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President's Message

March 2014

A big thank you to Dave Brickman for creating the 2013 Year in Review slide show we watched at the February club meeting. It sure brought back some wonderful memories of another great driving year. Now, if only winter would go away.

Speaking of winter, spring arrives March 20th, are you ready? Your BBB Events committee is ready. Just check out the Calendar of Events. Jim and his committee did a terrific job of putting together another great list of driving events for 2014. There are still a few events that need a host. So take a look, pick one out and give Jim a call. Hosting an event is easy and fun. Jim, Rich or myself can give you some pointers.

Now is the time for club members who belong to the North American MGB Register to renew your membership. Not only do you receive the "MGB Driver" magazine which is full of great information but your club receives free liability insurance coverage. To qualify for the free insurance we need to have 8 club members belong to NAMGBR. Watch your mail for the reminder post card (I almost missed mine.) If any MG owner would like information about joining NAMGBR, please see me.

As mentioned at the February meeting, the club now has driving guidelines for the Event Lead Driver, Participants of a Driving Event and Non-BBB Driver in a BBB Driving Event. Both the 2013 and 2014 BBB Boards helped draft these guidelines to make our driving events safer and more enjoyable.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: Those that make the best use of their time have none to spare.

Next Meeting
**Wed.,
March 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**



February 19, 2014 British Boots and Bonnets Membership Meeting

President's Report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 38 members present. Joining the club were new members Dana and Susie Daubert who own a '64 MGB. Larry reported on the Board meeting held Feb. 2. Topics included a 2014 BBB budget, funds earmarked for website re-design, and new guidelines for event leaders and non-members.

Vice-President's: No report

Secretary: In Fran Cameron's absence, Connie Frazier took minutes. A motion was made by Ron Kuhnau, seconded by Jim Vickery, and carried to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

Treasurer: The treasurer submitted a financial report and it was accepted.

Membership: Brian reported for Bev Joyce, there are over 50 paid BBB members for 2014.

Regalia: Jake Jaquet referred to the changes in Regalia procedures detailed in the February Chronicle. Jake's Blue Light Special was club pins for \$1 each.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery requests input for March issue ASAP for March 10

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek reported on recent emails sent to the Webmaster and said that website calendars are up-to-date, submissions are welcome. Website re-design will be a summer project.

Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz encouraged members to contact her if they know of someone who is ill, hospitalized, or under the weather so that she can send greetings from the club. She has recently sent cards to Rita Kindgren who had a fall and is rehabbing in St. Anne's and feeling better, and to Bob Tilson who is slowly improving.

Events: The Ponds hosted the Feb. 12 Dine at Amici's with 28 people enjoying a good dinner and service. **Future** – Jim Vickery reported that the Events Committee met and an updated calendar will be published in the March Chronicle. He highlighted two events planned for 2014 – A long weekend (7/19-22) to include a Lake Michigan crossing and trip through the Upper Peninsula and back, and a trip to French Lick, IN (6/15-19) for the MGB Register meet open to all British cars. The March 12 Dine will be hosted by the Jaquets and held at Salamone's in Cherry Valley at 6:30 p.m. The club will have a table at the British Swap Meet at DuPage College on March 30, more information to come. The Ladies Lunch for March will be at Egg Harbor at 12:30 p.m. on Friday the 28th. On the same day, the Men's Lunch will be at the Olympic at 1:00 p.m. Jim is looking for someone to host the Ladies Tea on Saturday, April 26. There are openings for hosts for Drive and Dines – see the March Chronicle's listing of events. Jim welcomes suggestions for activities or information on non-club events.

Marques: MG-no report. **Triumph**-no report. **Jaguar**-no report. **Austin Healey**-winter dinner Feb. 22. **Lotus**-no report. **Rolls Royce**-no report. **Mini**-an East/West Meet is 7/2-6 in Milwaukee.

Classifieds: None. **Unfinished Business:** None. **New Business:** None.

Good Wrench Award: In absentia, Rich Cannistra nominated David Brickman for his work on the 2014 BBB Calendar and for his excellent work on the "Year in Review" to be shown tonight.

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award: None.

Raffle: A special thank you was made to Ed Lehman for donating two of his beautiful wood bowls for the raffle. Bowl to David Brickman; covered bowl to Phyllis Beneditz; Union Jack neck pillow, WD40 and car wash to Luz Lehman; UJ neck pillow and gloves to Donna Jaquet; UJ neck pillow and drill bits to Hal Zenisek.

