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President's Message

August 2013

At last month's meeting we welcomed three new members to the club: Rick Nelson, Rick Wagner and Kevin Rachuk. We also had the opportunity to meet some club members who have been away for awhile. It was great to meet you, and we hope you will be able to join us on one of our many events. As you heard at the meeting, the BBB is a very active driving and eating club.

Even though the summer is rapidly moving along, Richard Cannistra and his Event's Committee still have a lot of great events planned as we head towards the end of the driving season. The Botham Vineyard Vintage Celebration (the fast pace drive to the vineyard is worth the trip); our wonderful club picnic at the Lehman's Liberty Farm is not to be missed; our fall long weekend drive to Door County is a fun filled weekend, as well as our Springfield, IL tour to visit the Lincoln sites that will steep us in history and, of course, a few Drive and Dine's along the way to refresh us.

There is one special event this year on Thursday, September 5th, I would like to call your attention to. KANDU Industries in Janesville, WI, hosts a quarterly Cultural Cuisine Night for a fund raiser. In September they are having a 6 Course English Dinner and have asked us to bring our British cars to put on display before the dinner to help promote this event. I hope you will be able to join us so we have a nice display of British cars for their visitors to see. Please see Richard's article for all the details.

So fill up the tank with petrol, check the oil and say nice things about your Lucas electrical system. See you on the road.

Larry Eils

*Words of wisdom: Do not go
where the path may lead,
go instead where there is
no path and leave a trail.*



Next Meeting
Wed., August 21, 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**

British Boots and Bonnets - July 17, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

President's Report: President Larry Eils called the meeting to order shortly after 7 p.m. with 54 members present. He welcomed guests Gary Bersell, and Dave and Shelley from Colorado, and Rick Nelson, and new members Andy Brohough, Kevin Racheck, and Rick Wagner.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary's Report: As published in July Chronicle to include Financial report (not published in Chronicle. Motion made by Connie F. and seconded by Ron K. to approve. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Membership: Membership was 77, brought to 79 as of tonight.

Regalia: No report

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda reported everyone good about sending in articles.

Webmaster: 5 contacts from non-members, 24 visitors, even from foreign countries, busiest months are July, August, March and January.

Sunshine: Delores Moon visited Rita Kindren who is doing very well. Jenny Plymale's 99 year old mother passed away.

Events: British Field Days in Sussex was a good day. June 22-23 trip to Baraboo/North Freedom was mixed weather, but fun for all. Ended the weekend at The Night Owl in Evansville for late lunch on Sunday. July 7 Cars & Coffee in Lake Mills had exotic cars. July 10 Drive and Dine to Maxon's Riverboat was a success with 22 members attending. Future events include July 27, Royal Baby Shower; August 11, Botham Winery Car Show; August 14 Drive and Dine to Neumann's Restaurant at Aldeen's Golf Course; Sept. 13-16 Door County long weekend; July 26, Ladies who do lunch at Stockholm Inn at 12:30; & Retired Gentlemen at Shopiere Tavern at 1:00

Marques: MG Rick Hamaker reported University Motors, Grand Rapids MG Great Lake Endurance Challenge around Lake Michigan will be Aug. 15-18. **Triumph:** no report. **Jaguar:** Illinois Jaguar Club will get together Friday thru Sunday, July 19-21 at Pheasant Run. **Austin**

Healey: No report. **Lotus:** No report. **Rolls Royce:** No report. **Minis:** Chicago Club to celebrate 30th Anniversary on Sept. 30 with drive.

Classifieds: None.

Unfinished Business: Officers picture for calendar after meeting.

New Business: Gary Bersell reported on Kandu Industries 6 course British Dinner on September 5. Cost \$35 include dinner and free drink ticket. Reply by August 26 to Marna Grosenick.

Good Wrench Award: Jim Vickery for help & encouragement getting Bruce Beneditz's MG Midget on the road

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award: None

Raffle: Thunder Bay Bucks, Marsha Eils; finch feeder & food, Rich Cannistra; black and white zip ties, Barb Buckavekas; and Union Jack license plates; and 2 Union Jack boxes to Lyn Pond.

