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President's Message

September 2013

Time is running out. Fall is just around the corner. This means our driving time is rapidly coming to a close. But don't despair. There are still some driving events scheduled to enjoy your car; we look forward to seeing you at one or all of them.

Speaking of time, now is the time we begin planning for the BBB Christmas Party. At the time I was writing this there were 109 days until Christmas (there is a web site for everything). Bev Joyce has agreed, once again, to chair our Christmas Party Committee. She is looking for volunteers to help plan this event. This is a fun committee to be on, for I speak from experience. Please give Bev a call or send her an email indicating you would be interested in helping.

Finally, I want to thank all the club members who were able to attend the Kandu Industries English Cultural Cuisine Dinner. We had 16 British cars displayed in front of Kandu for all the visitors to see, walk around and ask questions. The English dinner was wonderful and a delightful English couple took us on a pictorial tour of Great Britain during the dinner.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.



Next Meeting
Wed., Sept. 18, 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**

Our Club has had a very active month, and there were many great photos taken by our Events Chair, Rich Cannistra. There just isn't room in the Chronicle to publish them all. Hal Zenisek, Web Master, does post them all to our website. We invite you to visit the following link directly to the Events Photos to see them.

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http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/BBB%20Website%20files/BBB_Events_2013.html

British Boots and Bonnets -August 21, 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

President's Report: President Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 38 members present.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: Minutes approved as published in Chronicle.

Treasurer: Monthly report presented.

Membership: 78 members.

Regalia: No report. Call Jake if you'd like to order something.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Extra copies of Chronicle available at meeting. BBB business cards available.

Webmaster: Person in DeKalb needs to find someone to appraise Austin Healey. MGGT invited to join in Ontario, Canada in fall. Someone from the Netherlands is compiling a virtual museum of old car advertising. If you have any, scan and send.

Sunshine: Rita Kindren fractured spine, is homebound, and receiving in-home therapy. Brian Kobiachka's dad passed away. Lyn Pond's daughter's service will be at 5pm Saturday.

Events: MG National Conclave, no report. July 19-21 IL Jaguar at Pheasant Run, small event. August 11, Botham Vineyards Celebrations, 7 cars, 13 members present, David Brinkman won top prize. August 14, Drive and Dine to Noonan's Restaurant at Aldeen Golf Club had 37 members attend. August 17, Rick and Sandy Hamaker led Show and Go to Lake Michigan with 7 members in attendance. August 25 starts a 3 day event at Geneva Concourse. September 1 is Labor Day Picnic at Ed and Luz Lehman's at 1:00, bring a dish to pass. September 5 is Cultural Cuisine at Kandu Industries in Janesville, featuring England. September 8, car show at Harper's College. September 11, Drive and Dine led by Rich and Jackie Bartlett to Crandall's Restaurant in Hebron, IL, meeting at Roscoe Middle School at 6:00. September 13-15 trip to Door County, with 13 cars registered. Watch email for information. Springfield, IL trip to visit Lincoln sites. Watch email for info. Ladies Who Do Lunch, Friday, August 23 at Egg Harbor, Retired Gentlemen at The Olympic.

Marques: MG Rick Hamaker reported the annual convention at French Lick, June 15-19, 2014 extends a special invitation to **ALL** BBB members. **Triumph:** no report. **Jaguar:** September 21, WI Jaguar 30th Anniversary picnic at Milwaukee Zoo to view baby jaguars. **Austin Healey:** no report. **Lotus:** no report. **Rolls Royce:** September outing in Joliet. **Minis:** August 3, Minis on the Mac in Grand Rapids formed longest line of minis to cross bridge, August 25, club picnic at Lake Holiday, Sandwich, IL.

Good Wrench Award: Don Grosenick for getting Ginger's Austin Healey running to go to Botham.

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award: None.

Raffle: Orange dead blow hammer to Doug Cameron, pick & hook set to Rich Cannistra, zip ties & BBB coozy to Roger Buck, jumper cables & BBB coozy to Ron Kuhnau, Union Jack paper weight to Marv Proctor, tea & BBB coozy to Don Grosenick, British Invasion Tea to Luz Lehman.

