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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

President's Message

March 2015

There is a tradition among gardeners in this part of the world that you prune your grapes on a warm day in February. I confess that I haven't always gotten it done, but in the 26 years that we've lived here there has always been such a day... until this year. The forecast for the next week sounds hopeful however, so perhaps we have paid our dues and driving season really will show up.

The board met on February 15th and worked hard to attend to club business. Two items deserve special mention. The board asked Bruce Beneditz to consider filling the empty regalia position. Bruce accepted the offer and the appointment was unanimously confirmed by a vote of the members at the February club meeting. Bruce has already done great work in this area as you will see from his article in this month's Chronicle. Secondly, there have been ongoing discussions about changes and improvements to our web site. Hal Zenisek does a fantastic job and is looking for your input on how to go forward. You have probably already seen his e-mail request to take an online survey. Please spend a few minutes and help Hal chart our course. What you like, don't like, or wish to see is important, so let Hal know.

There are still a few 2015 BBB calendars available. It is a great way to look back at the events that we enjoyed last year while looking ahead to this year's. Contact Dave Brickman to get your copy.

A reminder for those who have not paid their 2015 dues yet, now is the time. Bev Joyce will appreciate it.

Lynda Vickery is looking to continue the series of articles about "your first British car". Please help her out with that, or any other article that you think will be of interest to the membership.

Finally, continuing with the theme of wintertime car work started last month, Roxann's roadster had a few surprises in store for us. We knew that there had been some body work before she owned it, but when the paint came off it revealed holes stuffed with steel wool and filled with bondo. Really!?! Poor cat! A more positive note is the progression of Larry and Marsha's MGB. A lot of hard work has it looking beautiful. Now there must be some rule about a bee keeper with a yellow B needing black rings around the tail...

Rich

"Hollywood stars acclaim the MG TD as the greatest little sports car in the world" 1949 MG TD

British Boots & Bonnets Club Meeting - February 18, 2015

President's report: Rich Cannistra called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 32 members present. He began the meeting by presenting an article from the Janesville Gazette that talked about Valentines Day in relation to cars. There were no guests. He introduced Rich & Dee Gibson as our newest members. He introduced Don Grosenick as the new raffle person. He also announced that we still have some club calendars left if anyone still would like to buy one.

<u>Vice President's report:</u> Larry Eils reported that we now have an updated inventory of all equipment owned by the club. He also announced that we have a new advertiser for the Chronicle - Metal Prep Services.

Secretary: Don Grosenick moved to approve the minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Ron Kuhnau seconded the motion. Approved.

Treasurer: Brian Kobischka reported on club finances. Larry Eils moved to accept the report, and Bruce Beneditz seconded. Motion approved.

Membership: Brian Kobischkia gave the report in Bev's absence. We had 58 paid members, and added two more tonight. Targeted e-mail will be sent to those members who have not yet paid their dues. The cut-off date for continuing to receive the Chronicle will be May if dues are not paid.

Regalia: Donna Jaquet will not be continuing the printing business. We will begin working with a company called Embroid This, run by Ace Foster. Bruce Beneditz has agreed to serve as our Regalia person for the next year, and be the liaison between Ace Foster and members of our club. He will continue to print our club logo for us, and orders can be made online as well as in person at his store. This will eventually be linked to our website. Each month the club will be reimbursed for 25% of the profit from our purchases.

<u>Chronicle/Newsletter:</u> Lynda was not present tonight, but Jim Vickery said she needs more articles for the Chronicle.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek reported that he is looking into some new software that would be more user-friendly. We have had over 200 visitors to our website during the month of January, but some of them were robots, analyzing data. He will be working on redesigning our regalia page in the near future.

Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz reported that a card was sent to Bill Clark (past president) when he had surgery. Also, John Ward, who has a broken ankle and leg, is home recuperating. We also received a "Hello" from Bob and Joan Tilson.

Past Events: January Dine was held at Altamore's Ristorante, with 22 people attending. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening and a delicious meal.

