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Next Meeting – February 10, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on January 20, 2011

The first ABCS Meeting for 2011 was held on January 20, 2011. The meeting was brought to order by Peter Davis and guest Chris White was welcomed to the meeting. Chris has since decided to join us and is our newest member. The 2011 calendars were then given out. A big thank you was given to Herron for his hard work on putting everything together.

Bill Wilson then gave the treasurer's report. Bill reported a balance of \$912.00 in the treasury. Bill also reported that he is still working on an updated cell phone list and will send it out soon. Paul McRoy then passed around a list of potential two night- three day trips and asked that the group think about the possibility of attending one. One trip is to Cass West Virginia to ride the steam train and the other is a visit to the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, including sightseeing as well as exploring downtown Nashville. Both trips would be from Friday to Sunday. The cost would be around \$200 for lodging and the train ride or museum visit per couple. We are thinking of doing this in late April or May and we need about 20 people to make it work. Everyone was asked to consider whether or not they would like to take one of these trips. He also passed out a sheet and asked that

the group sign up for programs for the upcoming year. Currently, there is no one signed up for a program after March.

Next, Paul McRoy and Peter Davis gave a very informative presentation on eBay-101. Paul discussed how to buy and sell, the things to look for from other sellers when you're looking to buy an item and the costs involved when selling items. Peter posted an item on eBay during the presentation and Peter and Paul gave step-by-step instructions on how to put an item on the website to sell.

The ABCS Saturday Drive(s) – January 15, 2011

This month, the men drove over to Jonesborough to the Davis' home for a tech session. They were dazzled by the level of clean and organization achieved in the basement garage. They worked on a well sealed overdrive transmission, and had demonstrations on welding and powder coating while enjoying coffee and donuts. The group then went downtown for a wonderful lunch at The Creekside Restaurant. There are plans for future tech sessions - please contact Peter if there are other topics that you would like to see covered.





Thanks to Pat and Peter for a great tech session.

Barbara Cox and I drove to Church Hill to visit Dani Black's new gift shop – The Willow Tree. We have a wonderful time browsing through the store and found several treasures that we just couldn't live without. It's a trip that we'll definitely take again. Afterwards, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Mocajetes.





Barbara (and her bag of goodies) and Dani at The Willow Tree.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, February 2nd, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10. The program for February will be given by Barbara Cox. The topic will be a very interesting lesson on how to surf the internet to find bargain sites, coupons and free shipping on lots of items. You won't want to miss this informative presentation.

Hope to see you there!

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!
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Country _____ E-Mail _____
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Where did you learn of the Register?

Which local MG or British Car Club(s) do you belong to?

How many MGs do you own?
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What other British cars do you own?

Enclose your check or credit card information and return to:

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