

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

December 11, 2013

!!!Please note this is not the normal monthly meeting week!!!

Join your friends to celebrate the holiday season.

Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

6:00 pm for Cocktails

6:45 for Dinner, Program and Gift Exchange, British Door Prizes

The Club is subsidizing each dinner by \$10.00.

To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$15.00 wrapped gift per person.
(No gifts of alcohol, please.)

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form

Baked Chicken ala Lino	\$ 8.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	Cost \$ _____ \$ _____
Baked Orange Roughy	\$11.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	Cost \$ _____ \$ _____
New York Strip Steak	\$16.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	Cost \$ _____ \$ _____
Lino's Meatless Baked Lasagna	\$ 8.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	Cost \$ _____ \$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

**Please send your reservation and check by November 29th to
Mary Jo Schoening**

Checks should be made payable to British Boots and Bonnets



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President's Message

November 2013

The club activities are winding down as the leaves fall and there is frost on the grass every morning. We have one Dine left at Garrett's on November 13th followed by the club meeting on the 20th. On December 4th the fabulous Cookie Exchange will be held at Mary Jo Schoening's house in Caledonia. To end the year our Christmas Party will be at Lino's on December 11th. I know the Christmas Committee has a fun evening planned; I look forward to seeing you there.

Even though there are a few events left on our calendar, I hope you already have some great memories of a wonderful driving season like Marsha and I do. A big THANK YOU to Richard Cannistra and his Events Committee. Thanks also goes to the club members who hosted a Drive and Dine or hosted a drive through the Illinois and Wisconsin countryside. I also want to thank, on behalf of all the hosts and your club officers, all the club members who attended our events throughout the year. Your support makes it all possible.

With the end of the year it is time for nominations for officers to the Board. If you would like to get more involved in your club, volunteer to take an office or nominate a friend. There are six positions open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Chair and Regalia. I have agreed to run again for President and Jake has agreed to do Regalia again. Our current Vice President and Secretary have decided not to seek reelection. Our Treasurer and Events Chair have completed two terms so they are not eligible to run again. We also need a volunteer or two to handle our raffle at each meeting. If you are interested in being an Officer of the club, doing the raffle or have any questions, please give me a call. I would be more than happy to talk with you.

Larry Eils

Words of Wisdom: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Next Meeting
Wed., Nov. 20, 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 - Oct
Membership Meeting Minutes**



13, 2013 -

President's Report: Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Larry Eils with 36 attendees present. A new member at the meeting, Andy Baliss, is the proud owner of a 1932 Rolls Royce.

Vice-President: Steve Carter had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Bev Joyce, and seconded by Ron Kunhau to approve the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Frazier gave the financial report.

Membership: Bev Joyce reported 79 members.

Regalia: Jake Jaquet reported no Blue light special. There are a few shirts left from last meeting, but otherwise place orders from catalog.

Chronicle/Newsletter: No report. Lynda Vickery on vacation.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek had no report.

Sunshine: Delores Moon reported Bob Tilson had a stroke. He will be in rehab for about 3 weeks.

Events' Chair: Rich Cannistra reported on past events, a Fall Color Ride on October 5 led by Larry and Marsha Eils with 8 cars participating, the October 9 Drive and Dine to the Northleaf Winery in Milton, WI, led by Jim and Lynda Vickery, with 32 present to enjoy dinner and a chocolate and wine pairing, as well as a tour of the winery, and the Mecum Auction in Chicago on October 11 was the ultimate car show. Coming events include the November 6 Drive and Dine to Garretts, the Annual Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's on December 4, the Christmas Party on December 11, the Ladies lunch will be October 25 at the Olympic, and the men will meet the same day at Fibs in Rockton, IL.

Marques: **MG** - Rick Hamaker, no report. **Triumph** no report. **Jaguar** Rich Cannistra reported the 30th anniversary at the Milwaukee Zoo was a success, with the baby jaguars being as big as mom. **Austin Healey** Dwain Plymale, no report. **Lotus** Jeff Plummer, no report. **Rolls Royce** - Roger Buck, no report. **Minis** Larry Eils, still trying to get together for 30th anniversary.

Classified: For Sale: Spitfire, see Connie Frazier; Bob Tilson's XKE is on EBay.

New Business: Now accepting nominations for club officers for 2014. All positions are open; Steve, our VP, and Ginger, our secretary, are not running for a second term; Connie, treasurer, and Rich, events chair, have completed their 2nd terms.

Good Wrench: Rick and Sandy Hamaker for work put into Springfield trip.

Burnt Piston: None.

Raffle: No raffle.

