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President's Message

February 2014

I'm sure you heard or saw - Woodstock Willie saw his shadow so there will be SIX more weeks of winter. Just what we wanted to hear. I don't know about you but I'm beginning to having a problem about where to put anymore snow.

Now is the time to start browsing through the parts catalogs and ordering parts so you will be ready for the warm garage weather. It's also time to start collecting any parts you want to sell at the British Swap Meet now moved to March.

Your new Officers met to set the club's course for 2014. Over the next few months I will share with you the work they did but there is one item I would like to mention here. The Offices decided to budget for a redesign of our website which is now 12 years old. This was discussed last year but set aside. With our website traffic continuing to increase it requires more time to keep it current. Hal Zenisek, our Webmaster, is reviewing some of the new software that is available. Watch the Chronicle for further updates on our progress.

If you are having a rough time remembering what last summer was like, be sure to attend our February Club meeting. Rich Cannistra and Dave Brickman have put together a short video presentation covering the 2013 Club activities. This will bring back some wonderful memories of warm weather and top down driving. Don't forget, there are still a few 2014 Club calendars available.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: The happier the time, the more quickly it passes.

Next Meeting
**Wed.,
Feb. 19, 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**



January 15, 2014 British Boots and Bonnets Membership Meeting

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 with 54 members present. Guests, Damon and Suzy Dalbert were introduced, and chose to join our club.

Vice-President's: No report

Secretary: Motion made by Ron Kuhnau and seconded by Don Grosenick to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Financial report made by Connie Frazier. Motion made by Brian K. and seconded by Bruce B. to approve. Motion carried.

Membership: We ended 2013 with 79 members. So far, about 30 have renewed membership for this year.

Regalia: Jake Jaquet reported we will continue new program, that is, order from catalog rather than keep merchandise in stock. Logo will be applied for a cost of \$10; \$5 goes to club for franchise.

Chronicle/Newsletter: No report

Webmaster: We had 1,463 visitors to website in 2013. Most visitors in January, March, May and August. Please forward items for calendar to Hal.

Sunshine: Rich Cannistra reported that Rita Kindren's condition remains the same. Joan Tilson gave thanks for support she and Bob have received. Bob is progressing.

Events: Thanks to Mary Jo Schoening for hosting cookie exchange on Dec. 4. It was a success, as usual. The Christmas party on Dec. 11 was enjoyed by all. Thanks Bev for planning, Doug for entertainment, and Archie for being master of ceremonies. The dine only on Jan. 8 was hosted by Bill and Solveig Maschke at Shiro's. Nineteen members attended. Coming events include the Chicago Auto Show starting Feb. 8. Dwain P. reported the Farm Bureau will have a bus on Feb. 11. Cost \$25. Feb. 12 will be the next Dine only hosted by Lyn and Joyce Pond at Amici's (formerly Gun Club) in Roscoe, IL, at 6:30. The Feb. meeting will be year-in-review pictures. Ladies Who Do Lunch on Jan 24, at Francesco's at 12:30. Gentlemen, Watch email for details.

Marques: MG-no report. **Triumph**-no report. **Jaguar**-new vehicle in 2017 will have top speed of 186 mph. Order now? **Austin Healey**-Winter dinner, Feb. 1. **Lotus**-no report. **Rolls Royce**-no report. **Minis**- Winter party, location to be determined.

Classifieds: None

Unfinished business: 2014 calendars cost \$10. See Dave Brinkman or Roxann Cannistra.

New Business: Election of officers for 2014. Those running are: President, Larry Eils, Vice-president, Doug Cameron, Secretary, Fran Cameron, Treasurer, Brian Kobischka, Membership, Bev Joyce, Events Chairman, Jim Vickery, Regalia Chairman, Jake Jaquet, Newsletter Editor, Lynda Vickery, and Webmaster, Hal Zenisek. Slate of officers as presented was approved. Motion made by Rick H., seconded by Ron K.

Good Wrench Award: None

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award: None

Raffle: \$10 Thunder Bay bucks to Phyllis Beneditz, pink polo to Steve Carter, yellow sweatshirt to Ginger Spaight, ladies' blue "V" neck to Del Lewis, wind breaker to Barb Buckavekas.

Larry Eils ended the meeting at 8:00 with a story.

Respectfully submitted, Ginger Spaight, Secretary

January 2014 President's Joke



Indians on a reservation asked their new chief if the winter was going to be cold or mild. Being the new Indian Chief he had never been taught the old secrets and when he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the weather was to be. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he replied to his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and the members of the village should collect wood to be prepared.

Still not being sure of himself, he got an idea. He called the National Weather Service and asked. "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold indeed," replied the meteorologist at the weather service.

