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Next Meeting
Wednesday,

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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

AUGUST 2017

Hard to believe it's August already and we are heading into some very good "Long Weekend" and Drive & Dine events for the next 60 days starting off with the Saturday Drive & Dine to Dubuque, IA on 8/13 hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils and Don and Marna Grosenick where we will Cruise the Mighty Mississippi on the 82 foot yacht American Lady; sounds lovely. We also have a Drive & Dine to Sam's Pizza in Rockton, IL on the 9th with the Drive into the country side west of Roscoe/Rockton. If you haven't already made reservations for the Long Drive in September to Hannibal, MO, Rich and Dee Gibson have sent plenty of advance notice to get your hotel reservations locked in. The trip sounds like lots of fun.

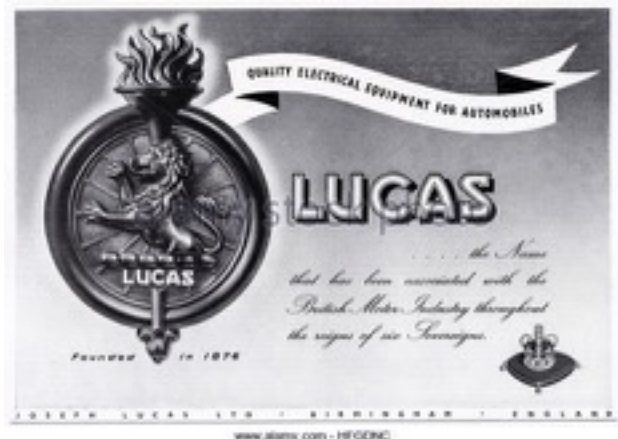
Casa del Wardo has been a very busy and happy place this past week with our sweet grand-daughters from Sun Prairie, WI spending a few days with us; Chloe (7), and her 3 year old twin sisters, Josephine and Riley, were busy with visits to The Discovery Center, a day at our neighbors pool with a hot dog/s'mores cookout and treasure hunt (of course there were lots of giggles and hugs with Gramma Sandi).

The "TF" is getting lots of looks and head-turns as she rambles throughout the Roscoe area; not sure if she will be on the August Drive & Dine yet, ready mechanically but not sure the driver is ready to spend that much time in the cockpit; don't remember it being so tight with pedals so close together. Mr. Vickery suggests maybe a new pair of driving shoes??

A reminder to all Board Members that we will have our first 2017 Board Meeting Thursday August 6th at 6 pm at the Ward's home; sandwiches, chips and soft drinks will be served.

Here's to great weather and seeing you and your LBC out on the road!

John



JULY 19, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by John Ward BBB President. Forty-two members were present. No new members or guests were present.

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 Larry Eils to accept the June report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Peggy Kitzmiller. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Lee Kindgren presented the Treasurer's Report.

Brian Kobischka made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Nancy Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No Report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Please keep the emails coming about news articles to include in the newsletter.

Lynda and Jim Vickery have a new email address: Jvickery.jv@gmail.com

Please note the new email address.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

An email was received from Diane and James Johnson who are selling their 1966 Austin Healey MKIII. It has 58,000 original miles, a new interior, new carpet, original tires and rims. \$65,000 - Email jironwed@gmail.com (Car is located in northern Wisconsin.)

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No report

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report

September and October Drive and Dines need hosts!

Events - Bruce Beneditz

Take a look at the Chronicle to see some pics from the Saturday drive and ferry ride.

Lew Moon reviewed the Day at the Lake with Rich and Dee Gibson, East Troy. There were 20 club members who enjoyed the day along with Dee Gibson's parents who enjoyed the company of the BBB members. Dee and Rich would like to thank all who came and brought the tasty food and lively company!

A huge thank you was extended to Steve and Polly Carter for hosting the June Drive and Dine to The Stagecoach Inn. There was a great turnout by the BBB Club.

