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President's Message

July 2013

I'm writing this message on the 5th day it has rained in the Rockford area giving us 5.75 inches of rain. Maybe I need to turn the MG or Mini into an ark if this keeps up.

I'm not sure what we did to make Mother Nature unhappy but it seems that almost every time we schedule an event this year it rains. This is proving to be a test of how weather worthy our British cars are. But if you are like Marsha and I, we always travel with a few towels to either catch or mop up the water that has entered the car from some mysterious place.

Unfortunately, the weather seems to have lessened the participation in our events. So far our events have not been a complete wash out. Usually the sun appears at some point making for a beautiful drive in the clean, fresh air that comes after a summer rain. If you are reluctant to drive your British car, feel welcome to drive your other "British Car." Please bring a few towels with you just in case the British car drivers and/or passengers need them.

A lot of work and effort, by the Hosts, goes into planning a day drive. Support their efforts by coming on a future car club event, your Hosts will appreciate it.

I look forward to seeing more of you at our future events.

Larry Eils

*Words of Wisdom: Every heart beats
beneath the Red, White and Blue.*



Next Meeting
Wed., July 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
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Rockford, IL 61108
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Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags

British Boots and Bonnets Membership Meeting Minutes- June 19, 2013

President's Report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. with 45 members present. He thanked Marv, Hal, and Connie for arranging the Club birthday party.

Vice President: No report, but a humorous story.

Secretary: May minutes correction on treasury balance. Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Moved by Marv Proctor, seconded by Kathy Lewis, approved.

Membership: 76 members

Regalia: Old stock being discounted to sell out. Will not carry a lot of new stock.

Chronicle: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Sunshine: John Fleshman visitation today.

Events: Drive and Dine to La Petite Creperie & Bistro on June 12 attended by 13 brave members.. There was not much rain, but the concert was cancelled.

June 22-23 Baraboo area trip led by Don & Marna Grosenick will include Forevertron, Mid-Continental RR museum and Circus World Museum. July 7, Lake Mills Cars and Coffee. July 10, Maxon Riverboat Cruise, Oregon, IL. Aug. 11, Botham Vineyards Vintage Car Show. Sept. 13-16, Long weekend Drive, Door County. Oct. 18-20, rescheduled Springfield trip.

Marques: **MG-** no report. **Triumph-** no report. **Jaguar** no report. **Austin Healey-** no report. **Lotus** no report. **Rolls Royce** - 14, Annual Cars on the Lawn event. **Minis** - June 29, Rally from Woodstock Mall. Celebrate 30th anniversary by a ride on US 30 in September.

Classified: Archie Morey has MGB & Midget parts for sale

Unfinished business- None. **New Business** none.

Good Wrench Award - none. **Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award** none.

Raffle: Wind chimes to Archie Morey, Transplant shovel, nozzle and watering can to Ed Nichols, 4th of July garden decorations to Candy Pelkey, 2 citronella candles to Solvig Maschke, sweet onion bbq sauce and mesquite smoke to Rick Hamaker, Midget advertising to Don Grosenick, MGBGT advertising to Luz Lehman, Garden plaque to Luz Lehman, 4th of July hanging to Jake Jacquet, Spray detailer & microfiber cloth to Eileen Nemier, set of screwdrivers to Lyn Pond, Thunder Bay Bucks to Joan Tilson, LED spotlight to Connie Frazier, grill brush to Ron Kunhau.

Joke - by Larry Eils ended the meeting at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Spaight

- October 18-20 **BBB SPRINGFIELD TOUR**
 Host: Rick & Sandy Hamaker, Larry & Marsha Eils,
 and Lee & Rita Kindgren
- November 13 **BBB Dine** – Garrett's Restaurant; Rockford, IL
 Host: Bob and Joan Tilson
- November 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- December 4 **BBB Cookie Exchange**
 Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
- December 11 **BBB Christmas Party**
 Lino's Restaurant; Rockford, IL

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British Marque **CAR CLUB NEWS**

by Lynda Vickery

In March the BBB Club joined the *British Marque* Car Club News by becoming a Participating Club. Each month the Editor of the "News" picks articles from car club newsletters or prints articles submitted by clubs, and articles from our Chronicle have been included the last couple of months. This is a great way to get news about our club out into the British car community in the United States and around the world. Be sure to check out the July issue! If you haven't subscribed yet, we can offer our members a reduced subscription rate of \$16 per year (a \$10 discount), or you can subscribe to their on-line Edition for \$12 per year. There is a form in the March issue of the Chronicle, or talk to me.

