

ABCS Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING – April 9, 2009 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for March 12, 2009

With 21 members present, Paul Kern started the meeting by reminding everyone of the upcoming April Fool Bash on April 4th, at the Panther Creek State Park.

This event is a get together of the various British Car Clubs in eastern Tennessee. The ABCS will be hosting this year's event. We will be providing burgers, winnies, fixings and sodas. We ask that you bring a side dish.

Please RSVP to Paul, or myself by March 29th, if you are planning on attending this event. Additionally, we need some volunteers to help carry the supplies, since our cars can only carry so much.

Paul announced that we have a balance of \$601.93 in the checking and savings accounts.

Ben Bailey announced that during Drive Your British Car Week, we would be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of that

event. That event is scheduled for the 27th of May at Gourmet & Co. in Johnson City. This has always been a very popular event.

Al Bauerle and Chuck Hamilton did enlighten us with their presentation on improving some of the lighting system for improved safety and better visibility on our LBC's. Many upgrades are available in LED and halogen bulbs that are direct replacement to the original bulbs, except brighter.

Allen Calcote will be discussing how to keep those lights bright during his Generators and Regulators presentation next month.

Upcoming Events:

April 4 – April Fool Bash
Panther Creek State Park,
Morristown.

April 18 – Clinch Mountain
Winery with ETMGDC.

April 22-25 – Mini's at
Townsend. 50th
Anniversary.

Drive to Rogersville.

On Saturday, March 14, a group of MG enthusiasts drove from Kingsport to Rogersville, where we met a similar group of MG enthusiasts from the Morristown area.

It was a cool and rainy day, but that did not stop most of the drivers from bringing their LBC's out.

We proceeded to walk around downtown Rogersville, looking into the many antique shops in the area. Unfortunately, many of them were closed.



We did get to see the final renovations to the 185 years old Hale Springs Inn. The Inn should be reopening in June.



We then took a drive through some scenic roads and ending at Surgeonsville, where we took 11W and proceeded to go to The Pig & Chick for a leisure lunch.

I would like to thank Gerry Mitchell for the use of some of the photos taken during the trip.

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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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?
_____ MGBs _____ Midgets _____ 1100/1300s

What other British cars do you own?

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