

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets **January 2013** **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 16, 2013 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	Larry Eils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Steve Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Ginger Spaight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Connie Frazier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Rich Cannistra	<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 16, 2013. 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,
5411 E. State Street, PMB 394, Rockford, IL 61108**



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Next Meeting
Wed., Jan. 16, 2013

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

Presidents Report

January 2013

Happy New Year!!!! The last few months have not been what I would have liked, but Rita and I are looking forward to a great 2013. We are already talking about places we can visit in our MGB. Maybe we are getting ahead of the seasons, but it is nice to think about fun times. I will be doing the upgrades and maintenance on the MGB in the next couple of months so we will be ready when the weather permits.

Well enough about personal goals, I am sure that 2013 will be a great year for BBB. I am sure that all the traditions that we established last year will be continued with surprises to keep us busy and involved. But, I should not get ahead of myself. We have an important meeting coming up in January. We have to elect a new board. The Absentee Ballot is attached in the newsletter so if you cannot attend the meeting on January 16th, you can still vote. Another important thought, you can nominate someone, with their permission, or yourself for any of the offices on the ballot. The current board always presents a list of candidates, but we like to have nominations from the members, either with the absentee ballot or from the floor at the January meeting. Remember, one way to keep our club vibrant is to have new ideas from new people. I encourage all of you to get involved and shape the activities of our club.

Looking forward, we have our first Dine of the new year on January 9th. We will be dining at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Rockford along with our hosts, Rich and Roxann Cannistra. The food, beverages and music should warm you up if the weather takes a turn for the worst. And don't forget our January Membership Meeting on Wednesday the 16th at Thunder Bay.

Something to think about. *Straight roads are for fast cars, turns are for fast drivers.* -Colin McRae

Thank you all for your support. It was my pleasure to be your president for the past two years.

Lee Kindgren



BRITISH BOOTS and BONNETS
2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- January 9 **BBB Dine** – Lone Star Steakhouse; Rockford, IL
 Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- January 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- February 13 **BBB Dine** – Poison Ivy Pub; Roscoe, IL
 Host: Bob and Barb Buckavekas
- February 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- February 24 British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL Admission \$5.00
- March 13 **BBB Dine** – Murphy's Pub & Grill; Rockford, IL
 Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- March 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 10 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- April 17 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 20-21 Annual Classics and Chrome Car Show
 Location: To be announced
- April ? **BBB Ladies Tea**
 Hostess: Volunteer needed
- April ? **BBB Garage Tour and Lunch**
 Host: Rich Cannistra
- May 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- May 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- May 29-
June 1 British Car Week
 Hot Springs, AK
- June 1-2 22nd Annual Champagne British Car Fest
 Bloomington, IL
- June 12 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed
- June 16 32nd Annual British Car Field Day
 Sussex, WI
- June 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- July 2-5 Mini Meet East 2013
 Kingston, NY
- July 10 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
 Host: Volunteer needed

- July 17 **BBB Club Meeting**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- July 17-21 MG 2013 NAMGAR/NAMGBR
Corvallis, OR
- July 19-21 Illinois Jaguar Club Annual Concours
Pheasant Run Resort; St. Charles, IL
- August 11 Botham Vineyards 18th Annual Vintage Celebration
Barneveld, WI
- August 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- August 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- Sept 1 **BBB Club Picnic**
Host: Ed and Luz Lehman
- Sept 5 KANDU Industries Cultural Cuisine Night – 6 course English Dinner
Janesville, WI Details forthcoming at a later date
- Sept 8 27th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
Harper College; Palatine, IL
- Sept 11 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- Sept 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- October 9 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- October 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- November 13 **BBB Dine** – Location needed
Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- November 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant
- December 4 **BBB Cookie Exchange**
Hostess: Volunteer needed
- December 11 **BBB Christmas Party**
Lino's Restaurant; Rockford, IL

FOR SALE

◆1971 MGB with wire wheels. Great complete original car. Needs assembly, but all parts are there! Does not run. Engine good but needs clutch. Car is in Rockford for easy pick-up. All offers welcome.

◆1987 XJ6 Sedan in Navy Blue, with grey interior. looking to get \$4000. The car is in Roscoe for inspection.

Call Jim Dunkel at 864-722-5072 or Mary at 815-218-3866.

Joseph John "Joe" Furmanek II 3 Aug 1927 - 24 Dec 2012

British Boots and Bonnets lost a very long time member in December. Friends, Marv Proctor and Mike Moore, graciously contributed to this memorial to Joe.

Recollections from Marv Proctor:

Joe was one of the earliest members of BBB, having driven his Sunbeam on many of our first car drives along with his wife Evelyn. Joe lost Evelyn in 2003 and was not extremely active in BBB activities after that although he did maintain his membership status for a number of years. He did continue his affection for British vehicles by picking up a partially restored '76 Triumph Spitfire which he and Marv finished and put it back on the road. Marv not so affectionately refers to it as "The Spitfire from Hell!"

