

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-February 10, 2015

The February meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with a combination of 49 old and new members plus guests attending. Minutes from the last meeting in January were approved. Guests were Heather and John Dent owners of a Bentley Continental. Welcome to a new member Frank Mucklow, owner of a Lotus Elan.

Summary of the treasurer's report presented by Lauren Welch:

Starting balance: \$1682.17
Income: \$1006.00 (Dues, 50-50 Raffle)
Expenditures: \$488.98 (British Marque, Website Fee, Picnic Permit, Bank Fee)
Ending balance: \$2199.19

Activities Coordinator Gary Dworkin presented summaries of upcoming events and car shows.

The Cars on Fifth will happen on February 14 in Naples and will have 28 British cars in the show. The fleet of vehicles will be a combination of cars from the BCCSWF and representative cars from the Triumph club organized by Dennis McKinley.

The All British Car Show sponsored by the Gold Coast British Sports Car Club in Boca Raton will be held on February 15, 2015 with a few BCCSWF members planning to make the cross state trek.

The Koreshan Park show will be held March 7 and Terry Luck reminded members that an arts and craft show will also be held on site.

Flyers were available for the B.I.G. (British. Italian. German.) show. Dennis McKinley reminded club members of the show's location at The Hut (5150 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905).

Gary Dworkin mentioned that there are numerous other car shows in the upcoming months.

The club's picnic will be held on March 15 and a prime spot has been secured at the first kiosk. More details will be brought forth as March 15 approaches.

Cecil Carter mentioned a car show that will be held at FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University) on Friday, February 20 between 4:30 and 6:30. There is no charge but organizers request donations of twenty dollars. Last year three British cars from the BCCSWF were in the show.

Kenny Taylor and Bill Newman gave an interesting recap of their racing adventures at Sebring. Kenny mentioned the wonderful weather and noted that there were 240 cars at the race with between twenty and sixty cars in each group. Kenny and Bill won the Vintage group on Saturday. Kenny related the humorous tale that on the last lap Kenny was leading Bill by 5-6 car lengths and the car suddenly went flat. Sloshing disrupted the gas flow and the car began sucking air. He essentially ran out of gas and Bill passed him.

Bill Newman spoke about Sunday's race and pointed out there were way too many Corvettes and Porsches in attendance. He finished about mid-pack and the Triumphs just could not compete with the high horsepower of the other cars. Bill talked about how Kenny and he

swapped corners and on the hairpin turn, Bill took the inside path and saw dust in his mirror and knew Kenny had gone off-track.

Bill spoke about the other British car in the race, a Bugeye Sprite that finished last. More interestingly the Bugeye was driven by Charlie, an 84-year-old racer who says he has one more good year in him.

Terry Luck spoke to the fun of Autocross held in Buckingham for a \$25 entrance fee for the novice course and \$30 for the next day event. Terry has driven the modified MGB available to club members at Tech Central.

Ken Oehler informed new members of Tech Central, a machine shop available to members on Fridays. Tech Central is an offshoot of BCCSWF and has more tools than imaginable, three work bays and lifts, a paint booth and tire changing station. Ken jokingly mentioned the combined 647 years of mechanical experience of the members.

Cy Ling displayed the Tervis tumblers with a BCCSWF emblem that will be available for purchase to club members. Many club members eagerly signed up for their mugs.

Rollie Welch spoke about scanning a well researched and donated printed document detailing all paint types of the MG T-Series. Ken Oehler offered to scan the document so it will be available to club members in an electronic file.

George Krause gave a summary of adventures while attending a car show in Punta Gorda. It seems the battery on Gary Eidson's Morris Traveler was not charging and throughout the day George and Dennis McKinley had to push Gary's car in order to get it started.

Cecil Carter gave a fine wrap up of January's Celtic Festival show and thanked the thirty members who braved the weather and represented BCCSWF.

Susan O'Bryan related a funny story of her Mini Moke at a Sanibel car show featuring muscle cars. A couple of cars with high horse power were loudly revving engines but when they finally quieted down, Susan's husband revved the Mini Moke with a cute hum rather than a roar. The crowd gave them an ovation.

The next meeting will be held on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Famous Dave's in Fort Myers.