Year in Review Pictorial: Club members enjoyed a multimedia presentation of 2013 events sponsored by the club.

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Frazier, substituting for Fran Cameron

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- 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.-2:00 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 25-27 Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- April 26 **BBB Ladies Tea**
Hostess: Volunteer needed
- April 26 **BBB Garage Tour and Lunch**
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 10 **BBB Saturday Drive - TBD**
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 17 **BBB Tune Up & Picnic** – The Vickerys’; Roscoe, IL
Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
- 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 7 **BBB Saturday Drive** – TBD
Host: Volunteer needed
- June 11 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- June 14-15 Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL

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 12-13 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire XXIV; Kalamazoo, MI

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

July 19-22 **BBB Long Weekend** - Lake Michigan Crossing on the
SS Badger; Manitowoc, WI to Ludington, MI
Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra

July 25-26 Illinois Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance;
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
Hosts: Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka

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

August 17 Orphan Auto Picnic; Kendall County Fairgrounds, 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 13 **BBB Saturday Drive** - Lucas Night Rallye
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils

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

- Sept 26-28 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- October 4 **BBB Saturday Drive** - TBD
Hosts: Volunteer Needed
- 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 10 **BBB Cookie Exchange**
Host: Mary Jo Schoening
- 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:

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FEBRUARY DINE HELD AT NEW RESTAURANT

by Jim Vickery

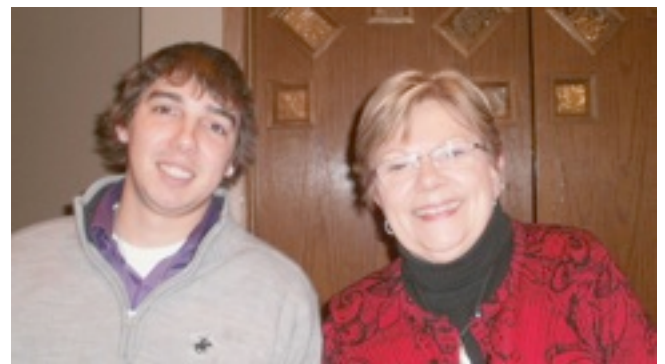
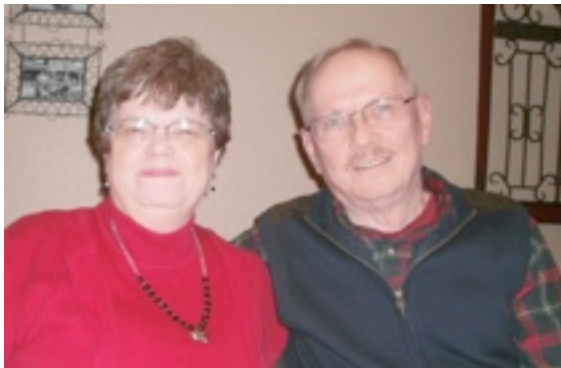


The February Dine was held at a fairly new restaurant on Clayton Circle in Roscoe called Amici Italian Grill. It was hosted by Lyn and Joyce Pond. This restaurant has been open under several owners since it's original name of The Sicilian.

The weather was not too disagreeable, which helped with a nice turnout of 27 members. We were served in a room off of the main dining room. Everyone agreed that the food was very, very good, and the service was excellent. It seems that these owners have put together a winning team.

I think we are all in agreement that we are ready for the weather to break so that we can start preparing for a nice warm driving season. Right now everyone promises not to complain about the heat!

Our thanks to Lyn and Joyce for an excellent selection and a great time!





CHERRY VALLEY WILL BE SITE OF MARCH *DINE*

by Jake Jaquet

The final *Dine* of the season has been scheduled for Salamone's in Cherry Valley. Mark your calendars for March 12th at 6:30 pm. Salamone's is known for their great Italian food. They do not have a separate room for groups but have a large dining room, and we will be seated at the back of the dining room for some privacy. We will order off the menu. Please let me know by phone or email if you plan to come so I can give them an approximate count. Thanks! jakescars1@gmail.com

2014 EVENTS UPDATE

by Jim Vickery

We have published in the Newsletter the calendar of events for 2014 that were established by the Events Committee that met last month. We are open for suggestions for other events that we may not have thought of. If you have something, please notify me as Events Chairman, and it will be taken into consideration. Please note that there are a number of Dines and Drive & Dines that do not have a host. If you have a restaurant, or supper club, or bar that you feel the club would be interested in visiting, and it lies within approximately an hour's drive of Rockford, please let me know. The reason for the limit on time is because we still have some members working who cannot meet earlier than 6PM.