Future Events:

X	Feb. 14-22	Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place in Chicago
W	March 11	BBB Dine at Ebenezer Brown's Eatery & Pub in Roscoe, IL
		(hosts: Jim & Lynda Vickery & Marsha & Larry Eils)
W	March 15	British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble – 8:00 – 2:00 – DuPage
		County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL – Club will have 4 tables for
		members vending.
\mathbb{X}	March 27	Retired Men's Lunch will be at the ONYX (old Olive Restaurant) in
		Machesney Park. Call Lee Kindgren for more information.
M	April 25	Ladies Tea will be hosted by Bev Joyce and Sandy Hamaker.
M	May 2	Garage Tour and Lunch will be hosted by Rich Cannistra and
		Ron Kuhnau. The ladies are also invited to attend this year.
W	June	MG Conclave in Niagara Falls, Canada
W	****	Ladies Who Do Lunch will be cancelled for this month.

Marques:

- MG May 29 31 24th Annual Champagne British Car Festival (in Bloomington, IL)
- Healey None
- W W Lotus – None
- Rolls Royce- None
- Mini- None
- Triumph None
- Jaguar None
- Morgan Rich Gibson gave a short talk about the 3-wheel Morgan.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - A plaque was presented to Larry Eils for his past two years of service to the club as our President.

Classified - None

Good Wrench Award – Connie Frazier nominated Archie Morey for the years of service he gave the club running the monthly raffle. He received 5 raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award – None

Raffle: Don Grosenick

- Automatic Battery Charger Dee Gibson
- Fluorescent Trouble Light Archie Morey
- M Oil Filter Wrench – Del Lewis
- Candle Jim Vickery
- Lantern Phyllis Beneditz
- Thunder Bay Bucks Roxanne Cannistra

Adjournment:

Rich Cannistra ended the meeting with a story about an "out of work" MG mechanic. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary



BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 11	BBB <i>Dine</i> – Ebenezer Brown;s Eatery & Pub; Roscoe, IL Hosts: Jim & Lynda Vickery, Larry & Marsha Eils
March 15	British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble 8:00 a.m2:00 p.m. DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL
March 18	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
April ?	BBB Saturday Drive - Open
	Host: Volunteer needed
April 8	BBB <i>Drive and Dine -</i> Leombruni's Italian Village;
	Byron, IL
	Host: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
April 15	BBB CLUB MEETING
Amril 24 26	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
April 24-26	Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
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April 25	BBB Ladies Tea
May 2	Hostess: Bev Joyce
May Z	BBB Garage Tour and Lunch Host: Rich Cannistra & Ron Kuhnau
May 13	BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> – Frankie's; Janesville, WI
May 15	Host: Don & Marna Grosenick
May 16	BBB Tune Up & Picnic - The Vickerys; Roscoe, IL
, 20	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
	Drive your LBC!!
June 4-12	BBB Dream Vacation to MG 2015
	via Michigan
June 8-12	MG 2015 NAMGAR/NAMGB
	Niagara Falls, Canada
June 10	BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> – Location needed
J 47	Host: Rich & Jackie Bartlett
June 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Pay Destaurant, Deskford, II
Juno 19 21	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 18-21	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL

June 19-21	The Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games; Itasca, IL
June 21	BBB Sunday Drive - 33rd Annual British
Julie 21	Car Field Day; Sussex, WI
	Host: Volunteer needed
July 8	BBB Drive and Dine - Location needed
,	Host: Volunteer needed
July 12	BBB Sunday Drive - The Cars Time Forgot Car Show;
	Lake Lawn Resort, Wis.
	Host: Volunteer needed
July 15	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
July 18	BBB Saturday Drive
	Host: Volunteer needed
August 2	Coffee in the Park; Lake Mills, WI
	Host: Volunteer needed
August 7-9	University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist)
	Grand Rapids, MI
August 9	Botham Vineyards 19th Vintage Celebration
A 1.12	Barneveld, WI
August 12	BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> – Location needed
August 10	Host: Volunteer needed
August 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Pay Destaurant, Deskford, II
August 22-24	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL 2015 Geneva Concours d'Elegance;
August 22-24	Geneva, IL
August 22-23	Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee Masterpiece
August 22 23	Veterans Park; Milwaukee, WI
August 26	BBB Friends Around the Campfire - The Eils; Harvard, IL
August 20	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
August 29	BBB Saturday Drive - Crossroads Blues Festival; Lyran
ragast 15	Park; Rockford, IL
	Hosts: Bev Joyce & Brian Kobischka
Sept 6	BBB Club Picnic - Liberty Farm; Woodstock, IL
•	Hosts: Ed & Luz Lehman
Sept 9	BBB Drive and Dine - Duck Inn; Delavan, WI
	Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
Sept 13	29th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
	Harper College; Palatine, IL
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 & 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 3	BBB Fall Drive
	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
October 14	BBB Drive and Dine -Location needed
	Host: Volunteer needed
October 21	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
November 11	BBB <i>Dine</i> –Location needed
	Host: Volunteer needed
November 18	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant
December 2	BBB Cookie Exchange
	Host: Mary Jo Schoening
December 16	BBB Christmas Party
	Host: Bev Joyce

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WINTER CAR REBUILDS

Surprise Under The Paint - Restoration Story

by Larry & Marsha Eils

It all started innocently with a trip to the British Car garage for a routine replacement of the splash panels in the front wheel wells of our 1977 MGB. A routine inspection of the right wheel well revealed a crack in the car frame. See the August 2014 issue of the Chronicle for a description of this problem.



Removal of the splash panels presented some more surprises. We knew the bottom side members on both sides were rusted and had some holes, but we didn't know the inner panels were half gone due to rust. So the restoration began. Marsha and I did the removal and disassembly of the easy parts such as seats, carpet, radio, etc. Ron Kuhnau, Lyn Pond and Bruce Altman accepted the challenge to take on the rest of the restoration.

Once the car was stripped and the engine removed, the body was bead blasted to remove the paint. Surprise, surprise. Now we could really see the problems. As more body parts were removed more rust and holes were revealed throughout the body. It was amazing that the car did not fall apart after hitting a big bump or pot hole because of all the rusted body parts. What was holding this car together?



After a lot of cutting to remove the rusted parts, the new body parts were installed. Once this was completed the car was put on a trailer and taken to Highland Community College to complete the body work which included patching, sanding, priming and finally painting. The car is being painted Snapdragon Yellow, not it's original color which was Damask Red. We are at the painting stage as you can see from the pictures.



Since the engine is out, we decided to see why several of the rocker arm nuts would not stay tightened. Low and behold, one of the lobes on the cam shaft was almost gone, again (that's another story.) So besides a car body restoration we are

now doing an engine overhaul at the same time. We also found the plastic top on the solenoid was cracked and loose. The engine is now back together waiting for the car.

We can't thank Ron, Lyn and Bruce enough for all the work they have put into this project. We are looking forward to our first ride in our restored British car. Spring can't arrive soon enough.

Welcome New Members!

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

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

FEBUARY DINE A TRUE DINING EXPERIENCE

by Lynda Vickery



BBB members who attended the February dine at Altamore Ristorante were treated to a multi-course Italian meal prepared by the Altamore family. Alberto was the perfect host, greeting us as we arrived, visiting with us, and telling us



about each course as it was served. His wife and his mother were back in the kitchen making these delectable dishes, and Tina, the waitress did a great job of serving. It was difficult for members to decide which dish they liked best: The bruschette or ciambella appetizers, the new salad recipe Alberto created, the farfalle pasta, the pollo al vino bianco, or the wonderful dessert of bread pudding with ice cream. Alberto surprised us with dishes of their House Peas, a must have for the ladies in the club who have been to Altamore for Red Hat Christmas parties.

Our thanks again to Alberto and his family for a great evening!



It's that time of year again!

DUES ARE DUE!!