Joke: by Larry Eils

Adjournment: 7:57

Respectfully Submitted, Ginger Spaight

2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- September 11 **BBB *Drive and Dine*** – Crandall’s Restaurant, Hebron, IL
Host: Rich & Jackie Bartlett
- September 13-16 **BBB FALL LONG WEEKEND DRIVE;** Door County, WI
Host: Larry and Marsha Eils, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau
- September 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- September 27-29 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- October 5 **BBB DRIVE - Fall Tune Down Drive**
Host: Larry and Marsha Eils
- October 9 **BBB *Drive and Dine*** – Northleaf Winery, Milton, WI
Host: Jim and Lynda Vickery
- October 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- 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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BOTHAM VINEYARDS 18TH ANNUAL VINTAGE CELEBRATION - by Rich Cannistra

On August 11th the day dawned bright and early for 13 club members headed for Botham Vineyards in Barneveld, WI. Although the weather forecast was threatening a small shower, just north of Monroe was the only rain encountered.

The vineyard is a beautiful setting for classic cars and as always both participants and spectators were not disappointed. This, the 18th annual vintage celebration, was the "Year of the Roadster" and club member David Brickman took home one of the top honors. His beautifully restored 1971 E-Type Jaguar received the James Fletcher Award. Well done Dave!!



AUGUST DRIVE AND DINE

by Rich Cannistra



Noonan's Restaurant at the Aldeens Golf Club in Rockford, IL proved to be a very popular dinner location for the August drive and dine. The restaurant parking lot resembled a British car show as 37 members rolled in with a wide variety of cars on a beautiful summer evening.

Although we almost overwhelmed the staff with our enthusiasm they made a nice recovery and provided great service for our large group. The food was delicious and the conversation lively as end of summer plans were discussed and finalized. Once more the unofficial mission of the BBB was confirmed, we love to drive and eat!



CLUB PICNIC AT LIBERTY FARM

by Rich Cannistra

When 75% of the club membership shows up at one function, it would have to be called a runaway success! That's exactly what happened on Sunday September 1st when Ed and Luz Lehman once again hosted our club picnic at their beautiful Liberty Farm.

An event this large requires the efforts of many to be successful and many club members pitched right in. Thank you first of all to everyone who brought a dish to pass. The variety and quantity of food was impressive. Ed and Luz Lehman not only hosted the day but also donated the hamburgers and brats for the main course. Master chefs Larry Eils and Bil Maschke again this year grilled everything to perfection. Lew Moon was kind enough to entertain us with a story or two and Archie Morey conducted a drawing for some of Ed's beautifully handmade wooden items. Five grateful club members went home with one of Ed's treasures. Ron and Nancy Kuhnau, Rich and Jackie Bartlett and Larry and Marsha Eils all contributed to the preparation and then clean up at the farm.

Carriage rides and fishing rounded out the enjoyable day. A fantastic time was had by all and once again the predicted showers held off to later in the evening. Thank you everyone for a great day!





CULTURAL CUISINE "ENGLAND"

by Rich Cannistra

When two of the club's favorite activities of driving and eating also involve a car show and an English theme, you know that we will show up strong! That's exactly what happened on Thursday September 5th as more than 30 club members responded to the invitation to be special guests of KANDU Industries in Janesville, WI.

KANDU's mission is to offer opportunities to persons with disabilities or disadvantages, and one of the vehicles which they use toward that end is their popular Cultural Cuisine nights. Thanks to the efforts of Marna Grosenick and Ginger Spaight, our club had the opportunity to display 16 British cars and enjoy the evening at a discounted rate. More than 100 persons enjoyed a six course British dinner while being entertained by an English couple who enlightened us with interesting facts about their country.



The food was enjoyable, the company was interesting and the weather cooperated for some lovely top down driving. Thank you Marna and Ginger for coordinating our participation in this unique event.



SEPTEMBER DRIVE & DINE

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 its "All you can eat broasted chicken". They also have a variety of foods on their 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



DOOR COUNTY TRIP SEPT 13-16

by Nancy Kuhnau

A great itinerary has been put together for our trip to Door County! If you haven't made plans to attend, you will be missing a grand time. We will visit a maritime museum, a light-house, take the ghost tour trolley tour, stop at the new distillery, sip some wine, drive through the beautiful countryside in the fall and, of course, enjoy some wonderful food including the English Inn in Fish Creek. We may even have a campfire!

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, and let your hosts, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau; Larry and Marsha Eils know. You only have a couple of days left! We meet at 7:15 AM Friday morning to leave.