Larry Eils concluded the meeting with a Halloween story.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginger Spaight

BRITISH BOOTS and BONNETS 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

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| November 13 | BBB <i>Dine</i> – Garrett’s Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Host: Connie Frazier & Hal Zenisek |
| November 20 | BBB CLUB MEETING
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL |
| December 4 | BBB <i>Cookie Exchange</i>
Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening |
| December 11 | BBB Christmas Party
Lino’s Restaurant; Rockford, IL |



REMINDER: This is the last issue of the Chronicle for 2013. Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles and photos. And a special thank you for all the complements and words of encouragement during the year! I am looking forward to 2014 and welcome your ideas and suggestions to make the Chronicle more informative and helpful to all BBB members.
----Lynda Vickery, Editor

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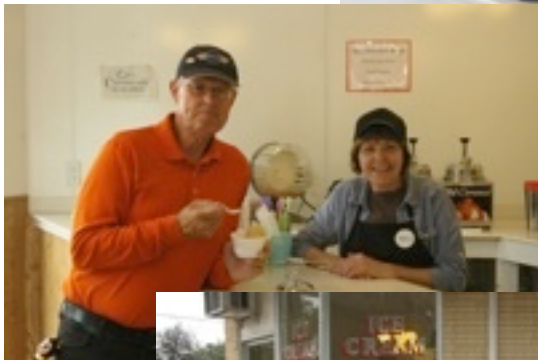
Fall Was In the Air

By Larry and Marsha Eils

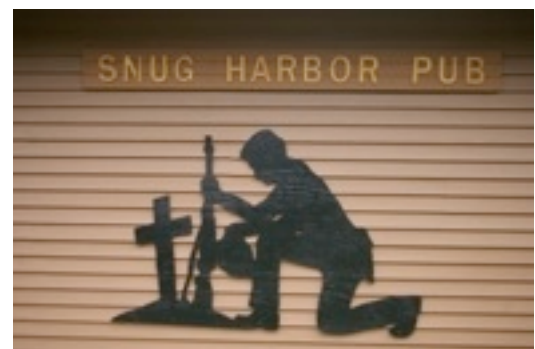
By noon on Saturday a steady rain was falling but despite the rain it was a warm October day. Eight cars assembled for our fall drive and much to our surprise, the rain stopped by 1:30 pm resulting in a nice day for a drive.



After a short drive through the corn and soybean fields we stopped at the Ice Cream Shoppe in Darien, WI for an afternoon treat. We took advantage of the weather by eating outside. Then it was off to the hills and valleys of the moraine area of southern Wisconsin. Fall color was visible as we drove by country estates and tree covered hills. A few Wisconsin Rustic Roads added to the enjoyment with their ups and downs, twists and turns.



We ended the day at the Snug Harbor Pub, a family owned restaurant, on the shores of Turtle Lake. Sheri, the owner, was our host and served us a wonderful dinner. It just so happened that the Pub was holding an early Halloween Party so we watched Dracula, ghosts, witches and even a TV remote control come to the Pub.





As the day ended, the sun peeked through the clouds making a beautiful reflection on the lake. A nice ending to a very relaxing drive.



2014 Club Calendar - Time to Order

By Larry Eils

The 2014 club calendar will be available at the January 15, 2014 club meeting. Our theme will be club activities and display pictures of our 2013 functions including our December events. The calendar will be on card stock so it will be stiff and have a hole for hanging. The cost will be \$10.

If you would like a calendar, or two or three or more, please let me know by email, phone or in person at the November 20th club meeting. I do need to hear from you by December 20, 2013. Thank you in advance for your order.

Dave Brickman, Rich Cannistra and myself, are working to put this together. This was a project initiated by John Fleshman.

MILTON, WISCONSIN'S NORTHLEAF WELCOMES OCTOBER DRIVE AND DINERS

by Rich Cannistra

What we may have lacked for driving weather in the spring we are certainly making up for now. Wednesday October 9th was a beautiful night for a top down drive and that fact was not lost upon the 12 cars which took to the road and headed toward Packer Country.

Hosts Jim and Lynda Vickery gathered their followers at the Roscoe Middle School then set off on the year's final drive and dine. After enjoying 45 minutes of beautiful country roads we arrived at the Northleaf Bistro and Winery. We were met there by several additional members bringing the total participation to 32. Gail and Cori welcomed us into the Bistro where we enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere while dining on a nice variety of delicious offerings.



After dinner it was on to the winery for a tasting of their fine products paired with some homemade chocolates. This was followed by a tour of the winery then more time to relax and visit with Northleaf owners Gail and John Nordlof.





In keeping with the BBB tradition of enjoyable time spent with friends, this final drive and dine of the year was a very pleasant evening. Thank you Jim and Lynda for hosting this fun event!