If you have not paid dues for 2015, please forward your payment to Bev Joyce.

2015 DREAM VACATION

by Rich Cannistra

Have you ever dreamed of shipping your little British car across the water, driving it around London, then continuing on a vacation to visit one of the 7 Wonders of the World? That's exactly what six of your fellow club members plan to do this summer and you are invited to join us on the adventure. The Kuhnaus, Grosenicks and Cannistras are planning a day at the Gilmore Car Museum followed by two days at the Henry Ford Museum before continuing on to one of the most romantic destinations in the world, Niagara Falls.

We will be departing the Rockford area on Thursday, June 4th. Following a short drive to Milwaukee we will cross Lake Michigan on the high speed ferry, Lake Express. Arriving in Muskegon, Michigan we continue to Hickory Corners for a two night stay. Friday will be spent at the Gilmore Car Museum which is known as America's ultimate automotive experience.

Departing Saturday morning we make the easy drive to Dearborn, Michigan and the Henry Ford Museum. This will give us the remainder of Saturday and all day Sunday to enjoy the museum's many attractions.

Monday morning we leave the United States behind and proceed across Ontario, Canada to Niagara Falls. If you have ever wanted to feel a little closer to your British roots this is your chance as our journey that day will take us around London (Ontario). We plan to arrive at Niagara Falls with plenty of time for registration and other activities in connection with the NAMBGR 2015 Convention.

The Lake Michigan crossing as well as all of the hotels have already been planned out, so contact any of the six of us for details. Have ideas for the trip hone? That is still in the planning stages and we would love to hear your ideas. Most of all, we welcome your company and look forward to sharing our adventure with you. Come join us on part or all of the journey!

AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA

Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

A: Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.



BBB WEBMASTER REPORT

The BBB Board is considering making changes to the club's website and I've started that process with some first baby steps. If you would like to be part of the planning process, a short web-based survey was created for you to provide input. Look for an email from Bev Joyce which will contain the link to that survey. The results from the survey will be used to help the BBB webmaster, and others, evaluate options and alternatives for a possible re-designed website in the future. In that email, you can simply click on the link provided to access the survey, and confidentially share what you like and don't like about the current website. If more than one person in your family/household wants to participate in the survey, simply go to the survey link below a second time (once the first person is done). The more responses we get to the survey, the better information we will have to help guide our decisions moving forward.

Survey results will be tabulated on March 15, 2015, so please take the survey before then. Email any questions to Hal Zenisek, BBB Webmaster, at <a href="mailto:https://doi.org/10.1007/j.nct.1007/j.

Thanks! Hal Zenisek

ABOUT

THE MORGAN MOTOR COMPANY AND NEW MEMBERS, RICH & DEE GIBSON

Dee and I are new club members and attended our second BBB meeting at Thunder Bay last Wednesday. We are proud owners of a new, 2014 Morgan 3 Wheeler, which arrived from England last September. It seems that we are the only remaining Morgan owners in the club. Since we are new to the club, Larry Elis asked us to put some information together about Morgans and ourselves, so here goes.

The first thing I found out about putting this information together was how little I knew about the Morgan Motor Company. Just because we were able to purchase a Morgan did not make us very knowledgeable about Morgans. The Morgan Motor Company is located in Malvern Link, UK, @ 100 miles northwest of London. The first time I ever saw or heard of a Morgan of any kind was about five years ago when I ran across one that had been sitting in an acquaintance's barn on the east coast for @ 50 years. It was an original Morgan 3-Wheeler, a 1934 model (I think), with a Matchless motorcycle engine for power. Dee and I loved it at first sight, but it wasn't (and still isn't) for sale. We didn't give it much more thought until about two years ago when we saw one featured on the cover of a Hammacher Schlemmer catalog. Through an unusual chain of events, The Morgan Motor Company had decided to put the Morgan 3-Wheeler back into production after an @ 50 year stand-down.

