



# British Boots & Bonnetts Chronicle

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Lynda Vickery

Next Meeting  
**Wed., Feb. 20, 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 Message

February 2013

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you as your President for 2013. Since Marsha and I joined the club we have enjoyed every minute from the drives, drive and dines, long weekends and even the club meetings. But most of all, we have enjoyed it's members.

Well, the weather experts have spoken. I'm referring to the groundhogs, Punxsutawney Phil, in Pennsylvania and closer to home Woodstock Willie in Woodstock, IL. Neither one saw their shadow on February 2nd so we can look forward to an early spring. That's great news for us because the Events Committee has been had at work.

Once again our driving season is going to be overflowing with activities. The Events Committee, chaired by Richard Cannistra, has meet and laid a very ambitious year. Not only have they planned a long weekend in September to Door County, they have also planned a 3 day mid-week trip to Springfield, IL in June. Come April or sooner, weather permitting, it looks like we better get our cars up and running. There still are openings if you would like to host a Drive and Dine. All you have to do is pick your favorite restaurant, layout a short drive and your done; Richard Cannistra will do the publicity for you. So give Richard a call.

By the time you are reading this your Board will have meet to review and discuss a variety of topics relating to the club. Over the next month or two, I, along with several other Board members, will share with you the results of our deliberations.

### Larry Eils

*Words of Wisdom - Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.*



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## British Boots & Bonnets – January 16th, 2012 – Membership Meeting Minutes

**President's Report:** Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Lee Kindgren with \_\_\_ attendees present. There were no new members or guests present at the meeting.

**Vice-President:** Larry Eils did not have anything to report.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Ron Kuhnau and seconded by Larry Eils to approve the November minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bev Joyce, filling in for Connie Frazier, presented the financial report.

**Membership:** Bev Joyce reported 81 members in 2012. 44 members paid tonight for 2013.

**Regalia:** Jake Jaquet reported the club still has 10 wall clocks (6-big with minor blemish \$10.00/each and 4-small at \$15.00). The store is open.

**Newsletter:** Lynda Vickery was not in attendance.

**Webmaster:** Hal Zenisek reported that the 2013 Calendar of Events is up to date. If you have local or regional events; please e-mail them to him.

**Calendar Committee:** John stated that he has extra calendars. If you are interested please contact him. If you have a calendar and did not pay for it please send the money.

**Event's Chair:** Rich Cannistra reported on the different events that were held and wanted to remind everyone if they had pictures to assure that they sent them to Hal to put on the website. The December events held was the Annual Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's on December 5, 2012; what a great time. The Annual BBB Christmas Party was held on December 12th, 2012. Rich thanked all those on the Committee as it turned out great! On February 24th, 2012 is the Annual Swap Meet.

**Marques: MG** – Hamaker, no report. **Triumph** – no report. **Jaguar**– Rich Cannistra, no report.

**Austin Healey** - Plymale, Annual Christmas Party for the Healey Club is in February. **Lotus** – no report. **Rolls Royce**– Roger Buck, Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio this year.

**Mini's**– no report.

**New Business:** New Officers are President – Larry Eils, Vice-President – Steve Carter, Secretary – Ginger Spaight, Treasurer – Connie Frazier, Events Chair – Rich Cannistra, Membership – Bev Joyce, Regalia Chair – Jake Jaquet, Webmaster – Hal Zenisek, and Newsletter Editor – Lynda Vickery. Motion was made to accept the panel of officers by Lynn Pond(1st) and Nancy Kuhnau (2nd). Motion passed.

**Good Wrench Award** went to Lynn Pond for rescuing Steve Carter with his car when the battery went dead. **Burnt Piston** was awarded to Bob Tilson for going through the car wash for the 4th time with the antenna up on his Jaguar Sedan.