Story: by Larry Eils ended meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Ginger Spaight

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DID-U-KNOW?

by Facia Nearside

When Colin Chapman set out to build cutting edge sports cars in 1948 he approached the task with a host of innovative ideas, most centering around the premise that performance is enhanced more by saving weight than by adding power. After progressing through the first five designs, number six was considered well enough sorted to be a commercial success, although it was only offered in kit form.

It was seven, however, that proved to be Chapman's lucky number. Production, which started in 1957, lasted for 16 years and there have since been over 90 different clones, replicas and derivations. Remaining faithful to his weights saving theme, the car had skinny tires, no doors, no carpet, no heater, no fuel gauge, in fact, no seats. Two cushions, one on the floor and one on the back panel to lean against were all that was provided. It was also narrow and cramped with an uncomfortable ride, yet became one of Britain's best loved sports cars.

Although there is some debate as to the origin of the company name there is no question as to the popularity of Colin Chapman's creation, the Lotus Seven.

CRUISE NIGHT IN OREGON

by Rich Cannistra



What better way to enjoy a beautiful evening than to drive a British car, go for a boat ride and have a fabulous dinner...so that's exactly what 22 BBB members did on Wednesday, July 10th. Hosts Jake and Donna Jaquet made the arrangements for us to enjoy the evening aboard the "Pride of Oregon", an authentic paddle wheel riverboat.



As the boat cruised along the Rock River, dinner was served in air conditioned comfort. The varied

sights along the way included several bald eagles who were looking for their dinner at the time as well. Following dessert, there



was plenty of opportunity to enjoy the sights from the upper deck and relax during the return voyage.

Once back to the dock at just about sunset, the temperature was perfect for a top down drive home. In all, everyone agreed that it was a splendid evening. Thank you Jake and Donna for a great idea!



NOONAN'S NINETEENTH HOLE SET FOR *D&D* ON AUGUST 14TH

by Rich Cannistra

Our August drive and dine will putter over to Noonan's at Aldeen, Rockford's premier outdoor dining location. Seating overlooking the signature 18th fairway of the award winning Aldeen Golf Club is a beautiful view both fore and wide.

Dinner starts with a basket of homemade chips while you look over the variety of dinner offerings. Several choices are venue appropriate such as the "hack burger", "I never sliced a chop" salad and "put me down for 5" sandwich. There is of course a nice beverage selection as well.

On Wednesday, August 14th, meet hosts Rich and Roxann Cannistra at the Roscoe Middle School (6121 Elevator Road) at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:10 p.m. departure. We will enjoy a leisurely drive through the country and even check on Aldeen's competition (Swan Hills Golf Course) along the way. For those going straight to the restaurant, the address is 1902 Reid Farm Road in Rockford, IL. Dinner reservations are for 7 p.m.

Grab your British driver and make it a twosome or a foursome or what ever some you like. Join us for a great evening with friends at Noonan's.

LABOR DAY PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

by Rich Cannistra

Yes, it seems as though it just warmed up, and we certainly have a lot of LBC driving yet to do. In three short weeks it will be Labor Day, however.

Once again Ed and Luz Lehman are graciously hosting our Labor Day Picnic at their beautiful Liberty Farm. This spectacular setting for a great summer holiday is always one of the highlights on the BBB calendar.

Hamburgers, brats and soft drinks will be provided along with all the fixings. The club requests that you bring a dish to pass. For beverages other than soft drinks please bring your own. A corkscrew and glasses will be provided.

Plan to arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. for lunch beginning at 2:00 p.m. **Please help us to plan the food for this event by sending an RSVP to Rich Cannistra by email, rrcannistra@yahoo.com, or phone, 608-876-6768, not later than Sunday, August 25th.**

Last year Ed had a new (old) MG in the lineup. This year we hear that it's a new (new) tractor. Ed also advises that there will be carriage rides available and that the fishing in one of his ponds is great! Bring some tackle and try your luck, no license required. Join your hosts and fellow club members for a wonderful Sunday event.

SPECIAL EVENT *ENGLAND* SET FOR SEPTEMBER 5TH

by Rich Cannistra

A one time unique opportunity for BBB club members is just around the corner! KANDU Industries of Janesville, WI hosts a series of four dinner/entertainment events each year called "Cultural Cuisine Nights". Each event is themed around the food, décor and entertainment from a destination around the globe, including a six course meal of that country's food.

