

**GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2023 at Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, SC**  
**by Susan McLaughlin, Secretary**

The April meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was **called to order at approximately 11:05 AM by President Dick Foltz**. There were 39 members present at our rainy event, and we welcomed guests AnneMarie and Taylor Ashworth, family members of the Ihlings. New member with us today was Lynne Evans with her 1977 Triumph Spitfire.

President Foltz shared that he, Kathie and the Benders attended the Carolina British Classics XV Car Show near Columbia where their Wolseley placed first and the Benders won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize with their 1961 Triumph TR3A. He also reminded the group of The Gathering at Dobson NC next weekend, a show which is traditionally enjoyed by several club members and encouraged anyone who is interested in caravanning to this- or any event- to reach out via the website. The Carolina Forest High School NJROTC Car Show is on Saturday 4/22/2023 at 10:00 AM. Another upcoming show is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear British Car Show on 6/3/2023 held in conjunction with the Port City Highland Games in downtown Wilmington. Further in the future is the Hilton Head Island event which is the weekend of November 3, 2023.

**Vice President Warren Bender** also discussed future shows such as the Triangle British Classic Car Show on May 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the NC MG Car Club in Raleigh NC which has in the past been a very good show. The Southeastern British Motorcar Owners Club 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Scot! British Car Show is on Saturday, May 27 at Furman University in Greenville SC. Other shows in our area are the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Day hosted by the British Car Club of Charleston on October 21<sup>st</sup> and Cars at Kiawah to be held October 14 at a new venue on John's Island.

Motion was made and seconded with vote taken to waive reading of the March minutes recorded by **Secretary Susan McLaughlin** and to approve as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Steve Hertel** reassured the group that refunds have been issued for the activities cancelled today due to rain. He also pointed out the software allowing smooth financial processes is an example of our membership dues being put to good use for benefit of the club. Warren recognized the many hours Steve has recently spent on completion of tax status issues facing our club, and he thanked him for his diligence regarding this onerous task.

**Membership Chair, Greg Hoch** reported 138 standard members with a total club membership of 203. He thanked members for wearing name tags and promised one to those who have not yet received theirs.

**Newsletter Editor Bill Unger** asked members who attend events to take a few photos and submit a short article. If informal notes are submitted, he will help massage them for publication to share these outings with fellow club members. He also requested members share their technical knowledge and tips in the newsletter.

**Social Events Coordinator Lisa Unger** described some of the upcoming venues we will enjoy at our monthly meetings. In May we will gather at La Belle Amie Vineyard in Little River. Admission is \$11 per person and for an additional \$18 one can participate in a wine tasting. Space is limited so sign up by 5/11/2023 on our website. Lunch can be purchased from food vendors and there is live music on Saturdays. Other activities scheduled between our monthly meetings include Cars & Coffee on April 28 at 9AM at The Bagel Factory 2 in Carolina Forest and an Ice Cream Cruise at 1PM on Friday 5/19 at Stella's Homemade Ice Cream in Conway.

**Webmaster Ethan Harris's** report was provided by **Social Media Coordinator Felicia Sachs** in his absence today. Felicia shared there are 700+ followers on the public Facebook site. Only members are allowed access to the club's private Facebook page. She states photographs can be posted on the club website under "Members", and of the 200-some members in our club, there are only about 80 pictured. The goal is to capture all of our members' photographs. There is also a detailed calendar of events on the website, links to sign up for events and a host of useful information such as a link to a page dedicated to maintenance and repairs.

Our **Regalia Chair, Ray Maggio**, has resigned. Dick called for volunteers to step forward if interested in filling this post.

**Media Relations Coordinator Jack McLaughlin** reported Britfest notices will soon be going out to online and paper publications. He also provided information about Tim Wilson Glass, a business on Hwy. 544 who installs windshields with gaskets and beading. He does an excellent job and files insurance claims. Bill Unger added he has located an organization that can assist in location of rare windshields if anyone is in need of these services.

**Raffle Baskets Coordinator Stancy Bender** encouraged members to sign up for donation of a Britfest basket. Even if a theme hasn't yet been identified, this information can be provided later. To date, 22 members have signed up.

**From the Floorboard:** Clarification of website password for members was provided. Questions about success of The Rallye came and Dick responded that it was a huge success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The start and end point was Kingston Church in Conway. The course wound around Horry County on country roads, mostly 2-lane and some without lines. Rally Masters have provided details and photographs which can be found in the newsletter and on our website.

The **next GSBCC Meeting** will be held May 13, 2023 at La Belle Amie vineyard in Little River, SC. Please continue to make frequent visits to our GSBCC website and Facebook page to stay informed of local events of interest both within and outside our immediate community as well as accessing links to sign up for participation.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan McLaughlin, GSBCC Secretary