JOHN FLESHMAN, 1947 - 2013



John was a relatively new BBB club member whom we were just getting to know. His unexpected death on June 14, 2013, at age 66, was a surprise to all of us. John was born in Lincoln, IL and married JoAnne on May 25, 1968 in Lincoln.

John served as a vocational coordinator and teacher of the physically handicapped at SEDOL for eight years after which he spent 23 years as principal of SEDOM Center in Woodstock, IL. John was very involved in community service volunteering for PADS and transporting seniors to doctor's appointments, etc. John was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969.

John loved to canoe, trout fish, golf with his friends and travel, visiting 49 states and various countries in the world. However, one of John's biggest passions was restoring classic MG's. JoAnne says he was so happy to find the British, Boots and Bonnets Car Club because they did events with their spouse's and loved to drive and eat. John was the producer of our 2013 club calendar, part of the entertainment at one of our Christmas parties and he planned the June 2013 Drive and Dine. I'm sure you read John's article in the June 2013 Chronicle telling us about his history with MG's. He was restoring a TF before his passing to add to his TD and JoAnne's MGB.

John is survived by his wife, JoAnne; two sons, Matt (Nicole) Fleshman and Jeff (Francesca) Fleshman; two granddaughters Isabella and Lilia; two brothers Tom and Bob; a brother-in-law Mike Larch; and a sister-in-law, Mary Killgore.

Larry Eils

JUNE DRIVE AND DINE

by Larry Eils



On Wednesday June 12th, thirteen club members met at La Petite Creperie and Bistrot in Woodstock, IL. This drive and dine location was the idea of John and JoAnne Fleshman who did the planning and coordination for the event. Despite the fact that the Fleshmans were not able to attend due to John's illness, it was their wish that the club carry through with the plans that evening. Rich Cannistra was in touch with JoAnne that day and updated members at the dine with what was believed to be the slow but steady progress which John was making toward recovery. Sadly as we know now, that was not the case and we lost John, our friend and loyal club member, on Friday June 14th. He will be missed.



WISCONSIN WEEKEND TRIP SUCCESSFUL DESPITE THE RAIN!

by Marna & Don Grosenick

Very early Saturday morning, June 22, six cars braved the rain to head north to the Baraboo / North Freedom area. Luckily, the rain let up early in our trip, and didn't return until after we were safely in for the night. Our first stop was an early lunch at the Blue Spoon Restaurant in Prairie Du Sac, a favorite stop from past trips.



After lunch we headed up to Baraboo to visit a unique park called ***Forevertron***. This park contains sculptures of every sort, all made out of recycled "junk". One of the highlights was a 70 piece bird band, each holding a real musical instrument. There were wind chimes located in various positions so that when the wind blows, the band actually seems to be playing music. From here we went on to the ***Mid-Continent Railway Museum*** in North Freedom where we toured the museum full of old 1900 – era railroad cars and memorabilia. After the museum, we all took a



leisurely ride on an old 1915 coach, pulled by a diesel loco-motive, through the country-side. Then it was a short drive back to our hotel to get ready for a delicious dinner at the ***Dorf Haus***, a German / American Restaurant.



Sunday morning we got off to an early start for the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. Our first stop was the ***Tristan Crist Illusion Show*** where we were entertained with a variety of magic tricks. Then we moved on down to the ***Big Top*** for a circus performance. Following the performance we toured the circus wagons and exhibits, then decided to head

for home to try to get ahead of the threatening rain storm. We ended our trip by stopping in Evansville for a late lunch at the Night Owl Bar & Grill before everyone headed for home. It was a very interesting and fun weekend.

FROM SWEET LIPS TO 2 SHORES

by Rich Cannistra



Many thanks to Hal Zenisek and Connie Frazier who led a club outing to Lake Mills, WI on Sunday, July 7th. Officially known as "Cars and Coffee" this once a month event is a gathering of rare, old and just plain beautiful automobiles. Twelve BBBers caravanned to the event and met three other club members and their families who also had cars on display. This month in addition to exotics from McLaren and Ferrari, the Brits were well represented with a very rare old race car from HRG and a beautiful Bentley.

And one young car enthusiast had his own custom ride!





Following the morning car show, club members made a brief stop at Aztalan State Park, then drove on to Janesville, WI for lunch at the Cozumel Mexican Restaurant. With everyone refueled and refreshed and the beautiful driving weather still holding, we parted ways to enjoy the remainder of the day. Thank you once again Hal and Connie for a great idea.



