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President's Message

June 2015

I like paper, as my long suffering wife will attest to. A year or so ago, Rich Bartlett asked if I was familiar with "Side Glances", the monthly column in Road & Track written by Peter Egan. I was not, but immediately set out to correct this deficiency in my petrol head DNA. With the marvel of e-bay I easily made the correction and have become a big Peter Egan fan.

Imagine my surprise when the May issue of British Marque Car Club News reported in their cover story that the March 1997 (not May as they printed) edition of Side Glances is what spawned British Car Week. That column was called "Seldom Seen Cars" and although someone obviously picked the ball up and ran with it, Peter Egan was the one who started it rolling.

Of course I now own that March 1997 magazine (sorry Roxann) so if you would like to read that article shoot me an e-mail. Otherwise, now is the time, British Car Week is May 30-June 7. After that plenty of great club events are on the calendar as well. But don't stop there. The reason that we own these cars is because we like the journey. They have the ability to turn an ordinary errand into an "It's great to be alive!" experience. We certainly own the seldom seen cars. Let's give them some exposure!

See you on the road,
Rich

P.S. As I briefly explained back in February, I intend to end this page each month with an advertising slogan used by one of the car companies back when our cars were new. I have decided to give this part of the column a name. As always, I hope that you enjoy them.

Rich

Next Meeting
Wed.,
June 17, 2015

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

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

"Goes like a flash...grips the road like a limpet."

- 1952 MG TD

British Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - May 20, 2015

Presidents report – Rich Cannistra

Rich Cannistra called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. There were 26 members present. Rich introduced two guests: Kathy Kobylas, who drives a 2009 Mini, and her friend, Melanie Fazio. Rich announced that tonight we are celebrating the club's 19th anniversary. Larry and Marsha Eils have brought a cake to share after the meeting. It is also asked that anyone who joined in the first five years of the club, please stay for a picture after the meeting.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

Larry reported that he has available a supply of static cling logos that he is giving away. If you would like some, please see him after the meeting.

Ed Lehman was recognized for donating a beautiful new banner to the club. It has the club logo as well as ten British Marques on it. Thank you Ed for the generous donation.

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

A motion was made by Don Grosenick and seconded by Ron Kuhnau to approve the amended secretaries report that was e-mailed out to club members. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Brian Kobischka

No report

Membership: Bev Joyce

Bev was not here tonight, but she sent a message stating that we now have 75 paid memberships.

Regalia: Bruce Beneditz

Donna Jaquet has passed the leftover regalia items over to the club to dispose of. Clothing items will be sold at a reduced price, with proceeds going to Donna. Proceeds from the other items will go to the club. Bruce will bring these items to the meeting for the next couple of months. After that, if you would like anything, you will need to contact him.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

Lynda would like to get the next issue of the Chronicle out by June 10, so she is asking that you send any articles to her as soon as possible.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Hal reports that our website is up to date and functioning well. We had 150 visitors this month, including a couple potential new members, other web masters, and event chairmen. Our new website should go live in August. He asks that members send pictures of themselves, their cars, projects, etc. to put on the new site. It should show who we are and what we are all about.

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

No report. Everyone is currently healthy. If you know of anyone experiencing health issues, please let Phyllis know.

Past Events: Jim Vickery

April 25- 9 members attended the Ladies English Tea, held at Bev Joyce's house, and co-hosted by Bev and Sandy Hamaker.
May 2- 25 members attended the Garage tour. First stop was at Full Circle Restorations and Rods, in Madison. Then it was on to lunch in Mount Horeb. In the afternoon they visited George Stauffer's eclectic collection, also in Mount Horeb.
May 13- 29 members enjoyed dinner at Frankies Supper Club in Janesville.
May 16- 19 members came to the Vickery home to tune-up their cars for the summer. Then we enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch featuring brats and burgers, courtesy of Jim and Lynda. Thank you for your help and hospitality.

Future Events: Jim Vickery

May 22 Old Fart's Lunch at Shopiere Tap (1:00). Meet at Highlander at 12:30 to drive together.
May 22 Ladies Who Do Lunch, meet at Longhorn Steakhouse on State Street at 12:30
May 29-31 Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington. This also includes a garage tour on Sat, May 30. However, a head count is needed. If interested, please contact Rick Hamaker.
May 30- June 7 British Car Awareness Week
June 4-6 Harvard Milk Days Festival (with a car show on Saturday, June 6th)

June 4-12 BBB Dream Vacation to MG 2015
June 8-12 MG 2015 NAMGAR/NAMGB (Niagra Falls, Canada) (Host hotel still has rooms available)
June 10 Drive & Dine to Crandalls Restaurant, hosted by Rich & Jackie Bartlett
June 17 Club meeting, Thunder Bay Restaurant
June 18-21 Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races, South Beloit, IL
June 19-21 The Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland games, Itasca, IL
June 21 British Car Field Day, Sussex, WI

