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Next Meeting – March 10, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on February 10, 2011

The February ABCS Meeting was held on February 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis and the 2011 calendars were passed out to those that did not attend last month's meeting. The sign up sheet for the overnight trips was passed around and Paul McRoy spoke briefly about the different options and tried to get an estimate of how many would be interested in going. The trip that the most people were interested in was the trip to Cass, WV and Ben Bailey gave the group some additional information on this trip. The group also wanted to open this trip up to the Morristown and Blount clubs. Jo Ann Hamilton said that she would mention it to the Morristown club. The tentative date for the trip is May 20th -22nd.

There was not a specific drive set for the upcoming Saturday, but Ben Bailey said that if anyone was interested in a drive, to meet him at Sears in Johnson City at 9:00 and they would have a drive. Several people took Ben up on this and a drive was held on Saturday, February 12th.

Ben also told the group that he wanted to start a drive on Wednesdays for any retired members that would like to participate. There was a drive scheduled for the following Wednesday, February 16, and anyone interested was asked to meet at The Little Steakhouse on Highway 36 in Gray, TN.

CC Goodson also spoke briefly about the “Drive Your British Car” event that will be held on May 25th at Gourmet and Co. This is always an enjoyable event and dash plaques will be available again this year.

Next, Barbara Cox presented the program for the evening – a very informative presentation on finding great bargains on the internet. She gave lots of great websites to go to, to find the best deals and also places to go for discount coupons and free shipping on lots of things. There was truly something for everyone!

The Wednesday “Old Codgers” Drive – February 16, 2011

On Wednesday, February 16th, five club members (Chuck Gaines, Barry Black, Ben Bailey, CC Goodson and Peter Davis) met for breakfast at The Little Steakhouse and then took a drive across the “snake” to Damascus, VA and Mountain City, TN, returning back to the Bristol area via the “snake” and the Holston Dam.

The weather turned out to be great, with sunshine and the temperature in the 60s. It was decided that this would become a regular “breakfast drive” and anyone that would like to join the group is more than welcome. More details will be discussed at the March meeting. Thank you Ben for organizing the drive.

Four fine automobiles ready for a drive...



This was the first cruise for Chuck's last MG acquisition (from Paul Sommerville) and everything went without a hitch.

Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for CC's Jaguar, as a run-in with a rock caused his Jag to have to limp home on the emergency spare.



Hmmm.... Wonder who took this picture?

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, March 2nd, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10. The program for March will be given by Robin Floyd. The topic will be a hobby called "lamp" or "flame" working (the art of melting glass). It should be a very interesting presentation – you won't want to miss it!

Dates to Remember

1. **6th Annual British Car Fools Bash - Saturday, April 2nd, 2011 – Louisville Park, Louisville, TN - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
2. **24th Annual British Car Gathering – Springtime in the Smokies - May 13th – 15th, Townsend, TN**
3. **Overnight Drive to Cass, WV – May 13th – 15nd (tentative)****
4. **Drive Your British Car – Wednesday, May 25th – Gourmet & Co. – Johnson City, TN**

**** Due to a Train Enthusiasts Weekend on the weekend of Mar 21st, we will discuss the revised date above at the March ABCS meeting.**

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