Upcoming Events

September 8-11 Long Weekend - Hannibal, Missouri. Hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson
NOTE: Some club members will be driving to LeClaire, Iowa and spending the night of September 11th in Le Claire, Iowa after a visit to Antique Archaeology, returning to the Rockford area on September 12th. This is an OPTIONAL extra day/night.

Please make your Hannibal hotel reservations with Best Western on the River,
PHONE 573-248-1150 Rooms will be held only until August 8th

Also, please make your Paddlewheel Boat dinner cruise reservations on the Mark Twain Paddleboat for Saturday, September 9 (Boarding 6:00, Departure at 6:30 P.M.) You should let the Mark Twain Paddlewheel Boat personnel know you are with the British Boots and Bonnets group for dinner seating.

Meet at Road Ranger near the Rockford Airport on Highway 2 at 7:30 A.M. A short briefing will be held, then departure is at 8:00 A.M. The day's drive will involve approximately 300 miles of travel with 3 rest stops planned.

Please let Rich or Dee Gibson know if you are interested in the event so that they can plan for restaurants, etc. dynamiteboss@comcast.net or 54321kaboom@comcast.net

August 9 - Drive and Dine - Hosted by John and Sandy Ward. Meet up at Schnucks in Roscoe

August 13 - BBB Sunday drive and Mississippi River Yacht ride with lunch. Contact Larry and Marsha Eils or Don and Marna Grosenick. This 82-foot yacht is serving lunch at \$24.95/person. Reservations are needed by the end of July. There is seating for nice and for inclement weather. This drive will also include an opportunity to ride an elevator and a side trip for ice cream.

August 13 - 22nd Annual Vintage Car Celebration at Botham Vineyards

August 26 - Saturday Crossroads Blues Festival, hosted by Brian Kobischka and Bev Joyce. Meet at Kegel's in Rockford at 11:15 for a departure at 11:30. The venue is situated on the banks of the river, and music starts at noon, ending at 9:30 P.M. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. Contact Brian so that he can get tickets.

September and October Drive and Dines need hosts!

Classified - None

Unfinished Business- None

New Business - None

Burnt Piston Award- None

Good Wrench Award - Rich and Dee Gibson, for hosting the Day at the Lake on July 8.

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. 7-Function Digital Multimeter - Marv Proctor
2. Multi-Function Mini Lantern - Brian Kobischka
3. Kwik Dry Cloth - Rich Gibson
4. Kwik Dry Cloth #2 - Bruce Beneditz
5. Trunk Organizer - Lynda Vickery
6. Insulated Cooler - Michelle Morey
7. 4-Piece BBQ Tool Set - Andy
8. 2-Pack Waterproof Flashlights - Larry Eils
9. Stainless Steel Vacuum Sports Bottle - Barb Buckavekas
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Leon Kitzmiller

Adjournment

President, John Ward, told a story about a couple who took a trip to the Holy Land.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M. amidst a tornado warning...

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

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BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

August 9	BBB Drive & Dine - Sam's Restaurant; Rockton, IL Hosts: John & Sandi Ward
August 13	BBB Saturday Drive - 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	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 20	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast
August 26	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 8-11	BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Sept 13	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Sept 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 22-24	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 7	BBB Friends Around the Campfire Hosts: The Bartletts & the Eils
Oct 11	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Oct 18	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 8	BBB Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Nov 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec ??	BBB Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party

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.

BBB EVENTS - AUGUST 2017

July finally afforded us some nice weather to drive our British Cars.

- July 8 - Day at the Lake hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson. Sadly, Phyllis and I were unable to attend this event. However, all reports that I have heard say that it was a fabulous day. Thank you Rich and Dee for sharing your beautiful lake place with BBB members.
- July 12 - Drive and Dine to the Stagecoach Inn in Fort Atkinson. Hosted by Steve and Polly Carter. We had a great drive through the Southern Wisconsin country side lead by Steve and Polly. Flooded roads and road construction required them to make some last minute changes to the route but all worked well. We were a little worried when we went past the road closed sign. But Steve had checked it out and we had no problems. The dinner was wonderful and everyone in attendance had a good time.

