

# ABCS Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, April 10, 2003 – RUSH STREET GRILL**

## Minutes for March 13, 2003 meeting

By: Greg Bowman

**G**aël Bright, President, conducted the meeting. 20 Members were in attendance. Not too surprisingly, since we had received a deluge of rain, there was only one British cars in attendance, a Jaguar XJR.

Gael introduced the guests and reminded members to renew their dues of \$15 for 2003. He requested that members provide on a list that was passed around, "Good mechanics" and "Don't go to mechanics" for use by the members.

The Board has decided to start videotaping programs for exchanging with other clubs and hope that this will lead to a wealth of new information for us. Unfortunately, we didn't have a camera available for Ben Bailey's excellent program.

### Technical Assistance:

Lee Seats has agreed to be a "go-to" man for technical questions. Simply provide a question to Lee and he will try to find someone that can provide an answer.

### Al Bradley has for sale:

T-shirts \$10  
Caps \$15  
Sweatshirts \$20

Regina Shinall won the door prize of a cup, notepads, pens, and a battery puller.

Ben Bailey gave an excellent demonstration of replacing MGB rear drum brakes with disc brakes.

### Parts needed

'85 Saab 900 rotor and caliper  
3/8 fine thread bolts (a little longer than the existing bolts-Ben used #9 bolts rather than the standard #8)

Proportioning valve

Second set of Saab calipers

Harley master cylinder

Custom 3/8" thick steel plates



First Ben removed the old drum brakes and replaced them with the Saab rotor. The rotors had been drilled to accept the two screws that hold a MGB drum in place.

Ben had custom 3/8" thick steel plates manufactured, drilled and tapped to fasten to the boltholes to which the back of the drum would normally fit. (We hope to post a scale drawing of this bracket) The brackets were bolted on and the calipers bolted to the bracket.



The new calipers will accept the MGB brake line, so hookup is easy. A proportioning valve will need to be put in place to make sure the rear drums don't overpower the front. Such a valve can be found at some auto parts stores and at race shops.

Ben also placed an additional set of calipers on the other side of the rotor to use as a parking brake. He plans to install a small Harley-Davidson master cylinder to operate the parking brake, though other options are available.



**Next Month:** C.C.Goodson-Cleaning and polishing your British car.

**Upcoming Drives:**  
March 29 to the covered bridge in Elizabethton.

End of August: Overnight trip on Blue Ridge Parkway with stay at Peaks of the Otter.

**Upcoming Events:**

Cruise-In in Jonesborough on Mother's Day weekend, May 9-11 (Fri, Sat, & Sun)

Blount British Cars Townsend Gathering May 3;

British V8 Convention in Townsend May 1-3;

Drive Your British Car Week Gathering at Gourmet & Co. May 28

**Tech Tip!**

<http://www.lbcarco.com/>

Our Tech Tip this week is from Bob Ward.

I have rebuilt several sets of SU carburetors and after stumbling around trying to mount, rebuild and remount them I discovered a hand solution.

If you have the manifold off the engine, it can be bolted to a piece of wood. Or mount the carbs directly to a piece of wood. The alignment will be tricky without the manifold. The wood piece can then be clamped in a vice. The carbs can be mounted to the manifold so you can work on the linkages. Once the Linkages are set and adjusted, another single piece of wood is drilled to fit the Air Cleaner holes on the intake side. By bolting this piece of wood to the carbs, then removing them from the manifold, or the first piece of wood, it is then easy to transfer the carbs and linkages to the manifold. Tighten the carbs, and then remove the bolts holding the second wood piece.

I keep the filter piece of wood in the A s tool bag, and if I ever need to remove the carbs, I simply bolt the wood on, and unbolt the carbs



## Watch This Space for ABCS Program Events

Month	Name	Title Of Program
January	Allen Calcote	Rust and corrosion
February	Bruce Harr	Miraculous Miniature Machines
March	Ben Bailey	Disc brake conversion for MGB
April	Clarence Goodson	Clean and polish your British car
May	Randy Still	<b>To be announced</b>
June	Bill Roope	Body repair
July	E. Penland/G. Bowman	Static timing of MGB engines
August	Bud Shinall	Exide tour
<b>September</b>	<b>Your name here</b>	<b>This space for rent</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Your name here</b>	<b>This space for rent</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Your name here</b>	<b>This space for rent</b>
December		Christmas party

## Upcoming Events

Date 2003	Event
March 29	Leave Rush Street @ 10am. Meet JC members in Sears auto center parking lot. We will have a short drive to Elizabethton.
April 26	Danville, VA - British Invasion ON THE DAN. The Old Dominion British Car Club will host the British Invasion ON THE DAN car show sponsored by Danville Parks, Recreation, & Tourism. All British marques are welcome. For more information, contact Danny Talbott by email <a href="mailto:dtalbott@gamewood.net">dtalbott@gamewood.net</a> , Danville Welcome Center (434) 773-8160 or visit <a href="http://www.members.tripod.com/gomgva">http://www.members.tripod.com/gomgva</a>
May 1-3	British V8 Convention .Townsend, TN
May 4	Alexandria, VA. The 6th Annual Britain on the Green British
May 4	Marques at the Mint All British Car Show. Mint Museum of Arts, Randolph Rd. Charlotte, NC. Contact: Fred Dabney, 2327 Christensens Court, Charlotte, NC 28270, 704-366-9808 <a href="mailto:fdabney2@Perigee.net">fdabney2@Perigee.net</a>
May 9, 10 & 11	<b>Mother's Day weekend in Jonesborough, TN Details later.</b>
May 23-24	Spring Break MG Gathering at Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC
May 24-June 1	Drive your British car week
May 28	ABCS gathering at Gourmet & Co. Johnson City, TN

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>CARS:</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
#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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**TO:**