Thursday September 5th is "Cultural Cuisine Night England". Several BBB club members who are season ticket holders to these fine events have arranged for our club to participate in this enjoyable evening. We have been invited to display our cars at the cuisine night location, 1741 Adel Street, Janesville, WI. This will, of course, be great publicity for us as well as a nice touch for the hard working folks at KANDU. As a thank you for our participation we are being offered discounted tickets for the evening at \$35 per person. We have also been very generously offered complimentary cocktails during the pre-dinner car display.

KANDU Industries is a non-profit organization with a very worthwhile mission in the community. The extent of their activities is too extensive for reprint here so I encourage you to look them up online at <http://www.kanduindustries.com/> for the complete story. If you follow through the website to the Cultural Cuisine Nights you will also see details of the September 5th "England" evening as well as our club logo showing up on the page as "special guests" for this event.

I would like to encourage BBB club members to make plans now to participate in this incredible evening. We want to display as many and varied a selection of our British cars as possible. Plan to arrive for the car display and social hour between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the evening concludes at 9:00 p.m.

As I'm sure you are aware, dinner reservations are required because of food preparation. **RSVP to Marna Grosenick via phone at 608-752-7092.** Please look over the evening's menu and informational flier included in the Chronicle.

**LOOKING AHEAD: D&D ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH.
A RETURN TO CRANDALL'S
RESTAURANT**

by Jackie Bartlett

Hosts Rich and Jackie Bartlett invite you to join them on a drive to Crandell's, a restaurant located in Hebron, IL, well known for it's "All you can eat broasted chicken". They also have a full, varied menu: ribs, steak, pork, seafood, etc.

Meet at Roscoe, Middle School (6121 Elevator Road) at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:15 departure with dinner scheduled for 7:00 p.m. For members meeting us at the restaurant - please let us know so we can include you in our call that evening to Crandall's with a headcount. 815-623-8581 - Thanks, Rich & Jackie

**It's Time to Make Your Door
County Reservation**

by Nancy Kuhnau

Our trip to Door County, Wisconsin is just around the corner. The deadline for making your lodge reservation was August 1st. However, if you want to join us, please call the Open Hearth Lodge at 1-888-795-5726 to see if they still have rooms available.

The price, including tax, is \$307.00 for the three nights. They will request a deposit of \$103.00 when you call. If you need a ground floor room please ask for it when you call.

Please join the 6 couples already signed up for a wonderful weekend, September 13-16, in Door County, Wisconsin.

We will visit a maritime museum, a lighthouse, the new distillery, sip some wine, drive through the beautiful countryside in the fall and, of course, enjoy some wonderful food. We may even have a campfire. So call now!

Your hosts - Ron and Nancy Kuhnau; Larry and Marsha Eils.

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.

NEWS FROM OUR WEBSITE MASTER

by Hal Zenisek

Have you checked out the club's website recently? New member and club event pictures have been posted this summer. In addition, all the fall trips, tours, and events are shown on the monthly calendars for the remainder of 2013. Take a few moments and visit www.britishbootsandbonnets.com on line for up-to-date club related news and information.

For those of you whom we don't have pictures, your webmaster is still seeking member pictures for the website. If you have a recent favorite picture (with or without your little British car), please send it to me, and I'll cross your name off of the missing members list. The board would like to have all the members represented on the website, and you can help us achieve that goal. Please e-mail pictures to hzenisek@tds.net and help the club out with this project!

See you on the road soon,
Hal Zenisek
BBB Webmaster

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

NEW MEMBER PROFILE: ROGER & CANDY PELKEY

Hello Boots and Bonnets Buffs, from new members Roger "Rip" and Candy Pelkey. Sports cars got into my blood during my junior year of college when I bought a black Sunbeam Alpine with red leather seats and wire wheels - a real chick magnet. I was hell bent for leather with the pedal to the metal, passing an 18 wheeler on Hwy 12, in a snowstorm, heading home to Milwaukee for Christmas break, when the engine puked a rod out the side of the block. That was that! I guess Alpines were notorious for oil pump failures, but that's history now. If I had bought a Tiger instead I might have made it past the truck... Or died trying.

