

# ABCS Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING – June 11, 2009 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for May 14, 2009

Members of the ABCS gathered at Ben Bailey's new garage for an evening of relaxation and camaraderie.



The weather cooperated and everyone seemed to have a great time. No business matters were transpired.



Some of us may be just a little bit jealous of Ben's spacious garage.

Barry Black and I met Ben in Greeneville and drove to Townsend for the Annual Car Show. Other members had arrived earlier for showing their cars.

A few miles from the show, on Rt.321, we ran into a downpour of mayor proportions. By the time we arrived at the show, most people had already left; it had been raining in Townsend for some time. After a short time, we also left.

Some club members received awards at the show:

Gerry Mitchell – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Bill Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Chuck Gaines received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award during the Mini 50 Party a few weeks earlier.

## **Upcoming Events:**

June 11 – Membership meeting.

June 13 – Drive to winery with the Paynes.

On May 27 some British Car enthusiast met at Gourmet & Co. for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive Your British Car Week event. Again, the rain dampened most of the event activities.

## 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.

### YOU CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO "B" A MEMBER—JOIN NOW!

<http://www.namgbr.org/namgbr>



## Membership Application



North American MGB Register

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?  
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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:

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.

Visa/MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_