GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2024, at The Bull & Bush Pub in Myrtle Beach, SC
by **Jerry Schopp, Secretary**

The November meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:00 PM on Saturday, November 9th by **President Warren Bender**. It was a beautiful, cool & sunny day, so a large number of cheerful members ventured out in their British Classic cars. The venue parking lot was filled early with a nice array of classic & newer vehicles, all with their tops down where possible.

No vote was taken to waive the reading of the previous membership meeting minutes, since this was our first meeting following Britfest in October. However, minutes from the September meeting have been printed in the newsletter and on the website.

New members, Paul & Margot Crawshaw, attended the meeting and were immediately welcomed by Warren and all present. The Crawshaws are long-time British car collectors and took a few minutes to share their 14-car history with the membership.

Warren Bender opened the meeting with a brief review of Britfest, stating how successful it was from a financial, participation and enjoyment perspective. A big thank you goes out to all workers, volunteers, sponsors and the weather gods for making it another great celebration for the Grand Strand British Car Club.
Warren reminded the group that the annual Christmas party and December membership meeting will take place December 14th at the Sons & Daughters of Italy banquet hall in Myrtle Beach. Sign-up is open at the GSBCC website and seating is capped at (60) people, so registration is limited to (2) per membership.
Warren also announced that membership renewal for 2025 is now open online at $35. The renewal price expires on December 31st, after which renewals will cost $40, just as a new membership.
Vice President Bill Unger explained the need for a club member to assume the role of Events Chair, which is being vacated by Jenn Zangara. Jen has accepted a new professional position that requires extensive travel so she no longer can fill this club leadership role. We thank Jen for providing the membership with a great combination of meeting venues for 2024. She has agreed, when available, to assist any club member that steps forward to take the Events Chair role.
Election Committee Leader Susan McLaughlin provided an update on the club BoD election process. All (4) current Boad members, including Warren Bender, Bill Unger, Steve Hertel and Jerry Schopp have agreed to run for their present position for 2025. Any club member wishing to nominate themselves for a Board position should contact Susan McLaughlin. The election will be conducted at the December membership meeting & Christmas party.
Regalia Chair Bob Padlowski presented a sample of the Fall 2024 regalia promotion golf shirt, sporting the club logo, British flag on the sleeve and monogram. They are available in yellow, red, black and light blue and can be ordered on the website until December 31st.
Basket Chair Stancy Bender announced that she will step down from her role as the chair for the past (10) years. Susan McLaughlin and Lori Coltrin have agreed to co-chair the position going forward. Raffle baskets displayed at Britfest generate a large income for the club but require significant dedication and effort throughout the year to make it a successful venture. Thank you Stancy for years of beautiful baskets!

Webmaster Ethan Harris reinforced Warren's recommendation that members renew early. He also introduced the idea of GSBCC members signing up for the Myrtle Beach "Run to the Sun" show scheduled in March 2025. A handful of members individually attended the 2024 show, but it would be a nice event for GSBCC to organize a larger group to enter the show together and collectively display their vehicles on the show field.

Club members, Matt & Laura Balbo, announced that they are relocating to the Greenville, SC area. They have been part of the GSBCC for two years and frequently won recognition at shows for their orange Triumph Spitfire. We wish them all the best in their transition.

Warren Bender & Morris Hankins shared humorous British car stories from their youth, bringing back similar memories in all of us.

There were no additional reports from the remaining club officers or chairs.

The next **GSBCC Membership Meeting and Annual Christmas Party** will be held from 5-9PM Saturday December 14th at The Sons & Daughters of Italy banquet hall in Myrtle Beach. Details are available on the GSBCC website and advanced sign-up is required due to limited seating.

The November GSBCC membership meeting was adjourned at 12:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Schopp, GSBCC Secretary