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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

President's Message September 2014

Happy Labor Day! Can you believe it, 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 and your fellow club members. Look over the Events Calendar, pick out an event or two that looks interesting and put it on *your* calendar. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of them.

How about volunteering to do a *Drive and Dine* in October or a *Dine* in November. Jim Vickery, Events Chair, has a few open dates. Take the club to one of your favorite dining spots for an enjoyable meal. Give Jim a call and set a date.

Speaking of time, now is the time we begin planning for the BBB Christmas Party. At the time I am writing this there are 117 days until Christmas (there is a web site for everything). Bev Joyce has agreed, once again, to chair our Christmas Party Committee. Watch the Chronicle for more information.

Thanks to all the club members who have hosted events, the club has had another busy and active year. It is amazing how fast this year has gone by. It seems like we just uncovered our cars, tuned them up and began driving them. It's way too early to think about having to tuck them in for the winter. Here's hoping for a loooong fall.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: Even if you are in the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.



AUGUST 20, 2014 BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:04 with 40 in attendance. "We have had a great summer." There were no guests or new members. Larry reviewed the Raffle prizes.

Vice President report: Richard – Brought a copy of an issue of the British Marque Car Club News Paper. Lynda's report of the B&B Presence at the 2014 MGB Meet at French Lick was published there. He reviewed the features of the paper and recommended It because of it's great circulation.

Secretary: Minutes are corrected: Cost of the website next year will be \$4.00 a month. Motion by Bruce Seconded by Connie to accept as corrected. Carried

Treasurer: Brian gave the financial report. Motion to approve by Lynn Pond; 2nd by Bev. Approved.

Membership: At the present time we have 76 paid members. New Members, Jim & Julie Roberts.

Regalia: Jake reported the store is open on line. He will have Jackets next month in various sizes and colors. There will be a discount on the price. Give him some time to do the stitching.

Chronicle/ Newsletter: Lynda home ill. Larry reported she needs stories and she does a great job.

Webmaster: The Host was changed and the site was lost. After much work it was recovered. Suggested that we check to see if any thing has been lost. E-mail came in to sell a 60,000 mile Triumph Spite Fire.

Sunshine: Phyllis reported on Rita's passing and visitation Thursday 5-7. Flowers sent. Bob Tilson may come home in 2–3 weeks; he has been responding to therapy. Dennis Juul had a heart attack.

Events: 36 Attended <u>Drive and Dine</u> to Rochelle to see Sky Diving. John Twist reported 150 cars at <u>the summer party</u> in Michigan. <u>Club picnic</u> on Sunday Aug 31 at Lehmans; 1:00 pm bring dish to pass. <u>Long Weekend</u> Sept. 3. 11 couples will leave early for Lake Michigan crossing. A night at Sault Ste. Marie and in Upper Michigan. Still may have rooms. Contact Richard Cannistra. Need Host for next drive and dine.

Marques: Austin Healey: Dwain reported, Healy Fest in Beloit this weekend. Jaguar: Concourse in Veterans Park in Milwakee. Lotus: Jeff won't be around until Jan 2. Working in Kansas. Minis: Larry – Mini are reorganizing themselves. MG: MG Register 2015 Niagara falls. Rolls Royce: No Report. Triumph: No Report

Classified: Lynn Pond knows someone who has old (1950 -1960) British Car magazines for sale.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None Reported

Good Wrench Award: Nomination: Hal for his work on the Web Site. Carried

Burnt Piston Award: No Nomination

Raffle: Luz Lehman, Marv Proctor, Jake Jaquet, Sandy Hamaker, Don Grosenick and Larry Eils.

Adjournment: 7:46

Respectfully Submitted: Lewis Moon, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept 12-14	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
	Road America; Plymouth, WI
Sept 17	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 20	BBB Saturday Gathering - Friends Around the Campfire
	Host: Larry & Marsha Eils
Sept 26-28	Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
	Jefferson, WI
October 8	BBB Drive and Dine - Dry Creek Winery if open;
	then dinner @ The 615 Club in Beloit, WI 7:00 PM
	Host: Rich & Jackie Bartlett

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE BELOW!

