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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,  
April 18, 2018**

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 2018

I was going to start off my message with "With the outside temperature at 38 degrees....., but then I remembered my high school English which said never begin a paragraph with a preposition; so I've adjusted my opening with saying today's weather is 38 degrees with forecast for clouds with rain/snow showers. Our recent spate of good weather must have been our "false spring", so here's to warmer weather on the near horizon. Oh well, extra time to get our LBC's ready for some warmer weather cruising.

Well it's hard to put away the March Madness insanity but what a great tournament; and I don't say this because I won the Ward Family annual Bracketology. It was a great tournament with everything from lots of upsets, a genuine Cinderella Team in Loyola of Chicago, some breathtakingly close games and above all surprising parity. In the end, Villanova was unstoppable winning each of their games by a 12+ point margin for their 3rd National Title.

April has a full agenda which includes this month's Dine at Stone Eagle Tavern on 4/11 hosted by Dwain and Jenny Plymale, Ladies Tea on 4/21 hosted by Chris Oakes at her house, 4/21 Garage Tour hosted by Larry Eils and Rich Cannistra, and the Spring Jefferson, WI Car Show & Swap Meet on 4/26 to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun events to choose from, hope see you there.

A reminder that the May Saturday Drive is still open, please let Rich Gibson know if you can host this event.

John

## SIGN AT THE MALL MAINTENANCE SHOP:

*WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING*

*(Please knock hard on the door, the  
bell doesn't work)*



## **March 21, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Ward. Thirty-two members were present.

John welcomed new members Charlie and Linda Gall of Polo, Illinois once again to the Club. Charlie and Linda have a "pimento" colored 1976 TR6, currently in Ron Kuhnau's shop.

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 Don Grosenick to accept the February 2018 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Hal Zenisek. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils** (Report submitted by Lee Kindgren)

Lee presented the Treasurer's Report in Larry's absence.

Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Bill Maschke. Motion passed.

**Membership - Bev Joyce** - No report

(Please check your individual information and car listings on the current membership roster and notify Bev if you have corrected or additional car information to submit.)

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

Thank you for any articles submitted for the newsletter. Response to member stories about "How I Got My First British Car" has been wonderful!

### **Webmaster - Hal Zenisek**

March is the month to renew our web license. We are set to go for the next twelve months. Thank you to the officers who have helped update the listing of members and cars on the website. Please submit photos of your cars to be included on the Members Page of the website, especially if you are a new member. (Email to Hal Zenisek).

### **Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -**

Sincere condolences to Mary Jo Schoening on the loss of her daughter. We are remembering them both in our thoughts and prayers.

### **Regalia - Jim Vickery -**

Our supplier for our club regalia has moved again. They are located one block south of where they had been. This is a nice new store with very good signage out front.

### **Past Events - Rich Gibson**

A huge Thank You to Steve and Polly Carter and for hosting the March Dine at Louie's Tap House in Roscoe! Thirty-five members enjoyed the specialty for the evening (ribs) as well as other tasty dinners.

A Shout Out to Greg Oakes for organizing and running the BBB table at the Swap Meet and Auto Jumble. There was a good turnout for this event. Greg made a suggestion that our club have some type of handout material available to promote our club for next year's swap meet.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 23 - Old Farts Lunch at 1:00 at RBI.

March 23 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at 12:30 at Salamone's North at Brynwood Square.

April 11 - Dwain and Jenny Plymale will host the April Dine at the Stone Eagle Tavern, Rockford. Please remember to call or email them with your RSVP by Monday, April 9th.

April 21 - BBB Garage Tour, hosted by Larry Eils

April 21 - Ladies Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes, 12:00 at her house. Please RSVP to Chris so that she has enough tables set up and remember to bring something sweet or savory as well. An invite will be going out shortly with more information.

April 26-29- Spring Jefferson; Wisconsin Swap Meet and Car Show

May Saturday Drive - OPEN (Please let Rich Gibson know if you could host this)

September Saturday Drive - OPEN

May 6 - CLASSICS AND CHROME CAR SHOW CANCELLED! (They could not get the facility for this event)

May 13 - Poplar Grove Airport EAA Pancake Breakfast and Car Show

May 24-27 - Rally in the Valley Car Show, Eau Claire, hosted by the Minnesota MG Group

Please take a look at the BBB Website calendar for more events and information on events.

**Classified** - None

**Unfinished Business**- BBB Calendars are still available. If you haven't received your free calendar, please see Dave Brickman.

**New Business** - Our usual monthly meeting date for November falls the night before Thanksgiving this year. A motion was made by Lee Kindgren to move the November 2018 meeting date from 21 November to 28 November. Motion was seconded by Barb Buckavekas. Motion passed. Please make a note of this on your personal calendar.

