

ABCS Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING – May 14, 2009 – Ben Bailey's Garage

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for April 9, 2009

There were 20 members and one guest, Liz Hughes, present at the meeting. Liz is having her MG restored by Paul McRoy. Liz has since joined the club. WELCOME.

Paul Kern commented on the April Fool Bash. It certainly was a great success; with 37 LBC's present and 7 British Car Clubs in attendance.

The next meeting will be held at Ben Bailey's new garage. The address is:

120 Horace Dillow Rd.
Telford, TN 37690

Hope to see you there.

Peter Davis won the door prize, and Hilda Davies won the 50/50 raffle.

Allen Calcote spoke about generators and regulators on our MGs. Allen certainly made it sound simple the workings of the charging system. We left the meeting all charged up.

Upcoming Events:

May 8-10 – 22nd.
Springtime in the
Smokies, Townsend, TN

May 14 – Open house at
Ben's – 6:00 PM

May 16 – British Motorcar
Day, Berry Campus,
Rome, GA

May 27 – Drive Your
British Car gathering at
Gourmet & Co. Johnson
City. 6:00 PM

June 24-28 – MG2009 –
Breckenridge, CO

Oct 30-Nov 1 – Southern
British Car Show –
Chattanooga Cho Cho.

4th Annual April Fool Bash

On April 4th, the ABCS
hosted the 4th Annual
April Fool Bash at Panther
Creek State Park.

There were 37 British cars
present and seven clubs
in attendance:

ABCS – Host club

East TN MG Drivers Club

English Auto Society of
Knoxville.

Southern British Car club
of Chattanooga.

Smokey Mountain
Chapter of A/H Club

Blount British Cars. Ltd of
Marysville, TN

Plateau British Car Club in
Crossville, TN

Many fine examples of British cars were represented; from MGs to Minis, Triumph, Jensen and Austin Healeys, and Ace Cobra.

food and drinks for all to have.



The weather was excellent, with plenty of





On Saturday, April 18, a dedicated group of ABCS members departed from the Rush Street parking area to meet an equally dedicated group from the ETMGDC at Bean Station for a drive to Clinch Winery.



After touring the winery and sampling some of their fine wines, the group left for Lookout Restaurant and some deserving lunch.

A good time was had by all.

The Southern British Car Club of Chattanooga will be hosting next year's bash. A central location will be found and announced at a later date.

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.
- Technical advice from MG experts such as John Twist, Norman Nock and others. Have a problem? Call for immediate assistance or write and have the answer appear in the MGB Driver which might assist others.
- 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.

YOU CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO "B" A MEMBER—JOIN NOW!

<http://www.namgbr.org/namgbr>



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North American MGB Register

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Country _____ E-Mail _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____

May we list your phone number as an emergency contact should a Register member traveling through your area need assistance? Yes ___ No ___

Where did you learn of the Register?

Which local MG or British Car Club(s) do you belong to?

How many MGs do you own?
_____ MGBs _____ Midgets _____ 1100/1300s

What other British cars do you own?

Enclose your check or credit card information and return to:

North American MGB Register
P.O. Box 55
Whittington, IL 62897-0055
Phone/Fax — 800-NAMGBR-1

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