

NABMS Constitution & By-Laws

Preamble

The North Alabama British Motoring Society (NABMS) is a social club dedicated to learning more about and preserving British motor vehicles. This is accomplished through monthly dinner meetings with scheduled programs by experts in various fields required for auto restoration and maintenance. These meetings are usually conducted at a local restaurant, with occasional meetings at members' homes or at a speaker's shop. Presentations are usually supported via audio-visual or video media and describe various types of British vehicles or explain techniques required for preventive maintenance and restoration. This club has met since 1986 in this format.

The NABMS also has occasional outings, where members tour the country back roads at a leisurely pace, usually culminating with a planned activity before returning home. There are no timed or competitive activities, only leisure touring.

The NABMS conducts one or two car shows a year in a local mall in order to provide the general public an opportunity to see the vehicles and to serve as a means of recruiting interested parties.

The club has officers and a board of directors. The officers are elected at the beginning of each year. Operating capital is provided through nominal dues and through the sale of memorabilia.

Constitution

ARTICLE I (Name)

Section 1 The name of the organization shall be NORTH ALABAMA BRITISH MOTORING SOCIETY (NABMS).

Section 2 The emblem of this organization shall be in the form of a two-eared knockoff having a white background with a black border. The center of the knockoff will contain the British flag in red, white, and blue. The words "NORTH ALABAMA BRITISH MOTORING SOCIETY" will surround the knockoff and will be in black.



The Emblem.

ARTICLE II (Purpose)

The Purpose of the organization shall be to encourage the proper, safe, and proficient use, maintenance, and restoration of British vehicles. This purpose shall be achieved by:

1. The sponsoring of events promoting the use of British vehicles.
2. The providing of information with respect to maintenance and restoration of British vehicles.
3. The encouragement of safe and sportsmanlike conduct on the public highways.

ARTICLE III (Officers)

The officers of the organization shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Newsletter Editor. The duties of the officers shall be as stated in the By-laws. The term of office for all officers shall be one year.

ARTICLE IV (Board of Directors)

The Board of Directors will consist of the President, the Vice-President, and five other members appointed by the President. Each of the Five appointed board members will serve two-year terms. Duties of the board members shall be as stated in the by-laws.

ARTICLE V (Meetings)

The regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month except when decided otherwise by a vote of the majority of the voting members in attendance at the meeting immediately preceding the meeting date in question. Special meeting of the organization may be called at the discretion of the President, or one must be called by him upon request of one-fifth of the voting membership. The principle object of the special meetings shall be stated in the call for same, and may include the stipulation "and for the transaction of all other business that may be presented." In the event that these words are not included in the call, no other business may be transacted except that stated as the object of the meetings.

ARTICLE VI (Admission Fees and Dues)

Admission fees and dues of all members shall be of such amounts and payable at such times as shall be provided for in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VII (Nominations and Elections)

Section 1 Elections for all officers shall be held at the first regular meeting in November of each year.

Section 2 Nominations shall be made from the floor at the last regular meeting preceding the meeting at which the elections are scheduled. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting at which the elections are held.

Section 3 Only voting members may be nominated for office and such nominees must be present at either the meeting in which they are nominated or the meeting at which the elections are held.

Section 4 Election will be by secret ballot and a majority of the voting members present and voting shall be required for election. In the event that no candidate has a clear majority, ballots will be cast for the candidates who receive the greatest number of votes and whose total votes constitute at least 60 percent of the votes cast. This shall continue until one candidate has a clear majority.

Section 5 Newly elected officers shall assume office at the next regular meeting following their election. Transfer of funds, records, lists of organizational equipment and other similar

items shall be accomplished prior to the next regular meeting.

Section 6 Should an officer, other than the President, resign prior to the end of their term, the President shall appoint a voting member to assume the duties of the office upon the effective date of such resignation and to continue in that capacity until a new officer is elected. At the next meeting subsequent to the effective date of the officer's resignation, nominations shall be taken for the vacancy and elections shall be conducted in accordance with all other sections of Article VII.

Section 7 In the event of the resignation of the President, the office and duties shall become the functions of the Vice-President who shall call for an election to fill the vacated office of the Vice-President in accordance with all other sections of Article VII.

Section 8 In the event of the resignation or expiration of term of an appointed member of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a voting member to the Board for a two-year term.

ARTICLE VIII (Quorum)

Members of the organization present and voting shall constitute a quorum at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX (Amendments)

Amendments may be proposed by any voting member at any regular meeting. Amendments must be submitted in written form to the Secretary at the time they are proposed. Such amendments shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall notify the membership by mail of the proposed

amendment and the time of voting.

