

# British Boots & Bonnets Chronicle

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Editor Lynda Vickery

# **Presidents Message**

**April 2013** 

It's April and time to get our British cars out of storage - driving season is here.

Our first *Dine and Drive* to the Rockton Inn happens this month on April 10th. Then on April 20th two events take place: the men take off for an informative Garage Tour while the ladies enjoy a wonderful English Tea.

Plans are coming together nicely for our May midweek (21 thru 23) drive to Springfield, IL. Make your hotel reservations now and plan on experiencing a wonderful time in the Land of Lincoln.

To make our driving season even more enjoyable your Board has asked a few club members (see article for members) to draft Event Driving Guidelines which you will find in this issue of the Chronicle. Have you ever wondered how far behind a car you should follow? Or what to do when you make a turn? These Guidelines provide answers to these and many other questions you may have about participating in a BBB driving event. Please read the Guidelines over; they will help make this and every year a better driving season.

## Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom - No winter lasts for forever, no spring skips its turn.



# Next Meeting Wed., April. 17, 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

#### **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

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

## British Boots & Bonnets - March 20, 2013 - Membership Meeting Minutes

**President's Report:** Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 31 members present. He welcomed new member Bob McNaughton and guest Roger Pelkey. Larry asked members to read handouts from British Marque Car Club News and Moss Motors 2013 Motoring Challenge. He also mentioned the Driving Guidelines now being reviewed by the board and to be published in April Chronicle.

Vice-President: No report

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve February minutes by Don Grosenick and seconded by Bruce Altman. Accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Frazier reported on the Club's finances. **Membership:** Connie reported 67 members including 1 new member.

**Regalia:** Jake Jaquet said the blue light special includes hats and visors for \$10. Catalog was passed around for people to mark things they would like to have ordered for club. **Newsletter:** Lynda asked that articles sent to her not be in WordPerfect as her computer does not read that program. She has been in touch with British Marque Car Club News and their next issue will include pictures from our Chronicle.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek asked that he be informed of dates to include on calendar. Sunshine: Dolores Moon will be assisted by Phyllis Beneditz while she is a snow bird. Event's Chair: Rich Cannistra reported on past events--February 24 Swap meet at DuPage County Fairground and Dine at Murphy's Pub on March 14. Food was good, service okay. Still searching for good British restaurant. He reminded of Show and Go--impromptu rides. Contact Bev Joyce on short notice to get e-mail out. Coming events include Men's Lunch on March 23, Drive and Dine at Rockton Inn on April 10, Ladies Tea and Men's Garage Tour, April 20, Classic & Chrome Car Show at Keith Country Day School. Members showing cars are David Brinkman & Bob McNaughton. April 26-28, Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet. Marques: MG- Rick Hamaker, no report. Triumph- Jake Jaquet, no report. Jaguar- Rich Cannistra, Jaguar now has free performance driver school when you buy new Jaguar, or if you don't buy a new Jaguar, you can pay for the school. Austin Healey- no report. Lotus-no report. Rolls Royce- no report. Minis: Larry Eils reported the winter picnic was held in the snow.

**Classified:** Doug Cameron has a Volvo station wagon for sale. Jake Jaquet will have a TR6 overdrive transmission, J-type, for sale. Because it has an oil leak, the price is negotiable. **Unfinished Business-** As members reported their membership in MG Register, and those who will join, we will have the 8 members necessary to receive free event insurance. Sandy Hamaker had information on Springfield trip in May.

**New Business-** A calendar committee has been formed. It's members are John Fleshman, Rich Cannistra, Larry Eils, and Roger Pelkey.

Good Wrench Award- None

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award- Rick Hamaker whose pants were on fire.

**Raffle Items-** Tripod LED trouble light to Mike Ryder, LED Lantern to Luz Lehman, fleece throw to Don Grosenick, microfiber rags and duster to Steve Carter, wind chimes with shells to Jim Vickery, set of measuring bowls and kitchen sign to Connie Frazier, Thunder Bay Bucks to Lyn Pond, and screwdriver to Archie Morey.