Oh...and as for the title "From Sweet Lips to 2 Shores", you'll just have to go with us and find out!



DID-U-KNOW?

by Facia Nearside

Although now a sought after classic, the MG TF was an unwanted stopgap effort by Abingdon.

In 1952 Austin and Morris merged creating BMC. Chief executive Leonard Lord sponsored a design competition for a new sports car using Austin and BMC components. MG among others submitted designs, but the clear winner was the Healey 100. BMC development funds were thus concentrated on producing the new Healey. MG was left with no alternative but to update the aging T series once again, thus creating the TF.

Ironically for the TF, the same car that led to its creation also caused its demise. By 1955 the cost of a TF was only slightly less than that of an Austin-Healey, yet the MG was left in the dust both in performance and styling. Funds became available so MG was given the green light to develop its former proposal. The stylish result ushered in a new era of modernity for the Abingdon based manufacturer, the immortal MGA.

JULY 10th DRIVE AND DINE - ON THE RIVER IN OREGON

by Rich Cannistra

Wednesday July 10th will find BBBers enjoying a fun filled evening aboard the "Pride of Oregon", a 102 foot paddle wheel riverboat. We will board the boat in Oregon at 6:30 p.m. for our dinner cruise which departs at 7:00p.m. Other than a cash bar, the 2-1/2 hour cruise including dinner is only \$32 per person, payable upon boarding.

A southbound drive will depart from K-Mart near the corner of Sandy Hollow Road and Route 251 (11th Street) in Rockford. Plan on meeting hosts Jake and Donna Jaquet in the K-Mart parking lot at 5p.m. for a 5:15p.m. departure. For anyone wishing to meet directly at the boat, Maxson Riverboat and Restaurant is located on IL Rt. 2 one mile north of Oregon, IL. Meet at the restaurant/riverboat at 6:00p.m.

Dinner on board will be beef tenderloin, however, with at least 24 hours notice either chicken cordon bleu or grilled salmon is available. Call Maxson's directly if you wish to choose one of the alternative entrees at 800-468-4222.

Don't be left high and dry next Wednesday. Plan to cruise with your fellow club members by calling Jake and Donna for reservations at 815-234-8057. Please call by Tuesday July 9th to join the fun.

EXTRA...EXTRA

by Rich Cannistra

Please note the following late addition to our BBB 2013 calendar of events:
Parkview TAPpers Autism Car Show

Sunday July 14th from 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
The Venetian Club
2180 Elmwood Road
Rockford, IL
Information online or call Jack Cadwell at 815-494-0018.

BOTHAM VINEYARDS NEAR PICTURESQUE BARNEVELD, WISCONSIN

by Rich Cannistra

Sunday August 11th will once again be one of the favorite club drives of the year as we participate in the Botham Vineyards 18th Annual Vintage Celebration. The vineyard and winery is not only a beautiful place to show off your British ride, but also a spectacular location to rub elbows with scores of other enthusiasts.

In order to ensure parking with other club members, as well as save money for the entry fee, it is best to pre-register by July 29th as this is a first come first served event. Rich and Roxann Cannistra will lead a drive to the show, departure time and location TBA.

To obtain an entry form go to the Botham Vineyards web site, call 888-478-9463, or see Rich at the July club meeting. Plan now to join in on the fun Sunday, August 11th, at the 18th Annual Vintage Celebration. We are hoping to see many of you on this trip. It should be a good time.

SAVE THE DATE!

by Rich Cannistra

Thursday September 5th is Cultural Cuisine Night "England" at Kandu Industries in Janesville WI. Kandu serves the community

by providing opportunity for people with disabilities or disadvantages to pursue greater independence. To raise money for this very worthwhile purpose the cultural cuisine nights are a continuing series of 6 course dinners which focus on a different country each time.

The September 5th dinner will feature England, and BBB has received a special invitation to join in on the event. Ginger Spaight and Marna Grosenick are working as liaisons with Kandu executive director Gary Bersell to coordinate BBB participation. We have the opportunity to display our cars, tour Kandu Industries, enjoy cocktails before dinner, and enjoy the 6 course English cuisine at a discounted price.

Mr. Bersell will attend our July club meeting to provide more information about Kandu Industries and this special British evening. You can also find more information about Kandu and its community service online. Plan to make Thursday, September 5th, a special British event!