These events are coming up in the near future.

- August 9 - Drive and Dine to Sam's Pizza in Rockton. Hosted by John and Sandy Ward.
- August 13 - The 22nd Annual Vintage Celebration at Botham Vineyards and Winery near Barneveld. It is a beautiful location on the lawn under spreading oak trees. And of course, there is wine.
- August 13 - Sunday Drive to the Mississippi River for lunch on a River Boat. Hosted by Grosenick's and Eils'.
- August 25 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunches.
- August 26 - Crossroads Blues Festival. One of my favorite local groups from Brodhead is playing, The Jimmy's. We have several of their CDs and a few shirts too.
- September 8-11 - BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson. See the article elsewhere in the Chronicle for details.
- September 13 - Drive and Dine - At this time we do not have a host. Please let Bruce Beneditz know if you would like to host this event.

Check out the calendar to see all the events that are planned for the year.

Safety Fast, Bruce Beneditz

AUGUST DRIVE AND DINE

Hosts: John and Sandi Ward

Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:30 pm for 5:45 departure on the drive, we will be going west of Roscoe/Rockton and then winding up at Sam's Pizza in Rockton with dinner at 6:30. The address for Sam's is:

Sam's Pizza
130 Blackhawk Blvd.
Rockton, IL 61072
Tel: 815-624-7535

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
THERE!
JOHN & SANDI**



LUNCH AND A CRUISE IN AUGUST: SET SAIL WITH US FOR A RIDE ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI!

Hosts: The Grosenicks and the Eils

As you know, the BBB drive is to Dubuque, IA on Sunday, August 13. We are taking a 2 hour lunch cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the 82 ft. American Lady yacht. The Grosenicks and the Eils are co-hosting this drive. We have some interesting roads picked out highlighting the beautiful scenery to and from Dubuque.

Our menu is a buffet lunch of Broasted chicken and beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, rolls and butter with unlimited soda, lemonade and ice tea. The cost is \$24.95 plus tax per person.

Marsha and I hope you will be able to join us for a fun day. There will also be a visit to the Fenelon Place Elevator, "the world's steepest, shortest scenic railway" located in downtown Dubuque.

You will need to make a reservation for the lunch cruise. Please call [563-557-9700](tel:563-557-9700) by Friday, July 28, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you on the drive. Any questions, please call Larry at [815-382-3547](tel:815-382-3547).



BBB to attend 8th Annual Crossroads Blues Society Festival!

8th Annual Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park
4781 S Bend Rd, Rockford, IL 61109
 www.crossroadsbluesfestival.com 779-537-4006

8:00 PM Doug Deming & the Jewel Tones

6:00 PM THE KINSEY REPORT

- 1:30 PM Brutal Wedgie Youth Band
- 3:30 PM Harmonica Workshop w/ Joe Filisko
- 5:30 PM Guitar Workshop w/ Paul Kaye
- 7:30 PM Hardtime Cigar Box Guitar w/ Solo/Duo Winner Dan Phelps

Noon Ivy Ford Band

2:00 PM Corey Dennison Band

4:00 PM The Jimmys

Music Noon-9:30 PM; Open 11 AM to 10 PM
\$5 Advanced Tickets \$10 at Gate
Camping \$20/Night

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Please bring lawn chairs and there will be plenty of space to park them in either sun or shade. If you can't attend all day, you can come and go as your schedule permits. Food and drink will be provided by a several festival vendors. If there are any aspiring harmonica players, there will be a workshop at 3:30, as well as a guitar workshop at 5:30. Tickets at the door are \$10 per person. We will have advance tickets for anyone that would like to reserve them for \$5 per person.

If you would like to caravan with us, please let Bev or Brian know, so we will know to expect you at Kegels (Bev at andsewon53@comcast.net) (Brian at Brian.Kobi@yahoo.com).

