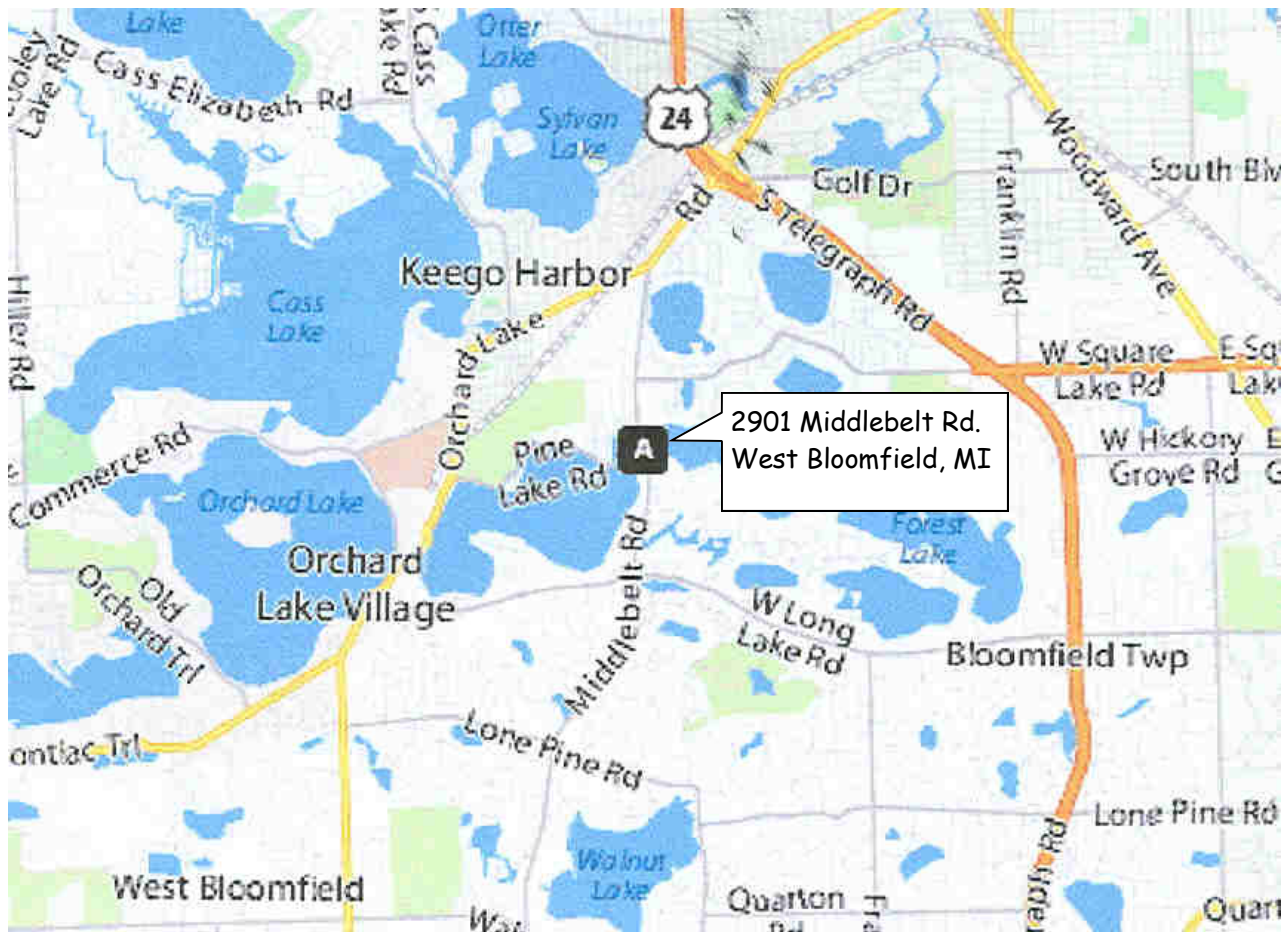
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Time for the annual Rowdies business meeting! Matt & Lisa Wigent will be hosting this year at Matt's grandmother's house (see article in the March/April 2006 issue of the A-Antics for a write-up of the last event held here). Have kids? So do we! Weather permitting there will be sledding in the back yard, or video games to play.

Get there by 1:00 with a dish to pass, and we'll get down to business about 1:30.