October 11 BBB Saturday Drive - Fall Color Tour to Potosi

Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils

October 15 BBB CLUB MEETING

Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

November 12 **BBB** *Dine* –Location TBD

Host: Jim and Lynda Vickery

November 19 BBB CLUB MEETING

Thunder Bay Restaurant

December 10 BBB Cookie Exchange

Host: Mary Jo Schoening

December 17 BBB Christmas Party - Lino's Restaurant

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RITA A. KINDGREN 1949-2014

Sadly British Boots and Bonnets has lost an active, longtime member. Rita Kindgren had been fighting health issues the last few years, but as long as she could, she and her husband, Lee, would be at our monthly meetings, and many Drive and Dines. Rita enjoyed Club day trips and long weekend trips like the Amana Colonies trip, MG2012 in Georgia, and at least one trip to Door County. When Lee served as club president, Rita stepped up to take on the secretary duties.

Did you know that Rita was a fan of the Old West, traveling in the Western States and reading magazines and books on the history of that area? She enjoyed horses and dogs. When Lee first met her, Rita was scuba diving off wrecks in Lake Michigan. Over the years she traveled extensively in the United States, Europe, and the far East. Last summer she and Lee drove to Colorado, a state she loved.

Her obituary follows. We will miss Rita!



A. KINDGREN, 65 ROCKFORD - Rita A. Kindgren of Rockford died peacefully in her home on Saturday, August 16, 2014, after a long illness. Rita was born in Rockford on September 10, 1949, the daughter of Vitus and Frances (Hoy) Mund. Married to Lee Kindgren on April 13, 1991 in Rockford. Rita's biggest love was her family and she enjoyed shopping, traveling, and gardening. She attended Auburn High School and Rock Valley College. She was employed at W. A. Whitney Co, Rockford Spring, and Cellusuede Products. She also volunteered at Rockford Memorial Hospital and was a member of the British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, Rockford Divers Association, and the Red Hats. Rita is survived by her husband, Lee; daughters, Serina, Rita, and a son, Charles III; grandchildren, Fred, Amber (Austin),

Richard (Kacee), Hannah, Katrina, Charles, Ryan, Brianna, and Bianca. She is also survived by 11 great grandchildren. She is also survived by two stepsons, Michael (Kristi) and Jeffrey (Cyndi) and three step grandchildren, Athena, Taylor, and Audrey. She is also survived by sisters, Pat, Judy, and Jerry and brother, Bob. Predeceased by a brother, Maurice; and a sister, Cindy. Friends may call for a visitation and celebration of life at Sundberg Funeral Home, Ltd., 215 N. Sixth St., Rockford on Thursday August 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. Private graveside services will be at Arlington Cemetery.



BOTHAM VINEYARDS 19TH ANNUAL VINTAGE CELEBRATION

by Lynda Vickery

Sunday, August 10th, dawned with rather cool weather, but that didn't discourage 4 BBB cars from traveling to Barneveld, Wisconsin for the annual Botham car show. The winery venue for this show is always a big draw both for show participants and spectators.



The show is open to all makes of cars from all countries, and this year the featured cars were American Muscle. Our British cars didn't really fit that definition, but we joined many other British car owners as well as a good representation of the French Citron.



Judging isn't by car make or categories, but by total number of points given by the judges. Our own Dave Brinkman received an award for his 1971 Jaguar, Series 2, E-Type. Congratuations, Dave, as the field contained many of the highest quality vehicles!

One unusual entry was a Citron van that the owner has lovingly turned into his own portable cafe/bar.

The Botham family encourages participants to dress in the same era as their cars, and this year several came with very appropriate costumes.