If interested, you can read about the events here: http://www.autotraderclassics.com/car-article/Three%27s+company%3A+Morgan+three_wheelers-88341.xhtml Brand-new 3-Wheelers can now be ordered from the Morgan Motor Company. Dee and I researched a bit and found a Morgan dealer on the north side of Chicago (Northshore Sportscars). They had one in stock and it was available for test drives. We made an appointment, drove in one miserable, cold, rainy day last April, and took our test drives between rain showers. We placed our order the same day. It was a HOOT to drive! It took almost six months for it to be built (all Morgan's are built by hand) and shipped to us here in the U.S.

The Morgan Motor Company is the oldest family-owned automobile manufacturer in the world, established in 1909. Besides the 3-Wheeler, they manufacture a line of high-performance, hand built sports cars. See: www.morgan-motor.co.uk. Another link with good Morgan information is: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morgan Motor Company.

We now have almost 900 trouble-free miles on our 3-Wheeler and have enjoyed every mile. The Morgan 3-Wheeler is licensed as a motorcycle (cycle car) here in the U.S. That helps get it around some of the EPA and federal crash test requirements. The 3-Wheeler is an unusual vehicle that also draws an unusual amount of attention. Dee and I are looking forward to participating in club events this season.

Some info about Dee and I: We met skydiving at East Troy, WI. Dee was a skydiver; I was the pilot & occasional skydiver. Dee retired as a Major (she is also a Mustang) from the U.S. Army/Army Reserve and from teaching elementary school in the Rockford School District for 26 years. She was nominated for the Golden Apple Award several times. I was a pilot and owned an air cargo business at the Rockford airport for 30 years. Concurrent with the air cargo business, Dee and I owned a specialty pyrotechnics business, www.richsincrediblepyro.com that took us on travels and adventures around the world and to EAA Oshkosh for 29 years. We have recently retired from the pyrotechnics business and are working on our bucket list; trekking in the Himalayas (twice), crewing on a 100 year-old square-rigger around Cape Horn (Rich is doing it again in November 2015), holding on to one January pyro job in El Salvador so we can go someplace warm in January. We both own motorcycles (Harleys) and enjoy riding them. Rich has a fresh frame-off restored Corvette to play with, and now our Morgan 3-Wheeler! COME ON SUMMER!

Stay warm & healthy,

Rich & Dee Gibson

AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA

Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?

A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.



DID - U - KNOW by Facía Nearside

London has several large railway stations, perhaps none more famous than Kings Cross Station with its Platform 9-3/4. (If you don't know about Platform 9-3/4 ask your grandchildren.) Tracks from the many station platforms merge into several main lines leading outbound and exit through a tunnel. The tracks also climb uphill in the tunnel.

Early on the morning of February 4th, 1945, worn rails in the tunnel were replaced. The surface of the new rail was more slippery than the old but this was not considered an issue as normally a second locomotive at the rear was used to push departing trains up and out of the tunnel.

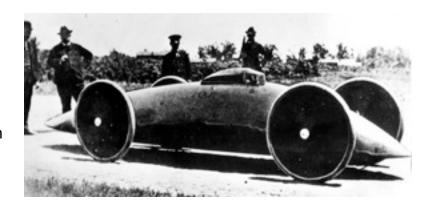
At 6 p.m. that evening the train for Leeds was made up of 17 coaches. No helper was available so the train departed with only one locomotive at the front. Not only could the train not climb the slope on the new rails but after it stalled partway up it started to slide backward. In the dark tunnel the engineer didn't realize what was happening. Worse yet, after the train departed, the signalman at the station realigned the tracks to Platform 10 for the next departure. At the last moment he became aware that the departing train was sliding backward into the station and he threw the track switch again to send the train onto an empty platform...but he was slightly too late. He realigned the track switch after the rear end of the last coach had already crossed it. The back end of that coach hit the train on Platform 10, the front end of the coach went to Platform 15, and the momentum of the sliding train caused that last coach to roll on its side and strike a signal bridge crushing the passenger compartment.

The wreck left two dead and 25 injured. Of the two fatalities that night one was the 56 year old founder of MG, Cecil Kimber.

