

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting, July 13, 2017

The June meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 24 members attending. Several guests/new members and the cars they own were quickly introduced. Jim Pace, newly arrived to Southwest Florida from New York, mentioned his 1972 TR6 (that has a Toyota transmission); David and Julie Mizzoli also new to the area from Long Island spoke about their TR250 and that David loves the mechanical work and is looking for a shop in the area. Gary Eidson introduced Scott Allen who is connected with a development project and is interested in promoting to Southwest Florida car clubs of storage suites which Scott called "Man-caves." There will be 68 units total and 12 have already been sold. For more information contact: Island Storage Units. 239-333-3637 or islandstoragesuites.com

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 recapped the impressive identification of Jaguars used in Pippa Middleton's wedding that were emailed to club members. Derry Haynes was able to identify the cars within three minutes of receiving the email photos.

Lauren Welch summarized the treasurer's report. Membership now stands at 90 with more memberships yet to be renewed.

Webmaster Gary Eidson again voiced his desire to turn over the webmaster duties to any club member and Mary Newman volunteered to do the task for the next year.

Bill Newman spoke about the wonderful and moving experience of the Memorial Day service at Arcadia. The event honors the British airmen who perished in WWII training accidents and are buried in Arcadia. Around 20 club members attended the ceremony and BCCSWF donated a wreath to be set at the gravesite. Even though it was a hot day, club members agreed that the experience was rewarding. Thanks to Terry Luck, Bill Newman and also Cecil Carter for organizing the event.

Bill and Kenny Taylor summarized vintage races held on the weekend of June 10/11. Kenny Taylor and Bill entered three races over the weekend and Kenny outdistanced Bill in all three, including a Saturday rain race. Bill claims he was being cautious by breaking in a new motor. Kenny drives a TR7 that is running well and even has a new paint job. Bill talked about how much fun vintage racing is as there are British, Italian and German cars plus several American vehicles including two Shelby 350GTs. Bill was thrilled that his British car passed several Corvettes. Bill also mentioned Steve Smith of Sarasota who won races by driving a Lotus Elan which Bill described as "wicked fast."

Lionel Hill mentioned that the Isle of Man TT motorcycle races were currently being held and well worth watching the madness of this dangerous race.

Bill ended the meeting by reminding club members that again the SCCA will sponsor car clubs to have time on the track at Sebring for a courtesy lap. The event will be held during Labor Day weekend. Last year several members took part in the driving lap and enjoyed it tremendously. More information will follow in the July meeting.

Rollie Welch won the 50-50 raffle of \$30! The next meeting will be held on July 11.