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## President's Message

October 2014

We knew the nice weather wouldn't last but wasn't it wonderful? I hope you took advantage of this burst of summer and blew some air through your radiator. Marsha and I did. Fall is here and the end of the British car driving season is approaching fast. We can only hope some warm fall days will occur on the last ***Drive and Dine (October 8th)*** and our last driving event on October 11th, the ***Fall Color Tour to Potosi, WI***.

Speaking of the changing seasons, we have only three wonderful club events planned for the remainder of the year. First is the ***Dine*** on November 12. The second is the BBB Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's home on December 10th. This is a fun evening talking with club members, enjoying a beverage and sampling delicious homemade hors d'oeuvres before exchanging some wonderful Holiday treats. Our final activity of the year is the BBB Christmas Party on December 17th at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford. Bev Joyce and her committee have a wonderful night planned for us. Watch the Chronicle for more information.

With the coming of the new year, the club will be electing new officers in January for 2015. Please think about volunteering for one of the officer positions listed in the Chronicle. This is a great way to give back to club.

Here's hoping for a loooong fall so we can still blow some air through our British radiators before we have to use the "other" British car for driving.

Larry Eils

**Words of Wisdom: Alone we can do so little; but together we can do so much.**



Next Meeting  
Wed.,  
October 15, 2014

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

## SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

**Presidents report:** Larry Eils called the meeting together at 7:06. 30 Members present, There were no guests or new members. "Summer is hanging on". Urged us to use the club calling cards. Have them in the car or on your person. Give them to people you meet. He reviewed the Raffle prizes.

**Vice President report:** no report.

**Secretary:** Motion to approve minutes as printed in the Chronicle, Ron Moved: 2nd Rich: Approved

**Treasurer:** Brian gave a report on the Club finances. Lynn motion to approve Hal 2nd: Approved.

**Membership:** At the present time we have 76 paid members. New Rosters are sent as changes are made.

**Regalia:** Jake : Jackets Discounted this month \$10.00 (\$45.00 through Oct.)

**Chronicle/ Newsletter:** Lynda is traveling, no report.

**Webmaster:** e-mail from George Watson, Saskatchewan. 1960 MGA for sale, \$4500.00.

**Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz:** Reported Dennis Juul is recovering well from Heart Attack. Bob Tilson is home. He has a visiting nurse and home therapy, confined to wheel chair. Improving. Sends Greetings.

**Past Events:** Club thank you to Ed and Luz for the wonderful picnic. No Drive and Dine this month. Retired men's lunch at Hansen's Beloit. Ladies Lunch at Olympic. Rich and Larry reported on Long weekend. 11 cars combined for 11,000 miles. No problems. Reported some rain one day. Ferry crossing Lake Mich. Part of a long (945) Tractor parade crossing the Mackinaw Bridge. Dinner cruise on Sault Ste. Marie Locks. A Picture book of the trip will be available. Need a count to print, contact Roxann.

**Coming Events.** Sept 20, Friends around the campfire at The Eils in Harvard. Bring chair & camp fire snack. Sept 26, Men's lunch at Prairie Brewery on Water Street. Ladie's lunch at Tavern on Clark Off Bell School road. Oct 8, the last Drive and Dine of the year will be at 615 club in Beloit Wis. Oct. 11, Fall drive to Potosi, Wis. Lunch in the brewery. Dinner at Rafters in Lena , Ill , on the way home .

**Marques:** MG – Reported on Several British but non BBB events; Healey-Lotus-Rolls Royce: no reports; Mini – Larry reported reorganization still underway. Triumph – Jaguar : Fall Wisconsin drive Sept 21.

**Classified:** Wayne McKenna TR-3 for sale. Jake has a Sun Engine Analyzer for sale.

**Unfinished Business:** None reported

**New Business:** None Reported

**Good Wrench Award:** Ed & Luz Lehman for the picnic: Approved

**Burnt Piston Award:** Duane for coming to the meeting a week early. Approved

**Raffle:** Jake –Flasher, Don – 35 Pc Tool set, Dana Daubert – First Aid kit. All got a Union Jack shopping bag as well.