AUTOMOBILE TRIVIA

Q: When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?

A: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph. on Staten Island!



DINE FOR MARCH AT EBENEZER BROWN'S

by Lynda Vickery

Ebenezer Brown's Eatery & Pub is a new restaurant in Roscoe, Il, located at 4866 Bluestem Road, Roscoe, IL. This is right behind CVS Pharmacy and Schucks, near the intersection of Hononegah and Rte 251.

Plan to arrive at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 11th, to join fellow BBB enthusiasts. Enjoy good food and beverages, and talk some "car talk".

Please call Jim or Lynda Vickery if you have any questions. Larry & Marsha Eils will be hosting at the restaurant.

ALL BRITISH CAR SWAP MEET AND AUTOJUMBLE

by Jim Vickery

The annual swap meet and autojumble will be held Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 8 am until 2 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL.

The BBB club has again rented space at the meet so that club members can showcase any parts they would like to sell. Our space will include tables and chairs. Dig through those boxes and shelves and bring car related things you don't need to the swap meet. Maybe you will sell more than you buy!

Please contact Archie Morey with any questions.

HEADS UP FOR APRIL DRIVE AND DINE

by Lynda Vickery

Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz are making plans for a Drive and Dine to Leombruni's Italian Village in Byron, IL. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, April 8th to join in on the fun!

BBB 2015 GARAGE TOUR

by Rich Cannistra

The 2015 garage tour is taking shape and it promises to be a great day. Following requests from several club members, a date of May 2nd has been chosen so as not to conflict with the Ladies Tea. This will give club members the opportunity to attend both events if they wish to do so.

We will start the day at Full Circle Restorations & Rods in Madison, WI. Their name says it all, they are dedicated to complete or partial builds as well as restorations of all classics. Next we will enjoy lunch on the way to Mount Horeb, WI to view the eclectic collection of George & Becky Stauffer. They have numerous British cars as well as American cars, motorcycles, memorabilia and collectables. There is even an actual Russian satellite on display!

Mark your calendar now for a very interesting day, Saturday May 2nd. Lunch location to be determined, then times and locations to follow. Contact Ron Kuhnau or Rich Cannistra with questions.

BBB Regalia Web Store

by Bruce Beneditz

Take a few minutes to visit the new British Boots and Bonnets Regalia Web Store. Just follow the link on the BBB website, BritishBootsandBonnets.com. By partnering with Embroid This in Roscoe we have a convenient and easy way for us to select and purchase club related items. There are currently 17 different items available including jackets, shirts, hats, wine totes and more. (You must select "All Products" or "Club Wear" to see all of the items.) New items will be added in the future and let Bruce Beneditz know if there is something that you would like to have added.

Features of the Web Store include:

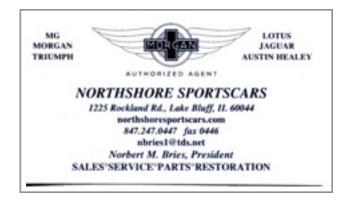
- The ability to view all available merchandise
- Detailed sizing information for clothing items can be seen by copying the link in the item description and pasting it in your web browsers address bar. However, if you are still unsure about sizing, you can try on samples at Embroid This located at the corner of Hwy 251 and Swanson Road in Roscoe. They may not have the exact item but will likely have a similar item from the same manufacturer.
- Secure purchasing with your credit card
- Three shipping methods are available
 - 1 Ship to your home (pay for shipping)
 - 2 Pick up at Embroid This located at the corner of Swanson Road and Hwy 251 in Roscoe, II (free)
 - 3 Pick up at the BBB monthly meeting (free)

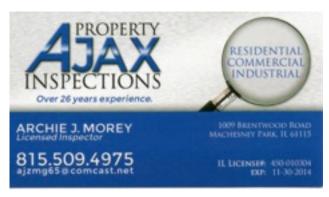
Take a look and see what you think. Send any comments or suggestions to Bruce Beneditz, bruce.benedtz@charter.net .













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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