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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,  
April 19, 2017**

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

APRIL 2017

April is finally here with milder days and especially the smell of spring in the air and thoughts of top-down road trips and warmer weather to come. The finches at our bird feeder stations are now turning a bright yellow, daffodils and other bulb plants are popping up across the property and lawns greening up more and more each day. We had a sneak peak of things to come recently with 70 degree weather and a top-down trip in our Miata to Lake Geneva; the ice was still on the lake with a brisk breeze keeping the temperature around the lake in the low 50's so we ate inside with a window view of the lake and dreams of things to come. All in all a great day.

Good news on our TF 1500; the completed packet for our bonded title has been submitted to the Illinois DOT and we should hear something back by the end of this month; hopefully in time for the first Drive & Dine. I'm sure by now there is lots of activity in our garages preparing our charges for their first venture onto the open road, my trusty weather app shows low 50's to mid 60's for the remainder of April, let's roll!!

This year's NCAA Basketball Tournament was very exciting with North Carolina winning the National Championship. Congratulations to Gonzaga which put up a courageous battle just to get to the final game. I hope you did better with your brackets than I did; pounding is too mild a term for my outcome. Here's to seeing you all at our April 12<sup>th</sup> dine.

John



### MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*1973 MGB "Match Your Reflexes to An MGB's"*

## **MARCH 15, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING**

### **President's Report - John Ward**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, John Ward. Forty-two members were present. John welcomed new members Ken and Kathy Pacholski for their second meeting, proud owners of a 1966 Triumph Spitfire under restoration. He also welcomed Whitey Swanson, owner of a "boatload" of Triumph "Stags".

John welcomed Joyce Pond back once again as well, who is more than halfway through her treatments.

John acknowledged and welcomed Jim and Lynda Vickery as well.

John Ward reviewed the raffle prizes for the meeting.

### **Vice President's Report - Brian Kobischka**

No Report

### **Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson**

A Motion was made by Lee Kindgren to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Don Grosenick. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren**

Lee presented the Treasurer's Report for the month.

Motion made by Bruce Beneditz to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Larry Eils. Motion passed.

### **Membership - Bev Joyce**

We now have 77 paid members. Please remember to send in your dues for 2017 if you have not already done so.

### **Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery**

Please send in articles, photos, jokes, interesting tidbits for the Chronicle to Lynda Vickery.

John Ward offered a round of applause to Lynda Vickery for her outstanding work on the Chronicle. Just a reminder that Lynda Vickery creates the Chronicle while Beverly Joyce publishes it for us to enjoy.

### **Webmaster - Hal Zenisek**

Website viewing was noted in detail in the Chronicle last month. Average viewership is 6 people per day on our website.

### **Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz**

David Callison has passed away. A memorial was sent to the Poplar Grove Education Assn.

Julie Roberts has passed away. Our condolences to her family.

Sandy Ward's mother passed away.

Good news: Joyce Pond and Jim Vickery were present at the March meeting with improved health.

Lew Moon - Latest update from Rich Cannistra who has been in touch with him, is that he is doing very well and has finished his first round of chemotherapy. Lew will have 5 more sessions of chemotherapy. He has not yet made a decision whether to return to the Rockford area or remain in the south for treatments. He is very up-beat and hopefully will do well.

### **Regalia - Jim Vickery**

While there is no formal list on the website, there are a number of items for sale by the BBB Club, including pins, car badges, etc. A list had been published in the Chronicle at one time.

### **Events - Bruce Beneditz**

We have a good start on scheduling this year already. A planning meeting was held last week. Members who attended the planning meeting were recognized.

Sunday, March 19, the British Swap Meet and Auto Jumble will be held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Greg Oakes will be hosting his event.

March 24 - Ladies Who Do Lunch. No hostess or venue as yet.

March 24 - Guys Lunch - Hansons in Beloit, 1:00 PM

April 12 - Drive & Dine at the Tuscan Grill, 5506 Clayton Circle Roscoe, IL with Hosts Phyllis and Bruce Beneditz. A larger area for our group is anticipated.

April 22 - Ladies Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes

April 22 - Garage Tour. A venue for this event is needed.

May 20 - First Drive of the year, with Rich & Roxann Cannistra as hosts. The Drive will take the Club to the Wisconsin Auto Museum in Hartford, Wisconsin.

July 8 - Day at the Lake, hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson, East Troy, Wisconsin  
(More info to follow)

September 8-11 Long Weekend - Hannibal, Missouri

Hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson

Assistance with the long weekend planning is very welcome!

Peggy Schmidt is trying to put together a Winery and Distillery tour in the DeKalb area. She would like to have some helpers for this event planning. Please offer assistance if you are able!