2901 Middlebelt Rd, West Bloomfield, MI 48324

The house is on the East side of Middlebelt, between Square Lake and Pine Lake. From I-75 or Telegraph Rd, take Square Lake West to Middlebelt, go South (left turn) on Middlebelt to 2901.

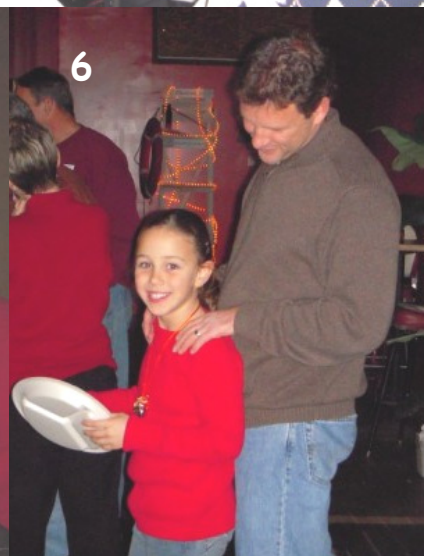


P.S. Neil, there will be pie!

Rowdies Christmas Party



1) A jolly good crowd of almost 50 Rowdies braved the snowy weather to enjoy the delicious dinner and great camaraderie at the Bone Island Grill. 2) Stephanie Smith unwraps her gift with great anticipation. 3) John Alexander, Carole King, Dave & Mike & Phyllis Goeddeke, and Mitzi & Larry Pittman enjoy the meal prepared by Gene Davis & Sons catering 4) Elvis serenades Marji Barnhart with his "Blue Christmas" ballad at the party. 5) Phil Wiltshire & Ailene Butcher await their turn to select a gift or snatch someone's else's. 6) Mike Tyler waits in the buffet line with daughter Elaina. Dave Quinn delivered 6 trays of leftover food to Interfaith Shelter in Jackson. A Big THANK YOU.



Christmas Party cont.



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1) Donna Quinn, Bill Weakley, Dave Quinn & Bruce Nichols share a table at dinner. 2) Rob Cote' & Jeff Smith have an interesting discussion. 3) Gordie & Tracey Bird share a bottle of wine while preparing the gift drawing. 4) All the seats were taken and the party room was just the right size for the Rowdies. 5) Mark & Marji Barnhart, Jeff Smith, Jayne & Rich Pollion, & Ken Nelson pose for photographer. 6) Joni McDonnell, Neil & Thelma Griffin, and Dave & Chari Smith have a lot to smile about. 7) Curt Smith and Chari Smith share an idea (and a last name).



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Just for Laughs

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a scale.

And then the fight started...

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... so, I took her to a gas station.

And then the fight started...

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

And then the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And then the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

'I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please.'

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?""

Nah, she can order for herself."

And then the fight started...

A woman is standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly.'

I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

And then the fight started....

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95.

Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream.

And then the fight started....

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My wife asked me if a certain dress made her butt look big. I told her not as much as the dress she wore yesterday.

and then the fight started....

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.

So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?"

And that's when the fight started....

My wife and I are watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?" "No," she answered. I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying "Yes." So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started....

Michigan Chapter NAMGAR Ballot

Elected Offices: *Incumbent*
Chairperson *Gordie Bird*

Nominees:
(*your name here*)

Treasurer *Jeff Zorn*

Rich Pollion

Meets Chairperson *Steve Holliday*

Mark Barnhart

Dave Quinn

Volunteer Officers:

Newsletter Editor *Dave Goeddeke*

(*your name here*)

Webmaster *Steve Mazurek*

Larry Pittman

Membership Chairperson *Bruce Nichols*

Bruce Nichols

Regalia Chairperson *Brian Beery*

Brian?

Discussion Topics:

2009 Events and Hosts

Rowdies calendars

MICHIGAN CHAPTER NAMGAR BYLAWS

Article 1. Name and Purpose

Section A. Club Name: Officially we are "The Michigan Chapter of NAMGAR". However our more common name is "The Michigan Rowdies". This depicts our large turnouts at events and sometimes our general behavior.

Section B. Club Purpose: The preservation and enjoyment of our MGA'S. We strive to maintain a low key relaxed group for the whole family and everything should be done in the spirit of Fun.