The Line-up of musicians

- Noon Ivy Ford Band
- 1:30 Brutal Wedgie Youth Band in the Pavilion
- 2:00 Corey Dennison Band
- 3:30 Joe Filisko Harmonica Workshop in the Pavilion
- 4:00 The Jimmys
- 5:30 Paul Kaye Guitar Workshop in the Pavilion
- 6:00 The Kinsey Report
- 7:30 Dan Phelps with Hardtimes Cigar Box Guitars in the Pavilion
- 8:00 Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones

On Saturday, August 26th, Bev and Brian will again lead a caravan from Kegels Harley-Davidson dealership (7125 Harrison Ave – Rockford) to Lyran Park. We'll gather at 11:15 am and depart at 11:30. For those unable to join the caravan, feel free to meet us at the park – 4781 S. Bend Road. Use of MapQuest is not recommended as it is apparently wrong. Use another provider such as Google Maps.

The live music starts at noon and will go through 9:30 pm. Performers will be on stage right along the Kishwaukee River, or in the Pavilion. The seating area slopes at an incline from the main stage so the view of the stage is quite good.

A WEEKEND IN HANNIBAL - A SUREFIRE PERFECT BBB TRIP!

by Rich & Dee Gibson

Hotel reservations for the long weekend need to be made very soon if you plan on going and getting the group rate. Most rooms in Hannibal are already booked for the several weddings they are having on this weekend. Rooms are being held for us but only until AUGUST 8th...

Best Western on the River

Check in September 8

Check out on September 11

Rooms are held under "British Boots and Bonnets" until August 8th

Call (573) 248-1150

NEW INFORMATION!!!

Mark Twain Paddleboat

SEPTEMBER 9 Dinner Cruise (Board at 6:00 PM)

A block of seats is being held under the name "British Boots and Bonnets"

You will need to reserve and pay with your own credit card when making your booking.

Call 573-221-3222.

Any questions, please contact Rich or Dee Gibson

54321kaboom@comcast.net (Dee)

dynamiteboss@comcast.net (Rich)

NUTS & BOLTS!!

We will be meeting at the Road Ranger, close to the airport on Hwy 2 South at 7:30 A.M., receive a briefing, then wheels roll at 8:00 A.M. There are 3 driving stops enroute to Hannibal, but we need to cover 300 miles so need an early start. Please arrive early enough to fuel, pit stop, and get something to eat if needed so that you can be available for the briefing.



DID - U - KNOW

By Facia Nearside

In 1906 Alexander Arnold Constantine Issigonis was born in Turkey to Greek and German parents, but he inherited British citizenship through his grandfather who had done work for the British built Smyrna Railway. In 1923 he moved to the UK where he studied engineering then went into the motor industry working for Humber in the 1930s. His passion of designing race cars soon took him to Austin then on to Morris Motors.

While at Morris he began work on a design that later became the MG Y, but the war interrupted plans for production. Following hostilities Issigonis moved to Alvis, then in 1955 was recruited to BMC by Leonard Lord with the intent of designing a new line of family cars...large, medium, and small. Fate intervened however, fuel rationing due to the 1956 Suez Crisis, and Lord ordered Issigonis to bring the small car to production as soon as possible.

Launched in August 1959 as the Morris Mini Minor and Austin Mini, the new car was successful beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Production continued until the year 2000 totaling more than 5.3 million vehicles. Initially nicknamed "The Greek God" by his contemporaries, Alec Issigonis is remembered today as the designer of the best-selling British car in history, the Mini.

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS DAY AT THE LAKE!

by Lew Moon

On behalf of the 22 Guests who attended the special Saturday on the Lake with Dee and Rich Gibson, on July 8th, we express our appreciation to you for an exceptionally perfect day.

The whole event began with easy to follow detailed directions to find the place, which was festooned with an assortment of British regalia: Flags, Pennants, a Morgan, and abundant bunting. The party was at the bottom of the long stairs leading down to three decks of fresh Brazilian Hardwood with plenty of seating with sun, shade, and a full view of the lake with hummingbird feeders to provide entertainment. Wonderful attention to detail made us so comfortable. A Nut bowl, beverages (including Wisconsin spotted cow beer,) sun tea, lemonade.