Story- by Larry Eils ended meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Ginger Spaight

# BRITISH BOOTS and BONNETS 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

April 10	BBB Drive and Dine – Rockton Inn; Rockton, IL					
April 17	Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnau  BBB CLUB MEETING					
, p ,	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					
April 26-28	Location: Machesney Park, IL Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet					
April 20-20	Jefferson, WI					
May 4	BBB DRIVE - New Glarus and More; New Glarus, WI					
	Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnau					
May 8	BBB Drive and Dine – The Duck Inn; Delavan, WI					
,	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,					
May 20 June 1	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					
June 2	Bloomington, IL					
June 12	BBB Drive and Dine – La Petite Creperie & Bistrot; Woodstock, IL					
	Host: John and JoAnne Fleshman					
June 16	32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual British Car Field Day					
	Sussex, WI					
June 19	BBB CLUB MEETING					
1 22 22	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL					
June 22-23	BBB Drive - Saturday: Mid-Continent Railway and Delaney's					
	North Freedom, WI					
<b>Sunday:</b> 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	<b>BBB</b> <i>Drive and Dine</i> – Maxon Riverboat Dinner Cruise; Oregon, IL					
1 1 45	Host: Jake and Donna Jaquet					
July 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thursday Pay Postavyant, Pagliford, II					
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL					

July 17-21	MG 2013 NAMGAR/NAMGB
July 19-21	Corvallis, OR Illinois Jaguar Club Annual Concours
	Pheasant Run Resort; St. Charles, IL
August 11	<b>BBB Drive - Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration;</b> Barneveld, WI Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
August 14	BBB <i>Drive</i> and <i>Dine</i> – Location TBA
0	Host: Lee and Rita Kindgren
August 15-18	University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist);
O	Grand Rapids, MI
August 21	BBB CLUB MEETING
O	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 25	BBB EXTRA DRIVÉ - 2013 Geneva Concours d'Elegance; Geneva, IL
O	Host: Volunteer needed
September 1	BBB Club Picnic
•	Host: Ed and Luz Lehman
September 5	KANDU Industries Cultural Cuisine Night – 6 course English Dinner Janesville, WI
	Host: Ginger Spaight, Don and Marna Grosenick
September 6-8	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
_	Road America; Plymouth, WI
September 8	27th 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
0 1 10	Host: Larry and Marsha Eils, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau
September 18	BBB CLUB MEETING
C . L 27.20	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
September 27-29	Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
0.41 5	Jefferson, WI
October 5	BBB DRIVE - Fall Colors; Location needed
Octobor 0	Host: Volunteer needed
October 9	BBB Drive and Dine – Location TBA
Octobor 16	Host: Rich and Jackie Bartlett
October 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thursday Day Postsurgants Doctored II
Ostobou 10	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
October 19	BBB Tune Down Dinner - Location needed
November 13	Host: Larry and Marsha Eils
November 15	BBB Dine – Garrett's Restaurant; Rockford, IL
November 20	Host: Bob and Joan Tilson
November 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Postaurant: Rockford II
December 4	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
December 4	BBB Cookie Exchange Hostoss: Mary to Schooning
December 11	Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening BBB Christmas Party
December 11	Lino's Restaurant; Rockford, IL
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## **New Club Driving Guidelines for Events**

By Larry Eils

It's April and the driving season it about to start. I don't know about you but I learned how to drive in a BBB event the hard way - receiving verbal directions throughout the drive. Marsha and I were certainly surprised to learn there are a few things one needed to know to make a drive more enjoyable for everyone.

Your Board felt it was time to set these guidelines down on paper so everyone knows what is expected of them while participating in a BBB driving event. A committee consisting of Ron Kuhnau, Lee Kindgren, Richard Cannistra, Jim Vickery, Hal Zenisek, Connie Frazier and myself reviewed many drafts before achieving the "British Boots and Bonnets Event Driving Guidelines" published in this issue of the Chronicle.

Please read these Guidelines over to learn how you can make a BBB driving event more enjoyable not only for you but everyone else in the event.

So ladies and gentlemen, uncover those British cars, start those engines, change the oil, grease the chassis, put air in the tires and let's drive.



# British Boots & Bonnets Event Driving Guidelines



The British Boots and Bonnets Car Club endorses safe driving in all of our events and we encourage all of our members to drive safely for everyone's enjoyment. Members are responsible for their own road safety on trips by obeying all driving laws. The following driving guidelines have been developed over time to achieve that end. It is the responsibility of every BBB club member to be familiar with these guidelines and comply with them to the greatest extent possible while driving in an event.

## **BBB** Driving Guidelines

Arrive at the starting location early with a full tank of gas.

