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British Boots & Bonnetts Chronicle

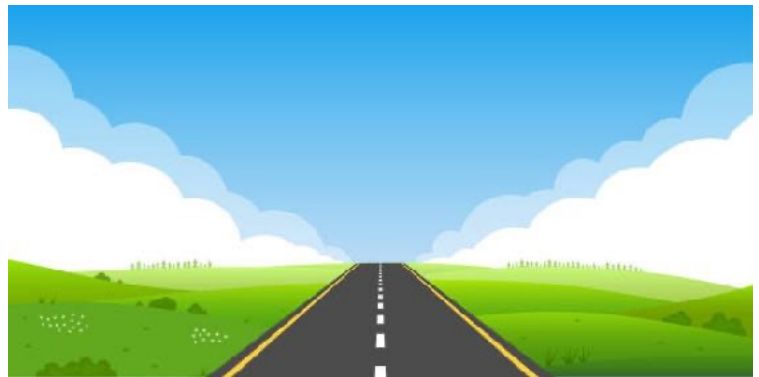
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ON VACATION!



Next Meeting
Wednesday,

Aug 16, 2023

Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois
(near East State Street and
Bell School Road)

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

Meeting begins at 7:00pm



July 19, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm -

Meeting called to order @ _7:10__ pm

Number of members present __ 32_____

New members - Tom Webb

Guests = none

Vice President's Report - Crystal Klemm - absent

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

June 21, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by ____Ron Kuhnau _____

Seconded by _____Tom Webb _____ Approved

Corrections to the June 21, 2023 minutes - none

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka -

Activity for the period of ending

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 3015.17
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3059.42
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 6074.59
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 6074.59

Income

Dues 2023	\$ 55.00
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$
Raffle Income	\$
Regalia -	\$
Nametags	\$ 27.00
Total Regalia income	\$ 27.00
interest	\$.02
Total Income	\$

Expenses

Bank Fees	\$
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Corporation File/ annual report	\$
Newsletter	\$
Raffle Expense	\$
Regalia- Name Tags	\$
Total Regalia Expenses	\$
Yearly Maintenance	\$
Overall Total Expenses	\$
Overall Total Income	\$ 82.02

Motion to accept: Connie Frazier 2nd : Dee Gibson Approved

Membership - Beverly Joyce - 75 members - down a couple from last month, some not rejoining

Apology email sent out about the repeat email. She only sent it once, Computer glitch.

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek none

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - absent

Events - Ron Kuhnau

Past Events

Thank you to the Klemms and Gibsons for hosting great parties.

July 1: Picnic at Klemm's Country House -

July 8: Day at the Lake - hosted by the Gibson's

Cancelled due to BAD weather - July 12: Drive & Dine - hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet to the Hairy Cow in Byron

Club Events.... Upcoming

July 23: Brits in the Garden - Janesville Rotary Gardens - noon to 4 pm - Cannista's - bring chairs, beverages, food - there is no food service on the grounds - arrive by 11:45 pm There will be a caravan North to the Gardens - Ricky & Hannah Palmer will lead- from Schnucks in Roscoe, 10:30 arrival, departure at 10:45 Dinner after at a Mexican Restaurant South of Janesville Airport

Rain date - will send an email by 6 pm Saturday, July 22 if the show is cancelled due to weather - Rain date will be August 30th

July 28: Old Farts will meet at 1:00 pm at the Latham Tap

Ladies Lunch will meet at RBI at 12:30 pm

August 5: Cars and Coffee

August 9: Drive & Dine - Re-scheduled hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet to the Hairy Cow in Byron

August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In - Gibson's making the arrangements

September Drive & Dine : Mike & Brenda Moore - details to follow

October 7: Friends around the campfire - Larry & Marsha Eils - details to follow

Drive and Dine dates are still available - Please consider hosting an event

Regional Events ...

August 4 - 5: Mini's on the Mac - Mackinaw, Michigan

August 5: Le Claire, Iowa car show

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz - absent

Classified - Ed Nichols has a friend wanting to sell 8 British cars, if interested, see Ed

New Business - none

Unfinished business - none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient _ Rich & Roxann Cannistra__

For : Cleaning up after the party at the Day of the Lake

Nominated by ___Dee Gibson _____ **Second** ___Ron Kuhnau _____

5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient) ___to be issued later, when raffle resumes

Burnt Piston Award

Recipient ___none__

For:

Nominated by ___ _____ **Second** ___ _____

Marques

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick - absent - none

They would like someone to take over this responsibility until they are able to take it on again.