Put this event on your calendar for next year (the 2nd Sunday in August). You will have a wonderful afternoon.













FLIGHT DECK BAR AND GRILL Drive and Dine August 13, 2014

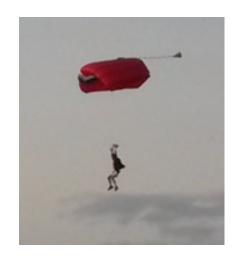
Bev and Brian hosted this drive to The Flight Deck Bar and Grill at the Chicagoland Skydiving Center Campus of the Rochelle Municipal Airport. Thirty of us left from Kegel's Harley Davidson parking lot on Harrison Avenue at 6:00 and met six more members at the restaurant.

The weather was great for skydiving, which we watched from the dining room windows during dinner and later outside on the patio.

The food, service, and entertainment were great! Thank you Bev and Brian!

















MILWAUKEE MASTERPIECE 2014

by Dave Brinkman

The Milwaukee Masterpiece was held over the August 23-24 weekend. The 23rd was Club Saturday and various car clubs were present. Jaguar was well represented and won both **Best of Show** with a 1960 Mark IX and also the **People's Choice Award** went to a 1971 Series III E-Type. This car had just undergone a complete restoration by the son of the original owner.

British cars were represented by many marques including Jaguar. There was a 1934 SS 2 and a 1939 SS 2 ½ both with RHD, 2 XK120's, 3 XK140's and a beautiful red XK 150S. There were 7 E-Types ranging from 1964 to 1971 series 3. There were multiple other Jags including the one that won Best of Show.

Lotus had an Elite and a Europa, 1958 Morris Minor, multiple MG's including a 1600 MK2, 1975 MG Midget and a supercharged 1974 MG B. There were several Austin Healeys including a replica with a V-8 engine built in 1990 which was still spotless. 1963 Riley Elf and a couple of Triumphs. I'm sure that there were several other marques that I failed to mention.

BBB CLUB PICNIC AT LIBERTY FARM

by Lynda Vickery

Ed and Luz Lehman have graciously hosted our fall club picnic for several years, and club members look forward to this event as one of the highlights of the driving season. This year was no exception as over 55 members gathered in great weather to enjoy food, friendship, and fun. And the Lehman's have already asked to host again next year!

Everyone brought their favorite dish to pass, and Bill Maschke, Larry Eils, and Ed Lehman manned the grills. The food was delicious - offerings from Luz's famous egg rolls to Delore's rice pudding. And did we mention desserts? Ice cream, anyone, or chocolate cake? Or both?? Thank you everyone for your contributions!

Ed and Luz have a beautiful location and all the necessary equipment to accommodate us. Ed also contributed 4 door prizes - all his own woodworking creations, much coveted by BBB members! Archie Morey made sure everyone had a drawing ticket, and he was a most popular person.

Lew Moon entertained us with one of his stories - all about a farm, of course. And his endings always bring lots of laughs.

Ed brought out his famous wagon for rides around his farm - down to his pond and around the fields. Everyone who took a turn enjoyed!

Many, many thanks to Ed and Luz and to the set up crew, Larry and Marsha Eils, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau, and Jim and Lynda Vickery. And to everyone who pitched in where they saw they could help. British Boots and Bonnets is a great group of people! Take a look at all the photos.

By the way, there are unconfirmed reports that a Rolls-Royce owned by one of our club members experienced "Failure to Proceed" while at the club picnic. It was seen attached to a Jaguar with jumpers in order to get a boost on its way. As of press time, Roger Buck was unavailable for comment.











"FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE" BEING HELD

Larry and Marsha Eils

If it isn't raining on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm in Harvard, Rockford or the surrounding area, we will host a "Friends Around the Campfire" at our house. Please bring campfire snacks that you can cook over a campfire or eat while watching a campfire. We have campfire forks, etc. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring other beverages if you desire. Some seating is available but bring folding chairs just in case. A warm jacket would be a good idea even with a fire.