**Raffle Items:** Automatic Battery Float Charger, Magnetic Trailer Alignment Kit, 19" Flexible Magnetic Pick-up Tool, Shortbread Collection, Thunder Bay Bucks, Bear Creek "Darn Good" Chili Mix & 2.6 oz. Dove Milk Chocolates, 6.5 oz. Dove Milk Chocolates, Dracanea Plant, Good Cook 2 pc. Pizza Cutter Set, Bear Creek Chicken Noodle Soup Mix & Bag of Dark Chocolate Dove Hearts & Box of Valentine Candy Dots, Milk Chocolate Dove Hearts & Bag of Valentine Conversation Hearts, and Bear Creek Vegetable Soup Mix. **Raffle Winners:** Roger Buck, Jenny Plymale, Bev Joyce, Jay Coffee, Ginger Spaight, Leon Kitzmiller, Lynn Pond, Steve Carter, Mickey McKenna, Lee Kindgren, John Fleishman, Hal Zenisek, and Dwayne Plymale. Don Grosenick was the first and Lynn Pond was second to motion the meeting for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Morey

**BRITISH BOOTS and BONNETS**  
**2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS**

- February 9-18 2013 Chicago Auto Show  
McCormick Place; Chicago, 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
- 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** – Rockton Inn; Rockton, IL  
Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnau
- April 17 **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 20 **BBB Ladies Tea**  
Hostess: Jenny Plymale
- April 20 **BBB Garage Tour and Lunch**  
Host: Rich Cannistra
- April 20-21 Classics and Chrome Car Show  
Location: To be announced
- April 26-28 Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet  
Jefferson, WI
- May 4 **BBB DRIVE - New Glarus and More;** New Glarus, WI  
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
Host: Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz, Jim and Lynda Vickery
- May 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- May 21-23 **BBB SPRING DRIVE;** Springfield, IL  
Hosts: Rick and Sandy Hamaker, Larry and Marsha Eils,  
and Lee & Rita Kindgren
- May 29-June 1 British Car Week  
Hot Springs, AK
- June 2 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Champagne British Car Festival  
Bloomington, IL
- June 12 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- June 16 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual British Car Field Day  
Sussex, WI
- June 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

- June 22-23      **BBB Drive - Saturday:** Mid-Continent Railway and Delaney's  
North Freedom, WI  
**Sunday:** Circus World Museum  
Baraboo, WI  
Host: Don and Marna Grosenick
- July 2-5      Mini Meet East 2013  
Kingston, NY
- July 7      **BBB DRIVE - Cars and Coffee;** Lake Mills, WI  
Host: Hal Zenisek and Connie Frazier
- July 10      **BBB Drive and Dine –** Maxon Riverboat Dinner Cruise; Oregon, IL  
Host: Jake and Donna Jaquet
- 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      **BBB Drive - Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration;** Barneveld, WI  
Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- August 14      **BBB Drive and Dine –** Location needed  
Host: Lee and Rita Kindgren
- August 15-18      University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist);  
Grand Rapids, MI
- August 21      **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- August 25      2013 Geneva Concours d'Elegance;  
Geneva, IL
- September 1      **BBB Club Picnic**  
Host: Ed and Luz Lehman
- September 5      KANDU Industries Cultural Cuisine Night – 6 course English Dinner  
Janesville, WI Details forthcoming at a later date  
Host: Ginger Spaight, Don and Marna Grosenick
- September 6-8      VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival  
Road America; Plymouth, WI
- September 8      27<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival  
Harper College; Palatine, IL
- September 11      **BBB Drive and Dine –** Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- September 13-16      **BBB FALL LONG WEEKEND DRIVE;** Door County, WI  
Host: Larry and Marsha Eils, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau
- September 18      **BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- September 27-29      Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet  
Jefferson, WI
- October 5      **BBB DRIVE - Fall Colors;** Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed



## JANUARY DINE KICKS OFF 2013 CALENDAR

by Rich Cannistra



The first dine of the year drew 26 club members who were hungry to begin club events for the new year. The participants met at the Lone Star Steakhouse on State Street in Rockford. We had the privilege of dining in the private Alamo Room, an arrangement that suited our event perfectly. Beautiful January weather was once again on our side which made it easy for club members to travel from every direction.



As expected, our servers Michelle and Jasmine were attentive to our every need and kept the beverages and food coming in a timely manner. Everyone seemed in agreement that a nice selection of tasty entrees was available at very reasonable prices.



All too soon it was time to head back out to the everyday routine. But now with the new year started and an event behind us, the LBC driving season seemed just a little closer.



## ITCHING FOR A GOOD TIME?

by Rich Cannistra

Have you got the itch for a romantic evening on February 14th? Then show her how much you care on February 13th and be ahead of the game by treating her to a dose of Poison Ivy; the pub that is. Our hosts Bob and Barb Buckavekas would be pleased if you would join them for a delightful evening of pre-Valentine indulgence.