John Ward expressed his thanks to Bruce and Phyllis for hosting the Planning Meeting and encouraged members to get involved. There are a lot of good ideas that came out of the meeting.

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business** - None

**Burnt Piston Award**

Lee Kindgren nominated John Ward for breaking the microphone before the meeting. Bruce Beneditz nominated Bill Maschke (on behalf of Solveig Maschke) for hosting a Drive and Dine event and "dumping" Solveig with the host duties while he attended a free dinner elsewhere. John Ward acceded his nomination to Solveig Maschke.

**Good Wrench Award**

Don Grosenick nominated Solveig Maschke for hosting the March Drive and Dine by herself. The vote was unanimous and Solveig received 5 free raffle tickets.

**Raffle - Don Grosenick**

1. Black 60-inch Golf Umbrella - Rich Gibson
2. Cable Ties - Greg Oakes
3. Digital Multi Meter - Hal Zenisek
4. Universal Impact Joints - Rich Cannistra
5. Hand-Held Travel Garment Steamer - Bruce Beneditz
6. Travel Toiletry Bag - Lynda Vickery
7. 3-Piece Heavy-Duty Barbecue Tool Set - Jim Roberts
8. Set of two Copper Moscow Mule Mugs - Steve Carter
9. Set of 6 Black Leather Drink Coasters - Kyle Cook
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Solveig Maschke

**Adjournment**

President, John Ward, told a story about a San Antonio drive in his MG and later selling "Baby Cakes", named by his wife Sandy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary



*British Boots & Bonnets Ladies'*

# *Tea Party*

*Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 12:00 PM*

*Hosted by Chris Oakes & Sandy Hamaker  
At the Home of Chris Oakes*



*Bring Your Favorite Tea Cup  
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*Please RSVP to Chris Oakes by  
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815-270-1106 home  
cboakes05@hotmail.com*



*Please come enjoy the  
afternoon with friends, even  
without sending an RSVP!*

*Please call Chris for Directions.*



# BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

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|-----------------|--|
| April 12        | <b>BBB Dine</b> - Tuscan Grill, Roscoe, IL<br>Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz                                    |
| April 19        | <b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b><br>Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL  |
| April 22        | <b>BBB Garage Tour</b> - South Milwaukee Garage & Lunch<br>Host: Rich Cannistra                                  |
| April 22        | <b>BBB Ladies Tea</b> -<br>Hostess: Chris Oakes  |
| April 28-30     | Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet<br>Jefferson, WI   |
| MAY 6-7         | Classics and Chrome Car Show presented by Keith School;<br>8750 N. 2nd St. (former JCPenney), Machesney Park, IL |
| May 10          | <b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD<br>Hosts: Don & Marna Grosenick  |
| May 17          | <b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b><br>Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL  |
| May 20          | <b>BBB Saturday Drive</b> - Wisconsin Automotive Museum,<br>Hartford, WI<br>Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra       |
| May 27 - June 4 | British Car Awareness Week   |
| June 2-4        | Champagne British Car Festival,<br>Featured DeLorean;<br>Bloomington, IL   |
| June 14         | <b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD<br>Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra  |
| June 16-18      | Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South<br>Beloit, IL  |
| June ??         | 35th Annual British Car Field Day; Sussex, WI  |
| June 21         | <b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b><br>Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL  |
| June 24         | <b>BBB Saturday Drive</b> - Waiting to finalize the date and venue   |
| June 25-28      | NAMGBR 2017 Convention - San Diego   |
| July 8          | <b>BBB Saturday Drive</b> - A Day at the Lake (rain date July 9)<br>Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson                     |
| July 12         | <b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD<br>Host: Steve & Polly Carter  |
| July 19         | <b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b><br>Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL  |
| August 9        | <b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD<br>Hosts: John & Sandi Ward  |

August 12	<b>BBB Saturday Drive</b> - Lunch on a River Boat & the Maritime Museum; Dubuque, IA Hosts: The Grosenicks & the Eils
August 13	22nd Annual Vintage Celebration at Botham Vineyards, Barneveld, WI
August 16	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 20	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast
August 26	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 8-11	<b>BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO</b> (Tentative date) Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Sept 13	<b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD Host: TBD
Sept 20	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 22-24	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 7	<b>BBB Alpaca Farms &amp; Boots Around the Campfire</b> Hosts: The Bartletts & the Eils
Oct 11	<b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD Host: TBD
Oct 18	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 8	<b>BBB Dine</b> - TBD Host: TBD
Nov 15	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec ??	<b>BBB Cookie Exchange Party</b>
Dec 13	<b>BBB Christmas Party</b>

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Lee Kindgren, Treasurer  
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club  
PMB 254  
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104  
Rockford, IL 61107  
leekrkfd@aol.com

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

## ONE OF OUR CLUB FOUNDERS HAS PASSED AWAY

Oris "Orie" Nelson 1935—2017

Oris Nelson was born on June 1, 1935, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. For the first 39 years of his life; he lived and worked across Wisconsin, married his high school sweetheart, Janet Heath, served in the Air Force and deployed to Europe for "Operation Stairstep" in 1961, during the increased tensions when the Berlin Wall was being built, owned a resort, and began a family.

