

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

December 17, 2014

Let's get together with friends to celebrate the holiday season at

Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

6:00 pm for Cocktails - 6:45 for Dinner, Program and Gift Exchange

To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$15.00 wrapped gift per person and mark them for man or woman. (No gifts of alcohol, please.)

This year we have added a new feature to the BBB Christmas Party. A **Christmas Parts Tree!!** We are asking each couple to bring a clean British car part, no larger than a fist, that can be hung on the **Christmas Parts Tree**. The part could be a clean bolt, light bulb, washer, spark plug, etc. You get the idea! Tie a ribbon on it so the part can be hung on the tree. You will be taking your ornament home when you leave so that you can hang it on your own parts tree.



British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form

Baked Chicken Ala Lino	\$8.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Baked Orange Roughy	\$12.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
New York Strip Steak	\$19.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Lino's Meatless Baked Lasagna	\$7.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Please send your reservation and check by December 12th to Mary Jo Schoening (Please see your roster for her address). Checks should be made payable to British Boots and Bonnets.



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President's Message November 2014

It appears our luck has run out and the cold weather is we experienced over Halloween is settling in. We knew the nice fall weather wouldn't last.

Thanks to Jim Vickery, Events Chair, and his committee, we experienced a wonderful driving season of fun-filled activities. We enjoyed many delicious meals and drove through many beautiful and scenic areas as we "blew some air through those British car radiators." We even learned a little history in our adventures, like the ride on the SS Badger.

Even though the British car driving season is over, our activities continue with the first **Dine** on November 12th and our last club meeting of the year on November 19th. Next is the **BBB Cookie Exchange** at Mary Jo Schoening's home on December 10th. We end the year with the fun-filled **BBB Christmas Party** on December 17th at Lino's in Rockford. Bev Joyce and her committee have a few surprises in store for you this year, so you will not want to miss this party.

In January 2015 we will be electing new officers for the club. If you have not held an office, or it has been a few years since you held an office, please think about volunteering for one the positions available. This is a great way to give back to the club. The work is not that hard and will not require an excessive amount of your time. Please give me a call if you are interested for I will be calling members over the next several weeks seeking candidates.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the remaining events of the year.

Larry Eils

**Words of Wisdom: Live like someone left
the gate open.**



Next Meeting
Wed.,
November 19, 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

OCTOBER 15, 2014 BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report: Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:10. 30 Members present, There were no guests, John and Sandi Ward new members. Fast meeting since many officers are out of town.

Vice President report: No report. Cannistras are out of the country.

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Ron Kuhnau Moved: Lee Kindgren seconded. Approved

Treasurer: Brian reported on club finances. Don Grosenick moved, Brian Kobenski seconded. Approved.

Membership: At the present time we have 80 paid members. John & Sandi Ward attended our last drive and dine. They became New Members tonight. They have a 1955 MG-TF and a 1991 Miata. Eric Long from Mt. Prospect joined this month.

Regalia: Jake : Jackets still discounted this month \$10.00 (\$45.00 through Nov.)

Chronicle/ Newsletter: Lynda reported one more issue of newsletter for 2014.

Webmaster: An e-mail came in with a 1987 Jaguar for sale - some problems but it ran 2 years ago. The story of this car was entertaining, but owner wants to it find a good home. Car in Belvidere.

Sunshine: Phyllis Beneditz - Jake is in Madison Hospital and may have surgery. Thanks from Kindgren family.

Past Events Drive and Dine took us to a new winery on Stateline road near Beloit. Supper at the Butterfly Club with 33 attending on a full moon night. Retired men's lunch at Prairie Brewery. Ladies did Lunch at Tavern on Clark. Larry reported 8 cars on a great Saturday. Oct. 11, drive to Potosi & Cassville, Wis. and Supper at the Rafters in Lena, Illinois.

Coming Events. Dine Nov 12, at the Tavern on Clark, off Bell School road. Men's Lunch on the 28th at RBI. Ladies will be at Garrett's on Bell School road. Look for information on reservations for the Christmas Party. Cookie exchange at Mary Jo's on Dec. 10. Jim talked about a possible Dine in Feb at Altamore's on North Main.

