

ABCS Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 – RUSH STREET GRILL

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting For July 14, 2005

Paul Kern, Vice President, presided over the meeting, since Ben Bailey was ill.

Al Bradley was the program speaker. Al showed pictures of airplanes used during the Battle of Britain, taken during his visit to that country last fall. He also visited the Imperial War Museum and Hendon, an old RAF base.

This happened to be a very short meeting, plus the fact that yours truly was not present to obtain more details.

Our yearly drive to Grayson Highland Park is coming up. We would like everyone to come and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

Upcoming Programs:

August: Allen Calcote – Electrical trouble shooting.

September: Open – Any takers?

October: Margaret Calcote

November: Ann & Paul Kern

December: Annual Christmas Party

Upcoming Events:

August 13 – Picnic at Grayson Highland Park

September 10 – Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

Saturday SOB* Drive on July 16

*(Some Other Brand besides British)

Most of us gathered at Mountaineer Restaurant for breakfast before leaving from there at 9:00 AM. This was supposed to be a British car drive, but Paul Kern's 1963 MGB was the only British car among us until late on when we were met by Gary Cobble and Johnnie Jessie of the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club in Johnnie's Jaguar XJS convertible. We had three Hondas, a Volkswagen, and a Mazda Miata.

It was good to have Jane Ogle with us again. She came with her friend, JF, and daughter Becky, in a Honda Accord. Becky decided to be Ben Bailey's copilot since he had come alone to lead the drive in his wife's Volkswagen "Punch Buggy". Allen and Margaret Calcote were in their familiar Honda Prelude, and Gerald and Becky Mitchell drove their Honda Civic. Herren and Otti drove their Mazda Miata and were the only ones foolish enough to put the top down until the rains started after about the first fifteen minutes down US 11W.

We arrived at a Burger King near Rogersville about 9:25, where members of the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club were to meet us at 10:00. Some of us were surprised to see a Jaguar show up for a drive in such weather. There is something strange about British car enthusiasts.

We double back on US 11W to take 70 North to Pressman's Home. Unfortunately, permission for us to enter the grounds and visit inside could not be arranged in time, so we had to look at it from the road near the no-trespassing signs while Ben gave us a brief description and history. This

location was chosen for the main headquarters of the International Printing Pressman and Assistants Union of North America and a school where people could learn the trade of operating letterset and offset printing presses. It was established in 1911. Supposedly its secluded location may have also been an ideal place for the rehabilitation of alcoholic pressmen. The present owner now uses the facilities to restore unusual and rare British World War II military vehicles and sells them to museums and private collectors.

We followed some great back-country roads with some beautiful scenery that really called for better weather to enjoy. Our route included 94 West, 66 North, 33 North, and 63 which took us through Sneedville and to US 58 in Virginia. We had a nice leisurely lunch and conversation at a Subway in Jonesville, Virginia. After lunch we followed US 58 almost to US 23 and stopped near Duffield. We had planned to also go to High Knobs, but everyone agreed that there was little chance for any visibility up there due to the weather, so we disbanded and headed home.

It was a pleasant enough club adventure with all the driving and fellowship, but I doubt that it will be remembered as one of our best.



APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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>
#1	_____	_____	_____	_____
#2	_____	_____	_____	_____
#3	_____	_____	_____	_____

**DUES ARE PRORATED ACCORDING TO
THE MONTH IN WHICH YOU JOIN:**

January-March	\$20.00
April-June	15.00
July-September	10.00
October-December	20.00 (includes following year's dues)
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Enclose payment with application and mail to:
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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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