AUTUMN DRIVE

by Larry Eils

Believe it or not our last scheduled day driving event for 2013 will be Saturday, October 5th. We will gather at the Life Church parking lot, corner of Elevator and Willowbrook Roads at 1:00 pm. After a short driver's meeting we will depart at 1:30 pm.

Our route will take us through the Illinois and Wisconsin countryside where we will encounter a Rustic Road or two. There may even be a stop at a local ice cream shoppe (depending on the weather). We will resume our fall tour as we head toward our dinner destination. Two restaurants are under consideration, we just haven't been able to decide which one, so further onsite investigation is underway.

Marsha and I hope you will join us on this fall drive.

OCTOBER DRIVE & DINE

NORTHLEAF WINERY, MILTON, WI

by Lynda Vickery

Our October 9th Drive & Dine is a month away. If you are interested in a nice drive to Milton, a Bistro meal, wines, and wine pairings with chocolates, then mark your calendar! Please check out www.northleafwinery.com for more information. There is a copy of the Bistro menu - sandwiches, soups and salads as well as information on their wines, gourmet edibles, and boutique items.

The winery is housed in an renovated 1850 warehouse. For those interested, we will meet there for a wine and chocolate pairing after eating in the Bistro. There will be 6 different wine tastes with 6 different chocolates (also made there) - all for \$10.00. If you choose not to wine taste, the winery will be available for tours, and of course there is the gift area! I understand their cheese selection is very good, and the cheese great.

Because we will be there after hours, and they will need to staff for us. We need to give them an approximate number for both the Bistro and the wine tasting. So, please contact us at jim.vickery@yahoo.com, or call 815-623-5611, to let us know you will be joining us! We'll let you know if we need to collect the \$10.00 wine and chocolate pairing ahead of time.

Thanks, Lynda & Jim Vickery

CAPITOL IDEA!

by Rick Hamaker

Just announced is the completion of a fifty million dollar renovation of the west wing of the capitol building in Springfield. If you're an architectural buff (and who isn't?) you won't want to miss seeing the nineteenth century opulence that has returned to the west wing. There are risqué statuary (by nineteenth century standards), frescoes, murals, bronze doors, antique lighting reproductions and other beautiful details brought back after decades of ambivalence and misguided renewal. You can enjoy this and several other great Springfield attractions and eateries as you join us for our "last hurrah" of the season during our October tour as we head south.

The date for our Springfield tour is the weekend of October 18-20.

Accommodations are at the Comfort Suites-Springfield with a rate of \$89.00 plus tax for a king or double queen room. Call now and ask for Justin Hamilton and mention BBB. The hotel phone number is 217-753-4000. After you make your reservation please contact Rick or Sandy Hamaker so we can keep you informed of the itinerary.

This should be a great weekend of history, culture and color, so we hope you can all join us.

Thank you to all of our British Boots and Bonnets friends for the lovely English Garden Planter and for all of your cards and prayers. Your care and concern has been such a comfort to us during this difficult time.

Lyn and Joyce Pond

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

WEBMASTER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER:

What an exciting month it was for your webmaster! First, the Club had several interesting contacts from non-members and other car clubs last month, and their emailed messages to the club are listed below.

1. Adam Triolo from Rockford has a 1971 MGB GT project car for sale. He did not send any details but I can send you his email if you are interested.
2. Hi guys! My name is Pat Sanchez and I am part of the British Car Union and the president of the Midwest Morris Minor Owners Organization. midwest-morris-minor.info. Anyhow, I need help with a Riley and noticed you had a Riley logo on your owners page. I am helping a friend with a 1951 Riley RMD that her family has to sell. It is almost finished and needs minimal work to finish it. If you have a contact, or know of anyone interested, please let me know. Thanks! Pat Sanchez Palatine, IL. Pat's email is psanch62@aol.com.
3. My name is Mark Jones. I am the Coordinator of the North American MGB Register's (NAMGBR) recently formed Post Abingdon Register. Through this email I'm contacting many of the British car clubs affiliated with the NAMGBR in the hopes of contacting other owners of Post Abingdon MG's. I was wondering if any of your club members have Post Abingdon (post-1980) MG cars, such as the MG Metro. If there are could you tell me how many and what model(s). Also, would you be willing to forward my email to them, I would like to talk to other Post Abingdon MG owners about their experience owning a modern MG. Thank-you for your help. Sincerely, Mark Jones, Coordinator, Post Abingdon Register, www.NAMGBR.org.
4. Dear classic car fan, I am sending you this newsletter (from the Netherlands) because I think you might be interested. The Brochure Museum of Lost Brands is a virtual museum which wants to give visitors the experience of virtual paging through sales brochures from the period 1945-1990. After the second world war advertising shifted from technical information to artistic impressions. Images became more and more important, which makes brochures from this period great windows on how we saw our world. Kind regards, Arie Lodder. See a copy of their newsletter on the next page. The email address for the Brochure Museum is brochuremuseum@xs4all.nl if you want to contact Arie directly.