**Burnt Piston Award**- None

**Good Wrench Award** - None

**Raffle - Don Grosenick**

1. Microfibre Sponge - Greg Oakes
2. Click-Type Torque Wrench - Hal Zenisek
3. 8-Piece Screwdriver Set - Rich Bartlett
4. Swivel Lens Headlamp - Lynda Vickery
5. 4-In-One Screwdriver - Charlie Gall
6. Hose Clamp Assortment - Luz Lehman
7. Wooden Trivet - Lee Kindgren
8. Ceramic Easter Bunny - Marna Grosenick
9. Bunny Plate & Spreader - Barb Buckavekas
10. Easter Wall Hanging - Dwain Plymale
11. Two Yellow Dishtowels - Rich Gibson
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Sandy Ward

### **Adjournment**

John Ward told a story about Shane, the mailman, playing "Who am I?"  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

# BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS

## LADIES ENGLISH TEA 2018

When: Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Where: Chris Oakes' house

7975 Joy Lane, Roscoe, Il. 61073

(Corner of Atwood Road and Joy Lane - Hinkles Wooded Estate)

Time: Starts at Noon

RSVP to Chris Oakes by April 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

@ 815-270-1106 home phone

[Cboakes05@hotmail.com](mailto:Cboakes05@hotmail.com)

309-370-5863 cell phone

RSVP (if Possible): Feel free to come even if you don't RSVP

The RSVP is to get an idea of foods, to assure a variety of Sweet and Savory English Tea treats and a table and chairs count





August 15	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 25	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 7-10	<b>BBB - SIMPLE SATURDAY DRIVE OR LONG WEEKEND</b>
Sept 9	British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
Sept 12	<b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine - OPEN</b> Hosts: OPEN
Sept 14-16	British Invasion; Stowe, VT
Sept 19	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 28-30	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 6	<b>BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND</b> Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 10	<b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine - TBD</b> Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
Oct 17	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 14	<b>BBB Dine - OPEN</b> Hosts: OPEN
Nov 28 (CHANGE IN DATE)	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec 5	<b>BBB Cookie Exchange Party</b>
Dec 12	<b>BBB Christmas Party - Lino's</b> 5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL

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**MAYDAY! MAYDAY!**

**No one has claimed the Saturday drive for May.  
Anyone want to do it? Pick your date.  
Let Rich Gibson know if you want to claim this prime  
opportunity to lead the pack.**

## BBB Dine

Wednesday April 11th 2018

Please join us at 6:00 at **Stone Eagle Tavern**

6445 E. State Street, Rockford IL

Full menu to choose from

Please let us know if you plan to attend by responding to Jenny at [jdplymale@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdplymale@sbcglobal.net) or phone at 815 968 5387 by Monday April 9th 2018

Hope to see you there

Dwain & Jenny Plymale

## EMBROIDTHIS WILL BE VISITING OUR BBB MEETING APRIL 18TH

by Jim & Lynda Vickery

We are planning a special event at the April 18th monthly meeting at Thunder Bay. Owner of EmbroidThis, Ace Foster, and his wife, Jill, will be joining us for dinner and bringing samples of clothing and other articles that can be customized with our BBB logo.

If you would like to see something in particular, let us know and we will see if Ace can bring a sample.

EmbroidThis has moved to their own building now, 2 blocks south of their previous location. It's very easy to get to if you want to visit them. Or, check out our online website with them (find it on the BBB website). Jim will also be happy to pick up any orders for you.



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## **BBB 2018 GARAGE TOUR**

by Rich Cannistra

The 2018 BBB Garage Tour is planned for Saturday, April 21st. In the morning we will visit the Forty Horse Farm, a mecca for Model A Enthusiasts. Following lunch we have been invited to the Northern Illinois Fire Museum to view their collection of antique firefighting equipment. Pictures and more information about each location are available online. See: Ehrenhofer Forty Horse Model A Farm, Northern Illinois Fire Museum, and Joe's Place (lunch).

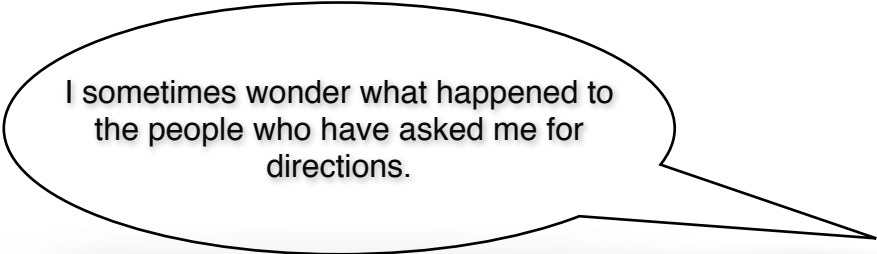
The group drive will meet at the Roscoe Middle School at 8:15 a.m. for an 8:30 a.m. departure. Anyone wishing more information or to meet us at the tour locations please contact Larry Eils or Rich Cannistra.

Welcome New Members!

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

Larry Eils, 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 \$10 for name tags.



I sometimes wonder what happened to  
the people who have asked me for  
directions.

