

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets **January 2015** **Election of Officers**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Club Bylaws, the following ballot is published to allow for absentee voting. **If you are unable to attend the meeting on January 21, 2015 and wish to vote, please do so below.**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Vote of Member #1</u>	<u>Vote of Member #2</u>
President	Richard Cannistra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Larry Eils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Marna Grosenick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Brian Kobischka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Jim Vickery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regalia Chair	Jake Jaquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter Editor	Lynda Vickery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Hal Zenisek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ballots must be received by the Club Secretary at least two days prior to the voting meeting which takes place on January 21, 2015. NOTE: If you wish to volunteer or nominate someone else for one of the above positions, you must attend the meeting to do so.

Signed by Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Member #2: _____ Date: _____

**Mail the completed ballot to British Boots and Bonnets Car Club,
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President's Message

January 2015

This winter is certainly different than last year's. It arrived in November and then left in December, you just never know what Mother Nature has in mind. I'm sure winter will return but let's hope for a mild one and an early spring. Right now I am sitting in our sun room with the sun shining through the windows where the Paper White Narcissus, Amaryllis, Poinsettias and orchids are blooming. What a nice touch of spring.

At our January meeting it is time to elect officers to serve on the Board for 2015. Once again I want to thank the club members who have volunteered to have their name placed on the ballot. An Absentee Ballot is included with this newsletter. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please cast your vote by mail.

Even though your current Board has presented you with a slate of officers, you can nominate any club member in good standing, with their permission, or yourself, for any office on the ballot at the meeting.

With the coming of the new year I have completed two terms as your President and must now step down. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you, it was a pleasure and fun. I also want to thank all the Board members that have served with me. Without their support we could not have enjoyed all the great events that were held during the terms of my office.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: People who say it can't be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

Next Meeting
**Wed.,
January 21, 2015**

Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois
(near East State Street and
Bell School Road)

**Dinner and social hour
at 6:00pm
Meeting begins at 7:00pm**



NOVEMBER 19, 2014 BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:05 with 32 members present, There were no guests. Don and Becky Dietrich, 1978 MGB, joined at the meeting.

Vice President report: Rich Cannistra, Indicated that the British Marque Car Club News was including in their magazine the article that Lynda Vickery wrote on the BBB Trip to Michigan. Congrats to Lynda.

Secretary: Motion to approve October minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Jim Vickery Moved: Lyn Pond Seconded, Approved.

Treasurer: Brian Kobischka absent, Bev Joyce Reported in Brian's absence.

Membership: Bev Joyce, At the present time we have 79 paid members with 2 pending. Dues are being accepted for 2015 year. Forward to Bev.

Regalia: Jake Jaquet: Jackets still discounted this month \$10.00 (\$45.00 through Nov.)

Chronicle/ Newsletter: Lynda Vickery reported next issue of newsletter will be January.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek, Received an email on 11/16 from Europe, individual collects club logos and liked ours, will send window decal. 1,375 visitors to web site so far in 2014 and over 20 thousand visitors since implementation in 2004.

Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz – **All members well.**

Past Events: Dine took us to Tavern on Clark with 24 members attending. Food was excellent and room was very nice. Retired men's group lunched at RBI and Ladies did Lunch at Garrett's.

Coming Events: Cookie exchange at Mary Jo's on Dec. 10. Christmas Party at Lino's on December 17. Make sure you turn in your reservation. Ladies will not be doing lunch in Nov or Dec. Retired men's group will lunch on Nov 21st at Rathskeller at 1:00.

Marques: MG-; Healey-Christmas Party at Dwain and Jenny Plymale home on Dec. 14th; Lotus-; Rolls Royce-; Mini-planning year end meeting; Triumph-; Jaguar-; All other marques indicated all cars tucked away for winter. (Waiting for Spring)

Unfinished & New Business: None reported

Good Wrench Award: To Lynda Vickery for the article for the British Marque Car Club News, received 5 raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award: None submitted

Raffle: Thunder Bay Bucks – Rick Hamaker, Shop Towels – Bev Joyce, Ice Scraper Set – Dave Brinkman, LED Safety Flasher – Dwain Plymale

Joke/Story: "Twas the Night of Thanksgiving."

Adjournment: 7:32

Respectfully Submitted: Lee Kindgren, Secretary's Helper

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS - TENTATIVE

The 2015 Events Committee will be meeting in early February to finalize many of the events listed below. A few other car events are listed, but the dates and/or locations are not yet known. If you would like to be part of this planning committee, please contact Jim Vickery. Your inputs and volunteering to host an event are always appreciated!

