

February Meeting Minutes – BCCSWF
Ken Oehler, Secretary

The February 11, 2014 meeting was held at Famous Dave's BBQ in Ft Myers. It was very well attended with about 75 members present. The meeting was opened by club President, George Krause at 7:00 pm. New members Bill Glaze and Jay Helt were introduced. Guests and potential new members Herb Volpez and Ron Miller were also introduced. Robert Frost, a member but first time meeting attendee, introduced himself and reviewed the many British marques he has owned. Welcome to you all.

Treasurer Jackie Hill gave the treasurer's report, including receipts of the 50/50 raffle. George reminded the members of the upcoming Memorial Day outing to the Arcadia cemetery to honor the British airmen who died there while in training for World War II. The ceremonies at the cemetery are very moving and George encouraged as many members as could to attend. After the ceremonies at the cemetery, the club will caravan to a local restaurant for lunch.

Terry Luck reviewed the many upcoming events:

- Ferrari Club "Cars on 5th: show on February 15th
- Tour of the Yuengling brewery in Tampa on February 22nd, with a caravan of British Cars for an 11:30am tour, and a car display at an Irish Pub afterwards.
- Annual picnic, March 23rd. Club provides burgers and hot dogs, members bring a plate to pass. The picnic will be held at the Caloosahatchee River locks.
- British Italian German car show on March 2nd at Houlihan's Irish Pub in N. Ft. Myers. Voting for cars will be from 10am to 2pm with trophies awarded for best in the various classes
- Alva Country Diner run for breakfast April 12th
- Seminole Casino "Balloons over Florida" British car show last weekend in April

Terry then presented the group with an array of club regalia at close-out prices. The only thing Terry didn't do to sell the items was say, as we hear on TV, "But wait, there's more. If you order now, you can double your order and pay only extra shipping and handling." He was successful, however, in auctioning off the only remaining porcelain grill badge with the club's insignia on it.

George reminded the members of the upcoming All British Car Show in Winter Park, FL, on April 3rd. He also mentioned that we had been invited to display our cars at an antique car show at Koreshan State Park in nearby Estero, FL on March 1st. George also mentioned the Car Show in Punta Gorda on March 22nd.

Bruce Skaggs reported on the recent Boca Raton British Car Show. Six cars from our club were displayed. Bruce, Peter Sales and Dennis McKinley all took trophies. Congratulations to you all. Unfortunately, the fuel pump on Bruce's TR6 failed on the way to the show. Luckily, he had a spare and only had to walk a great distance to buy additional fuel hose.

Bill Newman provided details of his and Kenny Taylor's races at Sebring the weekend of February 8th and 9th. Bill mentioned (to Kenny's chagrin) that Kenny had to pull out of the first race on the Saturday because of "fuel starvation" – he ran out of gas. Neither of them were able to finish the second race, but both had a great time. Whenever the members race at Sebring, all other members are encouraged to go to assist on the pit crew.

Gary Eidson mentioned that every Monday night during season, there is a car show at the corner of Pine Island Rd and Hwy 41. It starts at 4pm, but many participants are there as early as 2pm. He recommended that we arrange for a group of the members to present their British Cars there sometime soon.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dennie Labbe.

The meeting was concluded at about 8:00pm.