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Next Meeting  
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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**

## President's Message

April 2020

April is finally here and it is time to get the cars out and start driving to events and other activities. NOT! First, it is hard to drive to activities when the rules are to stay home and do not go where other people might be. Second, today the weatherman says we might have hail later today. That is so Spring in Rockford. But I did get one of my cars out of the garage and I took it out for a nice ride the other day. It felt great. I am waiting for another nice day to get the other car out.

This situation with the virus keeps getting worse. First it was 50 people, then 25, then 10 and now do not visit any close contact businesses. I wish I had a crystal ball to see how long this was going to last. It sure looks like group activities in April will not be in the cards. I hope the weather gets nice so at least I can drive the MG around with the top down by myself.

I have a short story and please do not take offense, it is a blonde joke, my first wife was a blonde and I can relate to these jokes.

A blonde was driving home after a football game, and got caught in a really bad hailstorm. Her car was covered with dents, so the next day she took it to a body shop. The shop owner saw that she was a blonde, so he decided to have some fun. He told her just to go home and blow into the tail pipe really hard, and all the dents would pop out. So, the blonde went home, got down on her hands and knees and started blowing into her car's tailpipe. Nothing happened. She blew a little harder, and still nothing happened.

Her roommate, another blonde, came home and said, "What are you doing?"

The first blonde told her how the repairman had instructed her to blow into the tailpipe in order to get all the dents to pop out. Her roommate rolled her eyes and said.... "HELLLLO" "You need to wind up the windows"

Everybody, stay well and take care.

Lee Kindgren



## **EVENTS UPDATE**

In keeping with the Governor's Order, the club has postponed the Ladies Tea and Garage Tour scheduled for April. It is our hope these events can be held at sometime in the near future. In addition, the *Drive and Dine* and Club meeting scheduled for April have been canceled. As for May's scheduled events, we will wait to see how well we do in curtailing the spread of COVID-19 and what the public health officials recommend.

However, in anticipation of being able to move around more freely, we are planning a drive on Saturday, May 16, 2020. So take this time to get your British cars up and running. We are calling this drive "The Social Distancing Drive." All the necessary precautions will be followed to assure we follow all the guidelines that have been set forth to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will be a short drive held in the afternoon. Further details will be made available in early May.

Larry Eils, Rich Cannistra and Ricky Palmer

## **FROM YOUR EDITOR**

This issue of the Chronicle looks different from our normal format due to these "less than normal" times in our Nation. I asked the BBB Board members to contribute interesting articles to include in the April issue. Also, there are a few articles and items pulled from early editions that you might find as interesting as you did the first time.

We hope you are self isolating and keeping busy doing all those things we always think about but never do. Like polishing up our British cars and seeing that they are in perfect driving condition for all the fun activities our Events Committee has planned for this summer.

## VIDEO TECH NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE!

Are you looking for something new and different to do while you shelter in place? Consider checking out the updated Tech Tips page on our website. We've added a new video section where you may watch car related videos while on the BBB website. Simply go to [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com), and use the Navigation Bar to find the Resources Tab and the dropdown menu will pop up listing the Tech Tips Page as one of the options. Click or touch on Tech Tips link and the Tech Tips page should open. You will find several You Tube videos related to some of our British cars. The Squarespace software and web hosting services we use gives our web-users the opportunity to view externally posted videos while on our site.

**Please note**, that if you are reading this newsletter online, you can simply click or touch the following link and it will take you directly to the updated Tech Tips page. Simply click or touch <https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/tech-tips>. The videos are viewable on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smartphones and other related devices. Our list of tech tips related articles and resources are below and following the video section so scroll down on the webpage to view the list and download any that might be of interest.

Going forward, this is a start on another work-in-progress project, so check back in the future for new posts. Also, if you have a favorite You Tube video (related to British cars) that you'd like to recommend, the webmaster would love to hear from you and will check to see if we can add it to our new video library. A final warning, we've already heard this new feature risks competing with some honey-do lists, so proceed with that in mind. Car vids or honey do tasks will be your call! Please feel free to email or call our webmaster if you have questions or feedback.

From the BBB board and officers!



