

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-June 14, 2016

The June meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 29 members attending. The meeting was called to order five minutes before 7:00 upon the approval of Kenny Taylor. The club welcomed new members Steve and Sue Kindelan. They have owned British cars for over 50 years but currently do not own a British vehicle. Several members shouted out cars that they have available at a steep price. Steve mentioned his favorite car was an MGA and he wouldn't mind owning another one.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Lauren Welch. Summary of the treasurer's report:

Starting balance: \$1849.59
Expenditures: \$4.00
Ending balance: \$1845.59

The meeting opened with the sad task of organizing the club's role in the funeral of member Jeremy Taylor. Jeremy was the victim of a random act of gun violence and died while on his beloved motorcycle. Much discussion ensued about having members' British cars involved in a procession from the Taylor residence to the funeral home. The club voted to order a flower arrangement to be delivered to the funeral home. A dish garden was already purchased by the club and delivered to the Taylor home as a more permanent item than flowers. A motion was made and seconded about waiving the monthly 50-50 raffle and having the club treasurer gather donations to give to Jeremy's widow Rosemary. Members should be proud of stepping up and being generous in this tough time for the Taylor family. There are plans for club members pitching in and finishing repairs on Jeremy's 1967 AH Sprite.

The Alva Diner breakfast run was quickly recapped and approval was made of the huge pancakes the club consumed. Thanks to Ken Oehler for organizing the trip.

Also, thanks was made to Cecil Carter, Gary Dworkin and Terry Luck for their roles in presenting a wreath on Memorial Day to the Arcadia cemetery where 24 British airmen who died during WWII training exercises are buried.

Activities coordinator Gary Dworkin brought up the possibility of having an event in July of driving our British cars to Labelle and dining on BBQ at the Log Cabin. Club members were understandably concerned about Southwest Florida's extreme July heat. The event is in the beginning planning stages.

Bill Newman recapped his racing adventures at Sebring on June 12. The heat proved to be the toughest part of the weekend with many cars and drivers not able to compete. Of the 28 registrants, only 10 managed to actually race. Bill mentioned in the Vintage races a Corvette, a Bugeye Sprite and a Lotus Elan were some of the cars competing. Bill took third in his race but then the heat prompted him to pack it in. Kenny Taylor took a sixth place in his race while driving a Miata. Kenny hopes to have repairs made to his TR7 and soon have it back on the track.

Bill mentioned the event in planning stages for sometime in September to have a car carousel at Sebring where members can drive one lap on the track. Sounds like great fun.

The next meeting will be held at Famous Dave's on Tuesday, July 12.