Marques: MG – Healey - Lotus – Rolls Royce –Mini –. Triumph – Jaguar : There were no reports

Unfinished & New Business: None reported

Good Wrench & Burnt Piston Awards: No one Nominated

Raffle: Rick –cleaner & Tool Kit & T Shirt. Dave– T Shirt, Brush & Flasher, Brian - Wheel Brush, T Shirt & Window De-icer.

Joke/Story: "Peeking" Duck.

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted: Lewis Moon, secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2014 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- November 12 **BBB Dine** –Tavern on Clark; Rockford, IL
 Host: Jim and Lynda Vickery
- November 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
 Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- December 10 **BBB Cookie Exchange**
 Host: Mary Jo Schoening
- December 17 **BBB Christmas Party** - Lino's Restaurant; Rockford, IL

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Welcome New Members!

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

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

LONG MICHIGAN WEEKEND Part II

by Lynda Vickery

On Day 3 of our Michigan long weekend we drove through the Tunnel of Trees and stopped at the Good Hart General Store. We eventually arrived in Mackinaw City and decided to lunch at McDonalds before crossing the bridge into the UP. As we were eating and watching the bridge traffic we couldn't help but notice that traffic going north was moving at a very slow speed. We soon learned that there was a tractor parade across the bridge that morning. You know how we love our British cars? Well, there were 940 tractor owners who love their tractors just as much and were having a great time being part of this annual parade. Most of them had crossed over by the time we got in line for the Mackinaw Bridge, but by the time we reached the north end, we became part of the parade through St. Ignace, talking with some of the tractor drivers and waving to the crowds. You never know what might happen on a BBB driving event!

After arriving at Sault Ste. Marie, we checked in to the Askwith's Lockview Hotel which is right downtown across from the Locks viewing center. The owners could not have been nicer, and we enjoyed parking right in front of our room doors for the night.

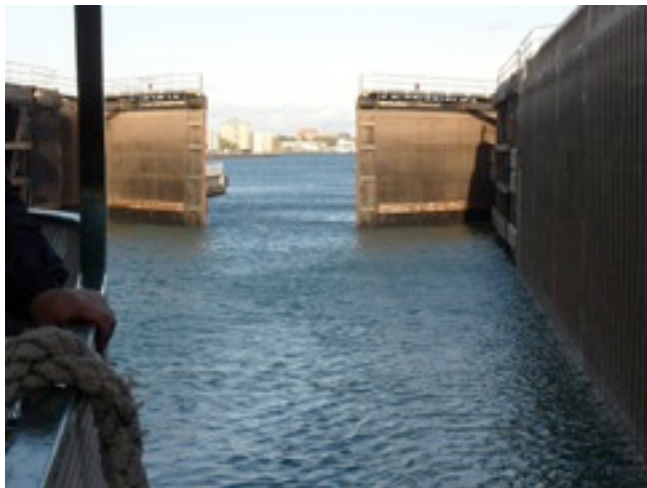




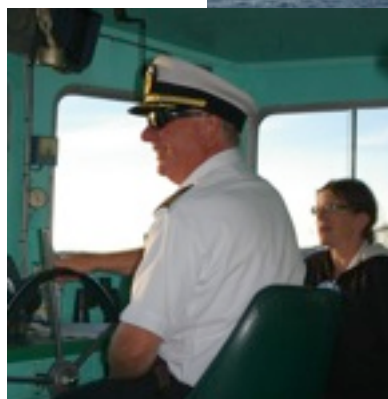
There was time to check out some of the sights and stores before heading to Dock #2, and our Soo Locks Dinner Cruise. This included a tour guide to point out the many sites on both sides of St. Mary's River as well as a buffet dinner, including dessert!