# British Boots & Bonnets

**British Boots and Bonnets  
Calendar of Events for 2020**

**May 13      BBB Drive and Dine**

Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnau

***May 20***      ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**May 2 or 16      BBB Saturday Drive      **OPEN****

Host:

**May 23-31      British Car Awareness Week**

May 29-31      Champagne British Car Festival. Bloomington, IL  
see [www.champagenbritishcarfestival.com](http://www.champagenbritishcarfestival.com) for information

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**June 10      BBB Drive and Dine**

Host: Dennis and Crystal Klemm

***June 17***      ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**June 13      BBB Saturday Drive**

Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra

June 21      British Car Festival, Sussex Car Show; Sussex, WI

June 28 – July 1      MG 2020 - Calgary, BC; see [www.namgbr.org](http://www.namgbr.org)  
for information

The Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games near Itasca, scheduled for June 19-20 has been canceled.

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**July 8      BBB Drive and Dine      **OPEN****

Host:

July 12      Mad Dogs and Englishman Car Show; Hickory Corners, MI

**July 12      Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI – BBB Car Show**

“Brits on the Lawn”

***July 15***      ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**July 18      BBB Day at the Lake – Hosts: Rich and Dee Gibson**

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**August 1      BBB Cars and Coffee Car Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to noon**

August 9      Botham Vineyard 25<sup>th</sup> Car Show; Botham, WI

**August 12      BBB Drive and Dine:**

Host: Don and Marna Grosenick

**August 15      BBB Saturday Drive**

Host: Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz

***August 19***      ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**August 23      Popular Grove Airport and Museum Car Show**

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**September 6      BBB Labor Day Picnic – Hosts: Dennis and Crystal Klemm**  
**Orfordville, WI**

**September 9      BBB Drive and Dine      **OPEN****

Host:

September 12      12<sup>th</sup> British Car Festival; Harper College, Palatine, IL see

***September 16 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**September 25-28 Long Weekend – Greater Lacrosse Wisconsin Area**

Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra and friends

September 25-27 Jefferson Car Show; Jefferson, WI

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**October 10 BBB Saturday Drive – Fall Tour**

Host: Larry and Marsha Eils

**October 18 Sunday BBB Drive and Dine – Sunday Brunch**

***White Pines State Park***

Host: Connie Frazier and Hal Zenisek

NOTE: Wednesday *Drive and Dine* moved to Sunday

***October 21 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

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**November 11 BBB Dine OPEN**


Host:

***November 18 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

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**December 9 BBB Cookie Exchange – Host: Mary Jo Schoening**

**December 16 BBB Christmas Party - Lino's, Rockford, IL**



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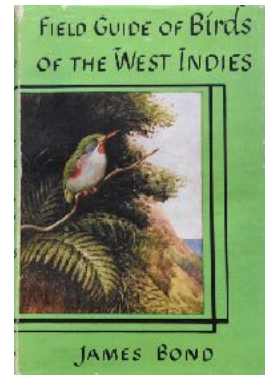


# BOND...JAMES BOND

by Rich Cannistra

In 1962 when Ursula Andress walked out of the Caribbean surf in a white bikini the success of Ian Fleming's secret agent was instantly secured for all time. Fleming had moved through many jobs before being posted to British Naval Intelligence during WWII. Wartime service with clandestine operations fueled his imagination, and in 1952 Fleming fulfilled his ambition to create a spy novel. Ten years later his spy sat down at a baccarat table, revealed his name to a beautiful woman, and the world has never been the same. Bond, James Bond, 007, Naval Commander, Secret Agent with License to Kill, and Britain's most famous spy. After 53 years, 25 movies, innumerable Bond Girls, and six leading men, James Bond has become a cinematic icon. Now with the world turned on its ear, the 26<sup>th</sup> film in the series which was due out next month has been postponed until November 2020. James Bond is as British as the Union Jack, and if you have not seen all the films you may now have plenty of time to binge watch your way through. I have put together a few tidbits and fun facts to whet your appetite. I hope you enjoy them and..." God Save the Queen".

