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Next Meeting – October 13, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on September 8, 2011

The September ABCS Meeting was held on September 8, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Paul McRoy (so Peter could eat his dinner) who went over some upcoming events/drives. The annual ABCS picnic/auction was scheduled for Saturday, September 10th at the Eastman Recreation Area – shelter 28 at 4:00 p.m. and we would plan to eat around 5:00. The club provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns and everyone was to bring a covered dish to share and items to auction. The auction would be to raise money for the club to eventually donate to a charity that would be determined later. Paul asked that the members bring things such as extra car parts, home items, etc. and that the auction should not be treated as a yard sale. He said that cash and checks would be accepted. Michele said that she would send out a reminder prior to Saturday. Ben Bailey told the group that it was decided at the last Board Meeting that going forward, the board meetings would be held on the 1st Thursday of the month. He then spoke about several upcoming drives, one of which being the Blue Ridge Parkway drive on Saturday, September 24th. Because this drive had been scheduled for the same day as the Wings and Wheels show in Abingdon VA and the Hendersonville

drive, it was decided to move the Blue Ridge Parkway drive back to Saturday, September 17th. He also reminded the group of the Allendale show on Sunday, September 18th and the Jaguar show on Saturday, October 15th. He said that the regular fee for the British car class would be \$20 and if you were not a member of the Jaguar club, that it would be an additional \$5. October 22nd will be the fall colors drive, led by Al and Liz Bauerle. On November 12, there will be a drive to Beech Mountain and on November 5-6 will be the drive to VIR. Ben also reminded everyone that the Old Codger's drives would be on the last Wednesday of the month and would continue through November. Herren Floyd said that the Morristown club would be taking a drive to Pine Mountain State Park on Sunday, November 13th.

Paul McRoy then introduced Jim Thomas, Shawn and Sharon – owner and operators of the Countryside Winery. Jim told the group that the winery had been open for 20 years, with its first harvest in 1990. He said that wine is sold at the winery as well as in some package stores. Shawn and Sharon then handed out a brochure and wine list which included white, red and fruit wines. Jim explained that the wines were listed from driest to sweetest. He said that they manufacture 2,500-3,000 cases a year. They grow 6 different varieties of grapes, as well as purchasing other kinds. The group then sampled a Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chambourcin, Countryside White, Golden Muscat Blush, and finally an Autumn Harvest. Jim told everyone that they are located 1 ½ miles from the Tri-Cities Airport and that they have a great climate for growing grapes and making wine. Someone asked what “dry” wine is and Jim said that it means that it contains no sugar. He said that it takes a minimum of 4 months to make wine.

After the presentation/wine tasting, the drawing for the door prize was held and our guest Sharon was the winner. The 50/50 drawing was then held and it was won by Pat Davis. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Allendale's British Fleet



Blue Ridge Parkway



What a Happy Lookin' bunch

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Thursday, October 6th, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13th. The program for our October meeting will be a presentation about insurance given by Brian Byrd of Northwestern Mutual.

Dates to Remember

Wings and Wheels – September 24th – Abingdon VA

Old Codger's drives – September 28, October 26th and November 23rd

Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14th – 15th –

General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN

Gold Cup – VIR (Virginia International Raceway) – Nov 4th-6th

**Drive to Pine Mountain State Park (Morristown Club) -
November 12th**

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.
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What other British cars do you own?

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