**Joke/Story:** Wife takes TV because husband won't shop with her.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted: Lewis Moon, Secretary

# BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

## 2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

### NOTE CHANGE OF RESTAURANT BELOW!

October 8           **BBB Drive and Dine** – Dry Creek Winery if open;  
then dinner @ The Butterfly 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** –Tavern on Clark  
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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# LONG MICHIGAN WEEKEND

by Lynda Vickery

Our long awaited crossing of Lake Michigan and travels north as far as the Sault Locks, west in the UP and back down along the Lake, then home through Wisconsin was a wonderful trip full of sightseeing, adding miles to our cars, and enjoying BBB friendships. Many thanks to Rich & Roxann and Larry & Marsha for planning and leading - you out did yourselves in being sure we had a smooth, fun-filled time.

We did so much over our five days, that this article and photos will be continued in the November issue of the Chronicle. Hope everyone enjoys!

Eleven cars set out very early on a Wednesday morning to ensure we all arrived at the SS Badger ferry dock in time for a 2:00 PM sailing. Everyone's car was in tip-top shape and we made excellent time up the Wisconsin countryside. The Badger personnel could not have been more accommodating, letting our drivers back their own car into the loading deck. We felt we had an easier time than those loading their semis and even oversized tank cargos! The sail went very smoothly - a sunny but cool day and, most importantly, a flat surface.



After arriving in Luddington and getting to drive our cars from the boat, we went directly to our first night's location, Summer's Inn. What a delightful find! This older motel has been completely renovated with lovely rooms and a huge covered meeting area next to a pond complete with landscaping. It was the perfect meeting area after our dinner at P.M. Steamers. Which, by the way, was the first of many excellent dinners during the trip. In the morning our hosts provided a cooked to order breakfast omelet. This felt much more like a bed and breakfast, and we all wished we had been able to spend more time there.



It had rained during the night, and skies were overcast as we set out on Day 2 of our adventure. We headed north through Manistee and along the Lake Michigan coast stopping at Little River Casino for a short break and group picture. (No we didn't stay to gamble.)



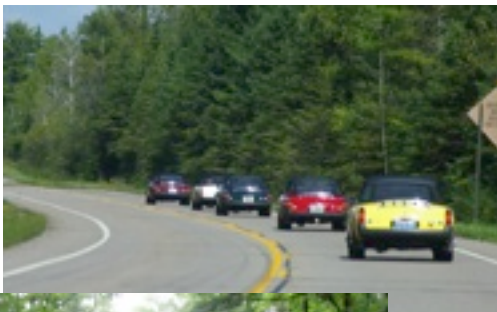
Then to Empire and the Sleeping Bear Dunes Visitor Center where we learned a little bit about the sand dunes. Just south of Leland we turned east and crossed the peninsula to Suttons Bay. Our goal was Black Star Farms Winery for lunch and wine tasting. Lunch was great, and those who participated in the wine tasting thought their wines very good. By now the skies looked more threatening and everyone's smart phones were giving varying degrees of a bad storm on the way. Most continued on to Traverse Bay where an inviting ice cream shop awaited, while a couple elected to stay at the winery under the shelter of a bluff until the storm passed. Luckily, the storm was not nearly as bad as forecasted, and the groups met up after passing through Traverse Bay.



Our second night was at the Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey - a great hotel near downtown, also with an area in their "breakfast room" to gather. Dinner was in the Noggin Room in the Perry Hotel, where we were able to have a private room. Their fish fry seemed to be a favorite! A few of us Packer fans gathered later to watch the game. Our enthusiasm didn't seem to help them.



There was a storm during the night that some heard and others didn't. We found a lot of small branches in the parking lot, but no damage to any of our cars. A local told us how to get down to a road along the bay in Harbor Springs that had manicured mansions on one side and private docks on the other. All the docks and any boats in the water had been damaged by the storm. And this went on for several blocks. We found out later that there had been a 3 foot surge during the night that lifted the docks right out of their positions and pushed everything up on the beach and rocky wall. When we left there, we drove through the Tunnel of Trees, a famous drive known for how the trees meet overhead - a beautiful area. Here, too, we found wind damage, and by the time we drove through all but a couple of the broken branches on the road had been cut up and moved aside. Because of the storm and threat of more rain, we had delayed leaving the Inn. As it happened, that gave everyone time to get started on the cleanup so we didn't need to change our route. At the end of the Tunnel of Trees we stopped at the Good Hart General Store - an authentic general 1934 store with a deli, bakery, and even a U.S. Post Office. The owner was so friendly and took great interest in our LBCs. Even the outhouse didn't dampen our good spirits!