Be ready to leave on time.

At the drivers/riders meeting, listen carefully to the description of the route and any other information the leader wants to pass along. Advise the event leader if you are going to leave before the end of the event.

Spacing of 3 seconds between cars is adequate separation during normal driving weather and 4 seconds between cars during inclement weather. When driving through town, close up the interval between you and the car in front of you. You don't want cars pulling in between you. Also, be a good follower by keeping spacing similar to the cars in front of you.

In the caravan you are responsible for the car in back of you, not in front of you. If the car behind you stops, you stop to assist them.

When you make a turn watch to be sure the car behind you sees you and follows. If you can't see the car behind you, make the turn and wait for the car to catch up and make the turn.

Do not pass a car in the caravan that has pulled over unless they have told you they have dropped out or they wave you by.

The tail car should drive with headlights on to be visible to the lead car. The lead and tail drivers need to have each other's cell phone numbers.

As a courtesy, it is recommended that non-British cars be at the rear of the caravan. This allows better visibility for the leader as well as for cars within the caravan.

#### MARCH DINE WAS NO BLARNEY



by Rich Cannistra

The March dine at Murphy's Pub found the luck of the Irish smiling upon 25 club members. Once again great weather made for easy commuting from all directions. With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner the mood was set, and being Irish for a night seemed to be perfectly timed.

The Murphy's menu was varied and interesting with generous quantities of each entrée provided. The joke of the evening seemed to be a temporary cabbage shortage, but in the end it all worked out fine, and all we temporary Leprechauns went home stuffed.













#### APRIL - TIME TO TAKE TO THE ROAD

by Rich Cannistra

The first *Drive and Dine* for the year will be Wednesday April 10th. With cool rainy weather in the forecast, conditions sound less than perfect for our favorite British ride! Those wishing to go straight to the dinner location should plan on meeting at the Rockton Inn, 102 East Main St. Rockton, IL at 6:30pm. Hosts Ron and Nancy Kuhnau will meet you there where they have reserved a private room for our dining pleasure.

Known for its fine wine and gourmet menu, the Rockton Inn has always been a club favorite. Chef Pascal Cornieux is internationally renowned for creating exquisite dishes from around the world so Wednesday night promises to be a culinary delight.

For those hardcore members who would like to participate in a drive despite the cool conditions, plan on a 5:45pm rendezvous for a 6:00pm departure at the Ralston Elementary School. The school is located at 710 Ralston Rd. Machesney Park, IL. Rich and Roxann Cannistra will lead a short drive to the historic Rockton Inn.

# TWO MUST-SEE GARAGES ON LINEUP FOR APRIL TOUR

by Rich Cannistra

This year's garage tour is less than two weeks away, and an exciting day it is going to be! We will meet at Caffiend, 5066 Rockrose Ct. Roscoe, IL at 8:00am for an 8:15am departure. Our first destination will be a large and varied collection in Woodstock, IL. This private collection fills four buildings with cars and related memorabilia, and to say that it is over the top would certainly be an understatement. Besides dozens of cars that will bring back memories of your youth, there are many unique and unusual vehicles including a fire truck and a 1918 Harley-Davidson.

Leaving Woodstock about noon we will head for Janesville, WI with a lunch stop in Darien along the way. In Janesville we will be treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Van Galder Bus Company including their bus maintenance facility. Ever wonder how those those huge over the road coaches operate and are maintained? This is your chance to see the facility and have all of those questions answered by our host, the School Bus and Safety Manager.

For those living east of Rockford who want to meet us at the morning garage location in Woodstock or anyone wishing to join up later in the day, please contact Rich Cannistra for times and locations: 608-359-4671.

#### TEA TIME IS APPROACHING

by Rich Cannistra

On Saturday April 20th at 12:30pm the very proper, elegant, and delightful Ladies of BBB will enjoy a British Full Tea at the home of Jenny Plymale. As everyone knows who has attended this event in previous years, it is an occasion to be savored!! Please bring some treats for all to enjoy and your favorite teacup and saucer. If you have a teapot to share, that would be welcome as well. Some ladies will sport their fine hats but this is not mandatory by any means.

Jenny requests that you RSVP by phone 815-968-5387 or email, <a href="mailto:jdplymale@sbcglobal.net">jdplymale@sbcglobal.net</a>.

This is less than two weeks away, so make plans to join in the fun and pick up the phone right now to let Jenny know that you will be attending.



