ABCS Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING – November 9. 2006 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for October 12, 2006

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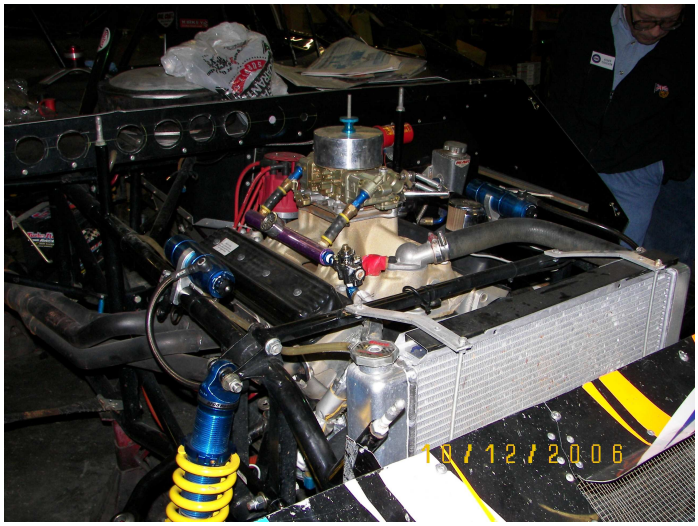
This month meeting was held at TNT Race Cars and Fabricators located in the Tri-County Industrial Park in Piney Flats. We initially met at Hardee's for a quick bite to eat and then proceeded to TNT, which is directly across the road. There were thirteen members present and Randy Holland as a guest.

TNT fabricates tubular chassis that are mostly used in short track racing. They also have a race car that is used in such races. The frames are built using "jigs", being all similar. After the frame is built, it is sent to Hy-Tec Specialty Coatings, just up the road, to be sand blasted and powder coated. We visited Hy-Tec earlier this tear.

The cars used in Short Track racing all use a 355 C.I. crate engine directly from G.M. This engine is specially built for this kind of races, and no modifications are allowed. The weigh of the frame is about 300 lbs., and the total weight of the car is 2400 pounds.

Frame being built in "jig"

Frame after powder coating



Hey Carl, Would this fit in a “B”?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 3-5 Chattanooga Cho-Cho
Southern British Car Club

Nov. 11 Blount British Cars – 1st.
Annual Timed Road Rally

Nov. 11 ABCS Monthly Drive.

Dec. 14 ABCS Christmas Party

Dick Williams Memorial Drive Middlesboro, KY

Our annual drive to Middlesboro, KY occurred on Saturday, October 14. Several members, including Ben Bailey, C. C. Goodson, Herren and Otti Floyd, Virginia and Ken Leamon, and Juan Dominguez driving their MGB’s, and Richard and Sue Williams, accompanied by their two daughters, driving their 1957 and 1961 Jaguars, met at the Rush Street parking area. There was also a Miata as part of the caravan.

Departing at 8:00 AM, we drove south on Rt. 11W to Bean Station, where we turned North on US 25E, arriving at the Mountaintop Restaurant at 9:15 AM., where we met several members from the Smoky Mountains Jaguar Club. It was a rather cold morning and

several areas of heavy fog were encountered on Hwy. 11W.

After a leisured breakfast and some camaraderie, we proceed to the Middlesboro airport and “Glacier Girl”.

The hangar where the plane is kept also houses a souvenir shop where some original items from the plane are on exhibit. A short film showing the airplane excavation from the ice was viewed by some of the members.

After leaving the airport we proceeded to the Cumberland Gap State Park, where we drove to the Pinnacle Overlook for a view of the “Gap”

We then drove back to Middlesboro for lunch at Webb’s Restaurant.

A reminder that nomination for officers will be taken at our next meeting on November 9. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers for Program and Drive chairmanships. The currents chairpersons have done and outstanding job, but now they need a rest. Now it’s the time to bring your ideas into play.

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.

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- 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.
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- A wide range of regalia and other items for sale to members to demonstrate your love of MGs.

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