The Poison Ivy Pub is located at 5765 Elevator Road in Roscoe, and we will be meeting at 6 p.m. A wide variety of both beverage and dinner selections are available, so there should be plenty of interesting choices for any taste or budget. Poison Ivy prides itself on fresh foods and reasonable prices, with seafood flown in overnight from both coasts. To accompany any dish they strive to have the perfect beverage, referring to their offerings as "liquid art".

This dine, the second of our 2013 calendar year, promises to continue our fine club tradition of GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD, AND GOOD FUN. See you there!

### 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

## BRITISH CAR SWAP MEET

by Rich Cannistra

We are now just 2 weeks from the Annual British Car Swap meet and Autojumble in Wheaton, IL. The event will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on Sunday, February 24th from 8a.m. to 3p.m., and this is an excellent place to get, or get rid of, those unusual British car bits. If you have not cleaned out under the bench in your garage recently, DO IT NOW. This is your opportunity to make your junk someone else's!

Again this year our club has reserved 3 tables where you can display your items, so get them together and plan to join in. Anything even remotely related to a British ride counts. If you are unable to attend but have items to pedal, contact Rich Cannistra to make arrangements.

### DID-U-KNOW?

by Fascia Nearside

Siegfried Bettmann was born in Nuremberg, Germany in 1863 and moved to Coventry, England in 1885. Initially employed by the White Sewing Machine Company, he obtained funding from the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company and began manufacturing bicycles in 1889. In 1902 the company diversified into making motorcycles, establishing its name as the Triumph Cycle Company. In 1921 Bettmann bought the Dawson Car Company and diversified once again, this time into the manufacture of automobiles. In 1923 the first in the long line of Triumph Motorcars appeared, the model 10/20.

## My First British Car

by Jim Vickery



In 1967 a friend of mine purchased a 1957 MGA. He then talked me into buying a British car. I found this one in the paper - a 1960 Austin Healey BT7. I went and looked at it, and he wanted \$800. A lot of money for me in 1967. But, I scrapped it up and bought the car. It had been painted with what the guy called corvette blue with a red racing stripe. The paint job was really kind of crappy but it looked great to me. It came with a factory hardtop and I was in business.

I had the car for 2 years and then financial situations forced me to sell it. As I watched the young man and his girlfriend back out my driveway, I promised myself I would have another one some day. About 2 months later that same friend of mine found a bugeye for \$400. Of course I could scrape together \$400 and I bought it. That is the one I still own. And an opportunity came about around 15 years ago to purchase another AH3000. It was not in as good a shape as the one I sold for \$800, and I paid a whole lot more for it! It's now restored, but doesn't get as much use as it should. We intend to correct that situation this summer!



Do you remember these events??

"A" was in September of 2001.

"B" was August of 2003.

"C" was in October of 2005.



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# A Handy Guide for the Do-It-Yourselfer

September 28, 2012

The following are suggestions for working inside in an environment that you share with your family:

1. Do not use the clothes washer/dryer as a work bench

- Talk about warpage when welding - try porcelain coated steel.
- While extra holes help clothes dry more quickly, auto parts and black spots are hard to explain to the fire department.

*FYI: Appliance White Rustoleum does not match Kenmore White.*

2. Separate shop towels and grease covered clothes from the rest of the laundry. It is a molecular property of grease to never leave the washer except on other family members' clothes.

3. If you have a whole car as a project in the basement, have a clearly observable way to get it in and out. This makes it appear less permanent.

4. Never use the columns in the basement as supports for frame straightening. Columns are strong only when in compression. They are highly unsuited for side loads.

*FYI: It is surprising how light your house is. With a floor jack and a 4X4, one can replace the column and rebend the top tabs almost as fast as changing tires. Faster with practice.*



Watch for the return  
of the BLUELIGHT  
SPECIAL in March!

5. Words of caution about welding in the basement:

- Everything that will burn will cost you more than what you are welding is worth.
- After finishing welding, wait 30 minutes before rejoining the family. Two reasons: Fire safety and short attention spans help ensure your survival.

6. Suggestions for when to work:

- When there are no witnesses.
- When you can pass the joys of automotive work to your spawn without correction from their mother.
- When you won't disturb the neighbors. As if they haven't noticed the fire truck and police car. Not to mention the yard from Hell.

Parting words: Always fit the exhaust system before starting. Someone out there will not share your joy.

By Bob Horzmann

## 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.

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