Along came Candy and my life changed... Surprise! We got married and joined the USAF during the Vietnam era and, trying to keep the family together (baby Jennifer on the way), lucked out and got stationed state side in Rantoul, Il. I met up with a 1st Lt. going overseas and bought his Formula C which had a DKW 3 cylinder 2 cycle and a Porche 5 speed transaxle - wild crazy beast. We played Team Andretti wannabe with the Midwest Council til we ran out of money and regained our senses!

Once out of the service we moved to Rockford , found a job at the Rockford Area Vocational Center, teaching, of all things... automotives. Went looking for an advertised used MGB for a second car. Found it, drove it, loved it, negotiated it, shook on it. Went to the bank to get the cash and back to get it. The Bloody Bloke sold it to someone else. Why, ask why?

Daughter #2 (Allison) came along, and we lived a fairly normal life until 1990 when we spotted an ad for a Mazda Miata. I looked at Candy and she looked at me, we said, gotta get one! After Jennifer graduated college I went down to the dealership to take a peak and Candy found out about it (my assistant leaked it). We bought OUR MX 5 that day in 1991 and have been very happy with her ever since. We've belonged to the Miata Club of America, Windy City Miata Club, Wisconsin Badgerland Miata Club, and now British Boots and Bonnets. We've enjoyed lots of activities including auto cross, touring and controlled road racing. A high point event was the Miata 5 year anniversary in Indianapolis . Candy drove the road course at Putnam Park and white knuckled a 360* spin on a 270* hairpin. Almost took out a corner worker and his fire extinguisher (I got it on video!). We got to Drive the Brickyard and get a picture on the start / finish line. Five columns of 50 Miatas took the field led by a Corvette Z28. What a sight! We were told not to pass the pace car and no bumping. We never saw him.. Balls to the wall... What a blast. Great memories! Looking forward to more!



The Cultural Cuisine Evening

England

Soup

Chilled, Minted
Pea Puree

Appetizer

Ploughman's Lunch

Salad

English Garden Salad
Potato, Green Beans,
Sun Dried Tomato,
Spring Onion, Cheese
& Honey Mustard
Dressing

Intermezzo

Lager Sorbet

Entree

Banger and Roasted
Acorn Mash
with
Red Onion Gravy
Grilled Salmon
Welsh Rarebit &
Steamed Asparagus
with
Lemon Butter

Dessert

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Cheesecake
with
Gingerbread Crust &
Elderberry Coulis



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A Request from Moss Motors...

I may not be the best person to write this email, but here goes ...

At the last two British car shows I attended I was approached first by an owner of a Morris Minor and then by a fellow with a Morgan saying, "Sure wish you carried a catalog for my car." These are two examples of several vehicles for which we don't have catalogs or references to parts online—and yet, we know we carry quite a few parts that fit the cars. I really should track down a list of all these cars, but the owners definitely know who they are.

For years (decades?) resourceful owners have been figuring out which parts from our catalogs fit their unique cars. In an ideal world Moss would have put in the man-hours ourselves and made the process painless for the customer. Dedicated men/women and especially hours, like a dry LBC, can be tricky to come by.

We have heard rumors of individuals who have created spreadsheets for their cars with factory numbers that have been cross-referenced with Moss part numbers—and parts from Moss Europe, too. Are the rumors true? Are there people with lists of parts? (In the case of the Magnette, we have our own Kelvin Dodd compiling part numbers—and still we're slow to publish them!)

In addition to pulling for the success of the company that happens to feed me, I will gladly push and research for the folks out there asking for parts for their beloved British wheels.

So, to all those out there who have their own personal lists of parts and are willing to share ... please do!

Thanks!

David Stuursma
Moss Motoring Editor & Club Contact Guy
Moss Motors
440 Rutherford Street
Goleta, CA 93117

P.S. I'm sure I can supply those who help out with Moss Gift Certificates. That would be my pleasure!

Wanted: Serviceable set of mini-lite style bolt on wheels for MGB, in either 14 or 15 inch sizes.

Thanks, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our BBB club friends in Oct for the Springfield "Lincoln Run!"

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