Dee was being the most active hostess making sure chairs were properly placed, nut bowl refilled, taking time to come down to the dock to fit Larry and I with Personal Floatation devises and instructing us on how to get aboard a Kayak without getting wet. She attended to everyone with unending energy.

The food was exceptional, an abundance of pulled pork and chicken, chips, an assortment of salads and desserts, coffee, Rum coolers.





Rich made sure everyone had anything they needed or wanted. Then provided a complete tour of the lake, eleven at a time on the pontoon boat with information about the lake and houses around the lake . Somehow he managed to provide the most perfect weather: Blue sky, a light breeze, perfect temperature, low humidity. I have not figured out how he did that during the first week of July.



A Special quest stood right inside the door, waiting to greet anyone who came in to use the bath room or refill a plate. There was the Queen of England herself - Life-size and realistic enough to give everyone a second look.



This was a perfect day at the lake: The surface that sparkled like diamonds as the sun reflected the ripples of the paddle boards, pontoon boats and kayaks.

If anyone: deserves a GOOD WRENCH AWARD, it would be Rich and Dee. And they did receive it at the July meeting!



JULY DRIVE AND DINE WAS AN ADVENTURE IN DRIVING AND EATING!

by Lynda Vickery



Our Drives so far this year have not always been in the best of weather. And the drive to The Stagecoach Inn outside of Fort Atkinson, WI was no exception! But that didn't keep Steve and Polly Carter from leading a goodly number of cars around road closures to arrive at the Stagecoach a little ahead of our

reservation time. Most members elected to keep our LBC tucked safely at home, but a few hardy souls braved the weather in their British cars.

The Stagecoach Inn did their best to keep our large group of 29 seated close together, and the menu offered a nice variety of Wisconsin Supper Club offerings. Their Wednesday special of prime rib was excellent. The waitresses and owner were very attentive - and much appreciated.

Thank you Steve and Polly for a great evening!





MG2017: Adventure West in the MGB to attend MG2017

By Chris Oakes

Day 1 The adventure began, June 18th. We traveled to Bloomington, IL, to meet up with our friends, Alan and Terri Kleinschmidt. The first day was driving as far as we could. We had lunch in Springfield, IL and found a motel in Springfield, MO after 542 miles.

Day 2 We detoured onto Route 66, near Joplin, MO to travel the Rainbow Bridge Loop in Baxter Springs, KS. A beautiful ride in rural Kansas, then back to I 44 to get to Oklahoma. In Oklahoma, we traveled Route 66, from El Reno to Hydro. Again, another beautiful drive with the Pony Bridge over the Canadian River. We stayed in our first vintage Route 66 motel, the Flamingo Inn in Elk City, OK. Dinner was at the Prairie Fire, an old train depot.



Day 3 Our travels took us from Elk City, OK to Tucumcari, NM. This was a really fun day driving Route 66 and stopping to see the iconic sites of U- Drop Inn/ Conoco Tower in Shamrock TX, Cadillac Ranch, eating at the Big Texan (Home of the Free 72 oz steak, if you eat it within one hour), and driving through Palo Duro Canyon in Amarillo, TX. The effects of the high temperatures on the car started to show up. Hot idle was non-existent at temperatures over 100. Only recourse was to adjust the idle speed up. The best motel of the trip was the Roadrunner Lodge Motel, Tucumcari, NM. When we opened the door to our room, we were greeted with 60's music and "moon pies" to snack on. Rain cancelled the plan for a bonfire that evening. We took a ride to see the Blue Swallow Motel, ate dinner at Del's Restaurant and the next morning we had breakfast at Kix on 66, three major Route 66 icons.



