



**August, 2011**

# **ABCS Newsletter**      **Volume 20 Issue 8**

**Next Meeting – September 15, 2011 – Rush Street Grill**

## **Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on August 11, 2011**

The August ABCS Meeting was held on August 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis who let the group know about the drive planned for the upcoming Saturday (the 13<sup>th</sup>) – a drive to visit Al as he recuperates since his knee replacement surgery. The group would meet at 9:00 at Rush Street for the drive to Eidson. The following Saturday (the 20<sup>th</sup>) would be the Celtic Festival in Big Stone Gap. Ben would lead the group and Paul McRoy said that it would be best to be there between 10:00 and 10:30 in order to have time to visit the bookstore and tour the town before the parade. Everyone was to meet at Rush Street at 9:30 for the drive. It was noted that the September drive day (the 10<sup>th</sup>) would be the same day as our annual picnic/auction. We will have shelter 28 at the Eastman Park and everyone was asked to bring a covered dish and items for the auction. Chuck Gaines also reminded the group that the last Wednesday of the month (the 31<sup>st</sup>) was the Old Codger's drive. September 24<sup>th</sup> is the Blue Ridge Parkway run – more information to follow.

Paul McRoy spoke about the trip planned for November to VIR and that we need 10 committed couples in order to get a group rate. There is also a Civil War

museum that Juan is interested in checking out. The group will leave on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and drive to Danville. Paul is still looking into options for accommodations. JoAnn Hamilton said that several people from the Morristown club are also interested in going.

Paul McRoy then presented a program on belts. He began by speaking about V-belts and how they work. He then talked about the difference between lawnmower and automotive belts. He described serpentine belts and said that most cars have them and that everyone should carry a spare. He explained that the newer belts are made out of a new rubber (EPDM). He talked about how most car belts have 4-6 grooves and he passed out gauges and showed the group how to test a belt for wear.

He then described how a tensioner keeps the tension on a belt. He talked about timing belts and how, if it strips, it can bend valves. He also said that you should replace a water pump and a timing belt at the same time. He explained that some manufacturers are replacing timing belts with timing chains. Lastly, he advised everyone to know when a timing belt needs to be changed and to keep accurate records.

After the presentation, the 50/50 drawing was then held and Juan Dominquez won the cash. Following the 50/50 was the drawing for the door prize, which was won by Chuck Hamilton. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





**A Perfect Day for a Parade!**



**Looks like AI is Ready to run...**

## **NOTE!!**

**\*\*\*If you are interested in the trip to VIR (Virginia International Raceway) on Nov. 4-6, a \$30 deposit per person will be due at the September ABCS meeting.\*\*\***

## **Upcoming Events**

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We need a program for the September meeting. If you (or someone you know) has an idea for a program, please contact Paul McRoy ASAP.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Old Codger's drive – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**ABCS Annual Picnic/Auction – September 10<sup>th</sup> – Eastman Facility – Shelter 28 -\*\*\*We need items to auction\*\*\***

**Blue Ridge Parkway run – September 24<sup>th</sup> – details to follow**

**Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> –**

**General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN**

**Gold Cup – VIR (Virginia International Raceway – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

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