MARQUES:

MG – Rick Hamaker:

Champagne British Car Festival, Bloomington, May 29-31
NAMCOR MG 2015 - June 8-12 – Niagra Falls , Canada
NAMGAR GT-40 June 15-19 - Frankenmuth, MI (60th anniversary of
MGA 1500)
UM Summer Party – Aug. 7-9 Grand Rapids, MI

Healey, Lotus, Rolls Royce, Mini, Triumph & Morgan – No report
Jaguar - Nancy Kuhnau just got a white/tan Jaguar convertible. She and
Ron went to Fort Lauderdale to pick it up. She reports that this
car “does not leak when it rains”. Congratulations, Nancy.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Classified –

Lew Moon has a 1975 MGB for sale for \$15,000. The top works well on this car. If interested, please contact
Lew.

Good Wrench Award –

Nominated were: Ed Lehman, for donating the beautiful new Club Banner
Ron Kuhnau and Lyn Pond for Getting Bruce Beneditz’s MG running
Ron Kuhnau for helping Larry & Marsha Eils with multiple car
problems at the Garage tour.

Voting ended up in a tie. Lyn was not at the meeting tonight, so 6 raffle tickets were given to both Ed and
Ron.

Burnt Piston Award –

Nominated was: Larry Eils, for multiple car problems that occurred at the Garage tour.

Raffle: Don Grosenick

1. Fast Orange Hand Cleaner: Ed Lehman
2. Tire Inflator: Roxann Cannistra
3. Tool Bag: Melanie Fazio
4. Impatiens Hanging Basket: Sandy Hamaker
5. Petunia Hanging Basket: Connie Frazier
6. Thunder Bay Bucks: Bruce Beneditz

Adjournment at: 8:10 p.m.

Everyone was invited to enjoy a piece of anniversary cake.

Members who posed for the picture from the first five years of the club were:

- Delores & Lew Moon
- Connie Frazier & Hal Zenisek
- Rich & Jackie Bartlett
- Jim & Lynda Vickery
- Ron & Nancy Kuhnau
- Rick & Sandy Hamaker
- Roger Buck

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

by Lynda Vickery

The May Meeting included a celebration of the British Boots & Bonnets Car Club 19th birthday, complete with cake. Larry and Marsha Eils brought the cake from the Swiss Maid Bakery in Harvard. It was perfectly decorated and absolutely delicious!



Our Club has consistently numbered in the range of 70 family memberships. That's a testament to our Club's popularity with British car owners. We offer friendship, help with cars, and a variety of driving opportunities. After all, we are "Driving Enthusiasts"!



A group photo was taken of those present who joined within the first five years of the club: Ron & Nancy Kuhnau, Roger Buck, Sandy & Rick Hamaker, Jim & Lynda Vickery, Rich Bartlett, Connie Frazier & Hal Zeniseck, and Lew & Delores Moon.

- 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 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
 Road America; Plymouth, WI
- Sept 25-27 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
 Jefferson, WI
- Sept 25-28 **BBB Northwoods Long Weekend**; Eagle River, WI
 Hosts: Mary Jo Schoening, Rick & Sandy Hamaker
- October 3 **BBB Fall Drive**
 Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- October 14 **BBB Dine** -Location TBD
 Host: JoAnne Fleshman
- October 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- November 11 **BBB Dine** -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



Welcome New Members!

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

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FRANKIES SUPPER CLUB A HUGE HIT

by Lynda Vickery



Frankie's on Main is indeed a classic supper club, located at 12 S. Main St., downtown Janesville. The Rat Pack theme was perfect in its setting of brick walls and artwork featuring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Peter Lawford.



Many members met Don and Marna in Roscoe to tour up to Janesville, including the Gibsons in their Morgan 3-Wheeler. Several other members met us at Frankie's. In all, twenty-nine members, enjoyed great meals and lively conversations.



The owner, Jim Elsberry, made everyone feel right at home, and he had prepared a special meatloaf dinner for those interested. The waitresses were friendly and efficient, and enjoyed our friendly bantering with them. We learned that Mr. Elsberry also runs a deli-cafe business just a block away, and I'm sure several BBB members will be giving that a try as well, if they haven't already.



Thank you, Don and Marna, for an excellent choice and a great evening!

2015 SPRING TUNE-UP

by Jim Vickery

Saturday, May 16th, 19 club members gathered at the Vickery house for the annual Spring Tune-up. The weather forecast was not very promising, however, it turned out to be perfect. We had very little to do this year, a couple of oil changes in MGB's and set timing and carbs on an Austin Healy.