Day 4 From Tucumcari, NM we journeyed on to Albuquerque, NM, traveling I 40, with a side trip on the Santa Fe Loop (Route 66 pre1937) for the scenic views of the day. Lots of old, rusty cars and rural scenes. We walked around Santa Fe to see the town and had lunch on the historic old town square.

Day 5 Albuquerque, NM to Holbrook, AZ was a day of great scenic drives and national sites. First stop was the Continental Divide, NM. The best part of the day was the scenic drive through the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest. We could not get reservations in the Wigwams Motel, but we still took pictures of this Rte. 66 icon. It was in Holbrook that we realized our car's gearbox was leaking a lot of oil. In the parking lot of the motel, two quarts of oil was added.

Day 6 Holbrook, AZ to Sedona, AZ. Today's Route 66 stop included The Jack Rabbit Trading Post and "Standin on the Corner in Winslow, AZ. We had a beautiful drive through the Coconino National Forest. After arriving in Sedona, AZ we took the Oak Creek Canyon drive and stopped for lunch in Oak Creek. Later, we took the Red Rock Loop drive in the afternoon and again at sunset. We loved Sedona. We checked the gearbox oil again and discovered it was down two quarts, after only 250 miles of driving. We started to panic, and thought that we would have to rent a U-haul and trailer the car home. Greg decided to experiment and drive without overdrive to see if anything changed.



Day 7 Travels continue south from Sedona, AZ to Yuma, AZ. The temperature flared today, starting the morning out at 81* and peaking at 116* in the late afternoon in Yuma. Driving with the overdrive off solved the oil problem. With a sigh of relief, we completed the trip without overdrive.

Day 8 Today we traveled from Yuma, AZ to San Diego, CA to begin the four day MG2017 car show. Just inside the CA – AZ state line were the Imperial Sand Dunes which were beautiful. Stopped for gas in El Centro, AZ, only to discover within the hour that both of us had our credit cards compromised. We arrived at the Paradise Point Resort, which was our base for the next four days. It turned out not to be "paradise". It was right on the bay. The grounds were beautiful, the bungalows quaint, but management and housekeeping needed lots of improvement.

Day 8- 9-10-11 MG2017 Events included Cars and Coffee breakfast at a park on the bay, a coastal drive from San Diego to La Jolla, CA., with lunch at the Lumberyard in Encinitas, a Back-Country drive with lunch and a stop at a rural store. On our own, we took another drive to La Jolla with our friends. The MG2017 Car show was at the Embarcadero, on the bay within walking distance to Seaport Village. A beautiful venue on the bay with San Diego and Coronado Island as back drops. The guys toured the aircraft carrier, Midway and Terri and I shopped at Seaport Village. We attended the awards banquet and left the next morning to start the journey home.



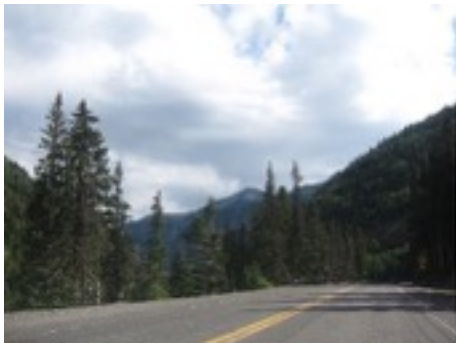
Day 12 Our destination today is Kingman, AZ. Our travels took us through the Mojave Desert and along Route 66. We stopped in Oatman, AZ for lunch at the old Oatman Hotel and Brothel and traveled through the Sitgreaves Pass, passed Cool Springs to Kingman. We had dinner in the Route 66 diner, Mr. D'z.

Day 13 We traveled Route 66 from Kingman, AZ to Williams, AZ. We stopped at the Roadkill Café in Ludlow and then Grand Canyon, south rim. The drive was beautiful and Grand Canyon was breathtaking. It's hard to comprehend this natural beauty. The motel in Williams was another vintage stay that was very quaint. The next morning we had breakfast at the Red Garter / Grand Canyon Coffee and Café. This building was a brothel back in William's hey day, but it is now a restaurant and hotel. It is listed as a National Historical site.

