

# THE CLEAR HOOTER!



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Bill Lyons Jaguar XK140 Coupe

I bought the car in 1964 so I've had it 52 years! It was sitting at a corner gas station with a For Sale sign in the window. I was young, just starting off with a new family and didn't have the \$1100 price. So the owner let me make payments over a three month period. Bet he wishes he still had the car today! (Continued page 17.)

# Presidents Letter



Spring is upon us and the club is planning some great events for all to enjoy our classic cars. Many of us are still basking the glow from our last Wine Tour event as the weather and wine all were perfect for the day.

For our next Brunch Run, Michael has put together a great trip to the Sunset Restaurant in Malibu. We'll meet at 9:45 a.m., Sat., March 26th in PETCO parking lot in the shopping plaza just off & West of 101 on Las Posas Rd, Camarillo. Pier 1 Imports, Target, etc. are in that plaza, along with a SHELL station (corner of W Ventura Blvd. & Las Posas). If you have not already signed up and want to attend please let Michael Fruster, ([mfruster@aol.com](mailto:mfruster@aol.com)) know so he can tell the restaurant how many people they will need to sit.

Plans are also in the works for a run to the Getty Villa museum, and the Nethercutt, Mullen, and Petersen collection of classic cars.

The ALL BRITISH CAR MEET AND AUTO JUMBLE in Woodley Park, Van Nuys is planned for Sunday, May 22, 2016 - 9am to 4pm. It will be a non-judged "meet" designed for the enthusiast and serious collector alike. All British marques (cars and motorcycles) are welcome.

Unfortunately, the Camarillo Celtic Faire - Wearin' o' the Green scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> was canceled this year.

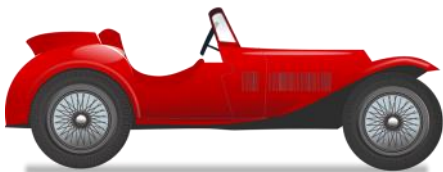
If anyone has a suggestion for a fun run for the club, please contact me or any of the other members of the board.

Our big car event at the Oxnard Harbor is coming up on July 17<sup>th</sup> and we will need many volunteers to help make this a successful event. This is a big event and we get clubs from all over California that will attend.

Our next club meeting will be at Mimi's restaurant in Ventura on Tuesday April 5th, the board will meet at 6pm with the general meeting at 7 pm.

I hope to see you there.

Jim. President  
CCBCC  
President





## GENERAL MEETINGS:

Are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless it falls on a holiday at:

### MIMIS CAFÉ

3375 East Main Street, Ventura, CA 93003  
Corner of Main and Mills (Pacific View Mall)

## 2016 GENERAL MEETING DATES:

Apr 5, May 3, June 7,

July 5, Aug. 2, Sept.6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1

Board meetings take place according to the needs of the club, usually before or after the club's General Meeting; but as often as is deemed necessary at the discretion of the Club President.

## NEWSLETTER

THE CLEAR HOOTER is your Club Newsletter and it is published monthly. The deadline for submission of any camera ready or digital ads, stories, reports and information that you'd like to see in the next issue is the **23rd** of the month prior to publication.

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CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB  
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Ventura, CA 93002

# CCBCC UPCOMING EVENTS

## Trip to The Nethercutt Collection & Museum—April 23, 2016



The meeting place will be the **IHOP** at 718 W. Ventura St. in Fillmore. This is at the intersection of HWY 126 and W. Ventura St. This is also where HWY 23 from Moorpark meets HWY 126. There is also a Starbucks at the intersection. We will leave the IHOP at 8:45, so plan your ride time to get there, eat or coffee. There is not an official breakfast at IHOP with the group.

We must meet at 9:45 am at the Nethercutt for the start of our tour.

We will start with the collections and a guided tour in the Lower Salon. It is a microcosm of the entire collection. There are about 25 automobiles dating from the early 1900's up to the late 1940's. Also displayed are David Winter cottages, Dolls, Coins and Crystal figurines. From there we will go to:

The Grand Salon includes marble columns, crystal chandeliers, and painted ceilings and approximately 30 of the finest automobiles from the 1910's, 20 and 30s. The automobiles include Duesenbergs, Cadillacs, Isotta-Fraschini, Delahaye, Minvera, Renault, Maybach and many other European and American built automobiles.

We will also tour the Automobile collections and Antiques which is located on the third floor. There are Radiator hood ornaments "Mascots", including Lalique Crystal mascots and 18th and 19th century French Furniture.

