

ABCS Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, August 14, 2003 – RUSH STREET GRILL

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting For July 10, 2003

Regalia:

Al Bradley still has for sale:

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| T-Shirts | \$10 |
| Caps | \$15 |
| Sweatshirts | \$20 |

Gaël Bright, President, conducted the meeting. 21 Members were in attendance, including new member Greg Cowan. Also welcome to Juan Dominguez who recently joined but was unable to attend the meeting. Three British cars were in attendance, a Jaguar XJS and two MGBs. The owners of the Bs made a mad dash for their cars as the sky opened up with a torrential rain, of the type of which we have grown so accustomed of late.

In the long run, it doesn't matter what the popular perception is, as long as you do the right thing.

-Berry Sheck

Program:

A video was viewed on the history of Jaguar which contained a brutally frank presentation of Jaguar's



struggle to avoid bankruptcy in the late '70's by investing in a Le Mans series racing car, as well as some wonderful early footage of legendary driver Phil Hill.

Next Month:

Tour of the Exide Battery Plant courtesy of Bud and Regina Shinall.

Meet at the Mad Greek Restaurant on Volunteer Parkway at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Drives:

July 26 to Natural Tunnel State Park. Meet at Rush St. Grille at 9:00 a.m. and bring a picnic lunch.

August 23: Overnight trip on Blue Ridge Parkway with stay at Peaks of the Otter Lodge. Meet at the Grandfather Mountain on ramp to the Blue Ridge Parkway at 9:00 a.m. A block of rooms will be held until July 26. Call 1-800-542-5927 for reservations.

Upcoming Events:

September 5: Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival. This year ABCS will be a sponsor of the British Car Show.

September 26: Autumn in the Mountains British car show in Flat Rock North Carolina.

Appalachian British Car Society July Drive

Nine club members made the Saturday morning drive to this hidden gem of a park near Duffield, Va. Bud and Regina Shinall were trip leaders in Bud's 71 MGB. Clarence Goodson was along in his "new" 79 MGB, Bill White in his sleek 97 Jaguar XK8, and David Wallace joined Allen and Margaret Calcotte in non-British vehicles. Sam Chandler and Ricki Fields were late arrivals from Kentucky, in Sam's 71 MGB GT.



Natural Tunnel is a full service state park,

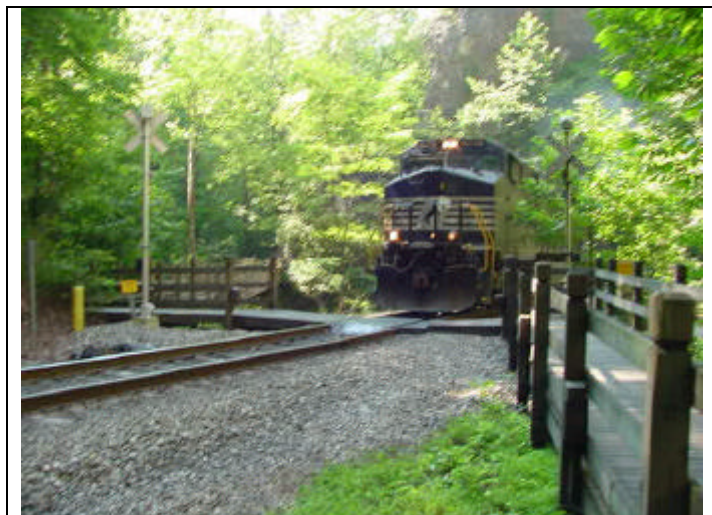


with picnic areas, campgrounds, swimming area, several hiking trails, a visitors center,

and a chair lift to deliver the non-squamish down to the Tunnel viewing platform.



Natural Tunnel was dubbed the "8th Wonder of the World", by noted statesman and orator, William Jennings Bryan, during his visit to the Tunnel in the 1880s. The Tunnel is thought to be a million years old, and was formed by erosion in the early part of the Pleistocene era. Today, Stock Creek flows through the Tunnel as it winds its way toward the Clinch River, and is joined by the tracks of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad.



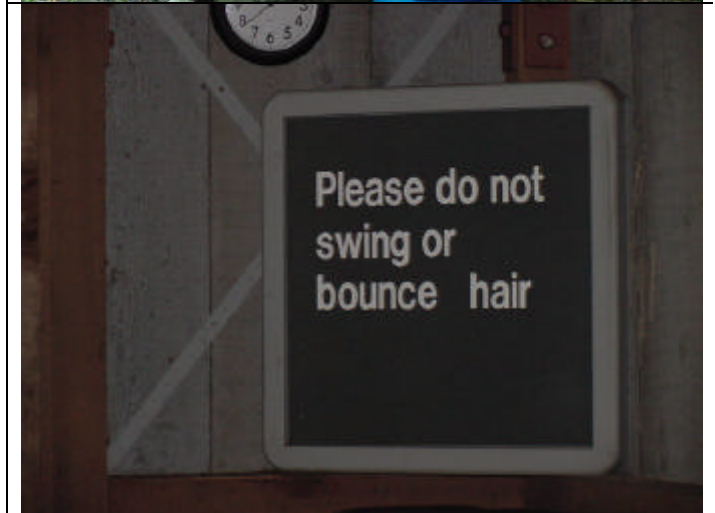
Our group was treated by the unexpected arrival of one of the N&S freight trains while we were near the Tunnel entrance, and one member counted 105 train cars. The view from the platform near the Tunnel entrance is quite impressive. A huge semicircular limestone basin, called "the Amphitheater", rises vertically over 400 feet above the railroad tracks.



After marveling and ogling the magnificent natural wonder, our group made the short hike or chairlift ride back to the Visitors Center, where we were reunited with our cars. We then found a shady picnic table and enjoyed our packed lunches amid good conversation. Natural Tunnel is, indeed, a pleasant surprise and offers an up close view of a unique and ancient geological feature that was well known to Native Americans and later pioneers such as Daniel Boone and Thomas Walker. Excellent trip for a warm and sunny summer day.

Article by: Sam Chandler

Pictures by: Ricki Fields



APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ HOME PHONE (____) _____
SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ DATE: _____

| <u>CARS:</u> | <u>MAKE</u> | <u>MODEL</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>COLOR</u> |
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**DUES ARE PRORATED ACCORDING TO
THE MONTH IN WHICH YOU JOIN:**

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| January-March | \$20.00 |
| April-June | 15.00 |
| July-September | 10.00 |
| October-December | 20.00 (includes following year's dues) |
| All Renewals | 15.00 (due February 28 of each year) |

Enclose payment with application and mail to:
Appalachian British Car Society
c/o Al Bradley, Treasurer
143 Stonewall Heights
Abingdon, VA 24210

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Street Grill in Kingsport, TN

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