Adjournment

Motion made by ___ Nancy Kuhnau_____

Second by ___Ricky Palmer _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at _7:30___ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

AUGUST 9th DRIVE & DINE SECOND VERSE SAME AS THE FIRST!!

As most of you know our July Drive & Dine was canceled due to bad weather. So we are taking a cue from the Beatles and trying again! Same destination, same route, same times.

We will tour roads southeast of Rockford, ending in Byron at the Hairy Cow. The Hairy Cow is a local craft brewery with a long list of woodfire pizzas on the menu. They also offer wings, hot dogs, 2 salads, and to-die-for cheesecake! We sampled 3 pizzas and each had our own cheesecake :)

They also have a very nice deck with a covered roof that overlooks the Rock River. No reservations, but they assured us they would be able to accommodate us.

Please meet at Baumann Park parking lot in Cherry Valley at 6pm. We will take country roads down and should arrive at the Hairy Cow around 6:30-6:45. Please let us know if you are planning to join us either at Baumann Park or meet us at The Hairy Cow, 450 E. Blackhawk Dr (Route 2).

Should the weather be a problem again, please check for a group email by 3pm to see if plans have changed.

If you plan to drive yourself, be aware roadwork has started on Route 2 from Byron into Rockford and the road is closed. You may get a ticket if you try to go anyway!

Sandy: sandyhamaker@gmail.com
Lynda: vickery.jv@gmail.com

Donna: djtoysew1@gmail.com



Please contact me if you have any questions about this Show. And if you are interested, you can preregister by calling the church office: 815-623-2292.

Thanks! Lynda Vickery
Editor



POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT
C77 - 4 miles N. of Belvidere, IL. on Hwy. 76 - 11619 Rt 76 Poplar Grove, IL 61065

The Public is Invited to Walk-In, Drive-In or

FLY IN

51st Annual
Sunday, August 20th 2023

<p>BITES & FLIGHTS FOOD TRUCKS</p> <p>Firebox/Sips & Sprinkles Vintage Goose Cafe, Rusty Drum BBQ <i>7am - 2pm</i></p> <p>Coffee, Rolls, Drinks, Sandwiches & Ice Cream</p> <p>CANTINA TACO, OLIVE BRANCH, ZAE'S PIZZA FRESCA, LULU'S ROASTED CORN <i>10am - 2pm</i></p> <p>Belvidere Rotary Club Flour Bomber Bingo 1:00 pm Pre-Event Ticket Sales Contact: GieratClaire@Comcast.net</p>	 <p>WINGS & WHEELS Museum <i>10am - 2pm</i></p> <p>Come See the "JENNY"!</p> <p>Shuttle To/From Museum 10am - 2pm</p> <p>VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL</p>
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<p>ENGINE SHOP 10 am to 12 pm OPEN HOUSE</p>	<p>AIRPLANE FLIGHTS \$40 per person 9 am to 1 pm Weather Permitting</p>
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Florida Suncoast MG Car Club

Celebrate MG's 100th birthday, founded by William Morris in Oxford, England - 1923 to 2023.

MGs through the years

MGs in the movies tests your memory and knowledge of the MG marque.

Fun Rallye, a challenge to driver and navigator

Not so Technical Seminar

Car Display, as you like it!

Raffle

Five GREAT meals and a bed for one GREAT price.

Watch out for gators!

Take a hike!

Roaring 20's themed party

Fun & Games

Technical Seminar

JAMBOREE

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October 6-8, 2023
Bethany Center, Lutz, Florida

For Registration contact: Barrie Carson at:
727-808-1869 or mgbguy80@gmail.com
Or simply "reply" to this email !



Save the Date - October 7, 2023 Friends Around the Campfire

Host: Marsha and Larry Eils

It maybe summer but soon, even with climate change, Fall will arrive. That means it's time for Friends Around the Campfire. Saturday, October 7 is the date. It will be held at our house in Harvard. Our address is in the club roster. Plan on arriving at 6:00 pm to a roaring fire.

Please bring a campfire snack to share and a beverage of your choice. There is limited seating provided but we suggest you bring chairs to sit around the fire plus a blanket or two to keep warm if it's a chilly night.

If the weather is bad we will try and send out a notice around 4:00 pm. We have set a rain date of Sunday, October 8. Should you have any questions, please call or text Larry.