So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood. A week later he called the weather service again. "Is it going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at the weather service again replied, "it is going to be a very cold winter."

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect all the wood they could find. Two weeks later the chief called the weather service again. "Are you absolutely sure that this winter is going to be very cold?"

Absolutely," the man replied. "It is going to be one of the coldest winters ever." How can you be sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting wood like crazy."

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- February 8-17 2013 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place; Chicago, IL
- February 12 **BBB Dine** – Amichi Italian Restaurant; Roscoe, IL
Host: Lyn and Joyce Pond
- February 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- March 12 **BBB Dine** – Salamone’s Italian Restaurant & Bar; Cherry Valley,
IL
Host: Jake and Donna Jacquet
- March 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- March 30 British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL
- April 9 **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- April 12-13 Classics and Chrome 2014 Car Show
Location: 10253 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL
- April 16 **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 25-27 Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- May 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- May 28 - 31 Jensen Nationals East; Monroe, WI
contact: <http://jenseneast.org/index.html>
- May 30 - June 1 23rd Annual Champagne British Car Festival
Bloomington, IL
- May 31-
June 8 British Car Awareness Week

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

June 21 Scottish Highland Games & Car Show; Itasca, IL

July 2-6 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** – Flight Deck Bar and Grill; Rochelle, IL
 Host: Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka

August 15-17 University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist)
 Grand Rapids, MI

August 17 Orphan Auto Picnic; Yorkville, IL

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**, Liberty Farm; Woodstock, IL
 Host: Ed and Luz Lehman

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 17 **BBB Christmas Party**

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DUES



ARE DUE NOW!

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:

British Boots & Bonnets Car Club
 5411 E. State Street, PMB 394
 Rockford, IL 61108

JANUARY DINE LAUNCHES BBB 2014 YEAR

by Rich Cannistra



Old Man Winter couldn't cool the spirits of 19 enthusiastic club members who turned out for the year's first dine on January 8th. Hosts Bil and Solveig Maschke made the arrangements at Shiro's Restaurant on Rockford's west side.



We were warmly greeted by the friendly staff and enjoyed a semi-private room while dining on a variety of Italian specialties. Time melted away as stories of the recent holiday were received and enjoyed.

With the generous offerings of delicious food everyone was soon stuffed, but reluctant to abandon the cozy atmosphere for a subzero car in the parking lot. Only with thoughts of a beautiful July drive in mind did we finally get on down the road. Thank you Bil and Solveig for an enjoyable evening!





FEBRUARY DINE TO FEATURE NEW RESTAURANT

by Lyn Pond

This month's BBB "Dine" is being hosted by Lyn and Joyce Pond. We have reservations at "Amici" Restaurant in Roscoe. The restaurant is in the building that was originally the Sicilian, and more recently the Gun Club. It is located on Clayton Circle which is the first light east of Illinois 251. Our reservations are at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 12. I made the reservation for 20 to 30 people. If you can, please RSVP to me at kmeil1@yahoo.com, and I will notify the manager of a more accurate number so that they will have an easier time planning for us.

WARM UP WITH THE 2013 PICTURE SHOW

by Rich Cannistra

Tired of the cold weather? Then you are in for a treat at the BBB club meeting on February 19th. Back by popular demand will be the annual "Year In Review" pictures. This is your opportunity to relive warmer days and enjoy those top down drives one more time. See what you and your fellow club members looked like in hot weather (and one year younger). The show is guaranteed to send Old Man Winter packing! See you at the meeting!

SWAP MEET AND AUTOJUMBLE

by Jim Vickery

Some of you may be looking for information about the "Swap Meet" that the club participates in each February. This year the sponsor, Chicagoland MG Club, has moved the date to Sunday, March 30th, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Our Club will continue to rent space for members to showcase parts they want to sell. So, save the date and look for more details in next month's Chronicle.

Welcome New Members

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

Brian Kobischka, Treasurer
**British Boots and Bonnets
Car Club**

5411 E. State Street, PMB 394
Rockford, IL 61108
brian.kobiyahoo.com

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

A NEW ROAD AHEAD FOR REGALIA

by Jake Jaquet

The handling of Regalia will be undergoing some changes this year. Rather than have a large inventory on hand and haul a good bit of it to each club meeting, we will have catalogs available, both printed, and by websites. It will be very easy for you to look the catalogs over, select things you really like and want to buy, and forward that information to us so that we can order for you. And after applying the Club logo, or perhaps a Marque logo, they will be ready for you.

Below is a list of apparel supplier web sites we deal with. All of these web sites have prices, but use these prices only as a guide. We should be able to get a reduced price. Sometimes the final price with the club logo will be higher or lower depending on the garment. Just about all these sites have a sign in and password section. Pay no attention to this. That is for companies that have a wholesale account. You can look at products by brand, by category, color and size.

