President's Message



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Editor Lynda Vickery

Website www.britishbootsand bonnets.com By the time you read this our first drive of the year will be under our seat belt. The Ladies Tea, in all it's finery, and the guys garage tour will also have occurred. What a great start to another BBB driving season. Thanks to Jim Vickery and the Events Committee, we can look forward to many more exciting events.

If you need to use a car lift to work on your car, the BBB Tune Up and Picnic being held at the Vickery's on Saturday, May 17th, is the place to be. Jim has everything you need. So give him a call to let him know you are coming. At the same time you can enjoy the first picnic of the season as Jim and Lynda cook hot dogs and brats accompanied by the usual picnic sides. Marsha is planning to drive her Mini over for an oil change and lube. You would not believe what has to be done to change the oil filter. Come and see for yourself.

God news for all BBB ice cream lovers. The Sharon Ice Cream Shoppe is now open. Marsha and I sampled the ice cream, it was delicious. Nancy, the owner, is looking forward to seeing all of you at her Shoppe this summer. When you go, please say Hi to Nancy and be sure and tell her you are from the British Boots & Bonnets Car Club from Rockford. She remembered our visit last fall.

Safety Fast. Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Next Meeting Wed., May 21, 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



April 16, 2014 British Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting

President's report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:07 with 45 members present. Ed and Luz Lehman introduced us to John Clemetsen.

Vice president's report: Doug Cameron announced that he and Fran are moving to Marietta, GA. He will, therefore, be unable to complete his term. Fran will be unable to complete her term as secretary. A replacement for secretary is needed. Anyone willing should contact Larry Eils.

Secretary: Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as printed in the Chronicle. Bruce Beneditz seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Treasurer: Brian Kobischka presented the financial report. Lyn Pond moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Nancy Kuhnau seconded the motion and it was passed.

Membership: Bev Joyce announced that we have 69 paid members. If you have not paid your membership dues for 2014, please do so.

Regalia: Jake Jaquet brought jackets and hats for purchase. He has catalogs if you wish to place an order with the BBB logo.

Chronicle: Lynda Vickery asked that items for the next Chronicle be sent to her early.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek said it had been a quiet month on the website.

Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz shared that Archie Morey's mother had surgery and is doing very well. Joan Tilson thanked the group for birthday cards sent to Bob as he continues to progress at St. Anne's.

Events: April 9th, 25 members enjoyed good food at the Glen Erin Golf Club. April 12, 13 was the Classics and Chrome Car Show. Bob Tilson's XKE jaguar won Best of Show for Sports Cars. April 25-27 is the Jefferson car show and swap meet. April 25 at 12:30 the ladies will have lunch at Fuji, Sushi and Steak House in Janesville. Joan Tilson and Sandy Hamaker are hosting the Ladies Tea on May 26 at Joan's home. May 3 is the Men's Garage Tour and lunch hosted by Rich Cannistra and Ron Kuhnau. The first Saturday Drive of the season is on May 10. Jackie and Jay Coffey are hosting. May 14th Drive and Dine will be hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick at O'Riley Conner Irish Pub in Janesville. May 17 is BBB Tune Up and Picnic hosted by the Vickery's.

Marques: **MG** - Rick Hamaker reminded us that the MG National is the week of June 14 in French Lick, IN. and is open to all cars. August 12-17 is the MG summer party in Grand Rapids, MI. **Triumph, Jaguar, Austin Healey, Lotus, Rolls Royce**- no report **Minis**: Midwest Mini Meet is in July in Milwaukee. There will be two drives to participate in.

Classifieds: Nothing for sale, trade or give away

Unfinished Business or New Business- none

There was no Good Wrench Award

Burnt Piston Award went to Rick for breaking spokes

Raffle: Wheel Cleaning brush and Thunder Bay Bucks went to Bev Joyce. Wheel cleaning brush and blue BBB polo shirt went to Bruce Beneditz. Wheel cleaning brush and world famous Ed Lehman bowl was won by Nancy Kuhnau.