PLANNING AHEAD:

****DOOR COUNTY IN SEPTEMBER**

by Nancy Kuhnau

The five year wait is over and we are once again making plans for a trip to Door Co. We have a block of rooms reserved under BBB Car Club at the Open Hearth in Sister Bay, Sept. 13-16. The price including tax is \$307.00 for the 3 nights.

When calling for a reservation they will request a deposit of \$103.00. If you need a ground floor room please ask for it at that time. 1-920-854-4890 or 1-888-795-5726. Any rooms not booked will be released on August 1.

Open Hearth has a nice website if you wish to check it out. More information will follow.

Larry & Marsha
Ron & Nancy

****SPRINGFIELD TOUR**

.....(RE-SCHEDULED)

ATTENTION ALL LINCOLN-PHILES!

by Rick Hamaker

Don't miss the British Boots and Bonnets historical and cultural event of the season! Please join us as we visit Springfield Illinois and the renowned Lincoln Presidential Museum and several other great attractions in the area.

The week-end tour runs Oct. 18 to 20. Accommodations are at the Comfort Suites-Springfield, and the rate is \$89.00 plus tax for either a king size bed or two queens. When you call ask for Justin Hamilton and mention BBB. The hotel number is 217-753-4000. Try to make your reservations by Sept. 26, and then contact Rick or Sandy Hamaker 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 event and we hope you will be too.



Items of interest found in some of our first Chronicle Issues:

BRAIN CRAMPS!

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.” --Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC

“That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I’m just the one to do it.” --A congressional candidate in Texas

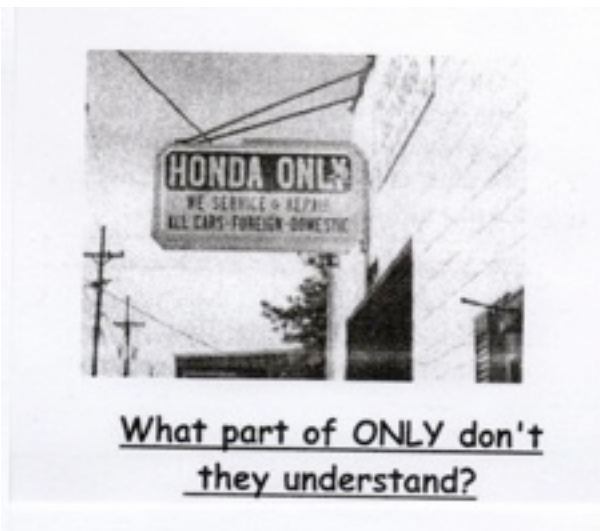
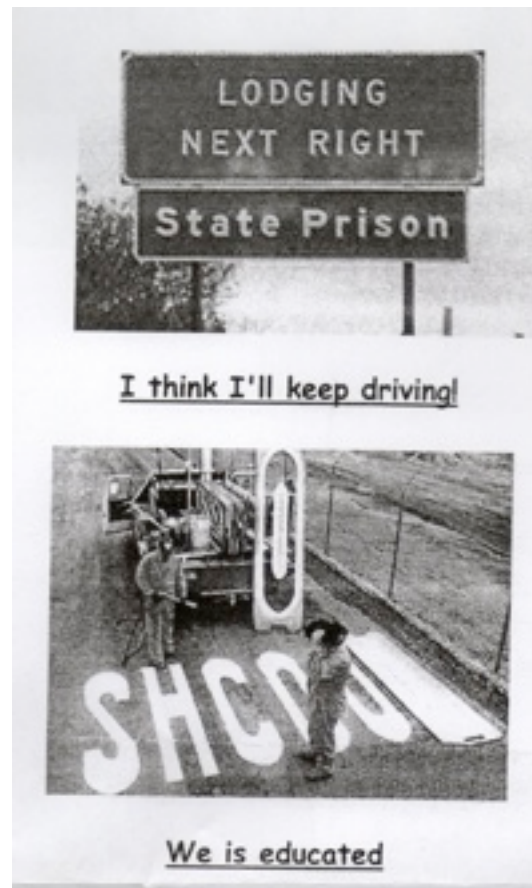
“I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix.” --Dan Quayle

“We don’t necessarily discriminate, we simply exclude certain types of people.” --Colonel General Wellman, ROTC Instructor

“If we don’t succeed, we run the risk of failure.” --Bill Clinton

“We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur.” --Al Gore

“We’ve got to pause and ask ourselves; how much clean air do we need?” --Lee Iacocca



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