



The August 25th meeting was held at Shannon View Inn, Warwick, RI. The September 29th meeting will be at Towne Tavern in North Attleboro, MA.

The July meeting minutes were approved.

Bruce Harland provided the August finance update:

Beginning balance (Navigant)	\$21, 215.71
Picnic expenses	771.19
Ending balance	20, 479.52
Beginning balance (Centreville)	1,000.00
Accountant (taxes)	135.00
Ending balance	865.00
Deposit to be made	35.00
Total	\$21, 379.52

The transfer of accounts from Jim Levesque to Al North and Bruce is ongoing. Tom Bernier will be included as an emergency back-up.

The club currently has 217 members and John Kelley has reached out to those who have not paid dues to date.

Kathy Barkan reported that the regalia from the show is at the back of the storage unit and will be difficult to retrieve if anyone makes a request to purchase. Al volunteered to retrieve if anyone does ask and also advised that the unit is paid through November. Woody mentioned that he still has the show artwork available if needed.

Sunshine reported that condolences were sent to Eve Beauchamp on the death of her husband, longtime member Lance (Beau). And get well wishes were sent to Bill Coppage who had back surgery recently.



Activities reported that the club picnic on August 9th was a success with many members in attendance despite the heat.

New Business:

John Biagioni is organizing a ride for club members on September 12th. The group will travel back roads to the UConn Dairy Bar for ice cream, and then continue on to Wright's Chicken Farm for dinner. More details will follow and head count is necessary for dinner reservations.

Sam Booth from Classic Country Drives joined us to share details about their upcoming event at Taylor Brooke Brewery on September 27th – Brits, Brews and Euros, Too. There will be music, a food truck and fellow car enthusiasts. He is also looking for a new location for their regular Cars & Coffee events, if anyone has suggestions please email him at info@classiccountrysdrives.com.

Several additional events were mentioned by members including the All British Car Show in Wilmington, MA on September 13th and the Fast & Furriest Car Show at Capron Park Zoo on September 5th.

We are also looking for GAP and Tech Session ideas, as well as holiday party locations. Please contact Activities with any suggestions.

Revisions to the BMCNE By-laws are nearly complete.

Elections communications have gone out and John encourages anyone interested to please contact him with any questions or nominations.

Tom Bernier is beginning to work on next year's car show. He reported that a donation went to Bristol's Parks & Recreation Department. We need to decide where to donate the rest of the funds raised this year. In previous years we have made donations to Alzheimer's research and to local food banks. Please come to the next monthly meeting with suggestions for worthy organizations for us to discuss and vote on.

Tom is looking for a right hand person to help with planning the 2027 show. No date has been set yet but we are considering holding the show in July rather than June. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to have Oligo Nation as our sponsored charity next year. Not only is it a great organization to support, but this is likely to attract even more interest in the show.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.