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Aug 9 BBB Aug Drive & Dine, The Hairy Cow, Byron, IL
Meet at Baumann Park, Cherry Valley, leave at 6pm.
Hosts: Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, Lynda Vickery
- Aug 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 20 Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In. 10-3
11619 IL-76, Poplar Grove, IL
Watch for a BBB email giving details for a great day!
- Sep 13 BBB September Drive & Dine TBD
Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
- Sep 16 BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
- Sep 20 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 11 BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN
- Oct 18 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 21 BBB October Saturday Drive OPEN
- Nov 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 13 BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

- Aug 4-5 Mini on the Mack, Mackinaw City, MI, Mini Cooper parade across the Mackinac
Bridge, attempting to break the English-held world record.
Organized by MINI of Grand Rapids and supported by MINI USA.
[HTTPS://MINIONTHEMACK.COM](https://minionthemack.com)

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS cont...

- Aug 5 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 [HTTPS://WWW.CARSANDCOFFEEROCKFORD.COM](https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com)
- Aug 5 38th British Car Day, 9-4PM
 Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
 <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 12 35th Annual Indy British Motor Day, 8:30-2:30
 Lion's Park, Zionville, IN (Featuring the MINI)
 [HTTP://WW.IBCU.ORG/INDY-BRITISH-MOTOR-DAY.HTML](http://ww.ibtu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html)
- Aug 26 Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, 10-2
 Roscoe United Methodist Church, 10816 Main, St., Roscoe, IL
- Sep 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 [HTTPS://WWW.CARSANDCOFFEEROCKFORD.COM](https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com)
- Sep 15-17 British Invasion (Featuring Jaguar, Land Rover & Morgan)
 Stowe, VT [https://WWW.BRITISHINVASION.COM/](https://www.britishinvasion.com/)
- Sep 19-21 2023 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,
 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH (Featuring Datsun/Nissan,
 Honda, Mazda & Toyota)
 [https:// www.pibroadrace.com/](https://www.pibroadrace.com/)
- Sep 22-24 46th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
 Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
 Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- Sep 27-Oct 1 VTR Nationals 2023, The Dillard House, Dillard, GA
 <https://www.vtr2023.org>
- Sep 29- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
- Oct 6-8 MG Jamboree, Bethany Center, Lutz, FL
 Florida Suncoast MG Car Club; mgbguy80@gmail.com

Webmaster Report – Annual [Website] Traffic Summary 2022-2023

Summer means it is time for my annual traffic report on the website. We launched the club's new website in July 2015 with a new web hosting service named Squarespace. According to Squarespace, BBB had 3,422 visits to the website over the last 12 months. We averaged 285 visits per month and those visitors viewed over 6,800 pages of content. Traffic was up 4.4% from 2021-22. Just under 50% of our visitors did a Google search to find us and 43% came directly to www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. Most of our visitors still use a desktop or laptop, but the use of mobile devices grew at faster pace than other devices. August and September were our busiest months in 2022 due to some popular regional fall car shows which were linked to our calendar. May, June and July 2023 were the busiest months this year. Website traffic has clearly returned following the lows during COVID and when events were cancelled for public health and safety reasons. It's good to see BBB returning to normal. Looking back, traffic is stable and strong.

If you have not been online lately, I encourage you check out your website at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. Lots of great pictures from recent events, new member photos are being added, and the monthly calendars have up to date event information for the balance of the summer, fall and calendar year. I appreciate everyone who has contributed to the website efforts.

Thanks for your continued interest patience and support,
Hal Zenisek, Webmaster



2023 DAY AT THE LAKE

by Diana Gibson

On a beautiful day in July,
As fields and white fence posts flew by,
They drove in their Triumphs and Morgans and Jags.
Arrived in just blinks of an eye.



They wanted some fun in the sun,
And knew that the fun'd just begun.
The goodies they'd made were so artfully displayed.
And heard to be second to none.



The water was brilliantly blue.
'Twas truly a beautiful view.
They spoke the clear truth what they'd done in their youth.
Relaxing was long overdue.

A ride on a boat could be had,
For every lady and lad.
Go kayak, go swim! Tommy fished on a whim.
Those going were certainly glad.



Next up was the moment to eat.
Some chicken, some salad, a treat?
A myriad of dishes, exactly their wishes,
Their lunch feeding frenzy complete.



The ladies talked tours and a trip
They wanted to go or to skip.
A long drive? A short? A fancy resort?
They'd jaunt with the club membership.

Guys spoke of their motor and car.
An MG was better by far.
No! Jags were the best. It was clear, no contest.
Each Marque was a bright shining star.

The sun was beginning to set.
'Twas time to head homeward and yet,
Great memories of "mates", the next outing awaits.
To equally thrill all, you bet!





DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Were it not for the Alpine and Tiger, Sunbeam automobiles would hardly be remembered today. Yet both of those names are throwbacks to an earlier time when the once proud company occupied a pinnacle in the British motor industry.