We are located at 8700 Nilsen Court, Harvard, which is 5 miles northwest of the City of Harvard itself. If you need direction please let us know.

The rain date is Wednesday, September 24. We will start at the same time.

FALL JEFFERSON CAR SHOW AND AUTO SWAP MEET

September 26, 27, & 28, 2014

The Madison Classic's Fall Jefferson Car Show and Auto Swap Meet is one of the largest car shows in the Midwest! For the auto enthusiasts this swapmeet boasts thousands of car parts and car accessory vendors making it a great place to buy or sell those hard to find car parts. For those looking to buy or sell cars, the Cars for Sale Corral is full of 100's of cars of all makes and models!

The 37th annual fall Swap Meet & Car Show will be held September 26, 27 & 28, 2014 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds located just off Hwy 18 at 503 North Jackson Ave. in Jefferson, WI.

Spectator Hours

Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sun 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

VSCDA ELKHART LAKE VINTAGE FESTIVAL

September 12-14, 2014

Gorgeous cars showcase racing history against the beautiful fall colors at America's National Park of Speed! The weekend regularly attracts nearly 250 vintage and historic racecars to run over the threeday event including a field of pre-war models. The fan-friendly paddock is open to spectators for close-up views of amazing racing machines prepared to era specifications all weekend. On Saturday fans can watch a historic road course reenactment tour, which will leave Road America and follow a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950s.

Road America is located at N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI. For more information please see www.roadamerica.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 8 - Drive and Dine is being planned by Rich and Jackie Bartlett. Arrangements have been made for dinner at 7:00 PM at The 615 Club, 615 Broadway St., Beloit, WI. As a special treat there will be wine tasting at the new Dry Creek Winery, 8925 Stateline Rd, South Beloit, IL, if it is open. More to follow!

October 11 - Note the change of date for this Saturday Drive being planned by Larry & Marsha Eils. They have been in contact with Potosi Brewery as a destination. Details to follow.

November 12 - Jim and Lynda Vickery are planning this *Dine* and will provide details next month.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to host events this year! Your choices have been excellent, and we have enjoyed many different venues!

Heads Up for 2015!

From: Peter Mittler [mailto:pmittler@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:01 AM
To: webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com

Subject: NAMGBR's MG 2015 June 8-12 Save the Dates

To: Larry Eils, registered NAMGBR contact for British Boots & Bonnets

Dear Larry,

We are pleased to send you and the members of British Boots & Bonnets this personal invitation to attend the NAMGBR Annual Convention, MG 2015 "The MaGic in Niagara Falls" Canada, from June 8-12, 2015. We request that you e-mail this message to all of your membership as soon as possible to permit them ample time to block the dates for next June 8-12 and, if needed, to acquire either a passport or an enhanced driver's license or EDL**, so that they may travel to Canada and return to the USA smoothly. They do not have to be a member of NAMGBR to attend but they will get a reduced registration rate if they are members.

Our website is up and running now at http://www.mg2015.com.

Click these hyperlinks for <u>Hotel information</u> and <u>an event synopsis</u>.

Registration will open in late October 2014, however reservations can be made now at the convention hotels. We have negotiated special MG2015 convention rates from the Sunday night prior [June 7] to the Saturday night after the event [June 13] if your club members want to extend their stay. As of this writing there are 47 rooms left at the host hotel out of 209 and another 200 at the Ramada just down the street.

