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Next Meeting – August 11, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on July 14, 2011

The July ABCS Meeting was held on July 14, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis who welcomed a guest to the meeting – Joseph Viola (a former Bug-eyed Sprite owner). Peter also welcomed Barry Black, Barbara Cox and Odie Floyd back after recovering from their respective illnesses. He then reminded the group of the Hot Springs drive (July 16th) and said that everyone would meet at 10:00 in Greeneville. The group would then go to the Rocky Bluff picnic area for a picnic lunch. The drive would conclude with a trip to downtown Hot Springs for ice cream.

Chuck Gaines then spoke about the drive the following Saturday (July 23rd) to Cherokee. He said to contact him if interested in the drive.

Paul McRoy then asked for volunteers on July 17th at the Exchange Place. He said that help was needed to park cars. He then spoke briefly about a potential trip to VIR for the Gold Cup race (to be held Nov. 4-6). He got a price on lodging at the Fairfield Inn in South Boston (for \$85/night) and confirmed that we could get a block of 8-10 rooms. Tickets would be \$30 for a 3-day pass. We could also do

parade laps on Sunday. He also spoke about being contacted by the coordinator for the Big Stone Gap Celtic Festival, who would very much like for us to attend their event again this year. This event will be held on Saturday, August 20th. Paul then tried to gauge interest in a trip to Blue Oval to get vehicles tuned on a dyno. Three or four people were interested and more discussion will be held at a later date.

Next, Peter Davis program consisted of three videos from “back in the day”. The first was from 1906 and told the story of a gentleman who built a track (Brooklands Motor Course) in his backyard. The track (initially worth \$30,000), when finished, was worth \$300,000. Cars ran on the track at 140 mph. The 1st race on the track was run in July of 1907.

Next was a video on plane building and a silent movie of a couple ordering a new MG and taking a tour of an MG factory. They also watched MGs being manufactured. The last clip was on John Cooper and how he developed the Mini Cooper. Thank you Peter for the fascinating videos!

After the presentation, the 50/50 drawing was then held and Dani Black won the cash. Following the 50/50 was the drawing for the door prize, which was won by Margaret Calcote. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





Hot Spring Ice Cream Break



A Picnic Lunch

NOTE!!

*****If you are interested in the trip to VIR (Virginia International Raceway) on Nov. 4-6, please let Paul McRoy know by August 1st. Rooms need to be reserved in advance of this event. For those intending to go, a \$30 deposit per person will be due at the next ABCS meeting (Aug. 11).*****

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, August 3rd, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11th. Paul will be doing a program on fan belts for our August meeting. If you (or someone you know) have an idea for future programs, please contact Paul McRoy ASAP.

Dates to Remember

Drive to the Breaks Interstate Park - August 13th

Big Stone Gap Celtic Festival – August 20th

ABCS Annual Picnic/Auction – September 10th – Eastman Facility – Shelter 28 -*We need items to auction*****

Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14th – 15th –

General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN

Gold Cup – VIR (Virginia International Raceway – Nov 4th-6th

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