

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-August 9, 2016

The August meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 27 members attending. The meeting was called to order five minutes before 7:00 due to the rain pouring outside. Unfortunately no new members or guests were present at this meeting.

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

Starting balance: \$1788.89
Income: \$85.00 (50.50 raffle and new members)
Expenditures: \$91.00 (British Marque fee)
Ending balance: \$1782.89

Lauren also mentioned that the club's membership now stands at 106.

After the Treasurer's report, the group sang Happy Birthday to Kenny Taylor and Isabel Munoz who have birthdays in August.

Activities Director Gary Dworkin has been tracking upcoming British car events and mentioned quite a few that will occur in the next eight months. A list of dates is provided here:

- 1) 2016 Wilde on the Water Concours d'Elegance and Jaguar Festival – October 1st, 2016 in Sarasota
- 2) 30th Annual All British Field Meet – October 22nd, 2016 in Safety Harbor
- 3) 1st Inaugural Jaguar Concours d'Elegance – November 19th, 2016 in Fort Myers
- 4) The Mercato Show – December 3rd, 2016 in Naples
- 5) Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival – January 28th, 2017 in Fort Myers
- 6) 13th Annual Cars on Fifth – February 11th, 2017 in Naples
- 7) The 5th Annual B.I.G. European Sports & Collector Car Show – March 4th, 2017 in Cape Coral
- 8) The All British Meet in Mead Garden – April 1st, 2017 in Winter Park
- 9) Wheels Across The Pond – April 15th, 2017 in Jupiter

Gary spoke about the enjoyable rib dinner run several members of the club made to the Log Cabin restaurant in Labelle on Saturday, August 6 which proved to be a very hot day. No matter, the ribs were tasty and the group totally enjoyed driving British cars and engaging in great conversation.

Cecil Carter mentioned how he is formulating a plan for a night run on February 25, 2017 which happens to be the anniversary of Joseph Lucas' first patent. Each car involved has to have a Lucas electrical component (working or otherwise) to take part in the run. Stay tuned for more details.

Bill Newman outlined the exciting opportunities for the club to be part of a race weekend at Sebring on September 3 and 4 which has been designated as British Car Club Weekend. Details of the event have been distributed to club members via email.

Gary Eidson mentioned that the Shell Factory will soon begin their Monday night car shows which draw between 100 and 250 vehicles of an eclectic variety. Gary encouraged club members to bring their British cars to the outing which tends to prompt many questions about them amongst muscle car owners.

Bill Newman recapped the most recent race weekend at Sebring where Kenny Taylor did not race but served as Paddock Marshall. Bill described the twelve cars involved in the Vintage races which included his GT6. Unfortunately on the fourth lap, Bill's car "gave it up" and he knows he bent a valve. Bill listed other cars in the Vintage category such as a Frogeye Sprite, a Lotus Elan, and a Lotus 7. However the winner was an open wheel four cylinder Formula Ford.

Cecil mentioned that if club members are out and about at Sebring or other locations, please take a picture of yourself, friend or family member wearing BCCSWF gear. The photo can then be posted on our website.

Gary Eidson has offered to chair the nominating committee to select the next set of officers who will be inducted in December.

Peter Blackford won the 50-50 raffle of \$43 which will make up for the expense of his Labelle Log Cabin lunch.

The next meeting will be held at Famous Dave's on Tuesday, September 13.