

# ABCS Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING – February 8, 2007 – Rush Street Grill**

## Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for January 11, 2007

The meeting was brought to order by our newly elected President, Virginia Leamon. There were 28 members present, and one guest, Paul McRay, from Federated Auto Supply. Paul owns a Mini, a Jaguar, and a supercharged MGB, which he races occasionally.

Virginia spoke about the many drives and programs planned for the coming year. Sign-up sheets were passed around for those interested in sponsoring a drive and/or program. There are still a few open spots. Now is your chance to greatly participate in your club's activities by sponsoring a drive, a program, or both.

One of our newer members, Al Bauerle, just finished a ground-up restoration of his 1980 MGB-LE. He says that he is now ready for some fun in the sun.



## **Upcoming Events:**

**February 17** – Drive to Garrett's Muscle Car Museum in conjunction with the SMJC. More details later.

**May 12** – Townsend Car Show.

The program for the evening was a film presented by Herren and Otti Floyd about Otti's niece wedding in Germany.

Otti became separated from her family during WWII. She later met and married Herren while Herren was stationed in Germany, coming back to the States after his tour of duty. She didn't see her family for 30 years.

This was a good opportunity to spend some quality time with the entire family.

After a lovely ceremony, it was time to celebrate, and celebrate they did. The reception lasted from 4:00 PM until the early hours of the morning. Large quantities of food and plenty of dancing kept the celebration going.

Those Germans sure know how to celebrate!!

Membership dues are now due.

Send your payment to:

Bill Wilson  
281 Galloway Rd  
Kingsport, TN 37664

## 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.
- A mutual help scheme for members through a listing of willing participants. Stuck out in the boonies? Just call!
- A wide range of regalia and other items for sale to members to demonstrate your love of MGs.

### YOU CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO "B" A MEMBER—JOIN NOW!

<http://www.namgbr.org/namgbr>



## Membership Application



North American MGB Register



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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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May we list your phone number as an emergency contact should a Register member traveling through your area need assistance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Where did you learn of the Register?  
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Which local MG or British Car Club(s) do you belong to?  
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How many MGs do you own?

\_\_\_\_\_ MGBs \_\_\_\_\_ Midgets \_\_\_\_\_ 1100/1300s

What other British cars do you own?  
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Enclose your check or credit card information and return to:

North American MGB Register  
P.O. Box 55  
Whittington, IL 62897-0055  
Phone/Fax — 800-NAMGBR-1

One year membership is \$30.00 US (\$35.00 Overseas) and includes our bimonthly publication—MGB Driver.

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