

GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2023 at Logan's Roadhouse, North Myrtle Beach, SC,
by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary

The March meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:25 p.m. on Saturday, 3/11/2023 by **President Dick Foltz**, and he welcomed 66 members to the event. New members were asked to introduce themselves and included Robert Wood of Pawleys Island, Mike and Tammy Applegate of Ocean Isle Beach NC, Chris and Jane Pardun of Conway, and Matt and Elissa Cahn of Longs.

Dick shared some of the upcoming events and car shows in the surrounding area, including our upcoming Rallye and the next meeting at Brookgreen Gardens, sharing his enthusiasm and recommendation for this special gathering.

Vice President Warren Bender noted the upcoming Carolina British Classics on April 1 at the Historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce SC held at The Tartan Day South Festival. Also mentioned was the 26th Annual Triangle British Classic Car Show on May 20 in Raleigh NC. On October 14 the Cars on Kiawah takes place. Warren reminded us that Felicia keeps us updated through posts of many interesting shows in the surrounding area on our Facebook page.

A motion made and vote taken to waive reading of the minutes by **Secretary Susan McLaughlin** and to approve the February minutes as printed in the newsletter. It was mentioned to the club that Susan had been investigating the possibility of Club sponsorship of a bloodmobile in the future. Dick asked for a show of hands to indicate interest and this did not seem to be a project the attendees wished to pursue.

Treasurer Steve Hertel shared a report of good financial health for our club.

Membership Chair, Greg Hoch commended members for wearing name tags which is so helpful as our club grows.

Newsletter Editor Bill Unger called for articles and submission from members. He also asked for members to keep him informed of drives other members may be attending.

Details of upcoming meetings were shared by **Social Events Coordinator Lisa Unger**. Our next gathering will take place at the beautiful Brookgreen Gardens on April 8, 2023. This venue has asked for an early headcount so we will be registering for this event by March 29. Parking and a picnic area will be provided for our group. In addition to our midday meal, a walking tour and a pontoon boat ride will be available for an additional fee. On May 13 we will meet at La Belle Ami Vineyards where food vendors and live music will be available as well as optional wine tasting. In June we will return to North Myrtle Beach to Greg Norman's Australian Grill. Lisa asked Jen Zengara and Larry Holloway to update us on progress of the "You Can't Fix Your Tyre With a Union Jack" Rallye to take place in two weeks on Saturday March 25. There are 44 cars registered with 6 slots remaining. The Rally is open to other clubs and several Porsches have

entered. Currently there are more members than non-members registered. This is a 66-mile route beginning and ending in Conway. It is a question/ answer rally, not speed. One driver and one navigator are required but there can be other passengers as well. Those placing first through third will receive cash prizes and there will be other prizes as well. Also noted were additional driving events and opportunities to get out and about including Cars and Coffee on 4/28/2023, an ice cream cruise to Conway on 5/19. These are all detailed on our website.

Webmaster (and Britfest Registrar) Ethan Harris provided the password for new members to access sensitive areas of the website such as member information. He offered to assist with sign-up for the upcoming Rallye and for new membership. He also made a request for anyone who might be willing to loan tablets to the Club for same-day registration at Britfest and for voting for cars during the show.

Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs informed us there are 700 followers on our public Facebook page and 57 members following on our private page. She received notice of a car show at the Beaver Bar in Murrells Inlet. Mini USA has announced a special edition for release this year. To celebrate 20 years in the US, the S is being offered in red, white or blue with a number of options.

Regalia Chair Ray Maggio reported upcoming changes for club wear sales with a move toward ordering items rather than the club maintaining a large inventory. More information will follow on our website and in the newsletter.

Media Relations Coordinator Jack McLaughlin is working on early Britfest releases.

Raffle Baskets Coordinator Stancy Bender described the concept and creation of Britfest raffle baskets explaining it is not only a significant money-maker for the club but a big hit with attendees as well. Today the sign-up sheet is available as well as some baskets for members to take. Members can use their own baskets or containers as well. Examples of various themes were discussed and it has been observed the baskets with alcohol are always well received.

Shows and events out of town are listed above. One of our members reminded us of the Loris Car Show on April 15. Also on the weekend of April 15-16 is The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson NC. The British Motor Club of Cape Fear will team up with the Scottish games on June 3 in Wilmington for their annual car show.

Our **next GSBCC meeting** will be April 8, 2023 at Brookgreen Gardens. Again, early registration is required so please sign up early, and continue to make frequent visits to our GSBCC Website to stay informed of local events of interest both within and outside our immediate community as well accessing links to sign up for participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, GSBCC Secretary