

June 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. President George Krause introduced guest and prospective member Randy Lowe who explained that he has many British cars and welcomes the ability through our club to assist in his efforts in finding parts, especially for the older Anglia and Morris marques.

Treasurer Jackie Hill was absent – she's on vacation (currently in Las Vegas) and it was hoped that she was gambling with her own money. 😊

Activities Director Terry Luck reported on the Memorial Day event in Arcadia (photos accompany these minutes). The event annually pays tribute to the 23 British airmen who died here while in training during WW II and who are buried at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. The memorial event includes members of various clubs and organizations placing a British flag at each of the 23 graves and Terry placed a British flag at the grave of one of the airmen. He and I presented the wreath on behalf of the British Car Club at the designated area at the cemetery. After the cemetery event, we all caravanned to Mary Margaret's Tea Room for lunch.

Terry Luck then showed samples of polo style shirts to be made available to members, with the club logo silk screened on the front. Also available would be all of the various marque logos as they are shown on the club T-shirts (as demonstrated by our own erstwhile model, Jeremy Taylor, who was the only one present wearing the T-shirt). Terry will also check to determine if the buyer could designate only one or just a few of the logos. Prices for the shirts were either \$18 or \$34, depending on the fabric.

Dennis McKinley reported on the upcoming trip on June 14th to the Museum of History of SW Florida, located in the old train depot in North Ft. Myers. The museum depicts the lifestyles of the early Calusa natives, and the later Spanish settlers. Lunch after the tour, which begins at 11:00am will be at Joe's Crabshack. Dennis reported that several members had already responded to the email notification.

Dennis also advised of the interest in the July 4th parade on Pine Island. An email providing details will be forthcoming.

Bill Newman reported on the race activities recently at Sebring, noting that Ken Taylor's faster speeds were obvious. Kenny reported that while he did not win the race, the issue with vintage racing is that the track will include more high powered cars like Corvettes, which the small British cars really can't compete against. Bill reported that he was driving his GT6, which took some getting used to after driving his Spitfire for so long. He said that there was even a TR 3 doing its best there.

George Krause reported that there will be a British car regional meeting and show in Dillard, Georgia in September.

Tom Sizemore reported on a car show next week and that it is shown on the club website. He also said that he has acquired all the tools necessary to replace the belts on the newer Minis and will loan them to members who may need them.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.