Freight from Tri Mountain is a issue because it is located on the West Coast. This is the company that I buy our club jackets from. I usually buy enough at one time to result in free freight. This company has a lot of neat items; it's too bad they aren't closer!

S & S Activewear: www.ssactivewear.com
Tri Mountain: www.trimountain.com
Alphabroder: www.alphabroder.com
One Stop: www.onestopinc.com

There will still be some items on display at our meetings: we have at least one jacket of each size in stock, plus hats, visors and various other items.

Stitches & Things will embroider logos on items you bring in, but cannot replace them should the embroidery machine ruin them. Doesn't happen very often, but it can. If you purchase a garment through Stitches & Things, it will be replaced at no cost to you.

Please speak to Jake and Donna about your Regalia wants and needs!

BBB Regalia Korner



BBB Car Badge - \$45



BBB Hat Pin - \$5

BBB Logo embroidery - \$10
(\$5 each to BBB and Stitches & Things)

Marque Logos - \$7.50

Hundred of hats in stock!

Ask about coffee cups, beer steins, & car flags that can have our BBB logo applied.

We want to express our appreciation to everyone for all the wonderful cards, kind words, and the care and concern shown during the recent loss of Hal's dad. Your support meant a great deal to us both during these sad times, and we look forward to seeing everyone again under better circumstances. Thanks to all for your sympathy and support.

Connie Frazier and Hal Zenisek

DID-U-KNOW by Facia Nearside

Do the names Jomar, Grantura, Trident, Griffith, Tuscan, Vixen, Taimar, Tasmin, Chimaera, Cerbera, Tamora, Sagaris and Typhon sound familiar? If you are a petrol head with an interest in British sports cars they should,. Those are car models produced by a British company which at one time was the third largest specialist sports car manufacturer in the world.

The company, based in the English town of Blackpool, Lancashire was founded by Trevor Wilkinson in 1946 and named Trevor Motors. The first car, simply called NUMBER ONE, was produced in 1949. It had a 35 hp Ford engine and was appropriately painted British racing green. Ultimately also becoming a manufacturer of high performance engines, the CERBERA SPEED 12 debuted in 2000 with a 7.7 litre V12 producing in excess of 800 hp.

After struggling through difficult financial times the company is now owned by former Aston Martin racer and computer millionaire Les Edgar and has plans for a new sports car. You may recognize the marque by the name it took after dropping the vowels from its founder's first name, TVR.

from Moss Motoring Magazine Online Posting Sept. 27, 2012...

Young Blood

by Royal Lichter

"*What the heck is that?*" a pedestrian on the corner yelled out. I grinned and introduced my '63 MGB, a car that's twice my age.

British cars were never completely foreign to me. My dad had a really awesome E-Type. He was a huge British car nut ever since he bought a 1965 Spitfire at age fifteen. Through college, he drove MGBs and Healeys.

I loved the Jag as a kid, always wanted to go for rides in it. He sold it in 2000 due to excessive tappet noise—the motor was getting tired. I think he thought he threw in the towel forever. But when I started looking at my dad's pictures from college I thought, hey, why don't I get an MG? I can afford that!

In July 2008, at the ripe age of 20, I purchased a late MGB. Being mechanically inclined, I did the work myself. Original style parts only—I'm a hard line "showroom condition" guy. It turned out to be a great car. I had a ton of fun and I really cut my teeth on it. Bleeding brakes, tracing electrical problems, setting the timing—basic stuff, but fascinating to be exposed to the first time.

The car blew a head gasket, so we decided to lay it up and start working on it. In the meantime, I was exposed to a few more British cars: a TR4A, Series 2 E-Type, Jag D-Type replica, Austin-Healey 3000 ... an identity crisis in the making. Which of these cars did I love the most? At the end of the day I kept coming back to the MGB. There's just something about the shape, the unibody construction, the styling, the venerable B-Series motor. You feel a connection to it. Even in modern times it still holds its own. It's a love affair. It's in my blood. Who knows, maybe there's a tattoo in my future?

In the fall of 2011, I developed an intense itch for a very, very early MGB ... and I found the Holy Grail: 1963. Red. California car. Original. Gorgeous. My standards have been raised. This is as close as I've come to having a serious girlfriend yet.

I'm pretty sure if I were in any other class of vehicles I wouldn't be a car nut. There's just something really special about an MG. From Lucas electrics, to Girling hydraulics, to SU carburetors—the cars are just too cool. Any guy or girl my age can do it—I promise! It's not hard to keep the carbs in tune and the generator charging. You'll be unique. Your friends will think you've got a screw loose, but who cares. These are truly the greatest cars out there, and they always will be for me.

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