Humorous Phrases from the December, 1988 Chronicle:

- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- 3 kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
- I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
- LUCAS - Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices

NOVEMBER DINE AT GARRETT'S

by Connie Frazier

Although the temperatures outside are dropping, we professional eaters of the BBB don't let that stand in the way of our warm and friendly second Wednesday gatherings. Join hosts Hal Zenisek and Connie Frazier on Wednesday, November 13th at Garrett's Restaurant in Rockford, IL.

Known for great food and superb service this will be the perfect opportunity to join fellow club members for an enjoyable evening. With all of the year's official driving events behind us, relax while considering the past year's successes and begin to plan for next year's opportunities.

In order to provide our group with the best service, we will be ordering from a specially-selected, limited variety of dinner, salad, and sandwich options.

Garrett's is located about one mile north of Thunder Bay Grill at 1631 North Bell School Road, in Rockford. BBB will have a private room for our dining pleasure with a reservation time of 6:30 p.m. Please let Connie & Hal know that you will be attending by emailing them at cfrazier9@yahoo.com or calling 815-397-3653. Join the fun!



COOKIE EXCHANGE TO KICK OFF DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

by Rich Cannistra

Hard as it is to believe, most of the LBC driving weather for the year is behind us; but we look forward for other chances to meet when the weather turns cool and a favorite is coming soon. Again this year Mary Jo Schoening is hosting her annual BBB cookie exchange. It will be on Wednesday, December 4th at 7 p.m. at her home. If you have not participated in the past, rest assured that this is a couples event, as there will be lots of food and beverages along with tons of cookies.

Here's how it works: everyone should bring 4 dozen cookies and their recipes as well as a container for the many cookies that you will want to take home. Also if you wish, please bring one appetizer to share as well as the beverage of your choice. If past experience is any indicator of future results, Mary Jo's kitchen has been known to be the site of cookie taste offs, beverage comparisons and British car banter long into the evening. Plan now to join the fun! See you on December 4th.

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 November 2013

by Hal Zenisek

Traffic through the website has slowed down a bit as the weather has cooled, and top down driving is wrapping up for the year. We've seen the same slow down in past years, and this isn't anything unexpected. As this is the last newsletter for the year, I just want to send out a huge thank-you to everyone who has contributed photos, event information, and suggestions for a better website. All of your efforts certainly help a great deal. It's another example of how the contributions of many outweigh the work of one.

The balance of November and December will involve the process of building the 2014 calendars. You can help with this task by forwarding any national car show schedules & locations that you think should go up on our monthly calendars. Also, please forward any state and regional events, or other items you think would be of interest for visitors checking out our website. I'll be adding the club's event schedule sometime next spring but want to have the 2014 calendars on the website for those who want to do some planning. For some reason January is one of our busiest months for visitors, so having the calendars up for the year is a great way to start 2014.

Check out the website if you haven't visited recently; you'll find pictures from the fall events and new and updated member pictures. Jake has some regalia for sale in the store as well. Remember the web address is www.britishbootsandbonnets.com or simply type British boots and bonnets into Google or other internet search engines.

Thanks for spending time on the BBB website!

Hal Zenisek, Webmaster

FORMER MEMBER PASSES AWAY

Lois Ullock (1929-2013), an early member of British Boots and Bonnets, passed away on October 25, 2013, in Rockford, IL. Lois served on the Sunshine Committee in 1999, the same year that her husband, Tom, served as Vice President. They owned both an MGTD and MG midget and were active club members for several years. For many years she had a hairdressing business in their home. Lois was also a member of the Rockford Women's Club and a past President of the North Suburban Women's Club. Lois was born in Pennsylvania and had many relatives still living there. She and Tom enjoyed many driving trips back "home" to visit family.

MGB/MGA Slave Cylinders (Clutch)

by Marv Proctor

I recently received a call from a MGB owner who got my name from a mutual friend about the slave cylinder on his "B" and proper bleeding procedures as he could not achieve a "pedal". After going through some basic questions and my statement that the unit made by Lockheed, (now "Aptec" for AP Lockheed), will normally be a very well behaved self-bleeding device, he informed me he had a cylinder made by URO Parts, part #GSY106. He had purchased the cylinder through MOSS Motors and recalled that he opted for the "Classic Gold" aftermarket unit rather than the Lockheed unit because of cost. I had recalled some years back about hearing of or reading a packaging issue on the clutch slave cylinder but could not remember the details, so I said I'd research it and call him back.

