

# ABCS Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING – September 11, 2008 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for August 14, 2008

The meeting came to order with 30 members and two guests present. Jack Cardborne who owns a Jaguar, and Allen Peters, who owns an MG-TC. What a great turn out.

Bill Wilson gave us a financial report of \$481.34 in the treasury.

Paul Kern reminded everyone of the upcoming Car Show and Celtic Festival at Sycamore Shoals State Park on September 6. Everyone

Should wear their name badges for free entrance to the festival.

Our annual picnic is fast approaching. Again this year it will be held at the Eastman Recreation Center near Bays Mountain on Reservoir Rd. on September 14.

Gerry Mitchell showed a great photo presentation of our recent trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The presentation was accompanied by great

background car music from the 60's era. Gerry's lovely wife, Becky, made the CD presentation.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 6 – Car Show at Sycamore Shoals

Sept. 11 – Membership Meeting

Sept. 12-13 – ETMGDC Car Show at Joe Wheeler State Park

Sept. 14 – ABCS Picnic

Oct. 24-26 – Chattanooga Choo Choo Car Show

**Diner and Drive-in**

On Saturday, August 16, a group of ABCS members met at the Lone Star restaurant in Elizabethton for diner followed by a trip to the

nearby drive in to watch the "Black Knight" presentation.

There were 17 members and one guest, with a variety of cars present. We arrived at the drive-in early enough to be able to park almost as a group. A good time was had by all.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_