

# ABCS Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING – August 12, 2010 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for July 8, 2010

With 28 members present, the meeting was brought to order by our President, Paul McRoy.

Paul brought for discussion going to the Celtic Festival at Big Stone Gap, VA, on August 21. Since our meeting, and based on members input, we will be going to Stone Gap as a club and omitting Sycamore Shoals from our schedule. The Sycamore Shoals committee wanted us to show our cars in a not to desirable place, in

addition to charging us for admission to the festival.

The Jaguar Concours d'Elegance will be held at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City on August 5, 6, and 7 in the Parking Garage, situated behind the hotel. Wine tasting and BBQ events will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup>, while the car show will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM. Since the event is being held under roof, it will be rain or shine.

Because of the hotel's restaurant being closed,

Gourmet & Co. will be taking order for lunch boxes in the morning.

Trophies will be awarded for both Jaguars and other LBC's autos. The non-Jaguars awards will be by popular vote. So, shine your British car and bring it to the show.

Everyone was glad to see Paul and Glenice visiting from Australia. They were the winners of the Road Rally. On accepting the trophy, they must return for next year's event.

Paul Kern's fiancé, Glenice Mathews, presented "Gold, Diamonds and Pearls of West Australia". It was an extraordinary presentation showing the richness of that regions; from the gold and diamond mines to the

oyster farms where cultures pearls are harvested. The presentation was very well received by the members.

### **Upcoming Events**

Aug. 7 – Jaguar Concours

Aug. 21 – Celtic Festival, Big Stone Gap, VA

Sept. 11 – Picnic

Sept 25 – Autumn in the Mountains, Hendersonville, NC

### **Drive to Hot Springs**

Several members drove from Kingsport to Greeneville, where we met other members for a drive to Hot Springs in the Pisgah Area of the Cherokee National Forest.

After a picnic lunch at Rocky Bluff Recreation Area, someone decided to take a ride to Max Patch Mountain. Max Patch is a naturally occurring bald mountain at 4616 ft. of elevation.



It was a very hot day, and the road leading to the top was not designed for our

LBC's. Several members stayed behind, afraid of over heating.



Some hardy members walked to the top of the mountain, where they had their pictures taking to prove they had made it.



After some ice cream in Hot Springs, we dispersed in various groups for our return home.

## 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.

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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:

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