The fourth floor houses the: Instruments. This area displays a world-class collection of automated mechanical instruments including musical repeat striking watches, Swiss bird boxes, cylinder and disc music boxes, grand pianos, Nickelodeons and European Orchestrons. This part of the tour culminates with demonstrations of select orchestrations and the 5,000 piped Mighty Wurlitzer theatre Organ.

After these 4 wonderful floors of collections we will get a special tour of the restoration shop.

Their elevator is undergoing major modernization and updating. If you are unable to use the stairs you will be limited to the ground floor collection and museum.

Lunch will be at the **Crunchy Crab** at: 13076 Glenoaks Blvd. Sylmar CA 91342, reservations are at 1:15pm. The restaurant is about 0.7 miles from the Nethercutt. The other option for lunch is to bring your own; but you will have to eat in your car since there are no eating facilities or picnic areas on the premises.

On your own you are free to visit the museum. The Nethercutt Museum showcases more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic and special interest automobiles including many top winners of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

There is a 1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson Locomotive and 1912 Pullman Private Car, which was owned by the eldest daughter of Santa Anita Race Track founder, E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin.

The address is: 15200 Bledsoe Street Sylmar, CA 91342.

Go to: <http://www.nethercuttcollection.org/DrivingDirections.aspx> to put in your address to get directions if you decide not to meet the group at IHOP.

The Nethercutt cuts off the number of attendees at 25, so please RSVP to: [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com) Also we need a number for lunch reservations. The sooner you can let us know the better.

You can also call (805)484-9624

## A little background on the Nethercutt Museum

Born in South Bend, IN, on October 11, 1913, J.B. Nethercutt moved to Santa Monica, CA, in 1923 to live with his aunt and founder of Merle Norman Cosmetics, Merle Nethercutt Norman. He later left his studies at the California Institute of Technology to go into business with his aunt.

On September 3, 1933, J.B. married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Sykes. The marriage lasted more than 70 years until Dorothy's death on October 8, 2004. It was during their early years together that J.B. and Dorothy began their love affair with old cars.

In 1956, J.B. purchased two cars: a 1936 Duesenberg Convertible Roadster for \$5,000 and a 1930 DuPont Town Car for \$500, both needing total refurbishing. The DuPont restoration, which J.B. estimated would take a few weeks, instead took 18 months and over \$65,000. By 1958, his meticulously rebuilt project claimed its first prize — the coveted “Best of Show” award at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. By the summer of 1992, his cars had won the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance six times, more than any other individual. The Duesenberg and the DuPont are still part of The Nethercutt Collection.

As J.B.'s collection grew, he was determined to share his masterpieces with the public. In 1971, he and Dorothy opened a museum in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, which has been free to the public since its opening.

J.B., who passed away on December 6, 2004 at the age of 91, memorably stated: “The recognition and preservation of beauty has been a major focus of my life. It would suit me well if what people remembered about me was, ‘Where he went, he left beauty behind.’”

Jack Nethercutt and his wife Helen now proudly carry on the work that J.B. and Dorothy began.

Early on, Jack exhibited a fondness for cars and discovered his natural abilities on the track. His sports car racing career from the 1950s and '60s is showcased in The Nethercutt Collection's Lower Gallery. Jack hung up his helmet to help with the family business. A University of Southern California graduate, he served as Vice President of Marketing of Merle Norman Cosmetics and later as President in 1973. He held this post for a number of years before leaving to explore other interests, including ownership of a Las Vegas, NV, restaurant.

In March 2002, Jack returned as President of Merle Norman Cosmetics. He and Helen now serve as Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman, respectively. They also serve as Chairman of the Board and Director for The Nethercutt Collection. They continue to restore museum-quality cars, entering and winning at virtually every concours in which their stunning cars appear.



JB and Dorothy Nethercutt



# CCBCC UPCOMING EVENTS

## LUNCH RUN TO COLD SPRING TAVERN

May 14, 2016



This drive will take approximately 2 hours through beautiful back country. If that is too much driving for you, you may take the freeway and follow # 10 below. We will meet at Cold Springs Tavern at about 11:30, they will be expecting our group.