John Marston founded the Sunbeam Bicycle factory in Wolverhampton England in 1887. By 1889 however, the company was experimenting with automobiles. The first production model, a motorized quadricycle called the Sunbeam Mabley appeared in 1901. Progress was rapid and in 1905 the Sunbeam Motorcar Company LTD was formed. Then in 1909 car designer Louis Coatalen left Hillman and joined Sunbeam. Coatalen was keen on racing believing that it "improves the breed". With his influence, by 1910 Sunbeam was involved in both racing and land speed record attempts with an auto called Nautilus. Although success eluded Nautilus, Sunbeam continued to move forward with high powered engine development and by 1912 had also moved into producing aircraft engines. During the first World War Sunbeam built lorries, ambulances, and marine engines in addition to aircraft engines.

Following WWI Sunbeam's greatest success came under Coatalen's leadership. They produced high quality, well-engineered reliable cars and had an enviable reputation in competition. The company employed 3,500 workers and was considered on a par with Bentley and Invicta. They had also become one of the UK's leading engine manufacturers, with the aero engine division leading the way producing very advanced V-12s. By 1927 Sunbeam had set the land speed record on five separate occasions. One of their most famous record setting cars of this era was the Sunbeam Tiger powered by a supercharged V-12. Continued development and refinement ultimately led to a 24 litre 2000hp V-12 and a car called the Silver Bullet which was powered by two of these massive engines!

In the early 1930s Sunbeam formed a liaison with Talbot and Darracq and became known as STD Motors Limited. The cost of racing and land speed record attempts took its toll however and STD did not survive the Great Depression. In 1935 it fell into receivership



Alpine Mk I



Alpine Mk IV

and was sold to the Rootes brothers. Although Rootes intended to continue the Sunbeam name, subsequent mergers caused the marque to be called Sunbeam-Talbot. When production resumed after WWII this was the name used on the new models.

In 1953 one last model of Sunbeam-Talbot appeared. Taking its name from the Alpine Rally and dropping Talbot the new auto was known as the Sunbeam Alpine. This two-seater sports drophead coupe was built from 1953-1955 by the Rootes Group. After a three-year absence a much more successful and well known sports convertible ran from 1959-1968 producing about 70,000 cars.

During this time British AC cars had entered into an arrangement with Carroll Shelby to install a small block V-8 in its AC Ace, and the success of that project did not escape the attention of Rootes. Although Shelby had done some preliminary design work for a similar conversion of the Alpine, Rootes decided to contract the work to Jensen in England and pay Shelby a royalty for each car. Called the Sunbeam Tiger, more than 7,000 of this V-8 powered version of this Alpine were produced between 1964 and 1967.

Production of the last car bearing the Sunbeam name occurred in 1981. The once prestigious Sunbeam name is now owned by Peugeot and is not currently used, but in its day Sunbeam lived up to its motto: "Drive a Sunbeam...and leave others in the shade".

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Brits in the Garden Review

The BBB Day at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI, once again proved to be a big success. Club members displayed 28 beautiful cars throughout the garden setting and visitors responded enthusiastically. It was quite evident the advertising for the event reached many interested persons as numerous visitors with cameras showed up to photograph their favorite cars.

Event Director, Sheila Flood, would like to thank club members for making this day one of the most interesting and successful on the Rotary Gardens calendar. As always, it is also a great way to promote our club to the public. Several potential members contacted us about participating in the event and joining BBB. As you can see in the accompanying pictures, we also reached some young folks who enjoyed the uniqueness of our beautiful rides.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the day and help make this a successful outing.

Rich











MGB SPARE TIRE AIR PRESSURE CHECK MADE EASY .. submitted by Bruce Beneditz

If you are like me, the MGB spare tire is upside-down in the boot and filled with tools and spare parts. To check the tire pressure you have to take all the stuff out of the tire and remove the tire from the boot. If you don't, you risk a flat spare when you need it and a Burnt Piston Award for not having a useable spare. I know from experience.

There is an easy way to get around this problem. Purchase an 8.25" Tire Valve Extension from Amazon. It comes as a pair for \$8.49. Put it on the valve stem and thread it up through a hole in the rim. The tire pressure can be checked and topped off with only having to remove the tire cover.

I also use this on my Honda Pilot which has the spare tire suspended below the car. I can check the pressure without lowering the tire.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Brian Kobischka Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107

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



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**BBB REGALIA ONLINE
AUGUST 2023**



Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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

You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

- Shipped directly to you (additional fee)
- Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

Bruce, bruce.beneditz@charter.net

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Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.