It didn't take but a few seconds to find the answer and jog the grey matter back to life on this. Moss Motors has a number of items that they correctly, and to their credit, identify as "Classic Gold" aftermarket parts. In the case of the MGA/MGB clutch slave cylinder, Moss has an aftermarket supplier called URO Parts out of Simi Valley, California. They supposedly supply very good parts of which the MGB/MGA clutch Slave Cylinder is one and the cost is about \$48.00. Moss Also supplies the AP Lockheed unit, part #83901P which is still made from original Lockheed tooling to Lockheed specifications. This is the unit identified as "Lockheed" and costs about \$110.00, or \$62.00 more than "Classic Gold" aftermarket unit. So, for those of us in the MG community who may be watching our cash outlay for parts, the \$62.00 savings becomes attractive.

I cannot comment on quality of the "Classic Gold" alternative in operation or longevity but, what is known is that apparently the box which they chose or designed to fit the cylinder was too short to ship the unit in with the bleed nipple pre-assembled in the correct port. So they loosely fit the nipple in the inlet port and left the bleed port open and do not, or did not, make comment to that in any instructions that may be in the box. Unknowingly, many owners took the unit out of the box and installed it on their cars as is, with the inlet and bleed ports reversed. NOTE: *The Lockheed unit has the bleed nipple installed in the proper port as it comes out of the box and is not subjected to the same problem on installation.*

I then called my new MG acquaintance back and he confirmed that he too, had installed the cylinder as supplied out of the box. I related that I had found Moss has a technical bulletin on this subject dating back to January of 2008 but he, like a lot of us, did not click on the little flag by the part listing on the Moss website. We discussed bleeding and a couple of techniques if it didn't self bleed before he went off to correct the issue at hand. He did relate his later success to me in a resultant email and promised me a beverage of my choice the next time I was in Mattoon, Ill.

Pictures showing packaging difference follow on the next page. Note the longer Lockheed box allowing for the bleed nipple length.

Also note that the units are resting on their boxes as they would be installed on the car. The bleed port is located on the uppermost diameter of the cylinder.

This is a simple matter of physics, so that air, being lighter than fluid, will rise to the top and be expelled first.



DID-U-KNOW by Facia Nearside

In 1912 Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford were selling Singer automobiles in London. They soon decided that they could build a better product. Teaming up as Bamford and Martin, their first prototype appeared in 1915 and it was called an Aston Martin. WWI prevented production but immediately after the war they began turning out a wide variety of successful models, most of which were racers.

Eventually the name of the company as well as the name of the cars became "Aston Martin". Over the years the firm has gone through bankruptcies, buyouts and reorganizations, perhaps more than any other British automobile company. One especially successful buyout occurred in 1947 when David Brown bought Lagonda and Aston Martin. Merging the companies, he created the famous DB series of cars.

Despite the continuing changes in ownership, Aston Martin's future seems quite secure. After all, the royals William and Kate drove off from their wedding in an Aston Martin owned by HRH Prince Charles. More recently Neiman Marcus announced the Aston Martin Vanquish Volante convertible as the car in their 2013 Christmas book. Priced at only \$344,500 you had better order early as only 10 will be constructed.

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club New Member Intro - Andy & Sarah Bellis

Andy and Sarah Bellis joined are new BB&B members in October.

Originally from the England (Manchester) Andy is an Aerospace Engineer and was hired by Hamilton Sundstrand and relocated to Rockford in 2001. Although not intended to be a permanent move for Andy and Sarah, the Bellis family (Andy, Sarah and their two daughters Zoë and Grace) are now US citizens and call Rockford their 'home'.

David Bellis (also an Engineer) has been a long time fan of restoring pre-war vehicles, and recently offered to hand-over ownership of his beloved Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental (chassis number 54MS) to his son Andy. The three conditions for this deal being; to arrange the cars re-location to Rockford from the UK, learn to take good care for it, drive and enjoy it regularly. Consequently, the vehicle still remains within the Bellis family, and arrived in Rockford from the UK in May this year.

The first trip for 54MS in the USA was to the Rolls-Royce Owner Club / Lake Michigan Region 35th Annual Concours in July. A somewhat stressful first adventure for the Bellis family along the I-90 to Chicago (with construction), but it was reward was being awarded 'Best Of Show'!



The vehicle has an interesting history and was originally was manufactured in 1932 with a Sedanca De Ville body by coach builder Barker. Rolls-Royce displayed it at the Paris Automobile Show that same year, transported it through the streets of Paris on a horse and cart! After several owners during WWII and the post War years, 54MS ended up as a rusting old chassis and engine at the back of a barn in Wiltshire, England.

In 1986 the chassis and engine was found by Andy's father who then completed a 5 year long restoration project (having previously completed a 4 year complete restoration of a similar Phantom II 39WJ). The goal of the restoration project being to design and build a new body onto 54MS that incorporated the best classic coupé design styling and so recreate the most elegant and exquisite coupé styled Rolls-Royce Phantom II.



Andy and Sarah look forward to being members of the club and joining in on fun driving trips with 54MS and social events in the coming years.

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