

British Car Club of Southwest Florida (BCCSWF)  
Minutes of Meeting-January 10, 2017

The January meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 42 members attending. Three guests were introduced: Bob Manhart owner of a Bugeye Sprite and a Healey 100; Larry Margraf who also owns a Bugeye Sprite among his stable of vehicles which includes a MG Midget, MGA, MGB and a TR3; and Dick Cogswell who recently re-acquired the same 1961 Morgan he had in college 41 years ago!

New club president Bill Newman gave a brief summary of the club's history which originally began in 1994. Bill also recognized several past presidents: George Krause, Cecil Carter, Headly Wilson, and Mary Newman.

Rollie Welch mentioned that the club always welcomes any articles to be presented to the British Marque. Rollie also stated that the club minutes are submitted to the British Marque each month.

Webmaster Gary Eidson stated that several non-members have approached the club via email to post their automobiles for sale. The club will charge them \$15 to post the car on our webpage. Rollie Welch will send a group email out (one time) of specific information for folks not wanting to post their vehicle. Gary said that the website will begin rotating photos of featured cars on the main page to display some of the club's more dazzling vehicles. Gary reminded the group that the resource page should only contain information recommended favorably by club members. Gary reminded members to check the schedule of events for the upcoming busy spring. Gary recapped the Lizard run sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Club on New Year's Day. It was a fast driving event similar to the Cannonball Run and covered over 220 miles. It was not a casual rally.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Lauren Welch.

Following the Treasurer's report, the group sang Happy Birthday to two members who have birthdays in January.

Gary Dworkin outlined the many events that club members may be interested in during the upcoming months:

BCCSWF Car Events 2017

- January 21, Saturday - Peace River Car Show-Port - Charlotte
- January 22, Sunday - Polo & Car Show - Lakewood Ranch
- January 28, Saturday - Celtic Festival - Fort Myers
- February 11, Saturday - Cars on Fifth - Naples
- February 19, Sunday - Gold Coast British Car Show - Boca Raton
- February 25, Saturday - Car Show - Gamble Mansion, Sarasota
- March 5, Sunday - B.I.G. Show (by Dennis McKinley) - Cape Coral
- March 19, Sunday - BCCSWF Annual Picnic
- March 25, Sunday- BCCSWF Rally (hosted by Rob Frost)
- April 1, Saturday - Mead Garden Show - Winter Park

April 8, Saturday - Exotic Car Festival - Celebration

April 8, Saturday - Jaguar Concours d'Elegance - Sanford

April 15, Saturday - Wheels Across the Pond - Jupiter

October 1, Saturday - JCNA International Jaguar Festival - Buford, GA

October 21, Saturday - Lake Mirror Classic - Lakewood

Peter Blackford mentioned the Fly-In, Drive-In show at the Naples Municipal Airport on February 4 which will benefit college scholarships. Information will be distributed via group email.

Robert Frost outlined his plan for a casual rally in the Punta Gorda area on March 25 which will be divided into three twenty-minute sections along the best curvy roads in the area. Speeds will be below the speed limit and participants will require simple map reading. A show of hands of interest resulted in over 20 members interested in attending. More details will follow.

New Business: Bill Newman related an offer from the Tampa Bay Club for the need of pre-1964 British or European cars to be "extras" in a low-budget Sci Fi movie in the town of Bartow, Florida which is 40 miles east of Tampa. The movie company is called Iconic Time Box and they have a presence on Facebook.

Bill has a neighbor, Norman Mills, who is selling a 1974 MGB for \$5000. Please email Bill if interested.

Old Business: There was discussion about if the club should offer regalia for sale to members. Several new members are interested in shirt badges and the club's logo should be on file with CCC company. The situation will be explored.

Kenny Taylor mentioned that vintage racing at Sebring sponsored by SCCA will continue on through the upcoming months. On February 11 and 12 (same weekend as the Cars on Fifth show) there will be a race. Please let Bill or Kenny know if you are interested in attending and they will inform you on how to get to the track. Kenny will be racing his TR7 and Bill hopes to have the motor on his GT6 repaired soon. Bill told us of how he rolled his Spitfire in a recent race and luckily he came out okay and even drove the car onto the trailer to ferry it home.

At his first meeting as this time around president, Bill Newman won the 50-50 raffle of \$76. Will help on expenses of that GT6 motor we are guessing.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14.