President Eils shared a funny story about a Japanese tourist.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53

Respectfully submitted, Fran Cameron, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 14	BBB Drive and Dine - O'Riley Conner Irish Pub; Janesville, WI
NA 47	Host: Don & Marna Grosenick/Rich & Roxann Cannistra
May 17	BBB Tune Up & Picnic – The Vickerys'; Roscoe, IL
M 4 7	Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
May 17	Beloit Airport Fly-In/Pancake Breakfast with Classic Car Show;
	Beloit Airport, Beloit, WI
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-	British Car Awareness Week
June 8	
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	BBB Saturday Drive - Kickapoo Creek Winery & Cafe;
	Edwards, IL; Wheels O'Time Museum; Dunlap, IL
	Hosts: Jim and Lynda Vickery
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 August 20	Orphan Auto Picnic; Kendall County Fairgrounds, Yorkville, IL BBB CLUB MEETING
ragast 20	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 Hosts: Ed and Luz Lehman
Sept 3-7	BBB Long Weekend - Lake Michicagn Crossing on the SS Badger; Manitowac, WI to Ludington, MI; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Menominee/Marinette
Camb 7	Hosts: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
Sept 7	28th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
Sept 10	Harper College; Palatine, IL BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> – Location needed
3ept 10	Host: Volunteer needed
Sept 12-14	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
30pt 12 11	Road America; Plymouth, WI
Sept 17	BBB CLUB MEETING
оорт = /	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 <i>Dine</i> –Location needed
Navanahar 10	Host: Volunteer needed
November 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Pay Destaurant
December 10	Thunder Bay Restaurant
December 10	BBB Cookie Exchange Host: Mary Jo Schoening
December 17	BBB Christmas Party - Lino's Restaurant
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Most of you have paid your 2014 DUES. If you have not, please do so NOW to continue your membership and receive the Chronicle.

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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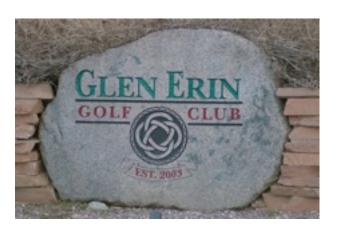
Guess where the ladies who do lunch went in April! And a good time was had by all! Thank you Marna and Ginger!



APRIL DRIVE & DINE

by Jim Vickery

Wednesday, April 9th, was the first Drive & Dine event for 2014. Nine cars left Roscoe for the short, but scenic, drive up to The Cursing Stone Pub on the south side of Janesville. The Pub is located in the club house at the Glen Erin Golf Club. Several members drove directly to the Pub increasing our total attendance to 25 members.







Because golfing has not yet gotten into "full swing", our group got the undivided attention of manager, Tom Ellis, and his crew. We were able to enjoy a beverage and popcorn while moving around around the bar area visiting before moving to our tables. The food and service were both excellent.







Some of the guests asked Tom Ellis why the name. He said that according to Irish tradition if you are going to curse, you curse at an inanimate object. The Cursing Stone is located between the number nine green and the tee of number 10.

Several of our club members have been to The Cursing Stone Pub before and report that their Friday Fish Fry is excellent. I'm sure several of us will be giving them a try!











THE ANNUAL CLASSICS & CHROME CAR SHOW WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT

by Lynda Vickery

Keith Country Day School and the Classics & Chrome Car Show Committee have fine tuned their efforts to put together a first class car show, making this year's two day event one that participants and attendees thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to cash raffles, trophies were presented for ten different car catagories with 120 total entrants.

BBB's very own Bob Tilson won for Best of Show for Sports Cars with his 1969 Jaguar XKE Convertible. Our congratulations to Bob!

Proceeds from the car show are used for Keith School scholarships and summer enrichment programs.





LADIES TEA HELD ON A BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY!

by Lynda Vickery

Sixteen BBB Ladies met at the home of Joan Tilson on the last Saturday in April to have their annual tea party. Joan and Sandy Hamaker hosted this fun event where everyone gathers to chat, sample different varieties of tea, and partake of the many savory and sweet treats everyone brought for the occasion. Over the years favorites emerge (like Sandy's Almond Cake), and new ones are discovered.





The best part of the day, however, is the time we have to share stories, catch up with each other's busy lives, and just enjoy a good laugh together. And after an especially cold, snowy winter, the sunny, warm weather was a welcome delight.

Thank you Joan and Sandy for a wonderful day!









BBBers ENJOY TWO UNIQUE GARAGES

by Rich Cannistra

WHO DONE IT? (overheard at a recent club event)



"You say that the thingy that goes on top of the what-chama-call-it is where so I'll get awarded what?!?"

Garage tour participants took advantage of some sunny weather to hit the road in force. Fourteen cars with nineteen club members cruised down the country roads to visit the Elkhorn Garage on Saturday May 3rd.

