

September Meeting of British Car Club SW Florida

Ken Oehler, Secretary

Ft. Myers, FL The monthly meeting of the British Car Club of SW Florida began promptly at 7:00pm at Famous Dave's BBQ in Ft Myers on September 9, 2014. The meeting began with a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday* sung to Barb Liversedge, Greg Walker, Ken Oehler and Louise Krause. There were no guests and no new members to introduce. Treasurer Jackie Hill was absent – she and Lionel are in England celebrating their 50th anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jackie and Lionel! Ken Oehler gave the treasurer's report.

George advised that the Thursday edition of the Cape Coral newspaper will have an article on our member, Peter Newton, his cars, and highlighting the British Car Club. Ken Oehler said if someone could get a copy of it to him, he'd scan it and send it to all the members.

George also advised he had received an email from a representative of the Historic Sportscar Racing organization, asking for ideas on how they can work with our club to promote historic car racing. Bill Newman, our veteran racer, said he's a member of HSR and would assist in that endeavor.

Activities Director Terry Luck announced that he is still taking orders for polo shirts with the club logo and needs a few more orders at \$19 each before he could place an order with Fred's Award World. Terry reminded the members of the lunch run to Classic Auto Restorer Specialists (C.A.R.S.) on Saturday, September 20th, noon to 2:00pm. Dennis McKinley stated that about 8 members had already notified him they were going to go. Others at the meeting said they would go as well so the club should have a good turnout.

Terry also advised that he had received a request from "Helping Hands Ministry" inviting us to participate in a classic car cruise, also on September 20th, from 3 to 7pm, at the First Community Congregational Church in Lehigh Acres. Proceeds from the activity help to feed people in need in Lee County. The church is sponsoring a cruise-in the third Saturday of each month through December 2014.

Terry also reminded members of the car show and events at Safety Harbor on October 24th. An e-blast reminder will go out to the members closer to the event.

Bill Newman reported on the races at Sebring over the Labor Day weekend. Bill raced his GT6 and finished 5th out of the 10 racing. He said it was unbearably hot, and the rains torrential, resulting in a lot of the racers departing earlier than usual. There were also several crashes as well as many cars experiencing mechanical problems. The next racing events Bill and Kenny Taylor will participate in will be October 19th. Pit crew members are always welcome.

Bill also announced he knows of a Spitfire for sale at \$3500 in case anyone is interested.

Cecil Carter and Isabel Munoz came to the meeting with their young ward, Christopher, for the evening. The 50/50 raffle drawing was held with Christopher drawing the winning ticket. Cecil won the \$34 award. Nice going Christopher.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.