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## **ABCS Newsletter Volume 20 Issue 10**

**Next Meeting – November 10, 2011 – Rush Street Grill**

### **Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on October 13, 2011**

The October ABCS Meeting was held on October 13, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Paul McRoy who spoke about the Wallace's (David and Tena) housing situation and that they were still recovering from the tornado back in the spring. David Wallace, who was in attendance said that if the club was looking for a charity to give to that we should consider giving to the folks in Greene Country because they did not get any FEMA assistance. David went on to speak about the upcoming behind the scenes tour and productions at the Barter. He said that the tour would take approximately two hours and that the group would go through the scene shop and see how the stages are broken down. He said that we would see carpenters and welders and see how they make illusions, do props, make wigs and masks, etc. David said that he has been involved with the Barter for nine years and that it is a non-profit organization. The group discussed several nights/shows and decided on seeing Road to Appomattox on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The tour would be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and the show would start at 7:45 p.m. The tickets would be \$25 per person for a group of 15 or more. Paul said that we would send out an email and we would need to know the head count by

Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. He said that the group would need to meet at Rush Street by 2:45 p.m. The group would take 11W and meet at the Barter (Stage 2 – beside the Martha Washington Inn).

Paul McRoy then showed the news broadcasts advertising the Jaguar show. There is also a report from Peter (sent as an attachment to our newsletter).

The discussion then began as to how we could get more participation on our drives. Someone mentioned that the weather is often times a factor. Chuck Gaines said that the old codger's drives have been great and reminded the group that these drives are on the last Wednesday of the month. The next one would be a drive to Mount Mitchell on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The fall colors drive was then discussed and those going would meet at Burger King in Rogersville at 10:00 a.m. Those leaving from Rush Street would leave at 9:00 a.m.

The group was then asked if everyone was happy with the current meeting day and time. The consensus was that no one had objections to either. Chuck Hamilton said that maybe we would have more participation if we combined our drives with other clubs. It was decided to try and coordinate with the other clubs to have drives on the same Saturday of the month, if possible. He said that he would speak with the Morristown club to discuss the possibility of a combined drive. Hopefully we can start to set a schedule for 2012 soon.

The discussion then turned to the upcoming trip to VIR and when to leave from Rush Street. It was decided that we would leave at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paul then asked what the group saw as options for an event that we could have to promote british cars and also give back to the community. A rally was suggested. We would start small and would sponsor it, but all cars would be welcome. It was decided that we would need to continue this discussion with more people that we had at the October meeting. It would take a lot of people to pull something like a rally off. It was agreed that we want to give the money raised to some place that

would be decided on by the group. JoAnn Hamilton said that she didn't want to give to a large organization. Allen Calcote suggested that we sponsor something that teenagers could get involved in.

Chuck Gaines asked what thoughts the group had on overnights. Everyone liked several overnight trips throughout the year. Ben Bailey asked that everyone email him their wish list of drives for 2012. Paul McRoy said that he would look into overnight trips for next year in the meantime.

The discussion was followed by the 50/50 drawing, which was won by Bob Mabey. The door prize was won by Liz Bauerle. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



### Smokey Mountain Jaguar Show



### Fall Colors Tour

## **Upcoming Events**

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Thursday, November 3rd, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 10th. The program for our November meeting will be a tour of Universal Machine Manufacturing owned by Darrell Gulespie, following our meal at Rush Street, we will drive to Brookside Lane (about 5 minutes from the restaurant).

## **Dates to Remember**

**Gold Cup – VIR (Virginia International Raceway) – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Drive to Pine Mountain State Park (Morristown Club) -  
Sunday November 13th**

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