We did try an experiment on the oil filter on one of the MG's. Thinking that if we poked a hole on the top of the filter, which would break the seal, the oil would drain into the sump thereby allowing us to remove the filter and not spill oil all over. *Well* the best laid plans will sometimes go south and this one did.



DO NOT POKE A HOLE IN THE OIL FILTER; you will end up with oil all over Hades when you try to remove it with oil running out of the bottom and the top of the filter.



After the work was done in the garage (and the oil cleaned up), I fired up the grill in order to cook brats and burgers. Other members brought salads, chips, cookies etc. Thanks! We all ate on the deck. It was rather cozy but worked out ok; we could talk table to table with no problem.

Looking forward to the Spring Tune-up next year, at least my garage gets cleaned and swept at least once a year.



BACK TO CRANDALL'S FOR JUNE DRIVE & DINE!

by Rich and Jackie Bartlett

Rich and Jackie Bartlett have chosen a BBB favorite for the June Drive and Dine: Crandall's Restaurant in Hebron, Il. They scouted out other places that would be new to the club, but between closings and less than great food or settings, they decided Crandall's would be the best choice. Crandall's is located at 10441 Illinois Rte 47 on the north side of Hebron, 815-648-2609. Check out their menu on line.

Join Rich and Jackie on Wednesday, June 10th, at Roscoe Middle School, 6121 Elevator Rd, at 5:45 pm for a pleasant drive to Hebron, leaving at 6:00 pm. If you will be meeting the group at the restaurant, that's fine too.

To give them an approximate tally of the number of people attending, please call Rich and Jackie at 815-623-8581 to let them know you are coming, and whether you will be part of the drive up, or meet at Crandall's.

EAGLE RIVER WEEKEND (The Details!)

by Rick Hamaker

- Travel and arrive: Friday September 25.
- Depart Eagle River: Monday September 28
- Accommodation Rates at Eagle Waters Resort:
 - 2 Bedroom (includes private bath for each bedroom): \$203.00 per night, plus tax.
 - 1 Bedroom Unit: \$140 per night, plus tax.

- Make your reservations as soon as possible.
- Telephone 715-479-4411 Ask for Lori Smith (there's more than one Lori there), and mention BBB.
- Please contact Rick Hamaker when you have made your reservations so we can add your name to the list of attendees.
Rick's cell: 815-703-0132
E-mail: richardhamaker@sbcglobal.net.
- We're planning a fun and relaxed British car weekend, so I hope you all can join us.

It is very important that you make your reservations as soon as possible as there are several other events at Eagle Waters Resort that weekend and rooms are available only on a first come, first served basis.

FUTURE EVENTS

There are two events not sponsored by BBB, but are in the area and both sound like lots of fun: Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races in South Beloit, IL, and The Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Itasca, IL.

June 21 is the 33rd Annual British Car Field Day in Sussex, WI. If you are interested in going as a group let Jim know and he will see if someone can act as leader.

BBB Dine - July 8 - Hosted by Jim and Lynda Vickery. They will be hosting out of town guests that week, so there will be no drive, but please plan to join them at Der Rathskeller at 7 PM for dinner. On the terrace, weather permitting!

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE?

by Bev Joyce

No, but we are already thinking about the BBB Christmas Party for 2015. This is your invitation to be involved in contributing your suggestions and planning our party.



The date of the party is December 16th and planning includes ideas for a theme, decorations, possibly a baker, and whatever great ideas can come from collaboration of a few elves. If you would like to help, please let Bev know as we would like to begin meeting in July.

REGALIA INVENTORY SALE

Bruce Beneditz now has the regalia inventory that Jake and Donna had on hand. In an effort to reduce this inventory, several items will be sold at a discount. There are:

5 clocks for \$15 each
1 visor for \$10 each
28 car badges for \$30 each

3 hats for \$10 each
over 100 lapel pins for \$1 each

Jackets for \$40 each - 1 Large; 2 XL; and 2 XXL

Bruce will bring these items to the next couple of club meetings, or please give him a call if you are interested in purchasing some great regalia at very reasonable prices.

And don't forget to check out the club's new website with Embroid This to update your wardrobe and BBB regalia.

WEBMASTER REPORT FOR JUNE

The club's current website is active and current. Calendars are up to date for the year if you want to plan future club activities or refresh your memory about when and where upcoming events will be held. Work on the new website design and layout is progressing well. Our web developer & consultant is actively working on our project and I'll have more details to share at a future date. The new site will have some new features and retains those portions of the current site which you said were important.

I am projecting that the new site will be active sometime this summer. Please email me with event related pictures so we can better communicate who we are, and show visitors a sample of the many and varied activities available to members. This is especially important as we work on a new website, and I need your help with content to post on our site. Please send your car, event, or pictures of yourselves with cars my way if you happen to snap any good shots. Email any questions or comments to hzenisek@tds.net or phone if you prefer.

