

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)
Minutes of Meeting-January 13, 2015

The January meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with a combination of 61 old and new members plus guests attending. Minutes from the last meeting in November were approved.

Thanks for their fine efforts and outstanding work to the outgoing executive board of George Krause (President); Cecil Carter (Vice-President); Jackie Hill (Treasurer); and Ken Oehler (Secretary). The new executive board was introduced consisting of Cecil Carter (President); Harry Hartwell (Vice-President); Lauren Welch (Treasurer); and Rollie Welch (Secretary). Gary Dworkin will take over the important duties of Activities Director.

Guests at the meeting were Barry and Dot from Great Britain; James and Julie Barclay from New Zealand, Barney Gaylord from Naperville, IL and Pete Cumperis. Barney Gaylord is the creator of the website MGAguru.com and has traveled 25,000 miles around the United States since May 2014 in a MGA (year of car not mentioned).

Kimberly Domke attended the meeting representing the The 12th Annual Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival. She thanked the club for providing British cars for the parade. More information about the festival can be found at:

<http://www.celticheritageproductions.com/calooahatchee.htm>

Cecil Carter thanked the membership for an enjoyable night at the December Christmas party with special thanks to Cynthia and Isabel for their organizational skills.

Summary of the treasurer's report presented by Jackie Hill:

Treasury balance (Beginning of December): \$4232.16

Total Income (Members plus Holiday Party Payments): \$965.00

Expenditures:

(Holiday Party, British Marque, Bank Fee): \$3514.99

Ending Balance of 2014: \$1682.17

Activities report presented by Gary Dworkin:

Gary mentioned the late notice of show sponsored by Peace River Car Club on Saturday, January 17.

Gary introduced Kimberly Domke, the club's representative for the Celtic Festival. There were many details and the need for precision in setting up for the parade and how the cars will be placed in order. It is essential for participants to be on time at 9:30 in the parking area south of the Publix on McGregor Boulevard.

Dennis McKinley spoke about the upcoming B.I.G (British. Italian. German) show on March 1, 2015. The show will be held at The Hut (5150 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905). More information about the show plus registration forms can be located at: www.tswfl.org

Gary reminded the club of the upcoming Cars on Fifth show in Naples sponsored by the Ferrari Club. The event is on Valentine's Day, February 14.

The next day, February 15, is the All British car show sponsored by the Gold Coast British Car Club. Information can be located at: <http://www.goldcoastbritcar.com/>

Terry Luck reminded the club that March 7 brings the date of the car show held at the Koreshan Park. Members interested in attending should meet at the Wendy's at the intersection of Route 41 and Corkscrew Road. The club will enter the park as a group at 10:00. There is no charge for the event plus arts and crafts will be held on site.

Terry Luck also mentioned the autocross events held at Buckingham where about 100 cars divided by class attend each session. Terry has raced and won a trophy by driving the MG car owned by Tech Central. See Terry if interested in participating.

Bill Newman and Ken Taylor will race on the 3.78 mile track at Sebring on February 7 & 8. Bill will race a Triumph GT6 and Ken will drive a TR7. Bill has also been the subject of an article in a recent edition of Vintage Motorsport.

Terry Luck announced the available regalia to club members:

Shirts: \$20-\$24

Badges: \$4 (Limited supply)

Magnet Decal: \$25 (Limited supply)

BCCSWF License Plates: \$4

Terry is acquiring prices for grill badges. No report at this time.

Cecil Carter mentioned the nice article in Grandeur written about Peter Sales and the journey to restore his 1956 Austin Healey 100/4 M roadster.

Cecil thanked Tom Sizemore for his work on the club's website. Tom can no longer devote time to the website and Cecil asked club members for suggestions of people who can monitor and add content to the website. Cecil is also exploring the possibility of acquiring a webmaster from the population at FGCU (Florida Gulf Coast University) and will keep membership informed of his efforts.

Please forward any information about upcoming events to Gary Dworkin.

A tentative calendar of 2015 events has been formed and will be added to the website.

Peter Sales suggested that anyone with funny or unique stories about restoring or adventures with their British cars to submit them for publication in the British Marquee.

Next Meeting: The second Tuesday in February (February 10, 2015) at Famous Dave's (12148 S Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers, FL). Dinner: 5:30 / Meeting 7:00