### Route:

1. Meet at the usual place, Seaward and 101 at Golden China restaurant. At 9am, Tour starts at 9:30. Take 101 North
2. Turn off on Hwy 33 and take it until you reach Hwy 150 (Baldwin Road) and turn left, go around Lake Casitas.
3. Hwy 150 splits into 150 and Hwy 192 (near the beginning of the Carpenteria area). Take Hwy 192 at this "Y"
4. Hwy 192 is called Foothill Blvd through Carpenteria
5. Foothill Rd. comes to a "T", Turn right.
6. Hwy 192 is called East Valley Rd, behind the Summerland area
7. Continue on Hwy 192 on the backside of Monticeto
8. Hwy 192 comes to another "T", turn right (left is Sycamore Canyon Rd)
9. Continue on Hwy 192 until you come to Hwy 154
10. Take 154 to the right (San Marcos Rd.)
11. Go up the the mountain to the top, then, one mile down the valley side, turn left onto Stagecoach Rd. Take a direct right and go down the canyon for about 1.5 miles to the Tavern

This is an approximate 2 hour drive.

Terry's Cell (805)479-2346

Please RSVP as I need approximate number of participants to let the restaurant know ahead of time. Please e-mail me: [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com).



# Paradise British Car Club—North Meets South 2016, April 29-30, 2016 Event Registration



All British cars of any marque are invited to attend this event. Classes will be formed based on three or more entries of a marque or model received by Tuesday, 4/26/16; no new classes will be added after that date. If your car's marque or model total entries are unable to form a class, it will by default be placed into either the 'Open: Sports Car Class' or the 'Open: Saloon Class'. If there are fewer than three cars in either of these 'Open' classes they will be combined into an 'Open: British Car Class'. See [www.Paradisecarclubhome.com](http://www.Paradisecarclubhome.com) for more information.

The host hotel for this event is the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel in Buellton, CA. Make your reservations by calling central reservations toll free at 888-236-2427. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Paradise Car Club group to receive the special group rate.

By signing below, I/we fully release the Paradise British Car Club, it's officers, members and all other event sponsors from any and all liability for any loss, damage or other claim as a result of injury to persons or property resulting from my/our participation in this event including my/our travel to and from the event. My registered car/cars, is/are covered by suitable liability insurance.

**Your signature(s) is/are required below.**

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a North American MGB Register Regional Event**

Driver Name:	1st Entry: Marque & Model	Year
Co-Driver Name:	2nd Entry: Marque & Model	Year
Address:	Phone No:	Club Affiliation
City:	State:	ZIP:      Email Address: (Please print legibly)

Registration for event:	\$35.00	First Car	
Additional British Car:	\$15.00	Each Car	
Saturday Lunch:	\$15.00	Each x <sup>QTY</sup> =	
Awards Banquet:	\$36.00	Each x <sup>QTY</sup> =	
Total Enclosed:			

The Saturday lunch will be held at the car show venue and will feature your choice of BBQ Tri-tip or chicken, salad, garlic bread, beans and drink. Please state your selection below:

The Saturday night Awards Banquet will be held at the Marriott Hotel and will offer your choice of Flat Iron Steak or Oven Roasted Chicken. Please state your selection below:

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Qty. LUNCH:                          | Qty. DINNER:                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Tri-tip | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Iron Steak      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Oven Roasted Chicken |

Make check payable to Paradise British Car Club. Print form, fill out, and mail to:  
**Cheryl Smith, Registrar**  
**1638 Woodland Court**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

For further event information, check out our updated web site at: [Paradisecarclubhome.com](http://Paradisecarclubhome.com)

If you have registration questions, or for further registration information contact our registrar at [northmeetsouth2016@hotmail.com](mailto:northmeetsouth2016@hotmail.com)

## Calling all MG Owners — GOF West June 26-July 1, 2016



The Forty-Third annual GoF West will be held at the Eagle Crest Resort, a full-service destination resort located on 1,700 acres next to the Deschutes River in a high desert setting, just 18 miles north of Bend, Oregon.

The resort features a wide variety of premium accommodations including the fully-renovated Lodge at Eagle Crest. The Resort boasts spectacular views of the Cascade mountain range and serves as the perfect hub to enjoy all of the recreational activities that Central Oregon has to offer. The Eagle Crest boasts over 300 days of sunshine each year with an annual rainfall of less than nine inches.

As with most GoF events, there will be plenty of MG activities to keep you occupied, but there will also be some free time to allow you to enjoy the area. Central Oregon boasts some of the best recreation in the region, and you may want to participate in other activities such as mountain biking, rock climbing, paddle boarding, hiking, canoeing and other summer activities; most of these activities can be found just outside your door. Central Oregon has something for everyone.