Marv further relates: "Joe can always be pictured as having a perpetual smile on his face and was one of the easiest going men I've known. In my many visits to Joe's home, there were always signs of family in and around the place as Joe dearly loved his interaction with his grandchildren, family and friends and kept them close."

Recollections from Mike Moore:

Simply put, Joe Furmanek was a car guy. As Archie might say, a "gearhead". As his children grew up and left the house, British cars began to inhabit his driveway. Working at Chrysler, he had to mentally justify that first purchase of foreign machinery. His first purchase of his 19xx Sunbeam fit the bill; a British subsidiary of Chrysler!

Sometime in the late eighties or early nineties, we came across a flyer from some Sundstrand guys forming a British car club. Joe and I joined Marv Procter, Ed Eggleston and others at those early meetings at the Rathskeller. A fish bowl of beer and a sausage sandwich always gave us the feeling of a night at the pub with the sports cars sitting outside. Joe and Evelyn were active tourers with the club before she passed away in 2003. Over the years I let my membership expire once or twice but I believe Joe maintained his continuously.

My fondest recollection of a tour was when Joe and Evelyn joined Brenda and I for a trip out stagecoach trail for brunch at Eagle Ridge. After a wonderful brunch and a stop at the watchtower on US 20, the Sunbeam began to cough and sputter. When it became clear it was not going to make it back to Rockford, Joe and I made his somewhat routine call to AAA. Evelyn and Brenda did their best imitation of Thelma and Louise laughing as they drove off in the Spitfire. Joe and I had a long afternoon to discuss British electronics and the reliability of domestic vehicles as we bounced home in the crowded cab of the tow truck.

Over the years Joe acquired two other British vehicles. For a short time, he maintained a beautiful XJ6 as his daily driver. Later on he bought a semi-restored 1976 Spitfire and worked with Marv to finish the restoration. Marv's characterization as the "Spitfire from Hell" accurately describes this bright red never ending project car.

Joe's Sunbeam lives on as he gave it to his grandson, Rick Pell, of Milwaukee. Joe's company and companionship will be greatly missed.



GALENA WINE TOUR - Was It November?

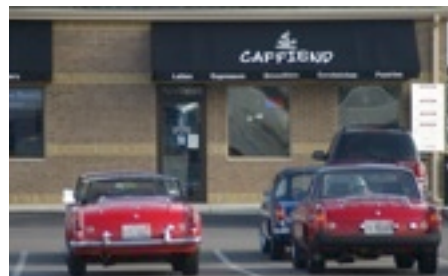
By Larry Eils

The day started cool and overcast for the 19 BBB members who gathered at the Caffiend Coffee Shop for our departure to Galena. With the forecast calling for upper 60's, 5 British cars were present.



While driving the Stagecoach Trail we did pass through several brief showers before the clouds cleared and a rainbow appeared. Upon our arrival in Galena the temperature had reached 69° F with a bright blue sky.

In Galena we were joined by 3 other club members. Jay and Jackie Coffey from Elgin and Art Schliecher, a new member who lives in Galena, who wanted to say hello. Lunch was at Dirty Gurt's, known for it's creative hamburgers and sweet potato chips.



After a short drive north of town we arrived at the Galena Cellars Winery and Vineyard. Nancy, our tour guide, give us a brief history of the 25 year old, family owned winery as we walked through the vineyard. We learned how grapes grow, how to prune, determine when they are ready to be picked and how to pick them.



We visited the crushing/wine making facility and the bottling building where they produce over 70,000 bottles of wine a year.



Our final stop on the tour was the tasting room where we learned how to taste wine, and then we practiced our tasting skills on a variety of Galena wines pairing them with a variety of cheeses and different kinds of chocolates.



We then gathered on the front porch of the tasting room with a glass of wine to enjoy the view and the wonderful warm day. This can't be November?

As the sun set we drove to Freeport for dinner at Cannova's Italian Cuisine Restaurant. We ended another BBB event with a delicious meal surrounded by great friends.



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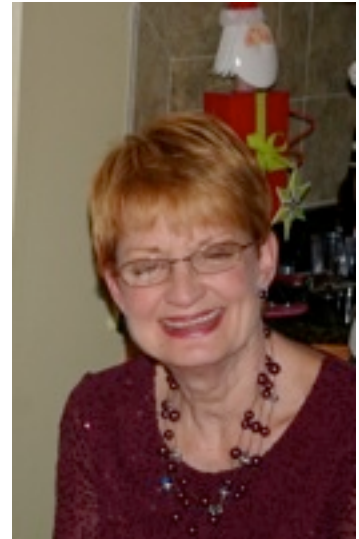
COOKIES TO START THE HOLIDAY

By Rich Cannistra

On Wednesday, December 5th, Mary Jo Schoening's home was filled with the smells of holiday food and the sounds of holiday laughter.



Once again BBbers turned out with enough cookies to sink the Titanic (or at least a good sized Rolls Royce).



The food included a massive number of homemade treats ranging from pickled herring to chili to various dips.





Everyone left the event stuffed and with boxes of cookies under their arm. Thank you, Mary Jo, for once again hosting this fun evening to help launch the holiday season!



