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Next Meeting – April 14, 2011 – Rush Street Grill

Minutes of the ABCS Meeting held on March 10, 2011

The March ABCS Meeting was held on March 10, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Peter Davis and Paul McRoy passed out an information/sign up sheet on the upcoming trip to Cass VA. Brochures were also handed out regarding the Barter Theatre's behind the scenes tour. Several options were discussed as to the best time to do the tour. Friday seemed to be a popular option. David Wallace suggested that a good idea might be to do the tour around 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., then have dinner afterwards. The discussion was tabled for the short term, and choices for dates will be researched. Ben discussed that the upcoming Saturday drive (on March 12th) would begin with lunch at The Little Steakhouse, then the group would drive to Buddy Laws' home to look at the projects that was currently working on.

Ben also spoke briefly about the Wednesday drives, saying that if anyone was interested in joining this group that they are planning to do a drive on the last Wednesday of every month. Peter told the group about the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club car show on October 14-15 at the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville. He noted that the show would be on the 15th from 9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. and that

registration forms for this event would be sent out later in the year. Next, a fascinating program was given by Robin Floyd on melting glass and stained glass. She explained that he had been doing stained glass for eight years and beading for five years. She also explained how lampworking came about and showed the group a U-Tube video on how melting is done. She then showed photographs of amazing beads, lampworking and stained glass that she'd made. Robin ended with a short video on "Beads of Courage" - a program that gives beads to children battling cancer. The colors of the beads signify the different stages in kid's lives. This program is currently in 70 hospitals in the U.S.

The meeting ended with a short DVD of the Cass Railroad State Park. Paul McRoy asked that everyone turn in the information/sign up sheet by the April meeting so that plans could be finalized for the trip.

Saturday Drive - March 12th

It was beautiful day for a drive! The group met for lunch at The Little Steakhouse, then proceeded to a friend of the Bailey's for an afternoon of browsing through Buddy Law's garage and his amazing projects.



First stop – Lunch at The Little Steakhouse.



The group upon arrival at Buddy's garage.



Buddy's amazing shop! So many beautiful projects...



Ben's car getting a little interior work...



Time to head home!

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the next ABCS board meeting will be Wednesday, April 6th, followed by our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14th. As of now, we have no program scheduled for April. If you (or someone you know) have an idea for a short program, please contact Paul McRoy ASAP.

Dates to Remember

- 1. 6th Annual British Car Fools Bash - Saturday, April 2nd, 2011
– Louisville Park, Louisville, TN - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- 2. Drive to Maggie Valley, NC – April 16th**
- 3. 24th Annual British Car Gathering – Springtime in the Smokies - May 13th – 15th, Townsend, TN**
- 4. Drive Your British Car – Wednesday, May 25th – Gourmet & Co. – Johnson City, TN**
- 5. Drive to Roan Mountain – June 11th**
- 6. Overnight Drive to Cass, WV – June 17th – 19th**
- 7. Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Show – October 14th – 15th – General Morgan Inn – Greeneville, TN**

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- 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.
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- The finances of the Register would be open to all, at any time.
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