

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-November 14, 2017

The November meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 43 members attending. Club president Bill Newman called the meeting to order at the earlier time of 6:30 following dinner. Bill made a point to welcome back many snowbirds who have returned to Southwest Florida for the winter months. A new guest was introduced who has recently upgraded from an S-type Jaguar to an XKR which is one of 125 units of that type.

Rollie Welch again mentioned that the club always welcomes any articles to be presented to the British Marque. Rollie also stated that the club minutes appear in the British Marque each month. A reminder was mentioned about the display car show scheduled for Shell Point on Saturday, January 6, 2018. An email roster of the cars and owners who agreed to take part in the display will soon be sent out to members. The club received notice that our last Saturday of the month breakfast destination has re-opened after hurricane damage. Thus, there will be a breakfast gathering on Saturday, November 25 at Mimi's Café.

Mary Newman mentioned that plans for the annual Christmas/Holiday party are going well. Club members were encouraged to sign up before November 22. There will be door prizes and "other little things going on" at the event. The cash bar will be open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. Member may combine payment of 2018 dues and Christmas party registration.

As webmaster, Mary also reinforced the need for photos to be submitted if selling a car or just to display a British vehicle. Cars for sale should include basic information such as price, contact info, style and make, year of car, etc.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Lauren Welch.

Following the Treasurer's report, the group sang Happy Birthday to three members who have birthdays in November: Bill Newman, Jim Woodall and Cecil Carter.

Kiki outlined the plan for a poker run to benefit the Cape Coral Art League. The event will be Sunday, February 25 and should last around two hours. All vehicles are welcome but we would like a strong British car presence with at least two people per vehicle. The cost will be \$20 per car with only the first 50 cars will be accepted as the end-of-run restaurant can only hold 100 people. The poker hand will be seven to a hand with an eighth wild card to break ties. The cost will be \$5 per poker hand. The event will be offered to several car clubs and T-shirts plus door prizes along with a 50-50 raffle will be included. More details will be forth-coming.

Bill mentioned several upcoming events:

- Car show at FGCU on Sunday, January 21, 2018
- Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival, Saturday, January 27.
- Cars on Fifth, Saturday, February 10
- Car Show at Cape Coral Jaycee Park, Sunday, February 18
- Triumphs of Southwest Florida B.I.G. (British, Italian, German) show, Sunday March 4
- BCCSWF Club Picnic in March on the long course at Sebring. Details to be announced.
- Vintage racing in February. Dates to be announced.

Changes in the club by-laws were outlined by Bill Newman. Two major changes were the elimination of the Activities Coordinator position along with a system for writing checks via the treasurer. The motion was made to accept the changes and was seconded.

Club officers for 2018 are: President: Bill Newman; Vice-President: Kenny Taylor; Secretary: Mary Newman; Treasurer: Jackie Hill

Racing Update

On October 14 Kenny Taylor and Bill Newman raced at Sebring with Kenny taking a first in the first race and then Bill besting Kenny in the second race. The weather then turned poor which ended the racing. Bill described a serious wreck between a Lotus Elan and a BMW which broke the doors off the Elan. The driver broke a few ribs and suffered a concussion but was back racing at Daytona soon after this serious accident.

Tom Brewsaugh talked about his corner work at the Daytona race for SCCA where six classes rotated time on the track for 24 hours. Tom mentioned there were Porsches, BMWs, Corvettes, Jaguars and many other types from the 1950s to the present. Again, there was a serious accident between an Aston Martin and a Nissan where the Nissan went over the top of the Aston on the first turn. Thus, the last race was a three lap affair.

Car Show Recaps

John Dent talked about the fabulous Lakeland Auto Show and Lake Mirror Concours on October 21 where between 500 and 600 cars were presented. Club member Gary Dworkin represented BCCSWF with his Jaguar named Winston.

Peter Sales attended the Jaguar 32nd Concours d'Elegance at St. Armands Circle in Sarasota on October 14. Peter was impressed with the over 50 vintage cars on display in this great venue.

Jackie Hill and Bill Newman mentioned the club's representation at the Safety Harbor show sponsored by the Tampa Austin Healey Club on October 21. Jackie wrote a full length article about the show to be included in the December British Marque. Her husband Lionel and Jackie were awarded a first place in the MGA class for their blue MGA named Spiffy.

John Welch took part in the Autoberfest at Naples on November 5. Although many cars were there, only three of them were British.

Peter Sales won the 50-50 raffle of \$51. There will not be a December meeting but instead the Christmas/Holiday Party will be held on December 12. The next club meeting at Famous Dave's will be on Tuesday, January 9.