The fully renovated Lodge at Eagle Crest, a Holiday Inn Resort where we will be staying, is perfectly located at the center of the Resort overlooking the Resort Golf Course. The Lodge at Eagle Crest completed a \$3M renovation the fall of 2011, and features completely refurbished guest rooms and lobby. King Guest Rooms are available for a substantially reduced cost, or elect to stay in a large 1, 2 or 3 bedroom condo unit a short distance from the lodge also at substantially reduced prices.

Co-chairing the event will be Larry Long and Mike Campbell, who together have over 60 years experience in either attending or chairing past GoF West events. Larry Long can be contacted at

Dave and I have attended a number of these events. They are a lot of fun. There is a car "Funkana" and a car-less funkana. We will be attending this one in Oregon, would love to see some CCBC MG owners there.



Dave and Terry participating in the Funkana, parking our MG.



**The Triumph Register of Southern California enthusiastically invites you to beautiful Ventura, California to experience Triumphfest 2016. The event will be held September 8,9,10, and 11th. at the newly remodeled Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel. More information at: <http://www.triumphfest2016.com/home.html>. I will have lots more information in the summer newsletters.**





**GoF WEST 2016  
REGISTRATION FORM  
REDMOND, OREGON  
June 27- July 1, 2016**

**Monday through Friday  
Registration Fee**

**\$50.00 USD before March 1, 2016  
\$65.00 USD after February 28, 2016**

**In Spirit \$25.00**

**Cancellations after March 31, 2016 will revert to  
In-Spirit Registration**

**Names - as you want them on your name tag and in the Booklet:**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Driver:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (or dependents) who will be attending with you:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Club Affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other MG Clubs Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First GoF West with car? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_ **Number previously attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First GoF West without a car? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**Car: Year** \_\_\_ **Model** \_\_\_ **Color** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be bringing a trailer?: Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**Will you be staying at the Resort?: Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**Method of Payment: Check** \_\_\_ **VISA** \_\_\_ **Master Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Card:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Code (3 digits):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature if paying by Credit Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rates are \$124.00 per night for a standard room, plus applicable taxes and fees. Please refer to GoF West 2016 when registering in order to obtain these rates. Large 1, 2 and 3 bedroom condo units are available at a per night rate of \$144.00, \$219.00 and \$259.00.**

**Please send form, payment to Mike Campbell, 3570 Willow Street, Bonita, CA 91902.**

**Make check payable to GoF West. For additional information, please visit web site at [www.GoFWEST.ORG](http://www.GoFWEST.ORG) or email at [MLC226M@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MLC226M@YAHOO.COM) or call (619) 993-0952.**

## Other car events coming up



**SUNDAY  
MAY 22  
9AM – 4PM**

### **ALL BRITISH CAR MEET AND AUTO JUMBLE WOODLEY PARK, VAN NUYS**

**DIRECTIONS:** Woodley Ave. between Burbank Blvd. and Victory Blvd. just North of the intersection of the 405 and 101 Freeways. (531 F7, Thomas guide)

**Info:** (626) 797-4221 info@queens-english.org www..Queens-English.org

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#### **ENTRY FORM FOR PREFERRED ADMISSION AND PARKING**

Years makes & models: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE STATEMENT** (Must be signed by registrant)

I hereby agree to the following conditions for attending and entering vehicles in Queens English at Woodley Park on May 22, 2016. I agree to release the organizers, volunteers, staff and the City of Los Angeles from any and all liability for injuries, damage, or loss arising from my entry and attendance at said event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Entry and Payment to: **QUEEN'S ENGLISH  
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## Behind the Wheel editors corner

I am attempting to put out a newsletter every month, there may be times I miss a month due to being away.

The newsletter is a vital piece of communication to keep members informed of what is happening within our club and lists events that are happening that may be of interest to club members.

I would like to feature one member's British car on the cover of each newsletter. If you would like your ride displayed on the cover, please send me a high resolution picture of it in a nice place (not just the parking lot at work!!) to [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

**I have two more pictures to put on the front cover. Let's see yours on the July Issue and beyond. Please send to me [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)**

### ARTICLES NEEDED:

The newsletter is in desperate of articles on anything to do with the club or british cars. Please use Microsoft Word and save as a document. If possible use font Arial and do not do any formatting, just paragraphs of words.

Any pictures that you have please put them as attachments to my e-mail: [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CCBCC Breakfast-Brunch Meets

They will be at different venues throughout the year. Stay tuned for information and dates for 2016. If you have any suggestions for a Cruise-Meet please contact Jim Hill, president.