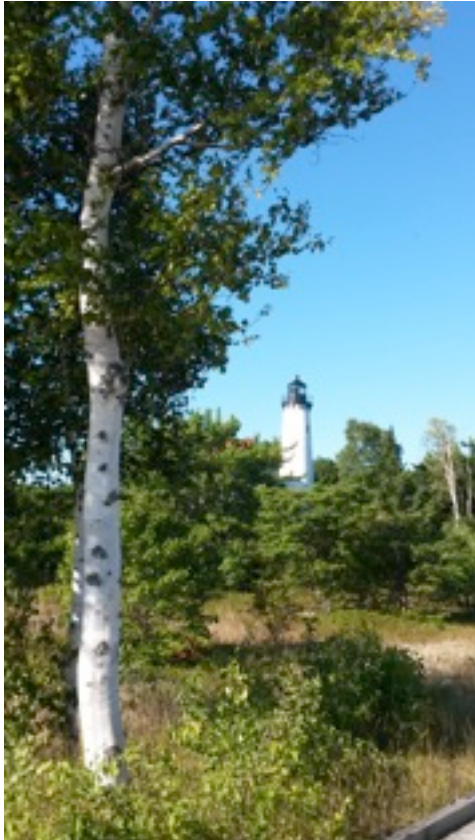
We "locked through" MacArthur Lock, changing water levels by 21 feet in about 10 minutes once the gates are closed.



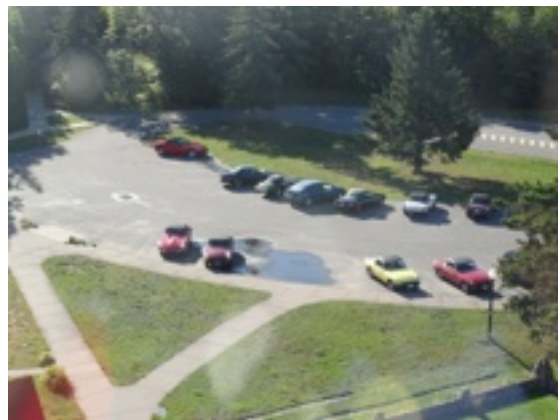
We passed under the bridge which connects the U.S. to Canada. Of particular interest was the railroad bridge which has a whole section that is raised horizontally up to allow ships to pass through.



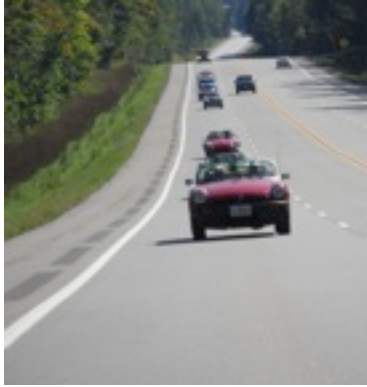
Up until we arrived at the Mackinaw Bridge, Rich and Roxann planned and lead the group. Then Larry and Marsha took over for the tour through the Upper Peninsula as they vacation in that area and were very familiar with the roads and tourist sites. Once we arrived in Menominee, Rich and Roxann again took the helm. We were very fortunate to have these two couples commit to planning and leading this trip. They did a great job!



As we left Sault Ste. Marie the sun was again shining and we followed the coastline west where we stopped at the Point Iroquois Light Station in the Hiawatha National Forest. What a great way to spend an hour or two. The Ranger on duty gave us some background on why the lighthouse was built, and who manned it over the years. Now, the sight is on the National Register of Historic Places and open for visitors with the help of volunteers and donations. Everyone got some lovely photos from the top of the lighthouse and of the lighthouse itself. A nice treat was homemade baked goods in the lighthouse gift shop - made every day by a retired military baker. Hmmm, good.



Time was getting away from us, so we drove by the Bayview Campground where the Eils camp, the Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery where 1,000,000 lake trout yearlings a year, and the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. We stopped in Manistique for lunch at the original Big Boy Restaurant.



From there we continued south to Menominee where we had reservations at the AmericInn. Once again we were very pleased with our lodgings! Dinner that last night was

at Berg's Landing which fronts Lake Michigan right at the marina in Menominee. It was our last chance to partake of local fish and other dishes, and all enjoyed their choices.



