

# ABCS Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING – May 13, 2010 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for April 8, 2010

A nice crowd of 26 members had gathered at the Rush Street Grill for an evening of wine tasting.

Bill Wilson gave us a financial report. We now have \$485.59 in the treasury.

The Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club is sponsoring this year "Drive your British Car Week" on May 26, at 6:00 PM, at the Gourmet & Co. Dinner on your own at 7:00 PM at Gourmet & Co. Reservations are

requested by calling 423.282.5687.

We wish to welcome J. Tucker Barker, our newest member, from Gate City. Tucker owns a 1978 MGB. WELCOME.

Bill Wilson won the 50/50 raffle, and Otti Floyd won the door prize. Congratulations to both.

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 8 – Drive to Townsend, TN

May 13 – Membership meeting. Peter Davis' update on his cars restorations.

May 26 – Gourmet & Co.

June 12 – Road Rally.

August 14 – Jaguar Concourse, Johnson City.

Sept. 11 – Picnic at Eastman.

Oct. 23 – Fall Colors Drive.

The program for the evening was presented by Bill and Thomas from B & B Package Store on Fort Henry Dr. in Kingsport.

Bill and Thomas had an assortment of white and red wines for us to taste. They also explain the various grapes varieties

and the regions they are grown.

A very informative evening enjoyed by all present.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fool Bash

The Southern British Car Club of Chattanooga was this year's host for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fool Bash.

On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. a group of LBC's enthusiast left the Rush Street lot towards Bean Station, where we met another group from Morristown. The next stop was in Lenoir, where we met a group from the Blount club. We then proceeded to Batovsky's Barnhouse, near Georgetown, TN, where the festivities were being held.



The facilities were great. Our host has a beautiful setting, and a well-equipped garage.



There was plenty of food and music for our enjoyment. It made the long drive worth every bit.

## 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>



## Membership Application



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?  
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Which local MG or British Car Club(s) do you belong to?  
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How many MGs do you own?  
\_\_\_\_\_ MGBs \_\_\_\_\_ Midgets \_\_\_\_\_ 1100/1300s

What other British cars do you own?  
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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

One year membership is \$30.00 US (\$35.00 Overseas) and includes our bimonthly publication—MGB Driver.

Visa/MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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