

# Absentee Ballot

## ***British Boots & Bonnets*** **January 2014** **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 15, 2013 and wish to vote, please do so below.**

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Vote of Member #1</u></b>	<b><u>Vote of Member #2</u></b>
President	Larry Eils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Doug Cameron	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Fran Cameron	<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 15, 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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Editor  
Lynda Vickery

## President's Message January 2014

### ***Happy New Year Club Members!***

Winter is really here as you can tell from the cold temps and the snow on the ground. Our cars are snug in the garage waiting for an early spring. Here's hoping!

With the start of a new year, it is time to elect new Board Members at our January 15, 2014 meeting. I want to take this opportunity to thank the club members who have volunteered to have their name on the ballot for 2014. The Absentee Ballot is included with this newsletter. If you cannot attend the January meeting, you can cast your vote by mail.

Even though your current Board has presented you with a slate of officers, you can nominate someone, with their permission, or yourself for any office on the ballot.

Besides the election on the 15th, our 2014 activities begin with our first *Dine* on January 8th at

Let's hope it doesn't snow!

Larry Eils

*Words of Wisdom: The Old Fashioned Winters were not worse, but the Old Fashioned heating systems were.*

Next Meeting  
**Wed., Jan. 15, 2014**

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**



## **British Boots and Bonnets - November 20, 2013 -Membership Meeting Minutes**

**President's Report:** Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Larry Eils with 34 members present.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Secretary:** Minutes approved.

**Treasurer:** Connie Frazier reported a checking balance of \$6585.15, and savings balance of \$2007.94.

**Membership:** Bev Joyce reported no change in membership--still 79 members.

**Regalia:** Jake Jaquet reported no blue light special. Some things on display, or order anything from catalog.

**Chronicle/Newsletter:** Lynda Vickery reported there will be no December issue.

**Webmaster:** Hal Zenisek reported there have been several correspondents. Dave's family owns Healeys & MGs and needs a good maintenance person in Southern or Central Illinois. Dennis wants to buy Bentley for Gold Coast Bentley, any comments? John- has back issues of MG magazine, any value? Grace- car insurance researcher would like to link web sites. Working on 2014 calendar--email national events to Hal to be included. Get individuals with cars pictures, and pictures from events to Hal.

**Sunshine:** Phyllis Beneditz is taking over from Delores Moon. Read thank you note from Joan Tilson.

**Events:** Larry Eils reporting for Rich Cannistra. The dine at Garrett's on November 13, Hosted by Hal and Connie had 22 members attend. Met in private room. Last Dine of the year. Coming events include Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's house on December 4. Bring 4 dozen cookies, beverage of choice and an appetizer, if you wish, and the Christmas party on December 11. Reservations are due by November 29, bring a gift for exchange if you wish to participate. Ladies Who Do Lunch will meet in January, NOT November or December due to holidays. Retired Gentlemen will meet at noon at The Hideout on Friday, November 22. After lunch those who wish will preview auction items from the old Wolf Chevrolet in Belvidere which will include antique vehicles and shop tools. The auction will take place on Saturday, November 23.

**Marques:** **MG** -no report. **Triumph** - no report. **Jaguar** - no report. **Austin Healey** - no report. **Lotus** - no report. **Rolls Royce** - Christmas Party at Rosewood Restaurant in Rosemont. **Minis** - no report.

**Classified:** Bob Buckavekas reported Jerry Rosenquist has an E-type, Spitfire and Crossfire for sale.

**New Business:** Now accepting nominations for club officers for 2014. All positions are open: Steve our VP, and Ginger, our Secretary, are not running for a second term; Connie, treasurer, and Rich, events chair, have completed their 2nd terms.

**Good Wrench Award:** Lyn Pond for getting Carol's car ready for sale--and sold.

**Burnt Piston Award:** None.

**Raffle:** Mug set and inflatable pillow to Ron Kuhnau, Screw driver set to Bruce Altman, Wrench set to Brian Kobischka, Travel pillow to Bev Joyce, Small flower pot to Barb Buckavekas, Thunder Bay Bucks to Larry Eils.