If you, or any neighboring clubs, decide to organize a convoy to the event, please let us know so that we can publicize it with you. We will be actively posting on:

1/ the NAMGBR Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/93904199065/ 2/ the soon to be created MG2015 Forum on http://www.mgexperience.net as well as 3/ the event website at http://www.mgexperience.net as well as Please address any questions to pmittler@gmail.com

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An enhanced driver's license or EDL (currently issued by <u>Michigan</u>, <u>Minnesota</u>, <u>New York</u>, <u>South Dakota</u>, <u>Vermont</u> and <u>Washington</u>) is specifically designed to meet the requirements of the <u>Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative</u> to re-enter the United States via a land or water border. An EDL will also suffice as proof of identity and citizenship for American citizens entering Canada by road.[4]

Peter Mittler and Stuart MAC MacFarlane Co-Chair Persons MG 2015



DID-U-KNOW by Facia Nearside

Motor Company. By 1905 Wolseley was the largest automobile company in Britain, securing not only it's reputation but that of Herbert Austin as well. When Austin had a chance to establish his own business he launched the Austin Motor Company in Longbridge.

Steady growth found Austin producing 1000 cars per year with a payroll of 2500 employees when Britain entered WWI. Converting to wartime production, the factory produced aircraft and weapons causing almost a ten fold increase in employees. At war's end, Herbert Austin found himself with 22,000 workers and very little work, but he had an idea. When motoring was in its infancy it was the realm of the wealthy. By the time WWI broke out, the middle class was beginning to adopt the automobile as well. However, working class families were still stuck with the motorcycle and side car. Herbert Austin recognized this gap in the market and set out to fill it.

Having seen the success of the Model T in the United States, Austin decided that he could do even better. His design featured a mixture of steel and aluminum panels over an ash frame powered by a tiny 42cu in four cylinder engine. It was called the Austin Seven (yes it had only 7HP!), and when it was launched in 1922 it sold for 225 pounds, which was about the same as a motorcycle and sidecar combination. Public response was tremendous! By 1926 the engine had been enlarged slightly and the price had dropped to 145 pounds, killing off sidecar and cyclecars for good.

When the last one rolled off the assembly line in 1939, total production had exceeded 290,000 cars. It would be twenty years on, in 1959, before The Austin Motor Company would once again turn out a design of such legendary popularity.....the Mini.

Welcome New Members!

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

Brian Kobischka, Treasurer British Boots and Bonnets Car Club PMB 254 1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104 Rockford, IL 61107 brian.kobi@yahoo.com

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

The following information was emailed to British Boots and Bonnets by David Stuursma, our contact person with Moss Motors...Chronicle Editor

In today's on-line world the old way of running classifieds in magazines and newspapers has become out of date. David Stuursma has a friend who has created an on-line classified website dedicated only to British Cars.

In Dave's words, "In addition to restoring cars with his Dad at their shop, British Sports Cars in San Luis Obisbo, Justin had been doing a fairly steady business of selling customer cars on consignment. After a number of years of this, Justin and a web savvy friend of his decided to create a British car only internet classified site. I've walked through it myself, it's really nice, straightforward and very reasonably priced...if he can get traffic to visit.

Because I know Justin and the work he does, I have no reservations steering members of British car clubs toward him and his site. None at all.

It doesn't hurt either that Justin offered to set it up where you can post your ad for free." Go to www.BritishCarClassifieds.com and follow the steps below. Be sure to enter the Coupon Code: moss on the checkout screen.

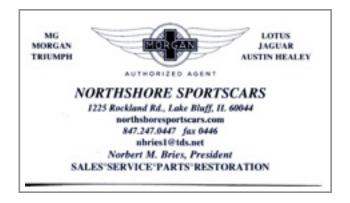


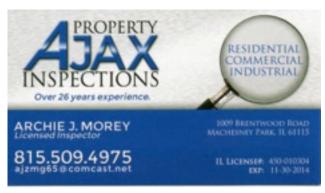
Gently Used BBB logo Items Swap, Sell and Buy

After the February 18, 2015 monthly meeting

Donate clothing you are no longer wearing and items you no longer use that have our Club logo on them. We will have a basket to put a monetary donation in for the things you "buy" which will go to the Regalia account.

Please see Lynda Vickery with any suggestions and/or questions.







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