The next day we started parting ways with our fellow travelers. Some had made additional plans being that we were up that way, and they took off in different directions. The rest of us followed Rich and Roxann on the by-roads of Wisconsin, through Shawano and down to Berlin where we stopped for lunch. By then it was a fairly straight shot south and home.



This trip was planned early this year because there was a fear that the SS Badger would not be sailing after this summer due to environmental concerns about how they were disposing of their cinders in the Lake. We didn't want to miss what might have been the last opportunity. Fortunately, the issues have been resolved, and the SS Badger should be back on the job in 2015. But we truly enjoyed the opportunity to use her to cross the Lake and take our driving tour through Michigan, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and Wisconsin. The colors were just beginning to turn, we experienced great driving adventures, learned many things we did not know about that area, and of course, enjoyed our BBB traveling friends. Those making the trip were the Cannistras, Eils, Vickerys, Bartletts, Beneditzs, Grosenicks, Lehmans, Lewises, Olendzkis, Plymales, and Ponds.



OCTOBER DRIVE & DINE A NICE WIND-DOWN TO OUR DRIVING SEASON

by Lynda Vickery

The October *Drive and Dine* provided club members the opportunity to stop at a brand new local winery and then visit a Wisconsin-style steak house. Jackie and Rich Bartlett led 13 cars from the Roscoe Middle School east to County Line Road where we turned north and headed to Dry Creek Estate. The leaves were starting to turn, and parts of County Line Road created a tunnel of trees (a reminder of our Michigan Fall Trip!). It was a beautiful few miles!

Dry Creek Estate stayed open especially for our group so that we could do some wine tasting and take a look-see around their new facilities. In addition to a roomy wine tasting room, there is a separate event building with windows on all 4 sides giving beautiful views of their pond/fountain, the vineyards, and surrounding area. And the wines were quite good! The owners have made this a first class operation, and they will have many wine lovers making Dry Creek a routine destination.



It was a short drive from the winery to an old favorite dining destination; The Butterfly Club. There, our hosts had reserved tables for our group, and we enjoyed great dinners. The waitresses and servers were very attentive, which our group appreciated. And for those who have not been there lately, the rolls are still melt-in-your-mouth!

Thank you Jackie and Rich, for putting our October *Drive and Dine* together and insuring that everyone had such a good time.



The club's favorite Pumpkin was appropriately dressed for Halloween!

FALL TOUR - COOL AND COLORFUL

by Larry and Marsha Eils

On a cool and frosty Saturday morning, the thermometer at the bank read 43°F, seven British cars plus one, accompanied by their driver and navigator, gathered together to seek out the fall color. There was a nice array of MGB's, a Healey, a Lotus and a Miata.

As we began our drive to western Wisconsin the sun peaked through the clouds shining on the colorful maples along the way. After 2 rest stops and experiencing many hills and curves we arrived at the Potosi Brewery, home of the National Brewery Museum and a wonderful restaurant. We were joined in Potosi by a club member, who now lives in Galena, driving his other classic car, a Lincoln convertible. We enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch along with several Potosi beers in the upper Board Room. After lunch a number of people visited the new Whispering Bluff Winery across the street from the brewery, or walked through the Transportation Museum. Some even sat outside enjoying the sunny day.



Our afternoon drive in the warm sun, as the temperature was now in the upper 50's, took us along the Mississippi River and the rock bluffs covered with trees showing their wonderful fall colors. Dinner was at The Rafters in Lena. On our way into the restaurant we were treated to a wedding party riding a hay wagon around the restaurant parking lot before going to their reception. Another fine meal was enjoyed by the group.

The day ended with a ride home under the stars with the temperature at 47°F.

NOVEMBER DINE!

by Lynda Vickery

The last Dine of the season will be held at Tavern on Clark on Wednesday, November 12th. Tavern on Clark is located at 755 Clark Drive, formerly Damion's. Clark Drive runs east off of Bell School Road, just south of Rock Valley Green House.