When Ian Fleming was looking for a name for his spy he was quoted as saying he "wanted Bond to be an extremely dull uninteresting man to whom things happen. I wanted him to be a blunt instrument". Fleming was an avid bird watcher, and lying on the table next to his typewriter was a copy of "Field Guide to Birds of the West Indies" by James Bond. Fleming looked at it and "I thought, by God that is the dullest name I ever heard. This brief, unromantic, Angle-Saxon yet very masculine name is just what I need." Thus, a second James Bond was born! In *Die Another Day* James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) is shown holding a copy of the book by James Bond because he is posing as an ornithologist.



Ian Fleming formed his fictional hero in his own self-image, and wasn't shy about saying so. They lost parents at an early age, rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve, and worked for Naval Intelligence. Both chain smoked the same brand of cigarettes (Fleming as many as 80 a day), liked to drink too heavily, were attractive to women, and both liked scrambled eggs.

When Cubby Broccoli and Harry Saltzman decided to go ahead with their first film, Sean Connery was not even on Ian Fleming's list of possible actors to play Bond. His choices were: David Niven, Cary Grant, Richard Burton, and Jimmy Stewart. Seven Connery films later, the rest as they say, is history.

The first film, *Dr. No*, starred Sean Connery and Ursula Andress. Born in Switzerland, Andress spoke Swiss, French, German, and Italian but not much English. In the movie, all of her speech was dubbed in by Nikki van der Zyl, although this is not revealed in the credits. When Bond saw her walk out of the water in that white bikini the first in a long line of "Bond Girls" was born. Andress has been quoted as saying she owes her career to that white bikini, and it sold at auction in 2001 for almost \$60,000.

In the 1964 classic *Goldfinger*, Jill Masterson (Shirley Eaton) dies of skin suffocation. In one of the most unforgettable scenes in cinematic history Eaton is found lying in bed, her entire body painted with gold. Despite the producer knowing that skin suffocation was a fictitious fact invented by Ian Fleming they took no chances. On the day the scene was shot the studio had several doctors standing by and a six inch square of skin on her stomach was left unpainted as a precaution. The iconic scene caused an urban myth that she actually had been killed during filming. This was perhaps reinforced by her gold covered body gracing the cover of Life magazine two months before release of the film.

Although *Casino Royale* was the first novel written by Fleming it was the 22<sup>nd</sup> movie made in the Saltzman/Broccoli series. (It had made it to the silver screen twice before, once as a spy spoof by Woody Allen.) In the climax of the movie, which was set in Venice, a Venetian palazzo is destroyed and sinks into the canal. The scene, shot using a model of the building, is so realistic that an outraged museum curator called the director and dressed him down for destroying the fine old piece of architecture in Venice.

When the series began in 1962 it was a low budget operation taking a chance and hoping to make a profit. It did. In 2002, when *Die Another Day* was released, the venture was anything but low budget. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II attended the premier at London's Royal Albert Hall. On a budget of \$142 million the film grossed \$432 million. In addition to that 24 companies each paid \$100 million or more to have their products featured in the film. By the way, the highest grossing Bond movie to date has been *Skyfall* at more than 1.1 billion dollars.

James Bond always loves gadgets and Q Branch has never disappointed. From a rocket firing cigarette to a radio transmitter in a hair brush the list is endless. One favorite is an underwater breathing device about the size of a cigar. After it appeared in *Thunderball* the Royal Corps of Engineers phoned to ask how long a person could stay down using it. The answer: how long can you hold your breath?

In *The Man with the Golden Gun* Francisco Scaramanga (Christopher Lee) is the world's highest paid assassin at \$1 million a hit. His weapon? A gold gun that shoots a single gold bullet. The gun was made by the props department from a cigarette case, a ball point pen, and a cuff link! A little known fact: Christopher Lee (Saruman in *Lord of the Rings*) was Ian Fleming's cousin.

