

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 – RUSH STREET GRILL

Minutes of the ABCS meeting on August 11, 2005

Ben Bailey, President, presided over the meeting with 18 members present.

Al Bradley, Treasurer, gave a report consisting of:

Checking - \$ 620.00

Savings - \$ 510.00

Carl Floyd informed us that the Web site has been update.

A discussion then followed about joining the MGB Register. A minimum of 8 registered members is required in order to join as a club. There are several registered members in the club affiliated with another MGB club which is affiliated with the MGB Register. It is not clear whether a Registry member can belong to more than one club, and since it is highly unlikely that the Registry would check, it was decided to apply for membership in the Registry.

The next topic of discussion was incorporating the club as a non-profit organization. The initial incorporation fee would be \$100.00, and \$20.00 a year thereafter. Al Bradley made a motion to

incorporate and Herren Floyd seconded. Motion was carried. Ben Bailey made a motion to appoint Carl Floyd as the agent for the corporation. The motion was seconded by Paul Kern.

Allen Calcote gave a presentation on electrical troubleshooting. Allen demonstrated ways to determine why electrical equipment won't work and ways to correct them. One item to remember is that British cars have slowblow fuses rated at 17 amp/blow at 35 amp – DO NOT REPLACE WITH STANDARD FUSES, since a spike in current will burn the wiring.

The door prize was won by Wayne Lane, who received a BIG spotlight.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 15 – Drive to Middlesboro????

Nov – Mystery Drive

Dec – Drive to BMS to enjoy Christmas Lights display – TOPS DOWN.

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We will be attending the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival on September 10. Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be served after the show. We hope you can all participate and help make it a bigger and better show.

ANNUAL ABCS/SMJC DRIVE AND PICNIC AT GRAYSON STATE PARK

By Gerry Mitchell

Becky and I wanted to take our open 1958 Jaguar XK-150 Roadster on this drive. However, the weather reports predicted thundershowers. So, we took our "rain car", the 2002 Honda Civic instead. We departed Kingsport at 7:15 AM and arrived at the designated meeting location, the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Abingdon at 7:50 AM. Sam Chandler and his friend Ricki Fields had already arrived in Sam's 1971 MGB GT and were having breakfast. As we were having breakfast, several others of our group arrived: Naomi and Bill Coe in their 1980 MGB; Margaret And Allen Calcote in their 2001 Honda Accord; Ann and Paul Kern and George In their 1963 MGB; Sue and Richard Williams in their open 1957 Jaguar XK-140 DHC (a rare example with automatic

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BMW 328 Ci; and Clarence (C. C.) Goodson in his 1979 MGB. All the MGB's were open cars except for Sam's GT.

Ben Bailey led us out of the Cracker Barrel parking lot promptly at 9:00 AM. on Highway 58 eastbound, which is very curvy with lovely green scenery and split-rail fences everywhere one looked—a perfect sports-car road. Becky and I very much enjoyed the sight of the Williams's beautiful white XK-140 DHC in our rear-view mirrors as we negotiated the many curves in route. We arrived at the Grayson Highlands State Park at 10:10 A.M.

The group went first to the Visitor Center which is also a very fine museum displaying many artifacts, animals, photographs, and information associated with the region. The participating cars lined up here for photographs. Then most of our group made the climb up Twin Pinnacles Trail to the top of "Little Pinnacle" at an altitude of 5089 feet for a really spectacular view of the surrounding mountains, river, and valleys. Scenery along this trail offers many spectacular and unusual examples of boulders, moss, ferns, flowers and other plants, for single enjoyment or photography.

When everyone had enjoyed the Visitor Center to their satisfaction, we continued to the park's large picnic area at noon where we spread our picnic lunches on several tables close together. After that steep climb up to "Little Pinnacle", we were quite ready to enjoy the good food we had brought and good fellowship with club members. Joining us in the park were Dani and Barry Black in their open 1977 MGB and Dave Stringer and teenaged sons in their pickup truck. We were disappointed that none of the Knoxville contingent of the SMJC came up to join us for this very enjoyable event.

After partaking of our very good lunch and visiting with other sports-car enthusiasts and friends, Becky and I walked over to the Homestead Area, a nearby group of historic houses and barns and old picturesque split-rail and picket fences. We had assumed that the rest of the group would naturally wish to come over to this fine nostalgic feature of the Park. But, we did not encounter any others of our group while we were there.

When we returned to where the cars had been parked, we were surprised to discover that the rest of our group had already departed and left us. So, Becky and I, desiring to see what the nearby town of "Mouth of Wilson" look like, continued east on US 58 and fueled our car there at the "Osborne General Store". Since we were close, we visited good friends who have a large llama farm near Mouth of Wilson.

From Mouth of Wilson, we continued northbound on SR 16 through Grant, Trout Dale and Sugar Grove to Marion, Virginia. We had previously eaten at a good

Mexican restaurant there, and thought we'd have supper there this time, too. However, we found the restaurant is no longer in business having been replaced by a Japanese restaurant. We got back on I-81 southbound and arrived back home a little after 7:00 PM. We did not encounter any rain, so we could have taken our open Jaguar XK-150 after all. The rain did arrive a little after 8:00 PM., with lots of thunder and lighting. We trust the other members of our congenial group arrived back home safely.





**APPALACHIAN BRITISH CAR SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

NAME: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **HOME PHONE (____)** _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ **WORK PHONE (____)** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ **DATE:** _____

CARS:	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	COLOR
#1	_____	_____	_____	_____
#2	_____	_____	_____	_____
#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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