Article 2. Membership

Section A. Joining Requirements: The only requirement for Michigan Chapter membership is an interest in or love of preserving, restoring, driving, showing, or admiring the MGA and its variants. The chapter will also strongly encourage all chapter members to also join the NORTH AMERICAN MGA REGISTER.

Section B. Member Privileges: All membership privileges shall automatically cease if a members dues are unpaid. The board of the chapter may expel any member for conduct which threatens the purpose or goals of the club.

Article 3. Dues

Section A. Chapter Dues: Annual dues of \$20.00 are due and payable on your individual anniversary date. Dues are \$25 for members who request printed newsletters. All members including officers pay dues.

Section B. Lifetime Memberships (No Dues): Lifetime memberships have been given to NAMGAR's first chairman Mac Spears, Michigan's first chairman Bruce Nichols, and Michigan's second chairman Tom Latta. No additional lifetime memberships will be awarded.

Article 4. Officers

Section A. Elective Officers: There are three elective offices; the chapter chairman, the meets chairman, and the treasurer. This group is the CHAPTER BOARD.

Section B. Volunteer officers: The volunteer offices are the "A-Antics" editor, regalia chairman, membership chairman, and the British Sports Car Council Representative.

Article 5. Duties of the Officers

Section A. Chapter Chairman: The key is to maintain a spirit of fun. The Chairman may lead, follow, or get out of the way, usually there is a time and place for each. The Chairman oversees club activities as deemed necessary. A column, "Chairman's Chatter" will be submitted to the A-Antics editor for each issue.

- Section B. Meets Chairman: Gets specific meet details "nailed down" and sent to the A-Antics editor in sufficient time for a detailed flyer to be included in the issue prior to the meet. The Meets Chairman serves as the Chapter Chairman in his absence.
- Section C. Treasurer: The Treasurer is the only member authorized to collect chapter dues. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate and up to date record of club finances. A treasury report will be made at each annual business meeting. A club checking account will be maintained. The Chairman must be notified in advance of any anticipated or intended liability of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more. The only exception to this rule is the cost of editing, printing, and postage for the A-Antics. All records are subject to chapter audit as deemed appropriate.
- Section D. A-Antics Editor: Members should enjoy receiving specific meet details with enough lead time to allow planning, tech tips to aid in restorations and maintenance, and stories and articles concerning the enjoyment of our club and cars. An assistant editor may be recruited to help as the editor deems necessary. All printing, Collating stapling, and postage costs will be paid by the treasurer through an advance. The chapter bylaws and a membership list will be published annually.
- Section E. Regalia Chairman: The Regalia Chairman is responsible for overseeing all regalia sales. Club regalia may be ordered after consultation with the chapter board. Regalia sales records will be kept and a report made at each annual business meeting.
- Section F. Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman, through consultation with the Treasurer, insures that the membership list is up to date at all times. The Membership Chairman will provide the A-Antics editor with the specifics on new members. The Membership Chairman sends all new members a welcome letter and membership packet.

Article 6. Chapter News Letter

- Section A. The name of the chapter news letter will be "A-Antics". A-Antics will be produced every other month in the odd numbered months. Advertising (for sale or wanted) is free to members. Commercial advertising, no matter if a member or someone outside the club will be at prevailing rates published in A-Antics. The editor maintains final editorial rights on all material submitted.

Article 7. Bylaws

- Section A. The bylaws may be amended or changed only by the Chapter Board by unanimous vote, with all three Chapter Board members in attendance.