It seems like British cars is an appropriate subject to conclude with. In the books Ian Fleming's James Bond drives a 1933 4-1/2 litre Blower Bentley similar to his own. In the movies Bond's iconic Aston-Martin DB5 does not show up until the third film. In the first movie, Bond has to be content with a Sunbeam Alpine. Amazingly, even this was an afterthought; the car was rented from a local family in Jamaica. When *Spectre* came out in 2015 Bond cars were anything but an afterthought. Bond drives an Aston-Martin DB10, a bespoke sports car made for the movie. He is chased by a Jaguar C-X75 concept car, an equally rare and sexy ride. Then in *Casino Royale* Bond drives an Aston-Martin DBS V12. When he comes over a hill and finds Vesper Lynd lying in the road he swerves to avoid her and the car is supposed to roll over and crash. Try after try the stuntmen could not get the car to roll. Finally, in desperation, a gas cannon is installed in the car to launch it over as he swerves. In a spectacular crash it rolled over seven times finally coming to rest on its wheels. Amazingly the stunt driver walked away, having unwittingly set a Guinness world record for the most rolls in a car.

## BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR APRIL 2020

### 'SHOCKING TRUTH OR FICTION'

I found this on the Internet so I'm claiming it qualifies as our webmaster report for the month. I think we all know that not everything you see/read on the Internet is true, therefore my question to the club, is this truth or fiction and would it work the same on our Lucas electrical systems?

From the original post:

*Many years ago, we were in high school auto shop and decided to pull a prank on a guy with an old Nova. The car had a small block Chevy with a standard ignition system with points and an external coil. We took the coil wire out and replaced it with a piece of rubber vacuum hose with the boots from the coil wire on it, and the hose looked no different than the coil wire. We wanted to see how long it would take the owner to figure out why his car would not start. All of us were shocked when he got in his car, started it up, and drove away.*

*As we came to learn, even something like rubber will carry current IF it is the path of least resistance. If the rubber hose is not touching something metal, or other more conductive materials, it works like a coil wire. For many years after that, when I was working as a mechanic, I made many bets that I could start a car with a rubber hose as a coil wire. Most mechanics believe this won't work. Often, I would bet that if I can start the car with the rubber hose acting as the coil wire, the person I was betting had to kill the motor by pulling off the rubber hose. When they did this, they become the path of least resistance and get a nice shock. LOL*

*My question to the club, how about our little British cars with Lucas electrical systems and positive grounds? Does the same thing happen? And fair warning, as far as I'm*

concerned, if you go out to the garage, experiment with this, and get shocked - consider yourself fair game for getting nominated for the Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award.

Last, sorry to report the author, website and original owner of this post is not known, so I can't give him or her credit for the post. Perhaps in this case, that is both good news.

Stay safe & healthy, Hal Zenisek, Webmaster

*Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club  
1960 Triumph TR3A*

#### BRITISH/AMERICAN TRANSLATIONS

Match the British word to the American word.  
Find solution elsewhere in this newsletter.

<u>BRIGHTWORK</u>	1) Hubcap
<u>TORCH</u>	2) idle
<u>HOOD</u>	3) Fender
<u>PROUD</u>	4) Wrench
<u>TICKOVER</u>	5) Windshield
<u>BOOT</u>	6) Flashlight
<u>NAVE PLATE</u>	7) Not even; not flush
<u>PINKING</u>	8) Generator
<u>FASCIA</u>	9) Glove Compartment
<u>WING</u>	10) Convertible Top
<u>LORRY</u>	11) Pry
<u>PROPELLER SHAFT</u>	12) Seat Bottom
<u>DYNAMO</u>	13) Morris Woolsey Garages
<u>BONNET</u>	14) Truck
<u>SCUTTLE</u>	15) Bug Eye Sprite
<u>TYRE</u>	16) Trunk
<u>SQUAB</u>	17) Knicking (Pinging)
<u>WINDSCREEN</u>	18) Tire
<u>SPANNER</u>	19) Phillips or Pozi-drive
<u>FROG EYE SPRITE</u>	20) Dashboard
<u>MOWOG</u>	21) Chrome
<u>CROSSHEAD</u>	22) Cowl
<u>PRISE</u>	23) Hood
<u>CUBBYBOX</u>	24) Driveshaft

Submitted by Marv Proctor in the 12/23/1996 Chronicle  
Updated 3/2020 by Lynda & Jim Vickery



The Inaugural Meeting of the British Boots and Bonnets Car Club was held on May, 15, 1996. As of June 6, 1996 membership was comprised of the following.

