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Next Meeting – May 12, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on April 14, 2011

The April ABCS Meeting was held on April 14, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis who announced that the drives for the upcoming weekend had been double-booked. He said that the Dogwood drive would be on Saturday, April 16th and that the ABCS drive would be the following Saturday (April 21st) and would be a trip to Maggie Valley. The group would meet at 8:00 a.m. at Sears in Johnson City. Peter also reminded the group about the "Drive Your British Car" week and the get together at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th at Gourmet and Company (see attachment) and to please call 929-9007 to make reservations. Ben Bailey also reminded everyone about the drive to the Broadmoor Residential Home on June 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Paul McRoy then reminded the group that money was needed for those interested in the Cass WV trip and that checks could be made to ABCS. He also said that he would try to get a menu for the group and that money for the trip would be taken up until the next meeting. JoAnn Hamilton said that she would ask the other clubs to see if any others would be interested in attending. Peter said that all of the upcoming drives would be posted on the website. Ben reminded the group about the senior drives on the

last Wednesday of the month and invited anyone that was interested. He reminded everyone that the next senior drive (with breakfast) at The Little Steakhouse would be on Wednesday, April 27th. Chuck Hamilton said that he would see if anyone from the Asheville club would want to meet us for the drive to Hot Springs in July. He also said that the Morristown and Blount clubs were planning a drive (with brunch) the next weekend (April 23rd), which would start at 10:00 a.m.

It was reported that we currently have \$915 in the club account. Paul McRoy then made another plea for programs. He said that next month's program would be on the U.S. military involvement in the Philippines (given by Brarry Cox). He reported that we have dates open from June through November so we need people to step up and sign up for a program.

Ben then spoke briefly about the Jaguar show in Greeneville on Saturday, October 15th and that British cars are also welcome. The street by the General Morgan will be blocked off and the show will be judged by the public.

Paul McRoy then gave a brief update on Paul and Glenice, saying that Glenice had been hospitalized with gall bladder problems during the past month and that the plans for their trip back to the states were up in the air at this point. Paul then spoke about the money in the club account and what we might like to do with it. JoAnn said that the Morristown donates some of their money to charities, etc. She said that one year the club donated to an animal shelter and one year they gave to a local food bank. Most of the group felt like if we chose to donate to a charity, that it should be a local organization. Ben suggested that we may want to use some of the money and have our own car show – maybe change the date of Drive Your British Car week and incorporate a car show. CC Goodson said that we would have to have a large enough place to accommodate other car clubs, spectators and lodging. It was suggested that we look into our own club insurance and what it covers. It was noted that the insurance was to protect the club (liability), not the individual. Someone mentioned that the Morristown club had talked about doing the same thing, so we may want to talk to Jim Watson about partnering with their club and possibly having an event such as this.

Allen Calcote reminded the group about our annual picnic/auction at the Eastman facility and that reservations had already been made. Allen also spoke to the group about an upcoming event at the Exchange Place from April 30th – May 1st and said that volunteers were needed to park cars (in 2-hour shifts) on Saturday and Sunday. He asked that the group consider volunteering.

The 50/50 drawing was then held and was won by Herron Floyd.

Gael Bright's sons (Jason and Nathan) spoke briefly about a project that they were working on to rebuild a 1967 MGB for their father. They also mentioned that they had several Midgets for sale. They said also that, while doing some cleaning, had found the ABCS banner and would make sure that it made its way back to the club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Our sincere condolences go out to Paul Kern, who lost his wife Glenice to cancer on April 27, 2011. She was a wonderful woman who had a true passion for British cars and was such an inspiration to all that knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Saturday Drive – April 23rd





Inside "Wheels Through Time", Maggie Valley, NC



The only time Peter is behind you is when he's out of the car.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, May 4th, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12th. May's program will be given by Brarry Cox. If you (or someone you know) have an idea future programs, please contact Paul McRoy ASAP.

Dates to Remember

- 1. 24th Annual British Car Gathering – Springtime in the Smokies - May 13th – 15th, Townsend, TN**
- 2. Drive Your British Car – Wednesday, May 25th – Gourmet & Co. – Johnson City, TN**
- 3. Drive to Broadmoor Residential Home – June 10th – 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**
- 4. Drive to Roan Mountain – June 11th**
- 5. Overnight Drive to Cass, WV – June 17th – 19th**
- 6. ABCS Drive to Hot Springs - July 16th**
- 7. ABCS Annual Picnic/Auction – September 10th – Eastman Facility – Shelter 28**

**8. Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14th – 15th –
General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN**

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