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BBB 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Rich Cannistra



Once again the Club Christmas Party at Lino's Italian Restaurant proved to be a resounding success! The party committee headed by Bev Joyce made many lovely decorations and favors which transformed the dining room into a festival of British reindeer. Bev was pleased to have the help of many talented elves for this project, most of whom had familiar names such as Connie, Marna, Ginger, Sandy, Marsha, Mary Jo, and Roxann.



Brian Gustafson was kind enough to entertain us before dinner with a program profiling the merits of several forms of British transportation under difficult driving conditions.

The various dinner selections were plentiful and delicious and, as always, the staff at Lino's did a superb job of looking after our every need.

A highlight of the evening was Archie Morey serving as Master of Ceremonies for our famous gift exchange.



Many presents both great and small were savored and lost, but in the end all participants went home with a treasure. Archie concluded the evening with the latest of his now famous Christmas compositions, much to the delight of everyone.



One final bit of icing on the cake was the unveiling of the 2013 BBB Calendar, by John Fleshman. As we left the last club event of the year we could now go home and look forward to the 2013 calendar of events. Nice job John...and good timing.

Oh, and please schedule the same great weather again for next year as we enjoyed tonight.



**BBB DINE LAUNCHES
THE 2013 SEASON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH**
By Rich Cannistra

Join fellow club members to kick off 2013 *Dining* at the Lone Star Steakhouse in Rockford. With the New Year's celebration behind us it's time to think spring...or at least talk about it. Reminisce about our adventures last year and dream of where we might wander this year with like minded enthusiasts.

The Lone Star Steakhouse is located at 6690 E. State St., Rockford. This is just 3/4 mile west of the Thunder Bay at the intersection of Mill Rd. (directly across from the Rockford Public Library). We will meet at 6 p.m. in the Alamo Room, which has been reserved for those of us with British tendencies.

We are anxious to hear about what Santa left under your tree this Christmas and what preparations you are planning for your British car during the cold weather down time.

Your hosts for the evening are Rich and Roxann Cannistra. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, January 9th at 6 p.m.

Welcome New Members

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

Connie Frazier, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
5411 E. State Street, PMB 394
Rockford, IL 61108
cfrazier9@yahoo.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags

**WISE BBBers DO THEIR SPRING
CLEANING NOW**

By Rich Cannistra

After that last restoration project on your beloved British thoroughbred, did you have a few items left over that neither you or your spouse could figure out what they were for? Well, now is the time to turn those miscellaneous parts into cash!

On Sunday, February 24th, the Chicagoland MG Club is hosting its 17th annual All British Car Swap Meet and Autojumble. Our club once again has three tables and 20 feet of vendor space available to any member who wishes to sell items. No matter how big or small, if you can get it in the building, and it has to do with a British car, it qualifies.

So get out in the garage and down in the basement and dig out those unwanted parts, tools, books, tires, and other valuable stuff. If you are unable to attend the meet but have something to sell, one of us attending can take it for you.

Start rounding up your treasures now while there is plenty of time to find all those odd pieces. The extra cash will probably come in handy on April 15th.

From Your Webmaster

2013 is off and running and so are our plans for the year. One of the priorities for 2013 will be to continue posting club member pictures on the website. This is an effort to help everyone get to know new members who join and help potential members get a sampling of who makes up the BBB car club. If you have a good digital picture of yourselves (with or without your car), please send it to me for posting on the website. Check out www.britishbootsandbonnets.com for some examples. I will appreciate your pictures and help with this project.

Another priority will be to create AND MAINTAIN up-to-date monthly calendars and club events for the year. You can help here also. If you have suggestions for local or regional non-BBB British car related events for 2013, please e-mail your ideas to me. I will do what I can to put your suggestions on our calendar. Remember club events take precedence should two events fall on the same date.

My third priority for the website is to maintain the For Sale and Regalia pages. Regalia items can be updated as inventory in the store turns over, and you can contact Jake & Donna about regalia items directly through the website. In addition, club members may advertise cars they wish to sell on the website. I simply ask for a digital picture, and your write-up with contact information. My role will be to simply post what you send me and take it down when your vehicle is sold.

Finally, I welcome your ideas and suggestions for improving the club's presence on the Internet and how the website can better serve the needs of the members. Please let me know your ideas for how I can make the club's website more effective.

Thanks, happy 2013 to all,
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Let's Learn About Lucas Electrics...

Bruce Altman has shared the following tongue in cheek article about Lucas Electronics. - Editor

Electrical Theory - by Joe Lucas

Positive ground (they meant "earth") depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as smoke.

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and

disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components, especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: A gentleman does not motor about after dark.

A few Lucas quips:

→The Lucas motto: Get home before dark.

→Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

→Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

→Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

→The three-position Lucas switch--*DIM*, *FLICKER* and *OFF*. The other three switch settings--*SMOKE*, *SMOLDER* and *IGNITE*.

→The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.

→If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.

→Q: Why do the British drink warm beer?

A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators.

→→What's really scary: Lucas make aviation control hydraulics for Boeing and Airbus . . .

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