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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

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

President's Message August 2016

As we BBB driving enthusiasts have become more active over the last several years our outings have become more sophisticated and well planned. That good news however, has highlighted what has probably been a gap in communication for quite some time. Anytime any information about a club event goes out it needs to be sent to ALL members. There have been several recent events which required reservations or deadlines or cancellations where the host believed they knew their target audience for the ongoing information. This leaves all members except the selected few out of the loop, and has the potential to cause others to miss something they might have wished to get involved in.

Communicating effectively to all members also takes on another dimension when striving to meet the needs of our many diverse interests. We have members who only go to meetings and those who never go to meetings, who only go on Drive and Dines and who never go on Drive and Dines, who only go to car shows and who never go to car shows, who only go to Retired Gentlemen's lunch and who never go to Retired Gentlemen's lunch. We even have members who never go to anything! Yet, as members we owe it to them to let them know what is happening so they have a choice.

The way most of our communication goes out is email through the membership chair position, Bev Joyce. While I was initially concerned about increasing Bev's workload she was relieved that this area was finally being addressed. Both she and Bruce Beneditz, our events chair, have felt membership notifications have been inadequate for some time. If you are worried that in trying to communicate with 15 people you will be annoying 75 others, don't be. The delete button is easy to push. It's important that this everything to everyone concept is black and white, never a grey area. If it is any communication about a club event then it goes out to everyone through Bev. Another consideration, but a very important one, is that anytime a message goes out through Bev it is sent so a virus on any of the recipients' computers cannot get back to the others on the list!

One final reminder: anytime you send something to Bev or Lynda it must be ready to publish. It is not their job to write the article for you!

For those of you reading this printed on a thin piece of a ground up tree, I offer my humblest apology and sympathy. I know Moses received the Ten Commandments on a tablet of stone, and Abraham Lincoln communicated with a turkey feather dipped in ink, but we have had to move on due to time and costs. Perhaps we are not meeting everyone at their needs, but we are striving to do our best.

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

"Such power, such luxury can cost you more but it doesn't make sense" 1963 Austin Healey 3000

JULY 20, 2016 BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report - Rich Cannistra

President Rich Cannistra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He began the meeting with a short story. There were no new members, and no guests present. Don Grosenick displayed the raffle prizes.

Vice President's report - Larry Eils - No report

<u>Secretary – Marna Grosenick</u>

There was not secretary's report this month. We will have reports from two months at the next meeting.

<u>Treasurer – Lee Kindgren</u>

Treasurer's report given by Lee Kindgren.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Ron Kuhnau. Second by Solveig Maschke - Motion passed

Membership - Bev Joyce

We now have 73 paid memberships.

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Please keep pictures and articles coming to Lynda.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Our webpage is currently up to date, including the member page. Pictures of members with their cars are shown with the member's first names. Hal is requesting that any new members send in pictures of themselves with their cars for the website.

<u>Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz</u> - No report

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

Ron Kuhnau gave a short talk about the MG2016 Event in Louisville, KY.On June 26,

Bruce & Phyllis hosted a Burgers and Brew event on the trolley at East Troy, WI. Before going to the trolley station, everyone was invited to Rich and Dee Gibson's summer cottage for an afternoon of relaxation, visiting and refreshments.

The Drive and Dine for July was at the Heritage House Restaurant in Harvard, IL. The evening was hosted by Rich and Jackie Bartlett. It turns out it was also Lew Moon's birthday, so we had a double celebration. This event was attended by 35 members.

On Friday, July 15, Don and Marna Grosenick hosted a trip to Lake Geneva, WI for a ride on the Mail Boat. Lunch at Popeye's Restaurant followed the boat trip. The event was attended by 23 members.

Future Events - Bruce Beneditz

Old Fart's Lunch - Shopiere Tavern - 1:00

Ladies Who Do Lunch - Aunt Mary's Restaurant on State Street in Rockford – 12:30

Long Weekend to Green Bay – Aug. 4-8 - Packets were handed out tonight with all the details.

Drive & Dine – August 10 – Benedetti's Restaurant in Beloit, WI – Please contact Ron & Nancy Kuhnau for reservations.

Friends Around the Campfire – Larry & Marsha Eils – Please watch your e-mail for more information.

New Business -

Delores Moon suggested that it would be nice if everyone could drive their British cars to the meetings, and have a place where we could all park them together so people could see them.

Classified -

Lew Moon has a cover for a MG for sale.