#### **CLASSICS AND CHROME 2013**

by Rich Cannistra

It's time once again for the largest car show in Northern Illinois: Classics and Chrome, April 20th and 21st this year. This is a well attended event and thus quite busy on Saturday morning. The timing is perfect, however, to enjoy the Saturday BBB Ladies Tea or Garage Tour; then beat the crowds at the show Saturday evening after dinner or Sunday morning when it opens. At least two of our members have cars in the show this year. David Brickman's Series II E-Type Jaguar has just finished an 18 month restoration, and Bob McNaughton will show his 1984 Rolls-Royce.

Again this year the show will be held in the old Menard's building located at 10253 North 2nd St. Machesney Park, IL. Hours are Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-5pm. Tickets at the door are a \$7 donation for the Keith Country Day School.

#### **NEW GLARUS TO LAUNCH DRIVING SEASON**

by Rich Cannistra

Saturday May 4th will launch the season of weekend drives with an old favorite-New Glarus. Ron and Nancy Kuhnau are making plans to lead interested club members to this quaint Swiss village which becomes a hot spot of sports car activity one day each spring. Details for the day are still being worked out, but if you went last year or talked to someone who did, you know that it is an exciting time.

For final times, locations, and activities come to the April club meeting, look for an email update, or call Ron and Nancy.



#### DID-U-KNOW?

by Fascia Nearside

Between 1875 and 1885 two German engineers independently developed internal combustion engines capable of powering a motor car. While the most significant was the four-stroke design by Gottlieb Daimler it was Karl Benz who had the foresight to patent his work first, thus securing his place in history.

Still, most engines were used in stationary applications as few people could see the potential of powering a vehicle. Emil Jellinek, a wealthy Austrian entrepreneur, did not suffer from this lack of vision and began designing motor cars which used the superior Daimler engine. Making cars one or two at a time, each of his designs was a little better than the previous model. Finally in 1900 Jellinek was convinced that he had a winner and placed an order for 36 of this technically advanced 35hp model. He was right and his design amazed the automobile world.

So proud was Jellinek that he named the car after his 10 year old daughter, but despite the model's resounding success the name Jellinek is all but lost in automotive history. Not so the name of the car however, for you see, Emil Jellinek's 10 year old daughter was named Mercedes.

# BBB Springfield-Lincoln Tour

Destination: Springfield and New Salem, Illinois

Date: May 21-23, 2013 (mid-week)

Accommodations: Comfort Suites, Springfield. 217-753-4000 justin.hamilton@csspringfield.com
The hot topic these days is Abraham Lincoln. So what could be better than a visit to Lincoln's home
town of Springfield? Lincoln raised a family and practiced law there before his presidency. Our tour
will include scheduled visits to The Old State Capitol where Lincoln kept an office, Lincoln's Tomb,
and the renowned Lincoln Presidential Museum. Also planned is a stop on old Route 66, a visit to
New Salem, and even an evening ghost walk! In keeping with what we do best, we'll be enjoying
some of Springfield's best eateries. There are plenty of things to see and do in Springfield, such as the
WWII/Korean/Vietnam War Memorial, Lincoln's home, the Frank Lloyd Wright/Dana Thomas House,
the Illinois Fire Museum, the botanical gardens, and many more. There will be some free time for you
to chose whatever you care to do.

The mid-week schedule promises to afford us a relaxed yet eventful tour, so we hope you can all join us. There is a block of rooms reserved for BBB which includes either a king sized bed or two queen beds. The rate is \$89.00 per night plus tax. You must contact the hotel and make your individual reservations by May 1. Ask for Justin Hamilton and mention BBB. After you reserve your room please contact Rick or Sandy Hamaker by either phone or e-mail so we can keep you informed of itinerary details. Rick: 815-703-0132, richardhamaker@sbcglobal.net, Sandy: 815-378-5396, mgwoman@hotmail.com.

Your hosts for this event are Lee and Rita Kindgren, Larry and Marsha Eils, and Rick and Sandy Hamaker. We're very excited about this first tour of the season, and we hope you will be too.