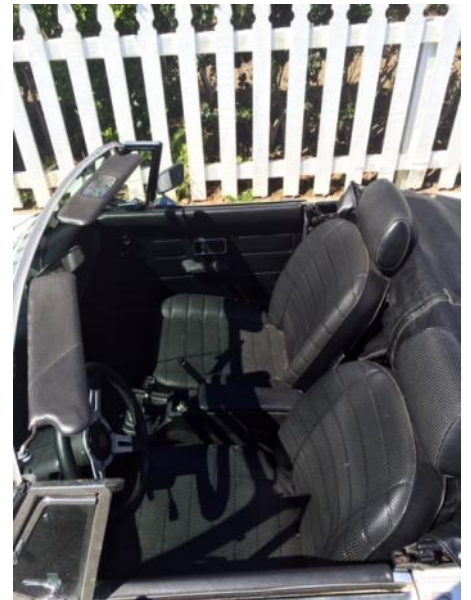
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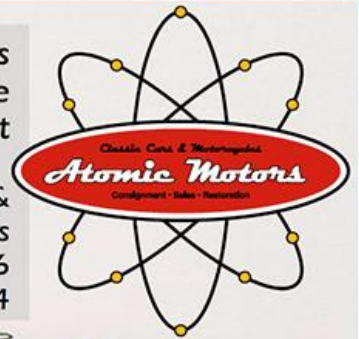
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Behind every great car, there's a woman (especially in my case). She insisted we restore a very tired, worn out machine, rather than sell it. The body was first. A shop in Santa Clarita welded up a few splotches of rust, painted it, and re-did the chrome. Darleen (my wife) and I installed a new exhaust system, and re-upholstered the interior. I spent all one winter refinishing the wood myself. Tired of Lucas annoyances, we re-wired the car...all stock stuff. We had the gauges rebuilt and managed to locate a few items to complete the tool roll. Finally, we recently had the engine rebuilt. The finishing touch was the oversize whitewall tires. "We drive the car about 3,000 miles annually, mostly to car shows ."

Here is a little history of Bill as written by Bill:

"When one gets a little older (I'm in my seventies), you look back at life and weigh what was really important. Ever since elementary school, I have always been an engineer at heart. I devoted my working life to inventing things: conjuring, as I like to call it.

Engineering isn't what I did for a living; it's what I am. Design is a passion, not a job. In the evenings, I found myself teaching algebra, strength of materials and machine design to anyone who'd listen. Imbedded in my soul was a need to share my treasure.

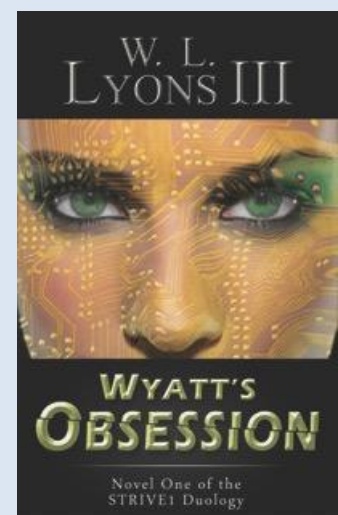
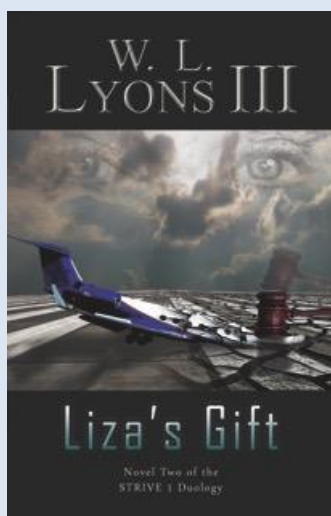
And so it is with my Strive1 Duology: Wyatt's Obsession and Liza's Gift. I hope readers will feel the fervor, the fire in Wyatt's gut that brought him to the brink of glory and gain a glimpse into the world of "nerds."

Creative people, like engineers, chafe at limits. For them, nothing is impossible. Increasingly, the role of government has been to erect barricades that stifle those like Wyatt. He hates rules and regulations because they restrict his striving, his need to unravel mysteries and his compulsion to innovate. Me too.

Will I settle into retirement, vacationing and playing golf? No. I'll always proselytize chemistry and physics and continue to do "Science Hour" at the Boys and Girls Club. It is ordained. Now, searching for the source of my zeal, I'm compelled to write a memoir about my extraordinary childhood. It should go to press this spring.

However brief my future may be, writing is my lodestar."

Thanks to Bill for donating a copy of each book to the raffle at the wine tour.



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