Also open on the Calendar are several Saturday Drives. These of course can be longer distances and should include at least one place of interest as well as a place to eat - either lunch or dinner. If you have an idea that would fit this criteria, I would be interested in hearing from you.

There are several events listed that are not BBB events. However, many club members attend these. If you are interested in leading a group to one of these events i.e. The Champagne British Car Festival, Sussex, Botham, or the Twist Summer Party, please see me, and we will include on the calendar and assist you as needed.

Our BBB Logo has written on the banner beneath the flag "Driving Enthusiasts". This is a club of people who drive their cars. We are looking forward to a wonderful driving season.

Welcome New Members

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

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

DID-U-KNOW

by Facia Nearside

On January 31, 1905 Arthur MacDonal became the first British driver to exceed 100 mph, taking a 90 mph Napier to the then astonishing speed of 104.65 mph. The current land speed record is also held by a British driver, former RAF pilot Andy Green. On October 15, 1997 Green reached 763 mph in the Thrust SSC. His background as a pilot is appropriate since the craft was powered by two turbojet engines, and the record is for the first time supersonic.

What's next? The Brits are at it again, including Andy Green. This time the goal is 1000 mph. The vehicle is appropriately named Bloodhound after the British surface to air missile of that name. Jet engine power alone will not be enough so a rocket engine producing 77,500 hp will also be used. This will bring total horsepower to well over 100,000 making it possible for the Bloodhound to go from 0-1000 mph in about 55 seconds. Sound possible? Maybe, but consider this. The fastest jet fighter ever made is not capable of 1000 mph...at sea level!

Tech Article-Trunk Space in a MGB

by Jim Vickery

For those of us that have traveled extensively in our MG's, we have learned several things. First we have learned that the MGB is *usually* a very reliable car. It is also quite comfortable for extended driving especially if they are equipped with cruise control, a wind deflector, and overdrive. The one limitation is the availability of storage in the car. This article is meant to address that issue.

Many club members who travel long distances (including Lynda and I) carry a pretty extensive tool selection as well as spare parts that can be installed on the side of the road. We also carry engine/transmission oil as Castrol 20-50 is not always available in convenient stores/gas stations in the Midwest. I also carry a

workshop manual and a Moss catalogue in case we need to order parts to be delivered overnight to a motel. (By the way I have never had to do that.) Lastly, several of us have installed a second fuel pump that can be switched on in case of pump failure. I did this after changing a fuel pump on the side of the road in the Colorado Mountains out of cell phone range of the rest of the caravan of cars I was traveling with.

I mentioned that one of the limitations of the MGB is limited trunk space, so I have gotten a little creative. First I followed Ron Kuhn's lead on storing oil on a shelf in front of the radiator on our '76. This can only be done on pre '77 cars without oil coolers. (In '77 they moved the radiator forward and put electric fans in place).

The largest space hog in the trunk is the spare tire. Some club members have addressed this issue in different ways. One I know of has taken the spare out of the trunk entirely and bought a can of "Fix a Flat". Another has purchased a "donut" tire that comes standard on many modern cars. Both of these fixes are valid. I, however, felt uncomfortable with either of these solutions. I read in a publication somewhere about turning the spare tire over. There is a large pocket on the back of the wheel that can be utilized to store tools, parts or whatever.

If you are going to utilize this option, the first thing you need to do is to remove the spare tire. I would recommend that you check the pressure and condition of that tire before going forward. If the tire needs replacement, now is the time to do it. I think the spare tire is probably the most neglected replacement part of the entire car. After checking out the tire, place the tire and wheel upside down over the attachment fixture on the trunk floor. You will need to make a small metal or wood plate and drill a 3/8" hole in it. Get a 3/8-24 bolt about 1 1/4 long and fasten the tire and wheel to the trunk floor.

Looking at the spare, you now have a fairly large cavity to fill with tools, parts or whatever. I ordered a couple of "Bucket Buddy" bags for Jumper cables and they fit exactly in the cavity in the rear of the wheels. I have all of my tools, manuals, catalogs etc. in that newly found space.





If you are going to travel in your MGB, they are usually very dependable cars, but after all, the newest ones are 34 years old with 34 year old parts.

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