Marv & Nancy Proctor	Jim & Betsy Parrish	Tony & Patricia Ditullio
Orie & Jan Nelson	Michael & Brenda Moore	Trevor Davies
Dan Cheryl Marshall	Dick Seidl	Bob & Julie Wilhelmi
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Mark Harris	Bill & Stacy Leese	Don & Earlene Stefanelli
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Ron & Liz Harris	Bill & Marie Naretta	Jim & Mary Dunkle
Jeff Rust	Steve & Sharon Moore	Bob Morris
Chuck Anderson		

### 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  
PMB 254  
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104  
Rockford, IL 61107  
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$18 for name tags.

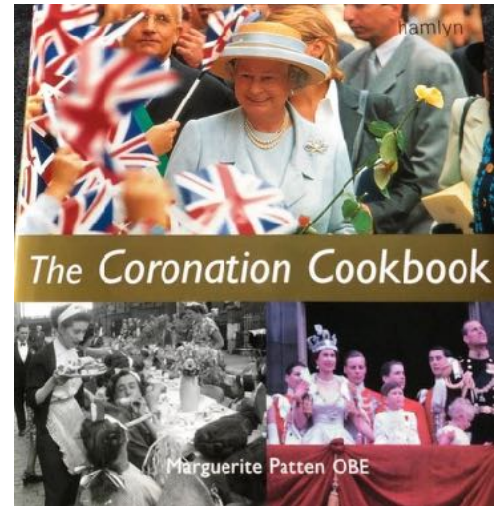
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE! PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DUES TO THE CLUB AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.**

## ENGLISH RECIPES TO TRY DURING SELF ISOLATION

These recipes were contributed by Roxann Cannistra and are from her British book titled *The Coronation Cookbook*.

Author is Marguerite Patten OBE ("Marguerite Patten is one of Britain's most famous cookery writers, with over 160 cookery books, many of them bestsellers, to her credit. In the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1991 she was awarded OBE for her services to the art of cookery and in 1995 she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Guild of Food Writers".)

OBE stands for Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire



A recipe from the street and school parties held during Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee - reigning 1952 current.

Most schools held special Jubilee parties, and the dishes below would have been included in a party for younger children and older teenagers, who were beginning to prefer more savoury dishes to cakes. These are the most popular dishes of the 1970s.

### *SAUSAGES ON STICKS*

Adults and young people enjoyed sausages, and the easy way to eat these is on cocktail sticks. Butchers made small "cocktail" sausages of high quality, so there was no need to make your own.

Prick and fry the small sausages in a little hot fat-either lard or cooking fat-for 10-12 minutes. Allow 25 g (1 oz) fat to cook 450 g (1 lb) sausages. Turn the sausages over several times during cooking. Drain on kitchen paper then put on wooden or attractive plastic cocktail sticks. The small sausages can be cooked without extra fat under a preheated grill for the same length of time or baked in a greased tin for 20-25 minutes in a preheated oven, 190-200 C (375-400 F) Gas Mark 5-6.

A recipe from the Buckingham Palace Banquet celebrating the coronation of King Edward VII who reigned 1901-1910.

### ***PETITS SOUFFLES GLACES PRINCESSE***

A princess iced pudding, one of the favourites of this era, consists of a combination of aniseed and vanilla ice creams. For this banquet the iced mixtures were served in individual soufflé dishes. There are a variety of aniseed liqueurs, such as anis del mone from Spain, ouzo from Greece and la tontaine from France.

#### **Aniseed Ice Cream**

Preparation time: 20 minutes plus time for freezing

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Serves: 8

- 2 eggs
- 50 g (2 oz) caster sugar
- 150 ml (1/4 pint) single cream
- 1 tablespoon aniseed liqueur
- 300 ml (1/2 pint) double cream, whipped
- 25 g (1 oz) icing sugar, sifted

Separate the eggs. Put the yolks with the caster sugar and single cream into the top of a double saucepan or into a basin. Place over hot, but not boiling, water and watch until thickened slightly. Remove from the heat, add the aniseed liqueur. Cover so a skin does not form and cool.