**Find Part II  
in the  
November  
Chronicle!**

## **FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - WHAT A NIGHT!**

by Larry and Marsha Eils

The campfire God was looking our for us because on Saturday, September 20th at 4:40 pm the rain stopped and the sun came out. By 6:30 pm when the first guests arrived, a warm and lovely evening was taking shape. Twenty four club members enjoyed a beautiful star filled sky and a roaring campfire needing only a light jacket to keep away a few pesky mosquitoes who quickly disappeared.

Everyone enjoyed a LARGE array of snacks as they watched Ron and Bill keep the fire blazing away. Lew Moon entertained us with a few wonderful campfire stories along with Bruce Beneditz. In addition, Dolores Moon sang a few campfire songs for us.

By 11:30 pm the clean up crew (Nancy, Ron, Marsha and I) had just finished, when you know what, the sky opened up and it just poured. The luck of the British was certainly with us on this night.

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](mailto:brian.kobi@yahoo.com)

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

### **Tech Tip...from the Little British Car Co via British Marque Car Club News**

From Ron Neumunz: Golf tees make great hose plugs. Any time you work on any of the rubber fuel lines about the pump or carbs, there is always the problem of how to clamp off the line to avoid excess fuel spilling. I don't always have a pair of grip pliers on hand, and sometimes they don't work all that well, or apply too much force to a tired line.

A way to get around that is to use golf tees. They fit nicely into the 1/4" line and neatly plug the end while you fiddle around with the pump, etc. I keep a few in my garage and try to have one or two in the car. Wooden ones are best, as they have some "friction" that helps keep the plug in while you're doing simple repairs.



## **OCTOBER DRIVE, WINE TASTE & DINE!**

by Jackie Bartlett & Lynda Vickery

Jackie and Rich have scouted out both a winery and restaurant for *October's Drive and Dine*. Wednesday, October 8th, is the day; Roscoe Middle School is the meeting point. Be there by 5:30, with a leave time of 5:45.

We will head East on Elevator Road to County Road; then north to 8925 Stateline Road, South Beloit and Dry Creek Estate Winery. There, Jackie and Rich have arranged with the owners for a wine tasting - 5 wines for \$5.00, starting at 6:00. And there will be time to look around and admire their brand new facilities. They have a welcome area and an entertainment venue. The first grape vines have been planted, but it will take a few years before they mature.

After enjoying our stop at Dry Creek, we head over to The Butterfly Club for dinner. There is a Wednesday fish fry as well as a full menu available.

Please contact the Bartletts at 815-623-8581 to let them you know you plan to attend. They can then let Dry Creek and The Butterfly Club know approximately how many to expect. If you can't join in on the wine tasting, but want to meet at the restaurant that will be fine. Reservations are at 7:00 PM.

## **FALL DRIVING TOUR OUR LAST "OFFICIAL" DRIVE OF THE YEAR**

Larry and Marsha Eils

Fall is in the air so come and join us for a beautiful drive to Potosi in western Wisconsin on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Gather up your warm clothes, turn on your British car heater or drive your "other" British car, with a real heater, and

meet us at the Roscoe Schnuck's, corner of Elevator Road and Hwy 251 at 8:00 am with an 8:30 am departure.

Did you know?

+ The only National Brewery Museum in the country is located in Potosi, WI.

+ One of the oldest (1852) breweries in Wisconsin is located in Potosi.

+ There is a new winery, Whispering Bluffs, across the street from the brewery.

A delicious buffet lunch will be served in the Founder's Room of the brewery. Lunch will cost \$14 per person plus tax and tip. After lunch there will be time for those who want to tour the museum, \$3 for seniors or \$5 under 59, or do a wine tasting across the street. There is also a small transportation museum on the first floor of the brewery that is free.

On our return trip we will see the mighty Mississippi and the farmers doing their fall harvest as we head to Lena, IL for dinner at The Rafters Restaurant. The club has enjoyed several dinners here over the years in the red round barn.

Remember, this drive will take place rain or snow but certainly with the sun shining. We are looking forward to seeing all of you for this fall drive.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**November 12** - Jim and Lynda Vickery have reserved a room at the new Tavern on Clark for our November *Dine*. Plan to meet there, 755 Clark Dr, which was formerly Damion's. (Clark runs East just south of Rock Valley Green House) at 6:30.

**December 10** - The Annual Cookie Exchange will lighten your Christmas Baking. Mary Jo Schoening has hosted the car club cookie exchange for several years, and this year is no exception. If you bring 4 dozen cookies then you can chose 4 dozen from among the fanciest, best tasting cookies our members bring. You may bring

more, or less, but you can take home the same number that you bring. If you don't have time to do a lot of baking (and who does??) this is the perfect opportunity to go home with a wide selection of treats for your Christmas entertaining. Leaves you more time for decorating, shopping, and entertaining, right?

