

# ABCs Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING – March 11, 2010 – Rush Street Grill**

## **Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for February 11, 2010**

There were 22 members, and one guest present for the membership meeting.

Paul reminded everyone planning on going to Fontana Lake to send their deposit.

There is a balance of \$430.00 in the treasury.

Paul mentioned that we are still in need of some programs and drives for the remaining of the year. We need everyone's cooperation to make it another successful year for the club.

Paul reminded us of the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup>. Annual April

Fool Bash on April 3<sup>rd</sup>., in Georgetown, TN. More details later.

## **Upcoming Events:**

March 11 – Health Care

April 8 – Wine tasting

May 13 – Peter Davis

June 10 – Gardening

Ryan Nesseth, a financial investor with BB&T, was the speaker for the evening. Ryan explained some of the more popular investments mediums for the average investors.

On Saturday, February 13, there were two drives for the members to choose.

The ABCS had planned a short drive/lunch to the Planetarium at Bay's Mountain, and we also had been invited to join the Smokey Mountain Jaguar Club on a drive to Clinch Mountain restaurant in Thorn Hill, TN.

Our group met for lunch at BoneFire restaurant in Kingsport at noon. Afterwards, drove to Bay's Mountain to view the all new Planetarium. The show was spectacular.



The SMJC Johnson City group met the Knoxville group at the Clinch Mountain restaurant, where Ben and Gary handed out the promised chocolate covered strawberries, truffle candy and Valentine cookies to all the ladies present.

After lunch, in spite of the cold and wind, the group traveled to the Overlook of the Cherokee Lake.

This is the second combined drive of the SMJC and the ABCS. With a turn out of 22 people, it was a great success.

## 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 boondocks? 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



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?

Which local MG or British Car Club(s) do you belong to?

How many MGs do you own?

\_\_\_\_\_ MGs \_\_\_\_\_ Midgets \_\_\_\_\_ 1100/1300s

What other British cars do you own?

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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