When cold, fold in the whipped cream. Whip the egg whites until very stiff. Whisk in the icing sugar and fold into the cream mixture. Put into an ice cream maker or a tray in the freezer and freeze lightly.

To assemble the dessert, spread the lightly frozen aniseed ice cream around the sides of individual soufflé dishes and fill the centres with the vanilla ice cream. Add more layers of lightly frozen ice cream until you have the effect of a soufflé that has risen above the rim of the soufflé dishes.

In Edwardian times each soufflé would be decorated with miniature bouquets of sugared flowers or crystallized fruits.

Serve the souffles with gaufrettes (wafers).

## ENGLAND & THE USA TWO COUNTRIES SEPARATED BY A COMMON LANGUAGE

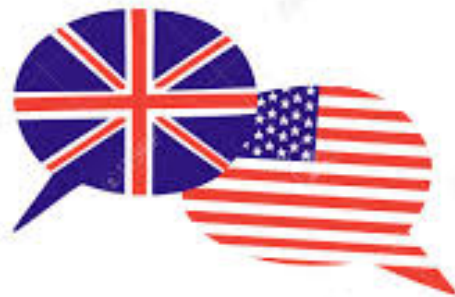
by Jim Vickery

Lynda and I have friends whose names are Linda & Ian. Ian is from a town in England named Stevenage. The town is about 40 miles north of London. It is a “new town”. “New towns” were built around small villages by the British government after WW2 to house people who were displaced by the bombing of London. The author Ken Follet lives in Stevenage.

Several years ago Ian's sister Jo and her husband Guy were in Rockford staying with Linda and Ian for a visit. One evening Ian and Guy were in the garage and noticed that one of the cars had a flat tire. They put on the spare tire and loaded the one that needed work into the car. Guy told Ian that he would take it to the tire shop in the morning as Ian needed to go to work. The next morning Guy took the car to the Goodyear shop at 5 Points. Guy walked into the shop and a service man asked what he could do to help him. Guy told the man and the man walked off. The man at the service desk asked the service man what Guy wanted. Guy heard him tell the service manager “He has a tire that needs repair and it's in the boot” “Wherever the h... that is.”

Another example of British English is the Cockney accent. A Cockney is someone born within the sound of the bells of the church of St. Mary-le-bow in the Cheapside district of London. People with a Cockney accent drop letters. As an example H is always silent, as is R. They also talk in rhyme. An Ocean Pearl is slang for a girl. We have an example of a cockney sign in our area. The next time you are at Hope & Anchor, notice in the middle room there is a stairway up to a meeting room on the second floor. On the wall at the base of the stairway there is a sign that reads “Apples and Pears”. In Cockney, Apples and Pears means stairs.

In fairness, many Brits have a problem understanding the southern accent and word usage here in the US.



British vs. American  
English

## from the *CHRONICLE* TECHNICAL TIPS FILES, JANUARY 17, 1997

(no Author was identified)

Reading a tire/tyre. When shopping around for a new set of tires for your British tin, one can never find a salesperson to answer basic questions without waiting for a fortnight. This article is intended to help decode the writing (other than white letters) on the sides of the tires. The letters and numbers can tell you its size, performance and life expectancy. The P-metric system of marking tires is favored by most US manufacturers.

The basic number shown in the following graphic (Illustration #1) is P205/60R 15 89H. The breakdown of the number is as follows:

**P** = Means the tire is for passenger cars.

**205** = The width of the tire's cross section in millimeters.

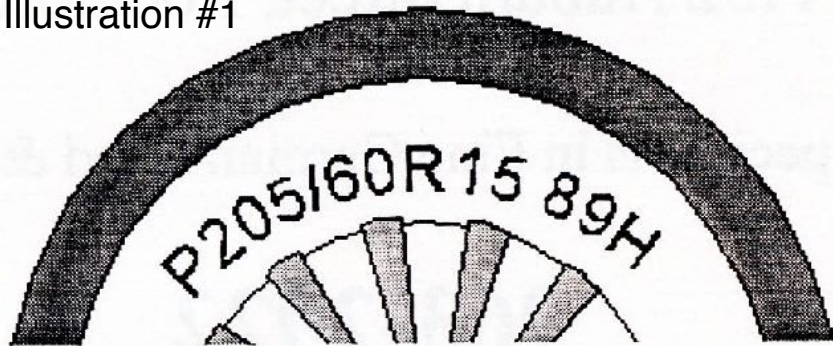
**60** = Refers to the ratio of a tire's height to width. This tire is 60 percent as high as it is wide. Steering response is quicker if this number is relatively low.