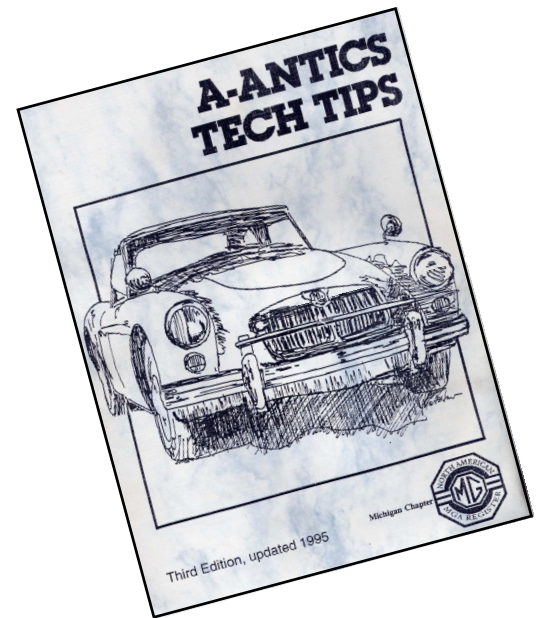
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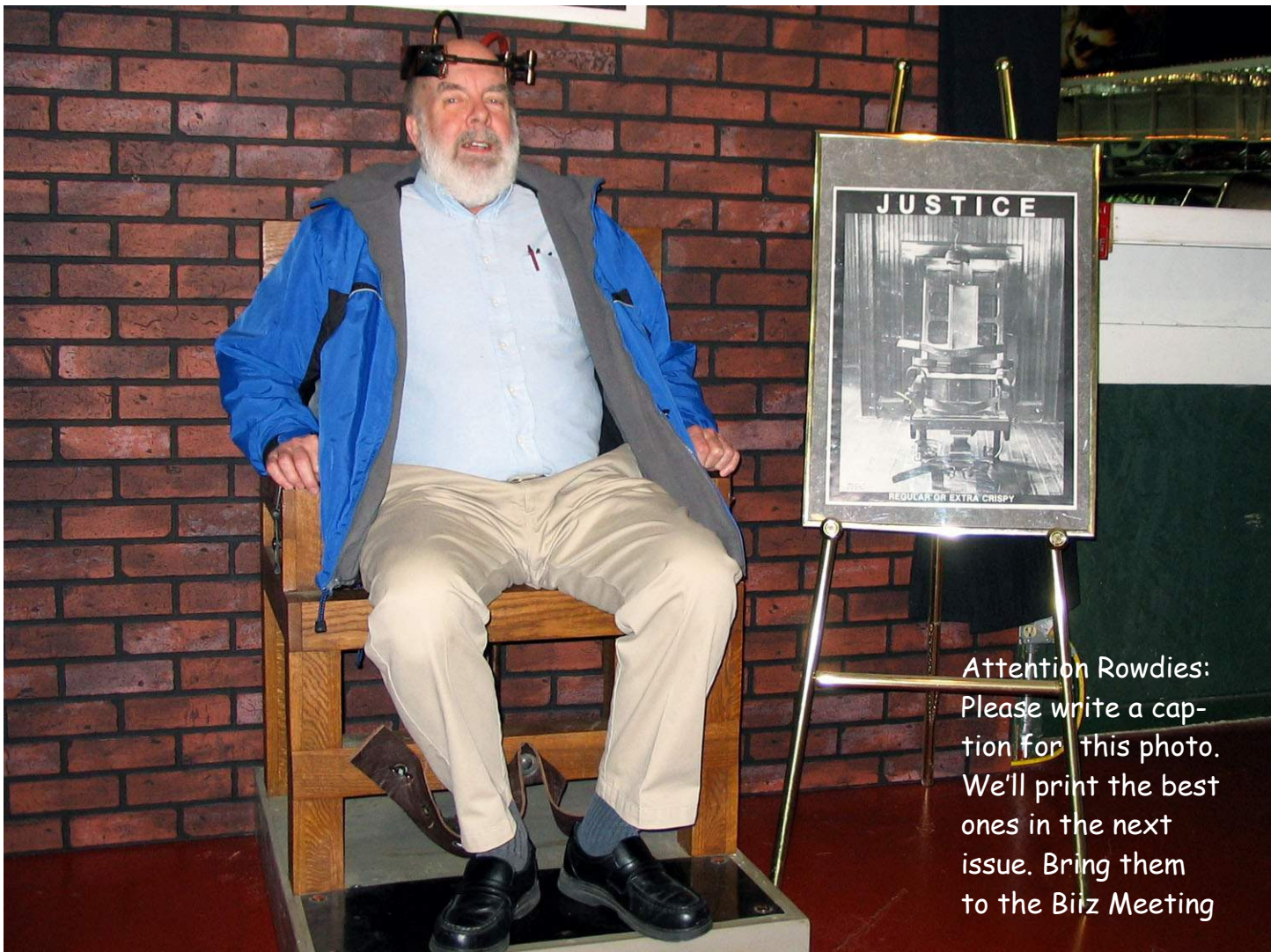
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