

ABCS Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING – May 8, 2008 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for April 10, 2008

After some good eating, the meeting was brought to order by our President, Paul Kern.

Paul reminded everyone of the upcoming trip to the Biltmore Estate on 24 May. We still need a few more participants in order to take advantage of the group discount. If you are planning on attending, please contact Paul or Bill Wilson with your confirmation.

Paul announced that the club is in need of a few volunteers to present a few programs during the membership meetings. Additionally, we need a drive for the month of June, since the planned drive had to be canceled.

Paul announced that the ABCS will be hosting next year's 4th Annual April Fools Bash. The ETMGDC did a fantastic job hosting this year's bash at the Cherokee State Park on March 29. Although the weather did not cooperate to well, 28 British cars showed up for the events. A great time was had by all with great food and camaraderie.



The event will be held on the Saturday closest to April 1. A centralized location to all East Tennessee clubs will be most advantageous.

Upcoming Events:

May 10 – Townsend. Leaving Rush Street at 8:00 AM

May 17 – SMJC Jaguar Concourse, Gatlinburg. Pittman High School

May 24 – Biltmore Estate. Leaving Sears in Johnson City at 9:00 AM.

May 28 – British Car Week. Gathering at Gourmet & Co., Johnson City

Allen McKeena was the host speaker for the evening. Allen recently traveled to Guatemala doing electrical work as part of Hands of Companion International missionary work. The Mission there raises tilapia and chickens as income and

also to feed the orphanage. Allen showed a slide presentation of all the good work being done by this organization.

On Saturday, April 12, a well represented group of BLC's met at the Exchange Place on Orebank Rd. for a Road Rally. There were MG's, XK-150, and Minis.



After much driving across TN and VA, we ended in downtown Kingsport, where we had an excellent lunch at “12 Bones”, specializing in BBQ ribs.

The winner of the rally will be announced at the next membership meeting.

NAMGBR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) was formed in late 1990 as the result of a strong demand for a non-profit, democratic organization which would be run by MG enthusiasts, for MG enthusiasts, where...

- The MGB Register would be dedicated to maintaining and expanding interest in Britain's most popular sports cars...the MGB and MG Midget. Each and every member would have a vote on policy.
- The Officers would be elected by the membership and would offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
- The finances of the Register would be open to all, at any time.
- The MGB Register membership would be open to all, with no restrictions, and where ownership of an MG would not be a condition of membership.
- ACTIVITY, ENTHUSIASM and DEDICATION would be cherished. At the founding meeting, attended by enthusiasts from three continents, it was agreed that MG Midgets and MG 1100/1300s would be welcome in the Register and would be actively supported by their own sub-registers. NAMGBR also sought and gained the approval and support of the parent MG Car Club in England, the oldest and original of all MG clubs. NAMGBR is the only national Register of the MGB and Midget in the United States, Canada, and Mexico officially sanctioned by the MG Car Club UK and is proud to count amongst its honorary members Don Hayter, who styled the MGB while Chief Engineer at the MG Factory in Abingdon, Geoff Allen a long-time factory employee, and Ken Costello, inventor of the MGB GT V8.

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

- The MGB Driver a bi-monthly 60 page magazine, packed with MGB Register news, technical information, photos, articles on the history and development of various MGs, letters from members, a calendar of events, cars for sale and much more.
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- A unique Register blue and gold dash plaque inscribed with your personal membership number.
- Local, regional and national meets where you can join and socialize with like-minded enthusiasts. With over 70 local affiliated chapters you're never far from an MG friend.
- A mutual help scheme for members through a listing of willing participants. Stuck out in the boonies? Just call!
- A wide range of regalia and other items for sale to members to demonstrate your love of MGs.

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How many MGs do you own?
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What other British cars do you own?

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