In 1974, Orie, Jan and their two children moved to Rockford. There, Orie was the Office Services Manager for Sundstrand and brought significant innovation and modernization to the company. It was in Rockford that Orie picked up on his lifelong passion of restoring military vehicles. Starting in his two car garage with his son, Rocky, he later expanded his shop to a size more fitting of his burgeoning hobby. Over the next 40 plus years, Orie restored many vehicles and became a recognized expert in military Jeep® restoration. He was a long-time member and office holder in a number of military vehicle clubs with which he attended many vehicle conventions and gatherings and made a great number of friends the world over.

After retiring from Sundstrand, Orie and Jan moved to the Kansas prairie but retirement was not a time for slowing down. Orie and his bride kept busy with visiting friends, car club and vehicle rallies, traveling to see their children and grandchildren, and attending high school reunions in LaCrosse; all the while Orie continued his restoration passion and expansion of his network of friends. He and Jan relished the visits of their grandkids any time, but especially when they stayed with them during a number of summers. Orie also passed his love of vehicles to a number of his grandchildren by teaching them vehicle maintenance and restoration. The "Nelson Ranch" became a destination for many friends, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to visit and enjoy Orie and Jan's company.

Orie and Jan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last September at the ranch, with many guests in attendance. Following the party Orie and Jan, accompanied by their daughter, Cam and her fiancé, Dan, visited LaCrosse and Rockford, where they had a wonderful time with many friends and relatives. Sadly, these events were the last time Orie would see many folks as his health began to decline and following a valiant fight, he passed away on the morning of March 28, 2017. Orie is survived by his loving wife, Janet; his aunt, Millie Nelson; his brothers, Jim Nelson, Dick Nelson (Rita), and Leon Nelson; his son, Rocky Nelson (Jacqui); his daughter, Camille Nelson (fiancé, Dan Block); five grandchildren, Cody Sumerix, Jennifer Sumerix, Tim Nelson, Jeff Nelson, and Matt Nelson; and one great-grandchild, Genevieve Nelson.

Services are currently pending and will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite Veteran's Service Organization in memory of Orie.

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British Boots and Bonnets Car Club Members thoughts are with Jan and their family.



## DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In 1920 the Union Motorcycle Club of France organized a motorcycle race along a triangular course from Pontlieve to Mulsanne, then back. The event attracted so much interest the French Automobile Club (ACO) began using this course as well. Then in 1922 fate intervened. A subsidiary of British company Rudge-Whitworth offered ACO secretary Georges Durand 100,000 francs prize money if a 24 hour endurance race would be created. Initially taken aback, Durand realized this was the perfect opportunity for manufacturers to showcase the durability of their equipment. He quickly coordinated with the ACO president and other officials to put the idea into action.

On May 26, 1923 the world's first round-the-clock automobile race began. A field of 33 cars from 18 manufacturers took part, with an astounding 30 cars crossing the finish line 24 hours later. The winner covered 1,732 miles at an average speed of 57 mph. Circuit de La Sarthe had been born.

If you have not heard of Georges Durand you can be forgiven, for his name has been all but lost in history. His accomplishment lives on however, and is arguable the most prestigious event in international motorsport, Le Mans.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS!

by Greg Oakes

Not too long ago I acquired some driving lights that had been in a Denver basement since 1963. The lights worked out great for me but almost as worthwhile were the want ads for sports cars in the newspaper (Dec 6, 1963 Denver Post) that wrapped the lights.

Keep in mind that \$1000 in 1963 is worth about \$8000 today (per [www.dollartimes.com](http://www.dollartimes.com)).

I know ... If only we had known then what we know now – and had the money to do something about it.