**R** = Means it's a radial tire.

**15** = This is the tire rim diameter in inches.

**89** = Refers to the load index. In this case, the tire's top load is 1,279 pounds at maximum inflation.

Illustration #1



**H** = This is the speed rating. This particular rating means the tire is certified for speeds up to 130 Mph. Probably one of the most important parameters if one owns a MGTD.

**M+S** = Any combination of those letters means the tire meets the Rubber Manufacturers Association definition for a snow tire.

The second graphic (Illustration #2) shows life expectancy and performance.

**Treadwear 160** = Refers to the tire's life expectancy. Multiply that number by 200 for the likely mileage under normal driving conditions.

**Traction B** - This is the tire's performance on wet roads. "A" is the best grade with B and C following respectively.

**Temperature A** = This indicates the tire's ability to withstand heat at sustained speeds. Like the traction rating, A is the best rating with B and C following respectively.

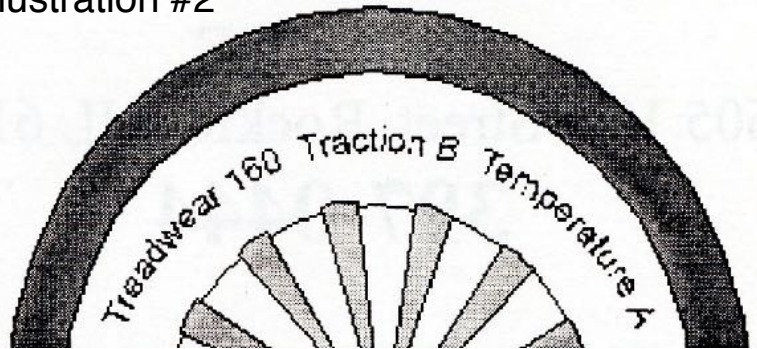
The treadware grade should be used the same way you would use the "unit price" in the supermarket. It is the best way to ensure that you are getting the best tire value. The tire with the lowest cost per grade point is the best value. For example; if one tire costs \$100 and has a tread ware grade of 300, and another tire costs \$80 and has a tread ware grade of 200, which tire is the better buy?

First tire =  $\$100/300 = 33$  cents per point.

Second tire =  $\$80/200 = 40$  cents per point.

The first tire at 33 cents is cheaper than 40 cents.

Illustration #2



from the *CHRONICLE*, July, 2005

Articles from Moss Motors

#### **Leaking Oil Seals**

If your differential/rear axle/gearbox oil seals are leaking, the seals themselves may not be at fault. A plugged breather may be causing pressure build-up within the unit, forcing oil past the seals. Locate the breather, clean around it, and remove it from the case. Clean the breather thoroughly, ensuring that it is not plugged, and re-install it.

#### **Cleaning Your Rear Window**

Seeing through the rear window on your British roadster begins to get problematic as the plastic gradually goes from transparent, to translucent, to opaque. There are some exotic remedies offered for sale but I have found that good old auto wax keeps them sparkling and clear. I just do my rear window inside and out whenever I wax the car and it protects the plastic from the elements. The mild abrasive even seems to remove the film that may build up if you've waited too long between wax jobs. Just be sure that you start with a clean window so as not to grind dirt or grit into to your window.