Gary, the garage's owner, was enthusiastic in explaining his wide ranging collection of vehicles and artifacts (including moonshine stills). An historic building saved from demolition, the Elkhorn Garage now looks as good as the many treasures it houses.





After an enjoyable lunch in Walworth, WI club members visited a location in Belvidere, IL. To say that this jaw dropping collection would put most

museums to shame is an understatement. The owner was very informative in sharing the history of the many unusual and one of a kind items that were on display. Members leisurely viewed the collection while enjoying refreshments provided by the host.

The weather continued to warm as the day went on allowing many convertible tops to be stowed for the drive home. Thanks to our two gracious hosts an enjoyable and inspiring day was experienced by everyone.









HISTORY AND WINE A WINNING COMBINATION FOR OUR FIRST DRIVING EVENT

Hosted by Jay and Jackie Coffey

Watch for an article and photos of our first Saturday Drive in the June Chronicle!

MAY 14 DRIVE & DINE

by Marna Grosenick & Lynda Vickery

Marna and Don Grosenick chose **O'Riley & Conway's Irish Pub** for our May Drive & Dine outing. This wonderful Irish Pub is located at 214 West Milwaukee Street in Janesville. However, they will not now be able attend, so Rich and Roxann Cannistra have graciously agreed to host this event. They will be at the Schnuck's (Hilander) Food Store, Hononegah & Route 251, Roscoe, at 5:15 for a 5:30 departure for Janesville on Wednesday, May 14th.

Their menu consists of Pub-type food and they specialize in Irish or English items (ie: Irish Stew, Fish & Chips, Shepherds Pie, etc). They also claim to have 24 beers on tap and more than 60 Scotch and Whiskeys available.

Please contact Rich & Roxann at 608-876-6768 to let them know you plan to attend, and whether you plan to meet in the Schnuck's parking lot or drive directly to the pub. This will help both Rich & Roxann and the Pub plan for an accurate number of members attending The Pub does not have a parking lot. Parking is on the street (either side) or in the bank parking lot. Milwaukee Street is one-way West bound with the pub on the right side.

BBB SPRING TUNE UP & PICNIC

by Jim & Lynda Vickery

Do you have your car check list ready for the Spring Tune Up? If not, get that pencil and paper out and start writing! Driving time is upon us, and we want our LBC all ready for our club activities.

Bring your car and your check list Saturday, May 17th, anytime after 9 AM, to the Vickery's and tackle those maintenance and other projects in a garage with a lift, plenty of tools, and lots of mechanics available to help you.

Then, around noon, Jim will fire up the grill for hot dogs and brats to start the picnic part of the day. Please bring a dish to pass, and maybe a couple of comfortable chairs. Surely the weather will be cooperating for a nice gathering in our backyard!

BELOIT AIRPORT FLY/DRIVE IN BREAKFAST

by Don Huebschen

Once again, the Beloit Airport is hosting a fly-in/drive-in breakfast on Saturday, May 17. We will be having a classic car parking area for anyone willing to display their British car, and I believe the drivers of the classic cars will receive a discount on their breakfast. The airport is located on Hwy 67 two miles east of Beloit. Take the South Beloit Hwy 75 exit off I-90, head east and turn right on Hwy 67.

JENSEN NATIONALS EAST

by Lynda Vickery

The Jensen Nationals East will be holding their annual meet in Monroe, Wisconsin, with four days of many participant activities, ending with a car show on the square in Monroe on Saturday, May 31st. There will be Jensen Interceptors and Jensen-Healeys, and maybe Jensen GTs, FFs, CV-8s, and 541s. They also welcome cars without Jensen Motors, but made at the West Bromwich factory, like the Volvo P1800 and Sunbeam Alpine/Tiger.

Check out their website at jenseneast.org/index.html for more information. This could be an impromptu road trip if you are interested! Just ask Bev Joyce to send out a note that you are going, and where to meet if you want an accompaniment of LBCs to travel with you.

CHAMPAGNE BRITISH CAR SHOW WILL FEATURE AUSTIN HEALEYS

by Lynda Vickery

The Champagne British Car Show has had a long and colorful history in the central Illinois area. After being in the Champaign/Urbana area for several years, the location was moved to Bloomington, Illinois where it will again be held at the David Davis Mansion on Sunday, June 1st, with other driving and eating activities on Friday and Saturday. This year the featured cars will be Austin Healeys, with a special appearance of Grace, a 1953 Austin Healey 100.