Plan to arrive at 6:30 - join the Vickery's and all our BBB friends in the private room to the left of the greeting station.



ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

by Mary Jo Schoening & Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo Schoening has hosted the car club cookie exchange for several years, and this year is no exception. This is an evening that everyone looks forward to. Plan to arrive at Mary Jo's around 7 pm on Wednesday, December 10th with your cookies and recipe, a container to take home your cookie selections in, an appetizer to share, and your beverage of choice.

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 please 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?

This is a co-ed cookie exchange and the guys have as much fun as the gals. See you there!

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

TO REMEMBER!

by Lynda Vickery

As you have seen on the first page of our newsletter, this year's Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at Lino's. Lino's is a favorite of the club, and everyone always looks forward to this special event.

Bev Joyce and her committee have outdone themselves coming up with a new fun plan to decorate a Christmas tree with British car parts. Can it get any more appropriate? Don't forget the ever popular gift exchange. And come hungry as the food never stops!

Please send your reservations and check to Mary Jo Schoening by December 12th.

Merry 
Christmas 

HEADS UP!!

by Lynda Vickery

It's early we know, but if you are fans of Altamore's Ristorante, get your 2015 calendars out and look at the month of February.

Ron and Nancy Kuhnau have presented the idea of meeting at Altamore's for the February Dine, which falls on Wednesday, Feb 11th.

Details need to be worked out, but we will keep you posted by e-mail. We plan to take early reservations, including payment, to insure there are enough members to warrant Alberto opening his ristorante just for us. Menu will be worked out with a couple of offerings that will be reasonable for us and Alberto.

Please talk to Ron and Nancy or Jim and Lynda with any questions. And, stay tuned!

UPDATE ON JAKE JAQUET

Larry reported at the October meeting that our Regalia Chairman, Jake Jaquet, was hospitalized in Madison, Wis.

Jake is now convalescing at home, under Donna's care. He had his stitches taken out last week and is happy to be able to walk in regular shoes.

We are looking forward to seeing them at our remaining club activities for this year.

Take care, Jake!

DID-U-KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Probably no one sets out to make one of the rarest British cars of all time, at least no one who knows the success story of Herbert Austin or Henry Ford. That however became the lot in life for engineers Peter Wilks and George Mackie. The pair left Rover to develop their idea of a two seat sports car. When the car debuted in 1950 it was called the Marauder A. It was followed in 1951 by the Marauder 100, which was capable of exceeding 100 mph due to an additional 20 horsepower.

Although both models were roadsters, at least one fixed head coupe was constructed.

At this time Britain was still recovering from the ravages of WWII and thus had a very high purchase tax. To raise even more revenue, the government decided to double the tax on cars which had a pre-tax price over 1000 pounds. Overnight Wilks and Mackie found themselves with a car priced out of the market!

However, both had the good fortune to be able to retreat to positions at Rover once again.

As for Marauder production, a total of 15 cars were manufactured, 10 of which are believed to still exist including the FHC.

THE NORTH WOODS BECKONS YOU!

Save the date, -- September 17-20, 2015

by Rick Hamaker

It seems like next September couldn't be farther away. But nowadays events need to be planned far in advance in order to work out.

A recent bit of reminiscing between Mary Jo Schoening and me brought us to the conclusion that the wonderful weekend spent at Eagle River back in 2008 should be reprised. The weekend turned out to be something of a catharsis for Mary Jo, and a terrifically fun weekend for everyone who participated. The weather was great, the accommodations were lovely, the food exceptional, and the activities were beyond compare. So let's do it again!

Accommodations for the event will again be at the Eagle Waters Resort. Rates and rooms are yet to be worked out, but information will be forthcoming very soon. It is very important that you make reservations as early as possible as the resort can hold a block of rooms only for a limited time.

Mary Jo will again be the official host for this event, and Sandy and I will be helping along with a few other friends. Any ideas or input you have will be most welcome.

For information you may contact Mary Jo at 815-885-3232 or Rick Hamaker at 815-703-0132.



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