

# ABCS Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING – September 9, 2010 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for August 12, 2010

There were 28 members present for this month meeting.

Bill Wilson informed us that we have a balance of \$824.00 in the kitty. This is after he and Debbie returning from vacation.

Paul told us that we are in need of programs for the months of September, October and November. Many of us have a hobby or know someone who may be willing to give a presentation about their

interests. Just have to ask.

The ABCS picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, at the Eastman Recreation Center, at 4:00 PM. There will be an auction of donated items to support the club. Any unwanted items that you may have, bring them for a quick sale.

The ETMGDC is having a drive/picnic on September 18 to Paint Creek Recreation Area. Members

of the ABCS are invited to participate.

Herren Floyd gave a fine presentation of History and Development of Limousines. From the beginning, with horse drawn carriages to the latest super-stretch limos, it has always been the fascination of making them bigger and better, with all the amenities and luxury.

On August 7, The SMJC sponsored a Concours d'Elegance Show at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City. The show was a big success, with 43 cars present and a donation of \$4500.00 to the American Cancer Society.

Trophies were awarded for both Jaguars and other British cars. Gerry

Mitchell won two first place on two different categories, C.C. Goodson won 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place, and Ben Bailey won 3<sup>rd</sup>. place. On the non-Jaguar category, Bill Wilson won 1<sup>st</sup>. place, Peter Davis came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, with his Morgan, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. place was awarded to a Mini Moke, owner unknown.





It wasn't the best of day for such an event. The group ran into some light drizzle on the way, and during the parade, which we were part of, started raining. We all made the best of it and had a good time.



Several members of both the ABCS and ETMGDC, for a total of 13 cars, drove to Big Stone Gap to participate on their Second Annual Celtic Festival. This drive was in lieu of the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival, which we won't be attending this year.



## 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



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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

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