

## August Meeting of British Car Club SW Florida

Ken Oehler, Secretary

Ft. Myers, FL The monthly meeting of the British Car Club of SW Florida began promptly at 7:00pm at Famous Dave's BBQ in Ft Myers. There were 2 guests and no new members to introduce. Our guests were: Donald Sullivan and Wesley Luce, both arriving in Donald's Jaguar XK8. Wesley indicated that his interest lies in American muscle cars, currently owning a 1957 Chevy.

Treasurer Jackie Hill gave the treasurer's report.

Activities Director Terry Luck announced that he had orders for 3 polo shirts with the club logo and needed 7 more orders at \$19 each before he could place an order with Fred's Award World. Terry also noted that our members Gary and Lin Dworkin recently were at a car show in New Hampshire proudly wearing their club logo shirts and, as a result, met *British Marque* executive editor, Bruce Vild. Gary reports on the show and his meeting with Bruce in an accompanying article. Bruce approached them because he noticed them wearing the shirts and our relationship with the *Marque*. Terry said he would send Bruce a complimentary shirt as a gift from the club.

Terry announced that he had received an email from the Outlaw Tuggers, a group of lawn tractor owners who have "tugging" contests and car shows. The tugging consists of two lawn tractors attached by ropes to each other to see who can tug the other resulting in one of them being pulled in reverse. They promised to treat us in royal fashion if we would come to one of their events. An e-blast will go out announcing the date and time of our car show at a tugging" event. Wonder what would happen if we attached a TR4 to an MGB and started tugging?

Terry also announced that his contact at the casino had left for another opportunity so he has to wait to see who the replacement is to begin discussions of the next event there.

Dennis McKinley reported that his Triumph Club was having a tour of the Military Heritage Museum in Ft Myers on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> along with a noon Celtic Parade – several members said they would like to attend. A lunch at Celtic Ray will follow the parade.

Tom Sizemore announced a "Rally the Mini Troops" event on August 23<sup>rd</sup> sponsored by Operation Open Arms, a group dedicated to supporting returning veterans with PTSD. A Mini-only and Harley Davidson parade would culminate at the Twisted Kilt for lunch where marques of all kind would be welcome. An e-blast to the members would provide a reminder and more details.

Jan Napolitano announced the August birthdays and their complimentary desserts were delivered during a rousing "Happy Birthday" being sung to Jon Liversedge, Kenny Taylor, Alan and Lana Shakman, and to Isabel Munoz, whose actual birthday was that day, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

George Krause announced that he and Louise attended a car show on July 11 as it was National Collector Car Appreciation Day at Muscle Car City recently, and despite the fact that there were a number of exotic and muscle cars there, his TR3 won "Best Sports Car" award.

Bill Newman reported that, despite the truly hot temperatures, he and Kenny Taylor had a lot of fun at the Sebring vintage races on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Bill noted that in my previous minutes report as published in the *Marque*, he raced his GT6 as he doesn't own a TR6. I knew that and have no excuse for the mis-reporting other than brain failing to tell the fingers what to type. Kenny drove his "rice burner" and each won a race. Bill also announce that there will be races over the Labor Day weekend with practice/qualifying/racing on Saturday and 2 races on the Sunday. Pit crew members welcome.

Jackie hill then held the 50/50 raffle drawing – Terry Luck won \$40.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.