ARTICLE X (Interpretations)

In the event an ambiguity may appear to exist in the wording of the Constitution and/or By-laws, the Board of Directors shall make the final interpretation. The Board of Directors shall act in a quasi-judicial capacity and its findings as to the meaning of the words shall be binding in the organization and may be changed only by an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws of the Article or Section involved.

ARTICLE XI (Membership)

Membership in the organization shall be open to all persons sincerely interested in the achievement of the purposes of the organization subject to the procedures stipulated in the By-laws. Membership in the organization is based on a sincere interest in British motor vehicles and safe motoring. It is expected that each member will support the activities of the organization and conduct himself creditably in all matters of concern to the organization.

ARTICLE XII (Committees)

The organization may provide for such standing and/or special committees as it may deem necessary as provided in the By-laws.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I (Duties of the Officers)

Section 1 The President shall preside at all meetings when present, approve all bills for payment, serve as chairman of the Program Committee, appoint chairmen of all other committees except those appointed by the Vice-President in his capacity as activities chairman, perform other such duties as are incident to the office and may attend (ex-officio) meetings of all committees. The President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors during his term of office and shall appoint members to the board when vacancies occur.

Section 2 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all regular and special meetings, collect dues, answer and initiate all official organization correspondence (except as specifically authorized by the President), keep current membership rosters, notify all members of called meetings and otherwise fulfill the assigned duties of the office.

Section 3 The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall be responsible for matters involving new members and shall serve as activities chairman. He is empowered to appoint committees required to execute his duties as activities chairman. The Vice-President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors during his term in office.

Section 4 The Treasurer shall keep current financial records.

Section 5 The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing the monthly newsletter. The Newsletter Editor shall serve as chairman of the Newsletter Committee.

ARTICLE II (Duties of the Board of Directors)

Section 1 Members of the Board of Directors must resign from the Board of Directors if elected as an officer of the Club.

Section 2 The Board of Directors is responsible for resolving ambiguity in the Constitution and/or By-laws.

ARTICLE III (Membership)

Section 1 General membership is open to anyone who agrees to abide by the rules set forth in the Constitution and By-laws and pays the annual dues. A general membership in the organization allows the member one vote.

Section 2 Family membership will be for families which meet the requirements of general membership. Family members must be listed on the membership application. Family memberships will have two votes.

Section 3 Honorary memberships may be established when appropriate by the organization. Honorary members shall be non-voting and non-dues paying.

Section 4 Corporate membership is open anyone who meets the general requirements of membership and who wishes to represent a corporate entity through membership. Each corporate member is entitled to a business card-sized (2" x 3 1/2") commercial advertisement in each issue of the newsletter during a membership year. Corpo-

rate members shall have one vote.

ARTICLE IV (Amendments)

Amendments to the By-laws shall be proposed and voted upon in the same manner as required for Constitutional amendment in Article IX of the Constitution.

ARTICLE V (Admission Fees and Dues)

Section 1 There shall be no admission fee.

Section 2 Dues of the organization shall be \$15.00 per year for single or family memberships, the latter being limited to two votes. Dues are payable when membership is conferred and thereafter annually.

Section 3 Dues for corporate members shall be set at \$25.00. Dues are payable when membership is conferred and thereafter annually.

ARTICLE VI (Standing Committees)

Section 1 There shall be the following Standing Committees, the Chairmen of which shall be appointed by the President (except as noted herein). The members, if any, of these shall be selected by the respective Chairman. Standing Committees shall be constituted by an amendment to this Article in accordance Article IV of the By-laws.

Section 2 Program Committee
This committee shall be responsible for the coordination and scheduling of all monthly meeting programs. The chairman of this committee shall be the President. It shall be the respon-

sibility of this committee to arrange guest speakers and programs of interest to the organization and to inform the Newsletter Editor of programs for inclusion into the newsletter.

Section 3 Activities Committee

This committee shall be responsible for the coordination and scheduling of all organization activities outside of the monthly meetings. The Vice-President of the organization shall be the chairman of the committee.

Section 4 Newsletter Committee

This committee shall be responsible for publishing the monthly newsletter, acquiring articles and writing editorials for publication, and for selling advertising to offset the cost of publication.

ARTICLE V (Special Committees)

The President may constitute special committees to perform studies, prepare recommendations, and otherwise perform such activities as he may deem necessary. The President shall constitute special committees at the request of a simple majority of voting members present when called upon to do so. The President shall appoint the Chairman of such committees, and the members shall be appointed by the Chairman. The objectives and membership of such committees shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting at which such committees are constituted. Reports of all committees shall be read into or appended to the minutes of the meeting at which the report of the committee is accepted by the President, at such time the Committee shall be automatically dissolved.