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'59 MGA, w.s.w., r. ....	\$895
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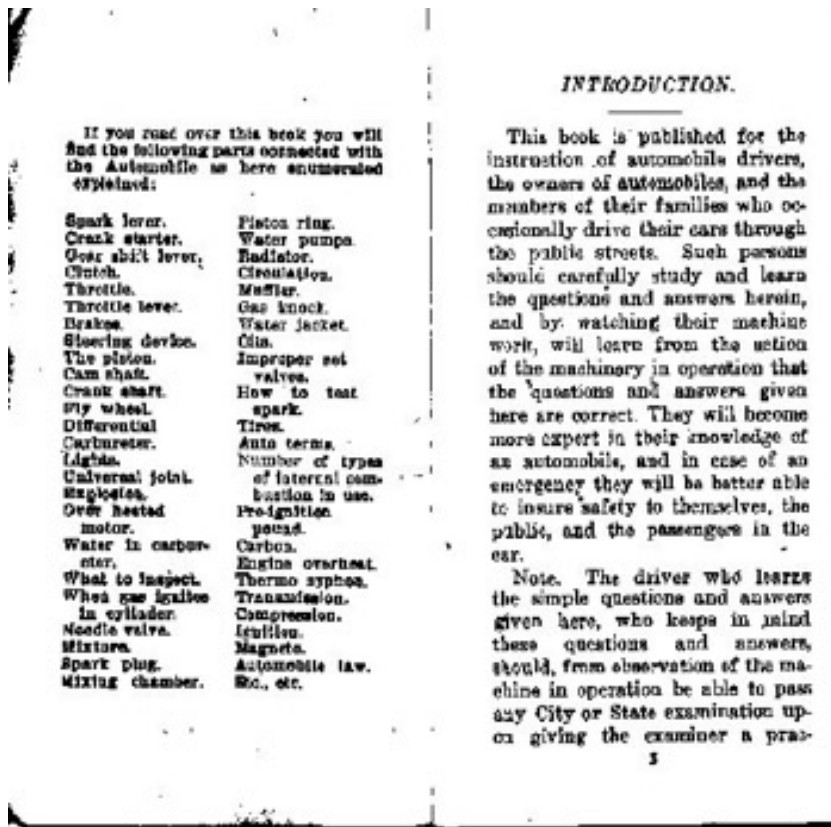
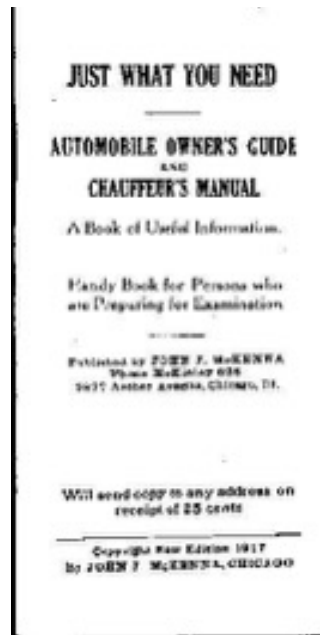
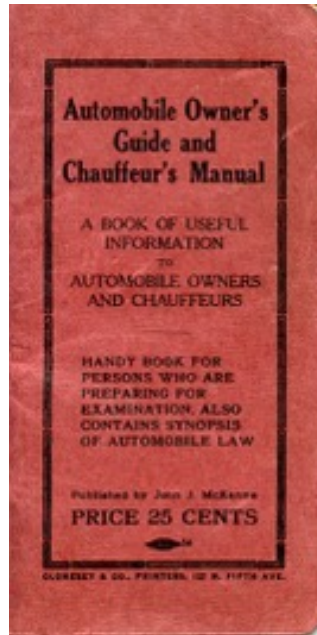
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# EARLY AUTOMOBILE "TEXTBOOK"

by Lynda Vickery

Our son, Mike, recently came across this interesting booklet detailing everything one needed to know to own an automobile in 1917. Here are a few pages showing what was considered important to know. And the formal language used certainly make for fun reading!





A. It goes on repeating the whole time the engine is in operation.

Q. What is the part going up and down in the cylinder?

A. The piston.

Q. What is connected to the piston?

A. The connecting rod is connected at one end by a pin called the piston pin, and on the other end the connecting rod is connected to the crank shaft.

Q. How many valves in the cylinder?

A. There are two valves in the cylinder.

Q. How are they named?

A. The intake valve and the exhaust valve.

Q. How are they operated?

A. By the cam shaft.

Q. How often will the cam shaft move the exhaust valve.

A. Every second turn of the crank shaft.

Q. When is the exhaust valve open?

A. The exhaust valve is open only on the exhaust stroke.

Q. How long does the exhaust valve stay open?

A. The exhaust valve stays open the whole length of the exhaust stroke, or from the time the piston moves from the bottom to the top of the cylinder.