- January 14 **BBB Dine** – Ebenezer Brown;s Eatery & Pub; Roscoe, IL
 Hosts: Jim and Lynda Vickery
- January 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- February 14-22 2015 Chicago Auto Show
 McCormick Place; Chicago, IL
- February 11 **BBB Dine** – Altamore’s Ristorante; Rockford, IL
 Host:
- February 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- March 11 **BBB Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- March 15 British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL
- March 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- April **Classics and Chrome 2015 Car Show**
 Location: To be announced
- April 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April ? **BBB Ladies Tea**
 Hostess: Volunteer needed
- April ? **BBB Garage Tour and Lunch**
 Host: Volunteer needed
- April 24-26 Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
 Jefferson, WI
- May 13 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- May 16 **BBB Tune Up & Picnic** - The Vickerys’; Roscoe, IL
 Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery

May 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
May 29-31	24th Annual Champagne British Car Festival Bloomington, IL
May 30- June 7	British Car Awareness Week
June	BBB Saturday Drive
June 10	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
June	33rd Annual British Car Field Day Sussex, WI
June 8-12	MG 2014 NAMGAR/NAMGB Niagara Falls, Canada
June	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL
June 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
July	BBB Saturday Drive
July	Mini Meet: 2015
July 8	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
July 15	BBB Club Meeting Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August	BBB Saturday Drive
August	Botham Vineyards 19th Vintage Celebration Barneveld, WI
August 12	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
August ?	University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist) Grand Rapids, MI
August 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 22-24	2015 Geneva Jaguar Concours d'Elegance; Geneva, IL
August 22-23	Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee Masterpiece Veterans Park; Milwaukee, WI
August	BBB Club Picnic Host: Volunteer needed
Sept 13	29th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival Harper College; Palatine, IL
Sept 9	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed

Sept 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Sept 17-20 BBB Northwoods Long Weekend; Eagle River, WI
 Hosts: Mary Jo Schoening, Rick and Sandy Hamaker

Sept 17-20 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
 Road America; Plymouth, WI

Sept 25-27 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
 Jefferson, WI

October 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed

October 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

November 11 **BBB Dine** –Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed

November 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant

December ? **BBB Cookie Exchange**

December ? **BBB Christmas Party**

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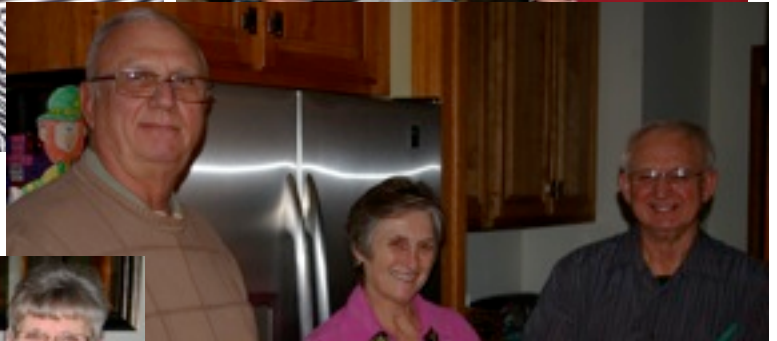
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BBB Cookie Exchange Party

Lynda Vickery

One of our club's favorite events is the annual cookie exchange graciously hosted by Mary Jo Schoening. And, as usual, members had a great time visiting and reminiscing about our almost-completed driving season. This is one occasion we can move around and talk in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.



There were many appetizers and goodies to sample before heading to the dining room to make our selections of cookies to take home for the Holidays.



The table was completely full with a variety of Christmas cookies and candy - many were made from family favorite recipes or popular recipes from other countries. Bakers who brought their specialities are providing their recipes to Lynda who will compile them into an email for distribution to all our club members. (If you haven't submitted your's yet, please do so right away!)



This year was a special one for Mary Jo as she has had a new master suite added to her home, and all was ready for a tour by the members. And we were all very impressed with the new construction and Mary Jo's decorating talents.



Thank you, Mary Jo, for hosting another wonderful Cookie Exchange Party!

Welcome New Members!

New membership applications are available on the club's website.
Register by sending your completed application to:

Brian Kobischka, Treasurer
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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
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Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags

Season Ends with Celebration

Larry Eils



Instead of the usual snow covered roads the BBB Christmas Party participants have experienced in the past, bare pavement along with a sky filled with stars and seasonal cold temperatures greeted us this year. What a change from the last few years.

Lino's Restaurant was all decorated as 55 club members gathered to celebrate Christmas and another successful year of club events. Besides the new decorated Christmas Box table center pieces there was a new Christmas Parts Tree for members to decorate with small British car parts. Just as we sat down to dinner we had a surprise visit from BBC reporter, Mr. Percival Cooke, who had received an anonymous tip that our British cars were invited to this year's party.

