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**Next Meeting – June 9, 2011 – Rush Street Grill**

## **Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on May 12, 2011**

The May ABCS Meeting was held on May 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis who announced that we had a record number of visitors at the May meeting - 6! He also said that the club had tried to get flowers to Paul Kern for Glenice's funeral, but unfortunately were unable to do so in time. Paul McRoy spoke to Paul Kern via email and asked him to let us know if there is a charity that we can send money to in Glenice's honor. Peter then told the group that one of our members, David Wallace, had the roof blown off of his house in the tornados that swept through the Abingdon/Glade Spring area. He said that prior plans to attend the Barter Theatre would probably be postponed until later in the year. Paul McRoy spoke briefly regarding the drive to Cass, WV. He said that when he called back to reserve the cabins, there were none available, but that he had talked to someone at a local motel about 10 minutes from Cass who could accommodate the group. Ben Bailey said that he would not recommend the motel because of a past experience. Paul said that he would research alternate places to stay in the area. Ben said that there were some chain motels in Marlinton, about 20 miles from Cass. Paul said that he had also found a

restaurant at Snowshoe (The Embers) for the group to go to on Saturday night and passed around a menu for everyone to view. Paul also said that we could get boxed lunches for the train ride on Saturday for around \$8.99/person. The train ride will be \$25/person and the train leaves at noon. We will leave for Cass at 9:00 on Friday morning. He also told the group that that night was the deadline for deposits for the trip. It was announced that some who would be heading to Car Show in Townsend would meet at the Bush plant at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Those coming from Johnson City and Kingsport would meet at the McDonalds in Greeneville at 9:00 a.m.

Brarry Cox then gave a very informative presentation on the Philippines and began by showing some slides explaining the way that the military is set up. He went over the USARPAC (U.S. Army Pacific) mission and what it entails. He talked about the area that they cover – a 9,000 mile area from east to west. He spoke about the major threats - the environment, competing for resources, terrorism, pandemics, narcotics, piracy, etc. He also discussed the violent extremist organizations in South and Southeast Asia. He explained how the Theater Security Cooperation Plan works and how the U.S. partners with the Phillippino military to erect schools, provide free clinics and provide veterinary services.

Brarry then showed several videos about large staff exercises, crisis intervention, training for deployment, medical readiness training exercises, giving to local schools and strengthening community relations. Also highlighted was a video about a joint force mission that works to give free medical, dental and optometric care. Another video focused on Special Forces training and live fire exercises.

The 50/50 drawing was then held and Buzz Davies won the cash. Following the 50/50 was the drawing for the door prize, which was won by one of our visitors – a friend of the Calcotes’.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Townsend Car Show – Saturday, May 14th



Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jaguar



Best in Show - a 1935 MG Airline Coupe

## **Upcoming Events**

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. We currently don't have a program scheduled for the June meeting. If you (or someone you know) have an idea for a program, please contact Paul McRoy ASAP.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Drive Your British Car – Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Gourmet & Co. – Johnson City, TN**

**Drive to Broadmoor Residential Home – June 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

**Drive to Roan Mountain – June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Overnight Drive to Cass, WV – June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ABCS Drive to Hot Springs - July 16th**

**ABCS Annual Picnic/Auction – September 10<sup>th</sup> – Eastman  
Facility – Shelter 28**

**Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> –  
General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN**

### 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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### Membership Application



North American MGB Register

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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:

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P.O. Box 55  
Whittington, IL 62897-0055  
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