Plan to arrive at Mary Jo's around 7 pm on Wednesday, December 10th with your cookies and recipe, an appetizer to share, and your beverage of choice. This is a co-ed cookie exchange and the guys have as much fun as the gals. See you there!

by Mary Jo Schoening & Lynda Vickery

**December 17** - Planning has begun for the BBB Christmas Party! Mark your calendar for the 2014 British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party!!!

The elves are busy making plans for your Christmas Party, but even they can experience technology problems. Their computer is in the repair shop, so you will have to wait for your formal invite. Please mark your calendar for December 17th, 6:00 pm at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford. More details of the fun will follow.

by Bev Joyce

**February 18, 2015** - After our monthly meeting we will have a mini-swap, sell and buy meet, exchanging BBB and other British car logo clothing and other items.

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



## DID-U-KNOW

by Facia Nearside

So, you like British cars and are well aware of what the name MG stands for. The process of deriving a company's name in that fashion is called initialism, and it has long been a popular choice of car manufacturers in the United Kingdom. Let's see how far your knowledge goes with a few more British Marques who got their name in this manner. If you can name 15 you are a qualified British Marque Historian! Naming 10 shows that you are a Knowledgeable Petrol Head, while 5 correct makes you a British Car Enthusiast. Less than 5, well..... Want extra credit? In this list, 6 of the companies are still in business. Can you spot them?  
Good luck!

ABC, AC, AEM, AGR, AJS, ALC, AMC (no Yankee, it's not American Motor Corp), BAC, BMA, BPD, BSA, C+H, CFB, CFL, CWS, EJYR, EYME, GB, GN, GWK, HCE, HLB, HMC, HP, HRG, JBA, JBS, JZR, LAD, LEC, LM, MCC, MG, MK, SS, TB, TVR, VAL, WSC, WW, and YEC.

## TURN INDICATOR REMINDER

by Bruce Beneditz

On a recent club trip there were numerous occasions where we would have to remind each other that we had left on our turn signal. Our Little British Cars are a bit too loud to hear the familiar click-click of the flasher. Since I was frequently one of the offenders I decided to resolve the issue when I got home.

The solution turned out to be very simple and costs less than \$5.00. All you need is a 12Vdc Mini Buzzer (I used Part Number 273-0055 from Radio Shack), a little wire, two ¼" female slide on terminals, two terminal adapters to connect two wires to one connection, and some double face foam tape. See picture 1.

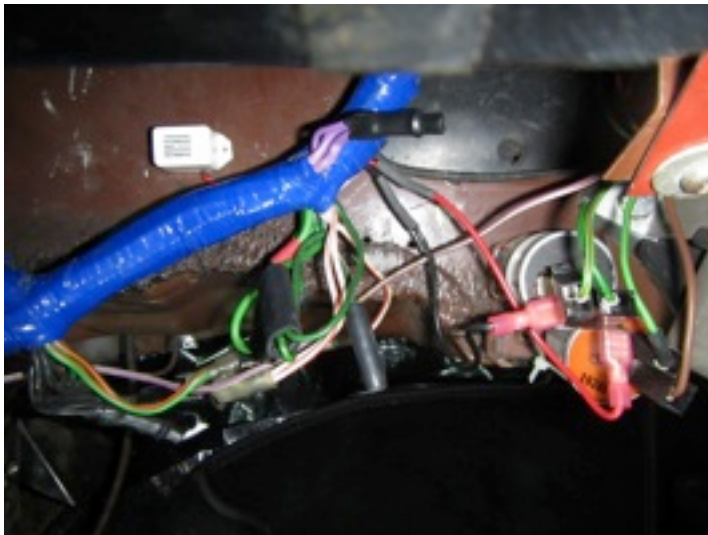
Locate the flasher unit, found under the dash on the right side on a MGB. Connect the Red wire of the buzzer to the Green wire on the flasher and the Black wire of the buzzer to the Green-Red striped wire. Attach the buzzer under the dash using the foam tape and you are done. See picture 2.

The buzzer will sound as the lights flash. If the buzzer is too loud for you just put a piece of tape on it to muffle it.

Happy motoring,  
Bruce



Picture 1



Picture 2

MG MORGAN TRIUMPH



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