Q. How often does the cam shaft move the intake valve up and down?

A. Every second turn of the crank shaft on the suction stroke.

Q. How long does the intake valve remain open?

A. The intake valve remains open from the time the piston moves from the top to the bottom of the cylinder on suction stroke only.

Q. What operates the valves?

A. The cam shaft operates the valves.

Q. How fast does the cam shaft go in relation to the crank shaft?

A. The cam shaft moves once while the crank shaft moves twice.

Q. Explain the arrangement

#### MOTORING AND PASSING UPON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

The driver of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle, upon approaching a person walking upon the public highway, or horse or other draft or domestic animal or animals being ridden, led or driven thereon, must give reasonable warning of his approach and use every reasonable precaution to avoid injuring such person, or frightening or causing injury to such animals, and, if necessary, such driver must stop his motor vehicle or motor bicycle until it is safe to proceed.

Whenever a person operating a motor vehicle on a public highway meets any person driving a horse or other draft animal or any other vehicle, the person operating the motor vehicle and the person so met must each seasonably turn to the right of the center of the beaten track of such highway so as to pass without interference.

Whenever the driver of a motor vehicle or motor bicycle overtakes any person riding or driving upon the public highway, he must pass to the left side of such person and the person about to be passed as soon as practicable, upon signal must turn to the right of the center of the beaten track, so as to permit the driver of such motor vehicle or motor bicycle free passage to the left.

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## FROM THE WEBMASTER

Greetings everyone,

My sharing this month involves several items from the webmaster's email on the BBB website. If you have interest in any of these, I can forward more details:

- 1 A Triumph owner emailed us about interest in selling her 1974 TR6, and reaching out to potentially interested club members. It has 86K original miles, is red and located in Champaign, IL. I have contact information if you want to explore this.
- 2 Pavletic Metal Shaping Inc. is a restoration company specializing in sheet metal shaping, coach building, and fabrication. I have contact information if you have interest in body work services, or go to [www.pavleticmetalshaping.com](http://www.pavleticmetalshaping.com).
- 3 A BBB member shared details about the 2017 Classic and Chrome Car Show on May 6-7 at the Machesney Park Mall. The event is posted on our website with a link for more details.
- 4 From the event coordinator Don Morrison: Our BRITISH CAR SHOW AT THE CHICAGO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES start at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 16 and run through Saturday, June 17. The car show however is only on Saturday June 17. More information at [www.scottishfestivalchicago.org](http://www.scottishfestivalchicago.org).

That's it from the webmaster this month. Checkout your website at [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com).

My best, Hal Zenisek

## CLASSICS AND CHROME CAR SHOW RETURNS TO DIFFERENT VENUE

by Barb Buckavekas & Lynda Vickery

Classics and Chrome Car Show, presented by Keith School, will be held at a different location this year: the Machesney Park Mall inside the former J C Penney store, 8750 N. 2nd St, (IL Route 251), Machesney Park, IL. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th, 9am-8pm and Sunday, May 7th, 9am-4pm.

In addition to over 120 vehicles on display, there will be two 50/50 raffles, door prizes, vendors and food. There is a \$10 admission fee, well worth it for the variety and excellence of the classic cars.

This has been popular with our BBB members in the past, both attending and participating. Bob Tilson, Bill & Marie Naretta, and Don Ellefson have been winners in the Sports Car Class.

Barb and Bob Buckavekas will have \$2.00 off coupons at our club meeting on April 19th. Be sure to ask for a couple if you plan to attend.

## BBB EVENTS -APRIL 2017

It looks like spring is finally here. We have had enough rain to wash the salt off the roads and the temperatures are getting warm enough to drive our cars. As I am writing this, the forecast for Sunday is 76 degrees, warm enough to put the top down.

As the weather warms up the club begins to get active. Here are the highlights over the coming weeks.

- April 12 - Dine at Tuscan Italian Grill in Roscoe hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz
- April 22 - The Ladies Tea hosted by Chris Oakes and Sandy Hamaker
- April 22 - The Garage Tour hosted by Rich Cannistra
- April 28 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunch
- May 10 - The first Drive and Dine hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick
- May 20 - The first Saturday Drive that includes a visit to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, WI. Hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra.

As you can see we already have lots of opportunities to get out, spend time with friends, and exercise our LBCs. Take time to look through the calendar and you will see there is an active year ahead for us. But, there still are some opportunities to get involved by hosting an event. Please contact Bruce Beneditz if you have an idea for filling the holes in the schedule.

Here's to another great summer of motoring.

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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

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(near East State Street and Bell School Road),

**Dinner and social hour at 6:00pm.**

**Meeting begins at 7:00pm**