Larry Eils concluded the meeting with a turkey joke.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginger Spaight



June 11           **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

June 15           33rd Annual British Car Field Day  
                           Sussex, WI

June 15-19       MG 2014 NAMGAR/NAMGB  
                           French Lick, IN

June 18           **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
                           Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

July 2-7          Mini Meet: East Meets West 2014  
                           Milwaukee, WI

July 9            **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

July 16           **BBB Club Meeting**  
                           Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

July 25-26       Illinois Jaguar Club Annual Concours  
                           Naperville Country Club; Naperville, IL

August 10        Botham Vineyards 19th Vintage Celebration  
                           Barneveld, WI

August 13        **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

August ?         University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist)  
                           Grand Rapids, MI

August 20        **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
                           Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

August 23-24    Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee Masterpiece  
                           Veterans Park; Milwaukee, WI

August 24        2014 Geneva Concours d'Elegance;  
                           Geneva, IL

August 31        **BBB Club Picnic**  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

Sept 7            28th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival  
                           Harper College; Palatine, IL

Sept 10          **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

Sept 12-14       VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival  
                           Road America; Plymouth, WI

Sept 17          **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
                           Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Sept 26-28       Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet  
                           Jefferson, WI

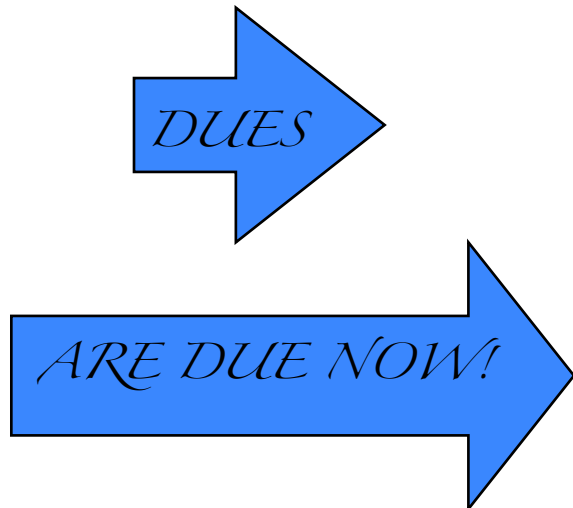
October 8        **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed  
                           Host: Volunteer needed

- October 15      **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
    Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- November 12    **BBB Dine** –Location needed  
    Host: Volunteer needed
- November 19    **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
    Thunder Bay Restaurant
- December ?     **BBB Cookie Exchange**
- December ?     **BBB Christmas Party**

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It's that time of year again! In addition to paying your taxes, it's time to renew your membership with British Boots & Bonnets. Please send your \$20 renewal fee to:

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 5411 E. State Street, PMB 394  
 Rockford, IL 61108

## November *Dine* Provided Food, Fun & Fellowship

by Connie Frazier & Hal Zenisek

A cool and wet evening could not prevent over 20 BBB members from enjoying the November 13th *Dine* at Garrett's Restaurant in Rockford. We gathered in a private dining room for good food and fellowship. There was much talk of tuning down, storing cars and gearing up for the approaching holidays. Several "snow birds" were with us to enjoy a last BBB event before migrating south for the winter. The staff at Garrett's took good care of us – a big thanks go to Joan and Bob Tilson for setting the planning into motion.



Here are some interesting food facts:

- In 1943, a Pan Am Airline chef snuck whiskey into passengers' coffee to warm them up on a winter flight. When asked what kind of coffee they were being serviced, he improvised "Irish Coffee," creating the now-famous cocktail.
- The biggest burger in Britain, dubbed the 'Apocalypse Burger', is a mammoth 25,000 calories, weighs 11 kg (25 lbs) and contains £150 (around \$233 USD) worth of ingredients.
- The world's oldest known recipe is for beer.
- The United Kingdom eats more cans of baked beans than the rest of the world combined.
- A recent study at Harvard has shown that eating chocolate can actually help you live longer!
- The average child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches by the time he/she graduates from high school.

## COOKIES BY THE DOZENS AND MORE

by Rich Cannistra

December started on a sweet note for the many club members who met on December 4th for the cookie exchange. Once again Mary Jo Schoening hosted the evening, kicking off the Christmas season as everyone enjoyed a spectacular assortment of food and beverages. As usual the dining room table was loaded with a wide variety of homemade treats. All had a chance to sample many offerings, discover new favorites, and load up with plenty to take home. Thank you once again, Mary Jo, for a delicious start to Christmas!





# *2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY!*

by Rich Cannistra



Cold windy weather for the BBB Christmas party seems to be the norm, and once again it was true this year. Lino's Restaurant could not have been more warm and inviting, however, as more than 50 club members met to enjoy the evening. Doug Cameron shared his many musical talents by entertaining us with a wide variety of songs before dinner and a special tribute to the Doors after we ate. The beautiful table decorations and delicious food seemed to be to everyone's liking and 5 British door prizes were given away during dinner.

