

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

The March meeting of the BCCSWF was held at the usual location of Famous Dave's in Fort Myers, Florida with 42 members attending. New members were introduced: Margrit Vegter a new owner of a 1972 MGB; Jim Woodall who is bringing back to life a 1961 TR3 that has been in a garage for 20 years; Bill Keister who recently purchased a 1967 MGB. A guest also sat in on the meeting; Alex Gellwielier who is in the market to purchase a TR6.

Rollie Welch mentioned that articles for the British Marque are welcome even if bullet points of an event are provided. An article can always be formed around them. Rollie also reminded members that JPEG is the preferred form of photos for articles.

Lauren Welch summarized the treasurer's report. Membership now stands at 78 with many more memberships yet to be renewed.

Bill Newman encouraged the membership to step up and volunteer for official positions of Treasurer and Secretary after this year. Replacements are needed as officers have been in place for three years, which is longer than the usual two year service.

Webmaster Gary Eidson has looked into having a discussion forum added to the club's webpage, but decided the cost and upkeep would be too much of a burden. Gary also asked the membership for anyone to step forward who wants to take over the webmaster duties and be trained in how the webpage works.

Speaking of web services, Bill Newman mentioned that his Spitfire rollover on the track at Sebring in December has a place on Youtube as the driver behind him filmed it all with a Go-Pro. Ah, fame.

Gary Dworkin brought forth an announcement for the Jaguar Concours D'Elegance event at Sanford on April 7. Gary also reminded members of the club's annual picnic on March 19. Jackie Hill outlined details of the event which were relayed via email to club members.

Gary congratulated Dennis McKinley on the great effort to put on the B.I.G. (British, Italian, German) show. The event is unique in car shows and has put Southwest Florida on the classic/sports car map. This is the fifth year of the show and registrants have grown from 24 the first year to 133 this year. About 60 percent of registered cars were of British make. Thanks were given to Bunnie Gleeson and Pam Sales for roving through the crowd to sell 50-50 raffle tickets.

The meeting paused to sing Happy Birthday to three club members: Lionel Hill, George Krause and Barb Henry.

Gary Dworkin mentioned the many upcoming events though April and reminded members to check the webpage for details.

Club members were informed that the REVS Institute is seeking possible volunteers. REVS is one of the foremost automobile collections in the world and is located in Naples, FL.

Dennis McKinley reminded club members of the Key West adventure during the last week of April. If driving a British car to Key West, members are welcome to take part in the Key West All-British parade on Thursday, April 27. Details will be sent out via email.

Cy Ling mentioned three books he has read that may be of interest to members. 1. British Motor Cars. 2. Triumph 2000-Defining the Sporting Saloon. 3. British Leyland-Chronicle of a Car Crash. Cy also brought forth the idea of having some sort of library for club members as he has several shelves filled with British Car reading material.

In Old News, Peter Sales mentioned he attended the Gold Coast British Sports Car Club event in Boca Raton on February 19. His Jaguar took first in class and Peter reports that it was a fine show with 119 cars involved.

New member Margrit Vegter won the 50-50 raffle of \$57.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11. Check the [BCCSWF.com](http://BCCSWF.com) site for more information.