Over the years our BBB club has had many members attend this event - always being assured of a good time and opportunities to meet fellow English car enthusiasts. If you are looking for a great weekend this summer - this would be one to try.

NOTE: NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED FOR THESE JUNE EVENTS! PLEASE HELP US OUT!

<u>JUNE 7 - BBB Saturday Drive</u> - NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HOST THIS EVENT!

<u>JUNE 11 - BBB Drive and Dine</u> - NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HOST THIS EVENT!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE JUNE EVENTS!

JUNE 14-15 - Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races

JUNE 15 - British Car Field Day in Sussex, WI.

JUNE 15-19 - MG 2014; French Lick, IN.

JUNE 21 - Scottish Highland Games & Car Show



BBB 2014 LONG WEEKEND

by Rich Cannistra

The BBB long weekend will depart on Wednesday September 3rd for the upper peninsula of Michigan. As

usual we plan to enjoy small roads, fantastic scenery, good food, interesting places and great friends. The complete itinerary can be found in the April Chronicle, including all the necessary information to make reservations.

Make your plans now to join us, it's a trip that you won't want to miss!

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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5411 E. State Street, PMB 394
Rockford, IL 61108

brian.kobi@yahoo.com

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

MARY KAY PETERSON

We recently received word that Mary Kay Peterson, wife of Tom Peterson, and both members of British Boots and Bonnets for the past few years, passed away on March 16, 2014. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a future date.

Our condolences to Tom and his family.

DID-U-KNOW by Facia Nearside

Montague Stanley Napier was born in London in 1870. By 1895 he was the owner of Napier & Sons, an engineering company started by his father. After meeting race car driver Selwyn Edge, Napier successfully diversified into manufacturing innovative high quality automobiles. In the years prior to the First World War Napier was the foremost builder of luxury cars in Great Britain.

During the war years the company used their engineering expertise to develop aircraft engines. By 1917 the Napier Lion was the most powerful aircraft engine in the world. And what about the luxury car production? After the war Napier did not see any potential in luxury cars, so he decided to leave that undesirable market to one of his fledgling competitors, Rolls-Royce.

TOP 10, 20-WORD TECH TIPS COMPILED BY THE SALES AND TECH SUPPORT TEAMS AT MOSS

Posted date: September 27, 2013

Classic British cars have survived - and thrive still today - only by the generosity of individuals sharing what they've learned. It's the heart of the hobby. The Sales and Tech Support teams at Moss do our best to continue this rich tradition, too.

- 1. If you know HOW it works you can fix it, 'cuz you'll know what's broke. *Al Amato*
- 2. If you are having a problem, never assume a system has not been modified by a previous owner or mechanic. *Wade Karhan*
- 3. Problem with car: frustration, ale, research forums, purchase parts from Moss, fix car, drive car, smile, enjoy life...*Eric Alley*
- 4. Take a moment to think about the most recent things done with the car, no matter how simple. Then evaluate. *Kim Wroblewski*
- 5. Many electrical problems can be attributed to bad grounds. Clean your grounding points and protect with a corrosion inhibitor. *Jack Collins*
- 6. When removing frozen fasteners DO NOT use force. Soak it in penetrant and work back and forth with increasing torque. *Tom Moors*
- 7. Hard starting? Runs rough? No power? 80% of suspected fuel problems are electrical! Check spark then fuel delivery. *Chip Krout*
- 8. Replace the points-type ignition in your distributor with Pertronix or Crane electronic ignition. Low cost, more reliable, low maintenance. *Alan Hunter*
- 9. Installation is the reverse of removal. Sometimes. *Ben Grabow*
- 10. When installing rubber parts that tend to move around use a drop of super glue to locate them. *Richard Carr*

Moss included many more worthwhile honorablemention tech tips in their article. They will appear in following issues of The Chronicle as space allows. - Chronicle Editor

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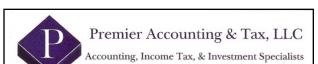
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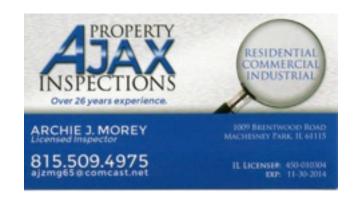
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