

ABCS Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING – June 10, 2010 – Andy Taylor's Place

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for May 13, 2010

Another well attended membership meeting.

Plans were finalized for the drive to Townsend and then on to Fontana Lake for some members.

Chuck Gaines is putting together another Road Rally for June 12. Get those LBC's road worthy and come join us for some fun. Remember, you get points deducted by driving an SOB. Departure time is 9:00 AM from Exchange Place.

Peter Davis showed a slide presentation of Wings & Wheels at Abingdon, VA. Also updates on restorations on his Healey, XKE, and Morgan. Peter's presentation was very well received.

Next month meeting will be a field trip. We will meet at TK Hot dogs on the corner of Broad and Market St in Kingsport. After some dinner, if you so desire, we'll walk over to Andy Taylor's warehouse, situated on Commerce St. between

Center and Market St., directly across from the radio station.

Andy has a collection of TC series MG's, also a toy collection and hood ornaments.

Kingsport has their free concerts on Thursday nights, therefore it would be advisable to park near Taylor's place and walk to TK's. It is only two or three blocks.

Upcoming Events:

June 12 – Road Rally

July 8 – Barter Theater

Sept 11 – Picnic

Sept 24-25 – Autumn in the Mountains.

Oct 13-16 – Mini 51 in Erwin

Oct 23 – Fall Colors Drive

Several members got together in Johnson City for the drive to Townsend on May 8th. A few members had left early because showing their cars at the show.



The weather was cool, but soon turned warm enough to put the hood down. We had a slight casualty during the drive. Ken and Virginia Leamon's MGB suffered a malfunctioning clutch, but still were able to drive to Townsend and then to Fontana Lake.



Peter Davis 1959 Morgan



Peter Davis won 1st Place with his 1959 Morgan, and Gerry Mitchell won on the "New Mini Class", with his 2008 Mini convertible. Congratulations to both.

A real crowd pleaser gathered at the Gourmet

& Co. on May 26. An assortment of Jaguars, MGBs, Triumph, Mini and Rolls Royce were in attendance. The weather cooperated in an unusual way.



NAMGBR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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- 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.
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- The finances of the Register would be open to all, at any time.
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