Second, on a personal note, I had to trade in my mouse and keyboard for a 7mm nut wrench and assorted other tools this month. Note the picture included here with my report for the month.

This impromptu roadside tech session had both the club's President and Events Chair scratching their heads at the same time! Other than some automotive fluids left at the scene, and some minor repairs with replacement parts from California, Connie and I are back on the road again. My thanks go out to the many members for your diagnostic skills, concern and support.

Your Webmaster,
Hal Zenisek



Brochure Museum of Lost Brands - Newsletter August 2013

Dear editor,

This is the second newsletter from the Brochure Museum of Lost Brands. We have no intention to make this a recurring event. But this time we feel that something has happened that justifies sending a newsletter to all who might be interested. The museum re-opens after a thorough reconstruction this summer.

Brochure Museum of Lost Brands

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New Outlook for museum

The museum has been thoroughly restyled. The most important changes are:

1. Uniform page design with different colors for each category.
2. Greatly reduced number of page elements for shorter download times.
3. Simple design that allows to concentrate on content.
4. Uniform menu system for every page.

Especially the menu system is a great step forward. It is a stand-alone item, so changes have to be made only once, instead of on all 32 pages.

With the exception of the front page and the sitemap all pages have this new menu, which is not visible until you position the mouse pointer over the word MENU in the top left corner of the page.

For old browsers and devices that do not support this technique there is a sitemap that you can get to by clicking on the word MAP in the bottom right corner of the page.

Due the technical requirements all pages had to be renamed. When visitors will try to access an old page via bookmark/favorite, they will get a recommendation to delete the bookmark/favorite before they will be redirected to the new page. The actual brochure pages have not been changed.

Austin Maestro/Montego brochure

During the reconstruction work there were no changes in the collection. In September the Dutch brochure of the Maestro and Montego from 1984 will be the first addition to the collection.

To visit our museum: www.brochuremuseum.nl

If you have any remarks or questions, contact us: brochuremuseum@xs4all.nl

We are on facebook with the latest news: www.facebook.com/brochuremuseum

Kind regards,
Arie Lodder.

DID-U-KNOW

by Facia Nearside

What has become the longest running and perhaps most prestigious motoring event in the world started in London in 1896. On November 14th that year 33 motorists set off for Sussex only 60 miles away. This was not a race but more of a celebration, and as such it was called The Emancipation Run.

The origins of this event go back to 1861 when the British Parliament passed the first of the locomotive acts. This legislation imposed a speed limit of 10 mph on any self-powered vehicle. The second locomotive act in 1865 further limited the speed to 2 mph in town and 4 mph in the country. This speed limit was certainly unnecessary however, as this act also required any self-powered vehicle to be preceded by a man on foot carrying a red flag. Still not restrictive enough, the third act in 1878 required vehicles to stop at the sight of a horse. These laws (strongly supported by the railroad industry) of course had ONLY the safety of the public in mind. Together quite effectively they stopped early motor vehicle development in the UK.

Finally after intense lobbying by vehicle enthusiasts, the "Locomotives on Highways Act of 1896" was passed. This legislation is considered to be the turning point that allowed the automobile industry in the United Kingdom to develop. No longer was a man required to carry a red flag ahead of a vehicle, and the speed limit was raised to a breathtaking 14 mph.

As for The Emancipation Run: you know it as the London to Brighton Run. It now takes place on the first Sunday of each November just as it has for 117 years (war years excluded). While today more than 500 enthusiasts set off on the run it is still started exactly the same way as it was in 1896...by the symbolic destruction of a red flag.

Timeless Quotes:

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

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

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." -- Bill Clinton

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

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