# **April Webmaster Report**

by Hal Zenisek

The BBB club website is up and running. We enjoy a stable and steady flow of visitors to the site each month from across the US and beyond once and a while. The 2013 monthly calendars are all up-to-date and can help you plan your driving events. Visitors can scroll through each month of the year and see what the BBB Events Committee has planned so far. The project to post pictures of club members and/or their cars on the website continues, and I need your help and ask members to e-mail me your digital pictures that you might like to see used on the members page. The idea is to help members connect names with faces and sometime with their little British cars.

Finally, this month the website received two interesting e-mails from folks outside the club – one was an English lady in Chicago selling her '38 Morris and a fellow with a '74 MG Midget has electrical problems and is looking for a good mechanic. I was notified again the next day that the Morris sold in 24 hours to a member of the Morris car club, and the inquiry about a mechanic was forwarded to a few of the club members who own MG's. Check-out the website often, it changes frequently. The web address is <a href="https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com">www.britishbootsandbonnets.com</a>.

#### NEW BBB MEMBER PROFILE: BOB McNAUGHTON

Bob McNaughton is very happy to be a brand new member and part of the British Boots and Bonnets club. He has been a life-long resident of Rockford, retiring after 30 years with Chrysler. He has had a long interest in the classic Rolls Royce, and currently owns a 1984 Rolls Royce Spirit.

Bob says, "I enjoy cruizin and road trips. Looking forward to seeing you all on the road!



For those in the club not familiar with the Rolls Royce Spirit, Hagerty offers the following history.

"The Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit and its long-wheelbase sibling, the Silver Spur, replaced the Silver Shadow and Silver Wraith respectively in 1980. Continuing the unibody construction initiated by the Shadow in 1967, they were redesigned to be much more rounded and less upright, the work of Austrian stylist Fritz Feller. These are the first Rolls-Royces to have the disappearing Spirit of Ecstasy hood ornament, which sinks into the radiator shell.

The finish on the Silver Spirit was as superior as one might expect, with burl walnut wood trim ,Connolly leather hide interior, and Wilton carpets. Steering was power rack-and-pinion, and Rolls-Royce used Citroen's hydraulic self-leveling suspension at the rear, power disc brakes all-around, and a three-speed automatic transmission, which was later replaced by a four-speed automatic in 1991. Almost everything was standard, including air conditioning, power windows, seats, and door locks."

Editor's Note: When looking through early issues of the Boots & Bonnets Chronicle (May 1997 to be exact) I found this and thought we would get a laugh out of reading it again!

#### You Know It's Time to Sell Your MG When.....

- ♣ Instead of buying your wife that new outfit she wanted and taking her out to that fancy restaurant for her birthday, you buy a new aluminum valve cover for your MG and take her out for a special night of bowling and dinner at a Pizza Hut.
- ❖ You have your phone number changed to 588-6964 so that you can brag at the next British car show that your number is "LUV MY MG".
- ❖ You name your first-born son "MORRIS" with the middle name of "GARAGE".
- ♣ After spending huge amounts of money to get the absolutely perfect shade of British Racing Green custom mixed for your car to get the extra points at the next concourse, you show up to find ten other cars with exactly the same color that was available over-the-counter.
- ❖ Your wife tells you to dress up to go out, but your best shirt is a black Eastern New York MGA Club shirt with a Castrol stain on the sleeve. (Time to buy a new full color club shirt!)
- ♣ Instead of doing needed repairs on your home, you build a nice two car garage for your MGA and soon to be purchased MGB.
- ❖ You get up at 5am on a Sunday morning to get your MG to a car show, but yesterday, when your wife asked you to warm up a bottle for the baby, you rolled over and complained that it was too early!
- ❖ You claim your MG as a dependent on your income tax.
- ❖ Your wife catches you looking at the color centerfold in the Eastern New York MGA newsletter.
- ❖ You kiss your MG goodnight and lock your wife in the garage.

By Jon Rubel, Eastern New York MGA Club Newsletter

Driving time has arrived, don't forget to start taking photos of your beloved LBC for submittal to the Moss Motoring Challenge!

From Moss Motoring: It's been said there are no new lands to discover. To that we cry, "BOLLOCKS!" We simply have the advantage of paved roads to get to where we've never been before! Moss Motors is proud to be the host of a grand Motoring Challenge for owners of



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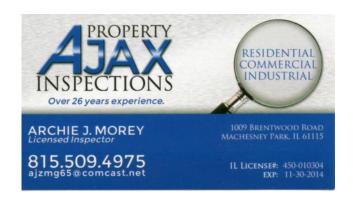
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