

GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2022
Market Commons Pavilion, Myrtle Beach, SC
by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary Pro Tem

The May meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:50 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 by **President Dick Foltz** with 39 members present. The meeting was preceded by a cookout, the brainchild of Kathie Foltz after a most enjoyable meeting last spring in this location where members brought their own picnic lunches. She and Dick grilled burgers and hot dogs. A special thank you goes out to members who provided delicious salads, sides and desserts thus allowing a great opportunity to visit with old and new friends.

No new members were reported in the last month, but Matt Cahn of Longs visited this meeting having discovered the club via GSBCC website. He is a former resident of New Jersey and expressed interest in membership.

President Dick Foltz recounted the good time had by all who attended The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson NC the weekend of April 22, 2022. This year there were several “first-timers” to this event who expressed surprise at having had so much fun. Everyone was grateful for a safe trip. Also in the past month, the Cruise-In hosted by the Cape Fear BCC in Leland NC was attended by 6 GSBCC cars. Dick encouraged members to attend events sponsored by neighboring clubs to build relationships with those within and outside our group.

Vice President Warren Bender requested consideration of volunteerism of members especially in light of the club’s upcoming Britfest. Participation by members is needed even if in blocks of just a few hours.

Secretary Report: The reading of the minutes was waived with an approval vote to accept April minutes as published.

The **Treasurer’s report** was provided by **Steve Hertel** who shared the club’s stable financial standing.

Social Events Coordinator Kathie Foltz is moving forward with plans for venues for monthly meetings and has some scheduled into the next year. Next month’s meeting on June 11 will be held at the Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge just off Hwy. 707/ Socastee Blvd. This will again be a prepaid lunch to include food, tip and tax, and a choice of sandwiches will be offered. Reservations are being made with this venue for the GSBCC Christmas party after a most successful party was enjoyed here last holiday season. The July 9 meeting will be held at Litchfield Country Club. **Locations for 2022 Meetings** are posted on the website, so please check frequently for details.

Shows and out of town events include the Annual British Car Day in Mt. Pleasant/ Charleston SC on 10/29/2022 and Concours d'Elegance on Hilton Head Island 11/4/2022 through 11/6/2022. Additional shows are outlined on the club website.

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio reported tabulation of survey results for club wear revealed one of the most requested items were hats and visors, which are currently available for sale. Also requested were women's t-shirts, polo shirts and long-sleeved denim shirts. Ordering options are being explored.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs reports GSBCC is now on Instagram, she and Webmaster Ethan Harris will provide a link on the website. Stemming from the Cape Fear show last weekend, there was an inquiry about a white Jaguar. Also, interest has been expressed by the Concours at Hilton Head in old MGs (1952 to 1955) and Jaguar salon cars. MINI Takes the States Rally starts July 9, 2022 from Burlington VT traveling south to the Poconos and concluding in Spartanburg SC on July 15 with the drive officially ending July 17. MINI owners can attend all or some of the events which will include nine states and eight cities. Community activities will be conducted upon culmination of the trip in Greer at the BMW Performance Center on 7/16 and 7/17/2022 with an opportunity to drive on the track at the facility. British trivia questions related to Britfest, the SC state flag emblem, the Ford purchase of Jaguar and MGs were asked with several members winning club t-shirts.

From the floorboard: Sharon Rosenberger reported a small but enthusiastic group from GSBCC who welcomed and lunched with the PA car club on 4/27/2022 at Sweet Carolina's at Broadway at the Beach.

Britfest Status: **Stancy Bender, Raffle Basket Chair**, brought several baskets and containers for distribution to interested members along with a sign-up sheet indicating the type of basket being created. This can also be done online. Suggestions included themes such as cat or dog baskets, gardening, cooking... baskets containing booze always generate great interest in those purchasing raffle tickets. Stancy does an amazing job of creating attractive grouping of treasures from an enormous number of items and this is historically a huge fundraiser for the club. Last year club members contributed 38 baskets which brought the club about \$1500. She will continue bringing baskets to each monthly meeting and asks that contents be returned to her at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, Secretary Pro Tem