SBMOC Monthly Meeting - September 5, 2020 Croft State Park - Spartanburg, SC

President Dennis Bromley welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.

He then welcomed several members who joined the club recently: Keith and Diane Fallon, owners of a '98 Jaguar XK8 convertible, sporting an amethyst metallic exterior and oatmeal interior, and Dave Drum, owner of an S-type Jaguar, a 1980 MGB, and an '83 Land Rover. Another new member was unable to attend -- Karen Thomas' mother, now the proud owner of the Dusky's '88 Jaguar XJ SC cabriolet. Bill Warden, who is considering purchasing a British roadster looking to relive the magic of his first car, a 1964 MGB, was also welcomed as a guest.

Dennis thanked Karen (K.T.) Thomas and Mary Reid for organizing the picnic, a welcome outing 6 months after the Club's last opportunity to get together for a meal (the annual meeting March 1 at The Junction!)

Summer happenings --

- Dave Hugo reported that Sheila and Barbie Dusky have landed in Florida. They are renting while they look for a permanent home. Brenda Azzara has their post office box number in Florida and will send it along.
- Ed Smaltz and Kay Roozen bought an RV and will take it on its maiden voyage to Travelers Rest (subsequent destinations expected to be farther away!) They are also selling their TR-6.
- Karen and Dave Thomas ran a successful race at the Greer Dragway--next stop Darlington.
- Dennis Bromley and Sue Beck thoroughly enjoyed tooling around the Smokies in a rented Polaris slingshot "batmobile."
- Mary Reid asked everyone to sign a card for club member Ron Jacobs, who is in assisted living. Jerry Azzara will confirm Ron's current address (apparently Ron was recently transferred to another facility).

Club Rides --

- Date: Monday, Sept. 28; rain date Thurs., Oct. 1. Al and Laura Converse propose a drive from the Spinx station at Routes 11 and 14 in Gowensville up to Saluda. It's about a 35 minute drive along some back roads through Gowensville, skirting Lake Lanier, winding through the Gillette Woods neighborhood of Tryon, and then up Route 176 to Saluda. Lunch options in Saluda include eating at the McCreery Park picnic pavilion (BYO or takeout) or at Saluda restaurants. More information will be posted on the website shortly and sent via email.
- Other members are welcome to share interesting routes and to plan drives!!!

Events Updates --

- The Oyster Roast at the McCall's is taking the year off.
- Soup and Shoot at Diaz's -- uncertain if it will take place this year.
- Christmas Party Dennis will solicit comments regarding whether or not to have a party this year and if we do, if people are comfortable in a restaurant or at a member's home (a club member has kindly offered to host at their home.)

Members can now leave comments on this subject or other club matters on the club's website: https://sbmoc.com/general-comments/ (NOTE: you must be logged in to leave a comment; if you don't know your login information, contact Al Converse.)

Next meeting - Saturday, Oct. 3. Dennis will ask for members' preferences...back to the Beacon, meeting outdoors at Greer City Park (not reserving, assuming we can use the pavilion like we did in August), other options?

The meeting concluded and the picnic began.

Minutes by Laura Converse