GSBCC Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2025, at Joey's Clubhouse Grille in Myrtle Beach
by **Jerry Schopp, Secretary**

The August meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club was called to order at approximately 12:10 PM on Saturday, August 9th by **President Warren Bender**. It was a hot and humid, but sunny mid-day. There were 39 GSBCC members & spouses attending the occasion and the nice weather brought out a great mix of British classic cars on display in the parking lot. One new member, Larry Morina, was recognized for his 1977 MGB and attending a meeting for the first time.

An affirmative vote was taken to waive the reading of the July membership meeting minutes.

Warren Bender opened the meeting by welcoming the new member in attendance and calling for volunteers to assist with classic car parking at Britfest in October. He also mentioned the need for parts to be donated for the auto-jumble managed by Jack McLaughlin during the show. Warren went on to highlight a few upcoming car shows in the area, including the Dunes Club show of September 14th and the Charleston British Car Show on October 18th. Both shows require pre-registration in order to attend. Warren made a final comment that the annual Hilton Head show will take place October 31- November 2nd, so if any member wants to attend, there will be several entries from the GSBCC for the Saturday Showcase that weekend.

Vice President Bill Unger followed Warren with several requests and comments, including the need for fresh newsletter articles (or he vowed to keep publishing repair instructions for Jag components). Bill announced that, in the absence of an Events Chair for 2026, he will temporarily fill the position and start selecting venues for next year. He queried the group about changing meeting dates to weekdays in lieu of Saturdays to allow more flexibility in scheduling venues and suggested having state park drives & picnics, in addition to more plantation tours in 2026. Bill acknowledged a bias toward the southern part of the Grand Strand since that is the geographic area with which he is most familiar. Thus, if anyone has a suggested venue on the northern end of the Grand Strand, please contact him with details.

Webmaster Ethan Harris reminded the group that online registration for Britfest 2025 was open and that early registration (at $35) would close at the end of August. He also discussed the consolidation of GSBCC Facebook pages into a single public page and thanked Felisia Sachs for her longstanding management of the club's Facebook updates.

2025 Events Chair Jenn Zangara reminded the group that the annual Christmas party would again be booked at the OSIA Lodge on Friday, December 5th in Myrtle Beach.

Regalia Chair, Morris Hankins provided shirts and hats for sale, and several members made purchases from the stock he brought for the meeting.

Britfest Baskets Chair Susan McLaughlin was happy to announce that 18 members had signed up to provide Britfest raffle baskets this year and 9 had already been delivered to her. More are needed and Susan has empty baskets available at club

meetings for those who want to participate. The last date for acceptance of baskets is the membership meeting on September 13th.

Media Chair Jack McLaughlin, following up on a previous announcement by Warren**,** requested that members look through their old stock of excess parts and submit them for the Britfest Auto-Jumble.

Secretary Jerry Schopp mentioned that the club currently has 120 active memberships, and he also reminded the group that 2026 membership renewals are due no later than January 31, 2026.

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

The next **GSBCC Membership Meeting** will be held 11:30AM – 2:00PM Saturday September 13th at California Dreaming in Surfside Beach. Details are available on the GSBCC website.

The August GSBCC membership meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Please 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 as accessing links to sign up for participation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Schopp, GSBCC Secretary