To conclude the evening our very own (world famous) MC Archie Morey presided over the gift exchange. As is usually the case, several members used up quite a bit of shoe leather before finally securing a gift that they could take home. This year, in an unusual twist, there was a mystery gift which went home with Hal Zenisek.

A big thank you to Bev Joyce and her team of elves for the planning, preparation, and execution of a wonderful evening. Well done!







## BBB Christmas Party – Mystery Gift Update



The 2013 Christmas Party gift exchange included an unusually 'wrapped' package with a striking gold bow that had the attention of many club members. After being quickly stolen twice, and gift ended up at the Frazier-Zenisek residence following the event.

As the wooden box was secured with twelve No. 8 Phillips head wood screws, the box was not able to be opened during the party - to the dismay of many. So requests for a follow-up report in the Chronicle were made as the evening wrapped up.



As you can see the box contained super-mittens, and a loose used golf ball to entertain all with a noise factor to the gift.

As to the rest of the story, the giver shared after the party that he and his best friend repeatedly re-gifted the same box to each other over and over for many years, and with nearly impossible methods of securing the year's gift. With his best friend now passed-on, the giver wanted to carry the tradition forward with the car club and so it has!

## **JANUARY DINE LAUNCHES 2014 SEASON AT SHIRO'S**

by Rich Cannistra

Although most of us are only beginning to contemplate those winter projects for our LBCs, the time to dine BBB style is upon us. Hosts Bil and Solveig Maschke invite you to warm up to a nice Italian dinner and share your cold weather plans with fellow club members Wednesday January 8th at Schiro's Restaurant and Lounge in Rockford. Known for their varied and reasonably priced Italian menu, Shiro's features all of your favorites including pizza.

Reservations for us are set for 6 p.m. Please do Bil and Solveig the courtesy of advising them by phone or email that you will be joining them to launch the 2014 BBB year. We look forward to seeing you at: Shiro's Restaurant and Lounge, 1201 N. Springfield Ave., Rockford IL. (Located on the northeast corner of N. Springfield Ave. and Auburn Rd.)

### **BBB Webmaster Report January 2014**

2014's first report will start by looking back at 2013. During the last 12 months, the club's website had 1,463 visitors who viewed 3,968 pages. For those of like averages this is 122 visitors each month who viewed an average of 2.7 pages during each visit. January, March, May and August were the months with the most traffic, and visitors from across the continental US and a few overseas locations found us on the Web. The most popular pages viewed include the newsletter, calendars, for sale, links, and officers/contact information. The webmaster typically received 2-4 emails per month with inquiries from potential new members, car owners seeking parts/services, sales and marketing promotions, and email from other car clubs (often other webmasters).

Looking forward, May 2014 will represent 10 years of the club having an active website. Monthly event calendars for 2014, along with current and past newsletters, club member and event pics, and more information will be up and running soon. Your recommendations for car and driving related events in 2014, your favorite owner/car pictures, and links to other British car related organizations are very helpful and appreciated. Please bookmark [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) on your favorite Internet browser today and check back frequently during 2014.

Email your questions or comments to [hzenisek@tds.net](mailto:hzenisek@tds.net) or call me (815) 978-4205.

Hal Zenisek  
BBB Webmaster

### **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](mailto:cfrazier9@yahoo.com)

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

DID-U-KNOW  
by Facia Nearside

It is said that nothing spawns success like failure, and in the late 1940s failure is exactly what Jaguar was experiencing. Brake failure that is. It's actually just a matter of physics. If you double the speed of a vehicle it takes four times the braking capacity to stop it. Jaguars had the ability to go fast. In what at first seems like a backward bit of logic, they were only going to be able to exploit that ability if they had better brakes.

Teaming up with Dunlop, Jaguar embarked on an ambitious program of research and testing which developed a reliable caliper type disc brake. It first appeared on the 1953 C-Type race car before going on to equip their road going machines.

The success of the new brake design was beyond question, but in fact it was not new at all. The disc brake was invented some 50 years earlier by another Englishman, Frederick W. Lanchester.

Mr. Lanchester had one of the keenest minds ever connected with the automotive industry. In 1902 at the age of 34 he was building automobiles equipped with engines, transmissions and brakes all of his own design. That the brakes were not very reliable at that time was due only to the lack of high tech materials for their construction. Since his motorcar had only 10 HP anyway, the idea was simply shelved for 50 years before it was time for it to mature.

A Reprint from a 2008 issue of the Chronicle provided by Marv Proctor:

IF MY BODY WAS A CAR

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.

...But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

...But that's not the worst of it.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

...But that's not the worst of it.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

...But *here's* the worst of it.

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