

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting, May 9, 2017

The May meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 33 members attending. Guests and the cars they own were quickly introduced. Several members mentioned they have recently acquired new vehicles. Cy Ling has purchased a 1995 Jaguar XKS convertible with 35,000 miles. John and Angela Sergeant now own a 1980 TR8. The astounding thing is they drove the TR8 from Seattle to Fort Myers, FL! That's a total distance of over 3200 miles which is a formidable feat, however John stated "never again." Bill Newman announced he will soon acquire a right-handed drive 1972 Mini Clubman.

Rollie Welch once again mentioned that articles for the British Marque are welcome and encouraged members to write about the history of their British cars and how they came to own them. Rollie also announced that Shell Point residential living center has asked if the BCCSWF would be willing to display members' cars in January 2018. Many members showed interest in having another "excuse" to drive their cars.

Lauren Welch summarized the treasurer's report. Membership now stands at 89 with more memberships yet to be renewed.

Webmaster Gary Eidson announced that the members' roster on the website has been updated. Gary also informed the club that the Palm Beach International Raceway has an offer that you can drive the car of your dreams for five laps with a cost of around \$250. Gary encouraged club members to look into the offer. Gary also voiced a plea that since he is currently without a British car, he is willing to drive any other member's car to events.

The meeting paused to sing Happy Birthday to club members with May birthdays: Rollie Welch, Margrit Vegter, Peter Sales and Lionel Hill.

Bill Newman expressed the need for a quick commitment to the Memorial Day ceremony held at Arcadia. The event honors the British airmen who perished in WWII training accidents and are buried in Arcadia. There's a limit of 22 people for the post-ceremony luncheon. Thanks to Terry Luck and also Cecil Carter for organizing the event.

Mary Newman has agreed to be the organizer for the BCCSWF Christmas/Holiday party in December.

Bill and Kenny Taylor spoke about the upcoming vintage races on the weekend of June 10/11. Bill and Kenny encouraged club members to attend the races as it is a good show.

At the Wheels Across the Pond event in April, Peter Sales Jaguar Saloon took a first place. John Sergeant also took a third place with his British car.

Lionel and Jackie Hill attended drive their MGA to a first-time car show event on the Sanibel Causeway Islands sponsored by the SanCap Motor Club. It was a great location with the Gulf of Mexico as a backdrop but what stunned Lionel and Jackie was they met a former neighbor of years ago that lived nearby...in New Hampshire! It's a small world. Their former neighbor now owns two AC Bristols.

Bill Newman will be selling a 1960 Bugeye Sprite. Terry Luck mentioned that Autocross is a great event and encouraged members to take part. Kenny Taylor, who normally races his TR7, raced a Miata in Daytona and experienced all sorts of weather, cold on Saturday and warm on Sunday, but all in all it was a good weekend of racing.

Cecil Carter won the 50-50 raffle of \$41. John Welch donated a \$25 coupon for an autoparts store and that gift was won by Angela Sergeant.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13. Check the BCCSWF.com site for more information.