Good Wrench Award -

Don Grosenick nominated Ron Kuhnau for helping him with some car problems he had on the Kentucky trip.

Bev Joyce nominated Rich Cannistra for helping her with a headlight buzzer.

Lee Kindgren nominated Ron Kuhnau for helping him get his car started.

Nancy Kuhnau nominated Rich and Dee Gibson for hosting the club members at their summer cottage.

It was decided to give each of these people two raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award -

Roxann Cannistra nominated Rich Cannistra for backing his car into her freshly refurbished Jaguar the day after they got it back from the shop. This one was unanimous. **Raffle - Don Grosenick**

- 1. Blue Chair Umbrella Dee Gibson
- 2. Pink Chair Umbrella Don Grosenick
- 3. 1 yr. subscription to "Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car" magazine Lee Kindgren
- 4. Framed Austin Healey Poster Lynda Vickery
- 5. Meat Injector Set Rich Cannistra
- 6. Twist Adjustable Wine Aerator Carolyn Hudon
- 7. Pepper Mill Joan Tilson
- 8. Thunder Bay Bucks Solveig Maschke

Adjournment -

Rich ended the meeting with a cute story about a police officer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

JUNE 15, 2016 BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President Report-Rich Cannistra

Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 29 members present. No guests or new members in attendance.

Vice-President Report-Larry Eils

The Anniversary presents handed out last month gave some members problems. The problem reported is that the device drains the battery on the phone instead of charging it. If you were not at the meeting last month please see him to get the wireless cellphone charger.

Secretary-Marna Grosenick

Marna was not at the meeting as she was on the club trip. Motion-Mike Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Chronicle. Second-by Hal Zenisek-Motion passed.

Treasurer-Lee Kindgren

Treasurer's report given by Lee Kindgren.

Motion to accept the treasurers report by Connie Frazier. Second by Roger Buck.

Membership - Bev Joyce

No report

Regalia - Jim Vickery

No report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

No Report

Web Master - Hal Zenisek

Hal reported that it has been a busy week for the website.

Sunshine - Phillis Beneditz

No Report

Events - Bruce Beneditz

No Report

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Austin Healey-No Report Lotus-No Report MG - All are on the trip Rolls Royce - No Report Jaguar -No Report Mini - Board Meeting Morgan - No Report Triumph - No Report

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Classifieds - None

Good Wrench Award - None

Burnt Piston Award - None

Raffle -

- 1. Kitchen Knife Sharpner-Roger Buck
- 2. Wine Aerator & Bottle Stopper-Andy Palmquist
- 3. Tire Pressure Gauge-
- 4. BBQ Mitts-Luz Lehman
- 5. Bamboo Cutting Board-Larry Eils
- 6. Thunder Bay Bucks-Brenda Moore

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Morey

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BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

August 10	BBB Drive and Dine - Benedetti's Supper Club; Beloit, WI
August 14	Host: Ron & Nancy Kuhnau Botham Vineyards 20th Vintage Celebration
August 14	Barneveld, WI
August 17	BBB Club Meeting
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 22	BBB Dinner at Altamore's Ristorante; Rockford, IL
J	Hosts: Ron & Nancy Kuhnau
August 27	Crossroads Blues Society Festival;
	Lyran Park, Rockford, IL
	Hosts: Bev Joyce & Brian Kobischka
August 27-28	12 Annual Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee
	Masterpiece at Veterans Park;
	Milwaukee, WI
August 28	2016 Geneva Concours d'Elegance,
	featured Marque BMW;
	Geneva, IL
Sept. 4	BBB Club Picnic
	Liberty Farms, Woodstock, IL
6	Hosts: El and Luz Lehman
Sept 11	30th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
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Sept 14	BBB Drive and Dine - TBD
Comb 16 10	Hosts: John and Sandy Ward
Sept 16-18	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America,
Cont 21	Featured Marque Volvo; Plymouth, WI BBB CLUB MEETING
Sept 21	
Sept 23-25	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
3ept 23-23	Jefferson, WI
Oct 1**	BBB Friends Around the Campfire
OCC 1	Hosts: Larry and Marsha Eils
**NOTE	DATE CHANGE!
October 12	BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> -Location needed
	Host: Volunteer needed
October 19	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
November 9	BBB <i>Dine</i> –Location needed
	Host: Volunteer needed
November 16	BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant
December ?	BBB Cookie Exchange
December 14	RRR Christmas Party