Sure enough, 6 British cars (Jaguar, Austin Healey, Mini, MG, Rolls Royce and Triumph) did show up complete with ornaments for the Parts Tree. Everyone enjoyed the short skit put on by the "BBB Right Hand Drive Players."



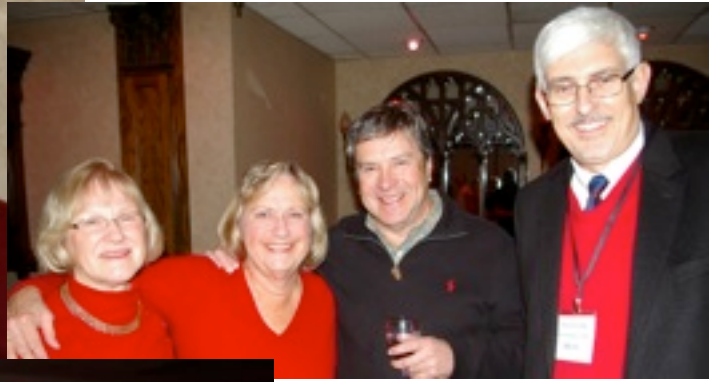


After a delicious meal two of Santa's elves presided over the gift exchange. Several members had the fun of exchanging gifts several times before finally ending up with a gift to take home.



A BIG thank you to Bev Joyce and her team of elves for the planning, preparation and execution of a fun filled Christmas Party.





DID – U – KNOW by Facia Nearside

Due to harsh economic conditions in Britain after WWII, many families could not afford a car, and a motorcycle was hardly a practical alternative. Lawrence Bond, an engineer and designer who had worked in the aircraft industry during the war, had the idea that the best attributes of both could be combined into one vehicle. In 1948 he built the first Bond Minicar in a second story loft. It had to be lowered through a hole in the floor to reach the road but this proved quite easy as the entire 3 wheel vehicle weighed only 285 pounds.

Looking at the specifications one might have bet against him. The minicar had no doors, no gas gauge, no reverse, no rear suspension, no windscreen wiper (in England!) and only a 7 cu in, 5 hp engine. Bond, however, knew that his roadmap to success lay in the fact that the car qualified as a motorcycle in the eyes of the law. As such it received a lower rate of purchase tax, lower excise duty and lower insurance costs. It also got 97 mpg and could be driven without an automobile driver's license. What started as basic two person transport evolved until 18 years later there was a convertible, a hardtop, a van, a tourer, an estate and a 4 seater family saloon (providing the rear passengers had no legs). In 1966 when production ended 24,482 minicars had been built.

JANUARY DINE!

by Lynda Vickery

The New Year has arrived and with it a new year of club activities. The first “Dine” will be held on Wednesday, January 14th. Arrangement have been made to gather at Ebenezer Brown’s Eatery & Pub in Roscoe, IL. The Pub opened in the DeGenovici Restaurant located near CVS Pharmacy and Schnucks (Hilander). Their address is 4866 Bluestem Road.

Plan to arrive at 6:30 to join fellow BBB enthusiasts to eat some good food, enjoy a beverage, and talk “car talk”.

Please call Jim and Lynda Vickery if you have any questions.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR A

FUN FEBRUARY DINE!

by Lynda Vickery

Late last year Ron and Nancy Kuhnau had a great idea for a “Dine”, and that idea is turning into definite plans to feast at Altamore’s Ristorante.

The Club has gathered at Altamore’s before, and many members are enthusiastic about returning. Alberto Altamore opens his restaurant to the public on Thursdays and on other days of the week opens for private parties of 20 or more. We have reserved the restaurant for Wednesday, February 11th.

There will be several courses, starting with salad and ending with dessert. The main dish will be a special chicken recipe. If you would rather not have a meat dish please let us know and Alberto will be happy to offer

another choice. The Kuhnaus will be meeting with Alberto soon to set the menu, which we then will send out by email.

Because of the need to meet the 20 people number, and to help them prepare enough food, we need to have your commitment and reservations prior to that night. Because so many of the BBB Ladies are also in a Red Hat club that has held their Christmas Party there, most are familiar with this type of setup. The cost for the meal, including coffee or tea, and tip, is \$35 per person. Drinks will be extra. Please make your check out to BBB and send to Ron & Nancy Kuhnau or Jim & Lynda Vickery by February 1 to reserve your seat.

Plan to arrive at 6:00 for social “half hour” with dinner starting at 6:30.

Please call Ron and Nancy or Jim and Lynda if you have any questions.

Special Thank You!

Thanks to all of my Boots and Bonnets friends who supported me through the stressful time during Julie’s surgery. She is slowly regaining her strength. Her cardiac rehab began the last week in November. She’s able to drive a car again. Life is getting back to normal for her.

Thanks,
Ginger Spaight

MG MORGAN TRIUMPH



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