

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-March 8, 2016

The March meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 41 members attending. Guest (and shortly after the meeting-new member) Steve Schultz introduced himself as an owner of a 1961 MGA. Steve also told the club that participates in vintage racing which immediately established a bond with fellow racers Bill Newman and Kenny Taylor.

The Treasurer's report was approved. Summary of the treasurer's report:

Starting balance: \$2341.03
Income: \$869.00 (50-50 Raffle; Members T-Shirts; I.D. Badges)
Expenditures: \$929.00 (Subscriptions; Web fee)
Ending balance: \$2281.03

Activities coordinator Gary Dworkin lauded Dennis McKinley for his great effort organizing the B.I.G. (British, Italian, German) show held on March 6. The weather was great and 97 vehicles were registered with 91 actually taking part in the show. Several BCCSWF members won awards for their cars in different classes. Here is the list of BCCSWF winners at the B.I.G. show:

George Krause	1956 Triumph TR3	First
Gary Jones	1953 MG TD	First
Lionel Hill	1962 MGA MkII	First
Gary Dworkin	1953 Jaguar XK120	First
John Welch	2007 Jaguar XK	Second
Peter Sales	1956 Austin Healey 100-4	First
Dennis Labbe	Lotus	First
Alan Shakman	1961 Morris Minor Conv.	First
Susan O'Bryan	1967 Mini Moke	Third
Jon Liversedge	1980 MGB LE	First
Alan Shakman	1952 MG TD	Oldest Car

Gary reminded everyone of the details of the annual club picnic held on Sunday, March 13. Also, a reminder of the day trip to Useppa to be held on March 18 was mentioned. Gary encouraged members to check out the webpage on the events link for upcoming events spread out across Southwest and Southeast Florida.

Gary was teased about his wonderful Jaguar that failed to start due to electrical issues and needed much manpower to push it. Being a good sport, Gary said, "If you can get a British car to fourth gear, you're golden." A picture of the club effort to push Gary's car is included with these minutes.

Members sang Happy Birthday to those members celebrating birthdays in March.

Bill Newman informed the club that he and Kenny Taylor had some issues racing at Sebring three weeks ago. Bill repeated the rumor that Kenny broke his TR7 while it was still on the trailer. Bill also voiced another rumor that Kenny was later seen racing behind the wheel of a Miata! Bill's luck changed for the worse when he blew a big old hole in his radiator after two laps. Utilizing JB Weld, he patched that hole that night only to have another hole blow out on the other side the next day. A new radiator is on order. Steve Schultz joined the racing crowd and kept to form by breaking the engine on his MGA. At any rate, it was felt that all three racers will be on the track shortly. President Cecil Carter encouraged club members to take in a vintage race and support the guys.

Headley Wilson related the story of how he had to leave last month's meeting to help a fellow MG owner with immediate repair to his alternator. The alternator was fixed with some ingenuity on the spot and Headley was amazed on how much he learned that night about by-the-seat-of-your-pants repairs.

Cecil Carter (President of the club) won the 50-50 raffle of \$58.

The next meeting will be at Famous Dave's on Tuesday, April 12.