

# ABCS Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2005 – RUSH STREET GRILL**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting For October 13, 2005

Paul Kern, Vice-President, presided over the meeting in the absence of Ben Bailey who is on vacation. There were 20 members present.

Al Bradley, Treasurer, gave us a financial report consisting of:

Checking: \$ 358.00  
Savings: \$ 503.00

The club is in fine financial shape. It seems that Al didn't spend too much money during his recent vacation.

Paul reminded us that next month will be the Nomination of Officers. Now is your chance to participate in the decisions making of the club. No experience necessary.

Paul informed that the person financing the maintenance of "Glacier Girl" recently passed away. The

future of the airplane is uncertain at this time.

Margaret Calcote gave us a fine presentation about "The Valley of the Holston". A story running a few thousand years about many of the ghostly and eerie happening in the area.

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 12 – Mystery Drive. Meet at Rush Street Grill at 9:00 AM.

Dec. 8 – Christmas Party. Rush Street Grill. Gift Exchange.

Dec. 10 – Night Drive to BMS. Meet at K-Mart parking lot at 6:00 PM.

Jan. 12 – David Valentive will entertain us with slides from his recent trip to Russia.

## ABCS-SMJC Drive to Middlesboro By Gerry Mitchell

It was raining, cold, and overcast when I arrived alone at the designated meeting place at 7:45 AM. We had relatives from Knoxville visiting us so Becky stayed at home and visited Jonesborough for the annual story-telling festival. Shortly Barry and Dani Black arrived in their yellow 1977 MGB followed by Paul and Ann Kern and George in their red 1963 MGB. Usually those who participate on club drives in MG's have their hoods stowed away rather than erected. But, today, because of the rain and cold temperatures the hoods were up. We waited for a while after the departure time of 8:00 AM expecting more of our "old faithfuls" who almost always come to club drives to arrive. But, since no one else arrived, we departed about 8:10 AM. Since neither Dani and Barry or Ann and Paul had ever been to the Clinch Mountain Lookout or the Middlesboro airport, I was elected to lead our short caravan. We headed west on US11W through Rogersville and Bean Station then we turned North on US 25E and arrived at the restaurant at 9:10 AM. The view of Cherokee Lake from this location at the top of the mountain is really spectacular. But, this morning the view was somewhat obscure by intermittent heavy fog. We had expected other club members and

friends from Knoxville and Morristown to join us here at the restaurant, but none materialized. The overcast, rainy and cold weather must have discouraged our car friends en masse. The food at this restaurant has always been good, and this occasion was no exception. I was very surprised and saddened to learn, through discussion at breakfast, that Roy Shoffner, who had funded the recovery and restoration of the P-38 "Glacier Girl" died a short time ago. At least he lived to see the aircraft restored and flying which must have been very thrilling and a great satisfaction to him.

We departed Clinch Mountain Lookout at 10:00 AM and continued north on US25E up through Tazewell, Harrogate and the new Cumberland Gap Tunnel and arrived at the Middlesboro airport at 11:00 AM. We enjoyed viewing a couple of very interesting videos regarding the recovery, restoration and first flight of the P-38. But, of course, the star of the show. "Glacier Girl" herself who was there in all her splendor in the hangar. Our group made numerous pictures of her from various angles, including high above her up the stairs on the viewing platform provided. Bob Cardin, who has been project supervisor from the beginning, was there and we enjoyed visiting with him in person. He says

now that Mr. Shoffner has passed away, the future of the aircraft and museum is uncertain. After those of our small group had perused the aircraft and museum to everyone's satisfaction, we departed Middlesboro at about 12:15 PM. The participants in this drive usually have lunch at Webb's Country Kitchen in nearby Cumberland Gap. But, this time, we collectively agreed that the time interval after we'd had breakfast was too short to eat again. So we passed lunch in Cumberland Gap. We headed east on US58 through Jonesville, Virginia and arrived back in Kingsport at 2:00 PM, having traveled round trip a little less than 200 miles. We very much enjoyed our visit with Bob Cardin and "Glacier Girl" in spite of the depressing weather.

APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>CARS:</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
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#3	_____	_____	_____	_____

**DUES ARE PRORATED ACCORDING TO  
THE MONTH IN WHICH YOU JOIN:**

January-March	\$20.00
April-June	15.00
July-September	10.00
October-December	20.00 (includes following year's dues)
All Renewals	15.00 (due February 28 of each year)

Enclose payment with application and mail to:  
Appalachian British Car Society  
c/o Al Bradley, Treasurer  
143 Stonewall Heights  
Abingdon, VA 24210

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Street Grill in Kingsport, TN

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