Day 14 Heading east, we traveled from Williams, AZ to Kayenta, AZ which is in the Navajo Nation. Our stop today, was Monument Valley, UT which was another amazing view created by nature. The hotel had beautiful Indian murals in the breakfast area.

Day 15 Today, we traveled from Kayenta, AZ to Durango, CO with several stops along the way. We did the touristy thing, and had our pictures taken at the Four Corners of UT-AZ, CO-NM. We then drove through the Pueblo Indian site of Mesa Verde, Co. A beautiful site created by native American Indians. Our car had issues for the second time, but Greg's road side tech session fixed the problem. This time a bolt attached to one of the air filters had vibrated loose and allowed air in the air filter to block the carburetor. At least we were on a side road with a beautiful view. Durango was a great town to stop in. We had a fantastic vintage motel, The Durango Inn, and the owner / manager was very friendly and had previously owned MGB's. We ate downtown and sat on the corner enjoying ice cream.

Day 16 We headed north out of Durango, taking the San Juan Skyway from Durango to Ouray, CO to our destination of Manitou Springs, CO. This was one of the most beautiful, scenic drives of the trip. We passed Silverton, CO an old mining town, stopped in Ouray and continued to Montrose before we turned east on Highway 50 toward Gunnison, CO, driving through the Blue Mesa Reservoir. We stopped at the Gunnisack, in Gunnison for lunch. The highest elevation for this day was the Monarch Pass Summit / Continental Divide, CO at an elevation of 11,312 feet. Our car ran ok at these elevations, the other car not so good.



Day 17 We left Manitou Springs after breakfast with the intention of driving up Pike's Peak. Plan B took place after about spending one-half hour on a steep hillside waiting in line to reach the entrance gate. The queue of cars was at least a mile long. Alan broke the line first because his car was running really so poorly. About 15 minutes later, our car started to overheat, so we got out of line. We decided to just hit the road toward home. We had just entered Kansas, on interstate 70 outside of Goodland, KS, when our car just stopped running due to a distributor issue. Mostly because it was far to dangerous to attempt repairs on the side of the road, we ended up being towed to the Petro Travel Plaza in Colby, KS. Again, Greg was able to do an emergency tech session in less time than it took to get the tow truck. We ended staying in a motel across the street.

Day 18 Colby KS to Hannibal, MO. An uneventful day of driving (600 miles), heading for home. Once in Hannibal, we had a wonderful dinner at La Binnah Bistro and walked around a little before the rain came.

Day 19 Today, is the last day of our incredible road trip west. We had breakfast at the Mark Twain Diner and started the last leg of the journey home. We arrived home about 1:30 in the afternoon. It was truly the adventure of a lifetime, to long be remembered and talked about.



FUSES PART II

by Larry Eils and Rich Cannistra

In the July Chronicle we reprinted Ken Kyles' excellent article "Confused About Fuses". If you missed it and have an LBC it would be worth your time to look it up in order to avoid some safety pitfalls in fuse replacement. As explained in the article, the original Lucas paper type fuses can be replaced by SFE or AGC if necessary, by following some simple guidelines. However it takes only a little more effort to find the correct British replacement which will assure your car's electrical system not only functions as intended but looks original.

Lucas style paper filled fuses are readily available from most of the parts suppliers that we deal with to maintain our older British rides. As with many other parts they may no longer be made in England however. Several sources we checked with knew this but said despite that these new fuses function correctly. If you are looking for a source, fuses of all amperages are available from Moss Motors 800-667-7872, Engel Imports 800-253-4080, and The Roadster Factory [800-234-1104](tel:800-234-1104).

If you prefer the real British Lucas paper filled fuses they are easy to source as well, new old stock (NOS) on eBay. Some sellers test and guarantee these items, others are sold as is. In conclusion, back to the point of Ken Kyles' article. It could be dangerous to "over fuse" your LBC, something many of us have been unwittingly doing for years.



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