Thanks,
Hal Zenisek, BBB webmaster

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SURPRISE UNDER THE PAINT - RESTORATION UPDATE

Larry and Marsha Eils

It's finished!!! On April 30, 2015 we drove our 1977 restored MGB home. What a site to behold. It looked beautiful parked in our driveway.

On May 2nd we drove the car on the Garage Tour. With a stronger body along with the new wheels, the ride was smooth and very enjoyable, nothing like the old ride. A big thank you to Ron Kuhnau, Lyn Pond and Bruce Altman for all the work they did to complete this restoration project.

Of course, with all projects of this magnitude there is bound to be a few bugs to work out. While on the Garage Tour, our ignition switch failed (original). Lyn Pond diagnosed the problem and with the help of Lee Kindgren, who just happened to have a spare switch in his boot, we were on our way. We didn't get very far down the road when the car lost power and coasted to a stop. This time Lyn Pond and Ron Kuhnau found the fuel pump had died (original). Thankfully, I had already installed a back up electric fuel pump (at the urging of Lyn) several years ago. Changed one wire and we were back on the road again. We made it to the ice cream stop in New Glarus and all the way home with no more problems. New parts have already been ordered. Hopefully, our next drive will be without incident.



DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

When the Daimler SP250 entered production in 1959, was it the right car at the wrong time or the wrong car at the right time? As is often the case, looking for an answer reveals some unexpected twists. One thing is certain, by 1960 the once proud company was owned by its competitor!

The Daimler Motor Company Limited began manufacturing cars in Coventry, England in 1896. Known for opulent and high quality products, they soon earned a Royal Warrant to provide cars to the British Monarch. As early as 1904 however, financial difficulties caused a reorganization resulting in ownership by Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) in 1910. Automobile production continued under BSA ownership but prestige slowly waned. By the 1950s they had lost the Royal Warrant and were looking for a way to reverse declining fortunes. It was decided to create a line of sports cars to compliment the Daimler luxury car range. In 1956 work began on an all new V8 engine to power the company's newest prototype sports car code named SP250. Typical of Daimler engineering the engine was a marvelous piece of machinery, as was the sharp new sports car. Production of the SP250 began in 1959 and caused a bit of a sensation in sports car circles.

Unknowingly however, Daimler had crossed swords with the owner of Jaguar, Sir William Lyons. Jaguar was riding a wave of success from the XK120, XK140, XK150, and several LeMans victories. Jaguar was also about to launch it's new 150 mph sports car, the E-Type, and competition from another sports car of exemplary pedigree was not something that Sir William wished to tolerate. In addition, he was looking for more factory space. The solution to both problems turned out to be quite simple: Jaguar bought Daimler, acquiring the complete line of Daimler products as well as much needed manufacturing capacity in nearby Radford.

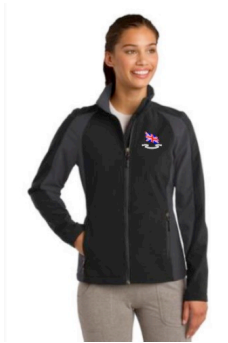
The rest, as they say, is history. The SP250 only lasted four years under Jaguar ownership and Daimler saloons soon became badge engineered Jaguars. And as for that fabulous V8 engine? It actually lived on in several products until 1968 when Jaguar all but disappeared into a black hole called British Leyland.

BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE

by Bruce Beneditz

If you haven't had a chance to check out the new Regalia site on our Club website, these are our newest items available. It may be time to refresh your selection of BBB regalia.

The Tri-Mountain Jacket selection has been expanded to include more color options. Instead of just being available in Red / Black it is now available in 7 other color combinations.



A Soft Shell Jacket has been added that is available in both men's and women's styles. The men's is available in 6 color combinations and the women's is available in 4. It features 100% polyester woven shell bonded to a water-resistant laminated film insert and a 100% polyester microfleece lining.

For men there is a new 1/4-zip Slub Fleece Pullover in multiple colors. Slub fleece is not like the light weight fleece you might be familiar with. It is more like a heavy sweat shirt fabric.



A women's Puffy Vest has been added in addition to the existing fleece vest. The new vest is available in 6 colors.

We are continuing to look for a good Sun Visor to add to the collection and hope to have one available in time for the warm weather.

Take a few minutes to visit the new Online Store by following the Club Regalia link on the BBB website, BritishBootsandBonnets.com. By partnering with Embroid This in Roscoe, we have a convenient and easy way to select and purchase club related items. Select "All Products" or "Club Wear" to see all of the items.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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