

ABCS Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING – April 10, 2008 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting for March 13, 2008

Paul Kern brought the meeting to order with 23 members present, and one guest, Ken Hoffman, an AACA member.

Paul thanked Carl Floyd for the many hours of hard work involved in moving our Web site to the new server.

Paul reminded everyone of our trip and tour of Biltmore Estate on May 24. We will be leaving Sears parking lot in Johnson City at 9:00 AM. Some folks from ETMGDC will be meeting us there and have expressed that some of them will spend Saturday night at a local hotel, returning home on Sunday. If any participant wished to do so, they may contact George Greene, gag327@yahoo.com, for further details.

The East Tennessee MG Drivers Club is hosting the 3rd Annual British Car Fool Bash on Saturday, March

29 at the Cherokee State Park in Morristown. This is a gathering of all the British car clubs in eastern Tennessee. The event will run from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM. The host club will provide burgers, weenies, and all the fixings. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish and beverages of their choice.

On Saturday, April 12, Paul McRoy will be sponsoring a Road Rally. It will be based on mileage and observations. There will be a questionnaire given to the participants that needs to be filled with “observations” along the route. The winner will be the one with the most complete answers. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Exchange Place, on Orebank Rd., outside of Kingsport.

Ben Bailey reminded us that “Drive Your British Car Week” will be the week of May 24 –31. We will be

celebrating on May 28 at 6:00 PM at the Gourmet & Co. parking area. Free refreshments and dash plaque for all in attendance. If you would like to dine with us, reservations can be made with Gourmet & Co. at 423-929-9007.

Upcoming Events:

March 29 – April Fools Bash at Cherokee State Park.

April 10 – Membership meeting. Allen McKeena will host program.

April 12 – Road Rally

May 10 – Springtime in the Smokies Townsend, TN

May 24 – Trip and tour to Biltmore Estate.

May 28 – Gourmet & Co. Drive your British Car Week.

Allen Calcote, “Mr. Wizzard”, presented the program, which consisted of the basic principles of electricity in our cars and how to troubleshoot some of the more common problems in the system. As always Allen did an excellent presentation.

On Saturday, March 15, a few members met at the Sears parking area in Johnson City and proceeded with a short drive to the National Soldiers Home, which later became part of the Veterans Administration. The site is now a museum. After the tour, we proceeded to Gormet & Co. for a delicious lunch.



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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