*Anonymous*

## MICHAEL ANTHONY WERCKLE, M.D. 1939—2018



On March 28, 2018, Dr. Michael A. Werckle was honored by the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford at the investiture ceremony for the Michael A. Werckle, M.D. Endowed Professorship in Biomedical Sciences. This day of celebration was a highlight of Dr. Werckle's lifework, and serves as an ongoing tribute to his legacy as a compassionate physician, respected educator, and dedicated public servant. At the end of this joyous day, Dr. Werckle returned home where he slipped quickly and painlessly away knowing how proud his family was of him.

Dr. Werckle will be remembered for his warmth of spirit and caring nature. He believed in the healing power of simply listening compassionately to people, and made this the cornerstone of his caring practice. Recalling his working class roots, Dr. Werckle never refused care to anyone for the inability to pay. A huge fan of antique and vintage cars, Dr. Werckle was active in many car clubs including the Vintage Motor Car Club of America and the Rock-Ford A's, serving as president of both organizations. He loved driving in classic car tours several times a year all over the country with his wife and friends, and he was known to make house calls to elderly patients in an antique car of their choice. Dr. Werckle is survived by his wife Patricia Ann (Petzinger) Werckle of Rockford; children Michael David Werckle of Rockford, daughter Elizabeth Ann Werckle of Machesney Park, and Sarah Kathryn (Matthew) Rip of Coal Creek Canyon, Colorado; grandchildren Anne Lee Harris of Machesney Park, Dashiell Michael Rip and Lincoln Russell Rip both of Coal Creek Canyon, Colorado; sister Jacqueline (Werckle) White of Bonham, Texas; brothers W. David Werckle (Sara) of Stillman Valley, Illinois, and Richard L. (Linda) Werckle of Jacksonville, Florida; special cousin Joseph Broz of Vancouver, Washington; special friend Mark R. Blazer of Rockford; 18 nieces and nephews; four cousins; and his grand-dog "Dad." He was predeceased by his parents; sister Patricia Werckle Zeller; stepparents Ralph Steele and Winifred Werckle; his grandparents; aunts and uncles; one cousin; special friend Cedric W. Blazer; and beloved Rottweilers Lovie and Millie.

*...taken from the Rockford Register Star*

Mike and Patti have been members of British Boots and Bonnets for several years. Mike's engaging personality will be missed. He shared many stories, especially about visiting his home bound patients, and of course the several cars he owned over the years. We send our heartfelt condolences to Patti and his family.

Please see the Rockford Register Star for his full obituary, or visit the Olson Funeral Home website at [olsonfh.com](http://olsonfh.com).

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**BBB WEBMASTER REPORT**

Check-out the BBB website for updated club and non-club related events for the rest of 2018, as well as updated member/car photos and pics from recent events. Our Favorite Links page has been updated as well as the For Sale page. Thanks to all for your contributions to the website; you all add so much to what I could do alone.

Go to [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) and navigate to any tabs of interest. Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Thanks Hal Zenisek

## BBB MEMBERS ENJOY LOUIE'S TAP HOUSE FOR MARCH *DINE*

by Polly Carter

The March Dine event held at Louie's Tap House in Roscoe was well attended. 33 hungry club members met at 6:00 to dine on ribs, wings, salads and more. It's always fun to catch up with "old" friends. Sounds like many are anxious to get their LBCs out of hibernation! And it was great to have our newest club members present. Thanks to all who made it a special evening!





## *DID - U - KNOW*

*by Facia Nearside*

*There are probably very few people in the western world who don't recognize the name Ray Kroc. Ray was a 50+ year old traveling salesman when he met the McDonald brothers in 1954. The brothers had developed an efficient fast food restaurant and Ray knew how to run with the idea.*

*As famous as that story may be there is another piece of McDonald's history which has produced just as profound of a cultural shift: the drive-thru window. The concept of a drive-thru is credited to Jordan Martin in 1930. That year the Grand National Bank of St. Louis, MO used his idea and installed a window where a motorist could drive up to make a deposit. Not until 1947 did the first restaurant pick up on this design. That credit goes to Sheldon (Red) Chaney, owner of Red's Giant Hamburg on Route 66 in Springfield, MO. Still it took another 28 years and a twist of fate for the rest of the story.*

*In 1974 there was a successful McDonald's Restaurant in Sierra Vista, AZ just two miles from army post, Fort Huachuca. Restaurant owner David Rich noticed that most of the soldiers had to drive past rather than into his establishment because of their requirement not to be seen in public while in uniform. Rich decided to cut a hole in the outside wall and install a sliding window, thus allowing the soldiers to pick up food while still in their vehicle. Food passed through that window for the first time on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1975. By 1979, 2700 of the 5000 McDonald's locations had drive-thru windows. To appreciate how innovative an idea this was, remember cars didn't even have cup holders back then.*

*Today McDonald's gets 63% of its business from customers who stay in their cars, and drive-thrus include everything from wedding chapels to funeral homes (yes, you read that right). But those of you who enjoy tracking down a bit of obscure automotive Americana will want to put a visit to the Henry F. Hauser Museum high on your list. There, proudly on display you will find the original McDonald's two pane sliding window which made history on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1975.*

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## BBB REGALIA ONLINE

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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

two BBB visors - \$10

British flags for cars - \$5

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page found on our Club's website.

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Jim Vickery





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