

May Meeting

Ft Myers, FL The monthly meeting of the British Car Club, SW FL, was opened by president George Krause at 7:00 pm, at Famous Dave's BBQ. There were no new members or guests to introduce. Treasurer Jackie Hill gave the treasurer's report. Barrie Howard won the 50/50 raffle.

The members then embarrassed Dennie Labbe, Rollie Welch and Jackie Hill with their rendition of "Happy Birthday" as they were presented with a complimentary ice cream sundae, all for simply having been born in the month of May. Happy Birthday!

Activities Director, Terry Luck, provided details on activities:

Memorial Day Event for fallen British Airmen killed in training for WW II, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia on May 26th: We will meet as a group at the Jones Loop Rd exit of I-75 (Exit 162) at 8:30 am, caravan to the cemetery, and then after the ceremony, caravan to Mary Margaret's Tea Room for lunch.

Balloons over Paradise car show, held on April 24, resulted in Bunnie Gleeson taking the "Best MGB" award, and Gary Jones' Triumph taking Best of Show. Terry described how he accompanied several members to the casino to gamble with the \$20 complimentary gambling coupon and also how all (except him) left with more than the initial \$20. On the way out, however, he noticed a two cent slot machine, inserted a dollar, and left with \$70. Buy a lottery ticket, Terry.

Terry said that due to the heat of the summer, no events were scheduled until September. Discussion ensued about scheduling a breakfast run or lunch run somewhere, but no firm plans were made.

Terry advised that the casino had invited our club for an exclusive British car show in January, with tentative plans for making it a period dress with tail-gate festivities. It's still in the planning stage with details yet to be announced.

Terry also indicated that Fred's Award World would provide Polo shirts for members with the club logo and the various British marques, same as the casino provided T-shirts, for \$16 in sizes Small to XL. More for larger sizes. \$2.00 more for embroidering member's name. A show of hands indicated wide support for the shirts.

Bill Newman stated that efforts were underway to race at Sebring on June 1st. He will be racing his GT6 in the vintage races. Kenny Taylor and Barrie Howard will also be racing. Bill encouraged other members to sign up for crew activities.

Jay Helt stated that he was also a member, and secretary, of the Positive Earth Driver's Club in central New Jersey. On behalf of PEDC president Mark Berkowsky, Jay presented our president, George Krause, with a complementary hat from their club.

Member Bob Mendelsohn announced his plans to reside in SW Florida full time, sell his northern home and sell several of his British cars. Therefore he has an MG TC, MG TD, and a "hot-rodded" MGB for sale.

Susan Helt volunteered to help with the planning of the casino car show in January. Gary Eidson then good heartedly warned against getting too involved with Terry's activities, citing his being "encouraged" to share in the cost of needed parts for the Tech Central autocross MGB, simply by helping with mechanical repairs the previous Friday. What's in your wallet?

There was no further new business, old business or monkey business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at around 8:00 pm.