ANSWERS TO:

**BRITISH/AMERICAN TRANSLATIONS**

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| <u>21 BRIGHTWORK</u>      | 1) Hubcap                  |
| <u>6 TORCH</u>            | 2) Idle                    |
| <u>10 HOOD</u>            | 3) Fender                  |
| <u>7 PROUD</u>            | 4) Wrench                  |
| <u>2 TICKOVER</u>         | 5) Windshield              |
| <u>16 BOOT</u>            | 6) Flashlight              |
| <u>1 NAVE PLATE</u>       | 7) Not even; not flush     |
| <u>17 PINKING</u>         | 8) Generator               |
| <u>20 FASCIA</u>          | 9) Glove Compartment       |
| <u>3 WING</u>             | 10) Convertible Top        |
| <u>14 LORRY</u>           | 11) Pry                    |
| <u>24 PROPELLER SHAFT</u> | 12) Seat Bottom            |
| <u>8 DYNAMO</u>           | 13) Morris Woolsey Garages |
| <u>23 BONNET</u>          | 14) Truck                  |
| <u>22 SCUTTLE</u>         | 15) Bug Eye Sprite         |
| <u>18 TYRE</u>            | 16) Trunk                  |
| <u>12 SQUAB</u>           | 17) Knicking (Pinging)     |
| <u>5 WINDSCREEN</u>       | 18) Tire                   |
| <u>4 SPANNER</u>          | 19) Phillips or Pozi-drive |
| <u>15 FROG EYE SPRITE</u> | 20) Dashboard              |
| <u>13 MOWOG</u>           | 21) Chrome                 |
| <u>19 CROSSHEAD</u>       | 22) Cowl                   |
| <u>11 PRISE</u>           | 23) Hood                   |
| <u>9 CUBBYBOX</u>         | 24) Driveshaft             |

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by Facia Nearside

Part II

On a foggy September morning in 1938 Stanley Arnolt climbed into a 13 foot boat and set out across Lake Michigan. The boat was powered by a marine engine of his own design, the Sea-Mite.

Four hours later he emerged out of the fog at Chicago's Navy Pier where stunned onlookers shook their heads in disbelief. They considered he must be wacky to have attempted such a crossing, and when an article in the next day's paper declared "Wacky comes through in fog" the nickname stuck.

Stanley H. "Wacky" Arnolt was an industrialist, designer, and salesman, as well as a serious businessman with a flair for showmanship. With boundless energy and enthusiasm Wacky immersed himself in a seemingly endless array of business endeavors. In the early 1950s those business interests merged with his love of sports cars and racing. A chance meeting with Nuccio Bertone at the 1952 Turin Auto Show led to collaborative efforts between the two. The result was the Arnolt-MG, a four seat Bertone bodied car built on an MG TD chassis. Available as either coupe or convertible, the cars had British mechanicals, Italian bodies, were assembled in the United States, and sold as American cars. Next Arnolt obtained the Midwest distributorship for Nuffield Exports of England. This allowed him to sell MG, Morris Minor, Riley, Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Austin, Aston Martin, and Austin-Healey.



**1953 Arnolt-MG Coupe  
Coachwork by Bertone**



In 1954, after about 100 Arnolt-MGs were built, MG informed Arnolt they could no longer supply him with the TD engine and chassis, so he began looking for a larger engine car. The result was the Arnolt-Bristol. Wacky arranged with Bristol to provide the 404 series chassis with a six cylinder 130hp engine. After being built in England the powered chassis was sent to Italy where the body was completed by Bertone, then final assembly and fitting of options was done in the United States. Again the cars were available as either coupe or convertible, and even a competition version was produced. Between 1953 and 1959 a total of 142 Arnolt-Bristols were built, including one for actor Lee Marvin. About the same time, Arnolt announced plans to build the Arnolt-Aston, a Bertone bodied roadster based on the Aston Martin DB2/4 chassis and looking very similar to the Arnolt-Bristol. The project was cancelled however after only three examples were constructed.

One final Bertone/Arnolt venture was the Arnolt-Bentley. Just one example of this car was built and it was for Arnolt's personal use. Wacky Arnolt died in 1963, but he left behind an interesting legacy of British-Italian-American hybrid cars. Today these stylish rides are highly regarded by collectors.

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### **WHY MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE**

What do you expect from such practical creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be president. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO T-shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character on you. Gray hair is distinguished on you. Gaining weight means your just a big guy, not fat. Wedding dress - \$5000. Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood - all the time!

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