WEBMASTER REPORT FOR AUGUST

It's hard to believe but the club's new website has been up and running for an entire year. I'm pleased to share that traffic to your website has been strong and steady during our first year with the new software and site redesign. User metrics provided by the new software provide a quick summary of who's using www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. Looking at the year past, your website has averaged 178 visitors per month and those visitors viewed an average of 538 pages (just over 3 page views per visitor). January, April, and August had the most traffic since our roll-out last summer. On average, 28% of our visitors used a mobile devices such as a tablet PC or Smartphone. Most browsers to our site used Google Chrome and the Windows operating systems on a desktop PC. While only 10% of our desktop visitors used a Mac; 63% of our mobile users were on an Apple I-Pad or I-Phone. The software and hosting services used for your website are compatible with all these devices/platforms, and many more.

If you haven't been to Britishbootsandbonnets.com lately, check out the recently posted event photos, member pics, upcoming events calendars, and more. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks!

Hal Zenisek BBB Webmaster



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JULY DRIVE & DINE The Heritage House, Harvard, IL

by Rich and Jackie Bartlett

Driving Elevator Road and Hunter Road many, many times on our trips - hosts, Rich and Jackie Bartlett, opted for a different route starting further South at Westminster Presbyterian Church taking an easterly route following Springcreek Road, Woodstock Road and Hwy 23 to The Heritage House on Route 14, Harvard.





Despite inclement weather, 36 members enjoyed a classic "Supper Club" dinner: relish tray, crackers with cheese, pate, rolls, soup or salad, then an entree - a wide menu - something for everyone's taste, very friendly service - tables of 8, so lots of good conversation. Everyone seemed to enjoy their food - and we were able to help celebrate Lew Moon's birthday. Hurrah! A good time had by all.

The restaurant has a cozy pub style decor feeling, fireplace, wood beams, red leather chairs. For those of you wishing to make a return trip, they have an excellent Friday fish fry. Also, Friday and Saturday nights, they have a piano player playing traditional Broadway Show and film music, very relaxing.

We really want to thank everyone calling ahead to let us know who was attending - the Restaurant really appreciated it too!





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.

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR BBB MEMBERS

by Lynda Vickery



Marna and Don Grosenick planned a great club outing to Lake Geneva, WI, to take a ride on the Lake Geneva U.S. Mailboat, Walworth. Twenty-three members met at the Riviera Dock where we boarded in time for the 10:00 am sailing. As hot and humid as the weather has been, it turned out to be cool on the waters of Lake Geneva and downright cold if one was splashed by a wave!

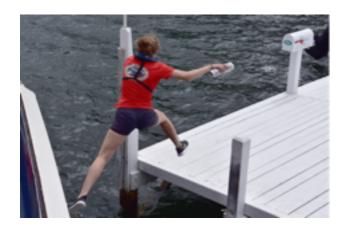










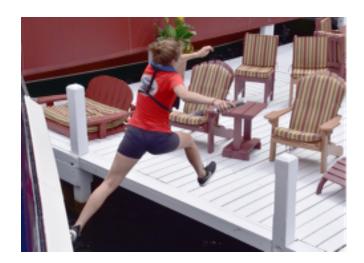




While the boat sailed it's way around the lake the Captain and his "mates" gave us a running dialogue of the history of the lake, the original estates and their owners, the many new mansions, and many fun facts.



This year is the 100th anniversary of their mailboat service which runs daily from June 15 to Sept 15 every year, and they deliver to about 75 homes around the lake. Energetic young people vie each year for the job of jumping from the boat, depositing mail in the mailbox found on the dock, and jumping back onto the boat. And we learned that some of these teens have parents who also did this as a summer job. All this while the boat continues to move. Not an easy feat, and one that is fun to watch. Our mail deliverers did a splendid job without ending up in the lake.







As we were making our way back to the dock, who should we spy but Steve and Polly Carter in their boat out for a day of fishing and celebrating Polly's birthday. They joined us at Popeye's for lunch after we had all docked. Popeye's has been an institution in Lake Geneva for years, but we were seated quickly, the service and food was good!









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NOTE CHANGES TO THE REMAINING CALENDAR EVENTS!

by Bruce Beneditz

There are two changes to the calendar for the fall.

- First, the planned Saturday Drive on September 24th to the Pecatonica Wetlands Forest Preserve has been canceled. This cancelation has allowed us to move the date for Friends Around the Campfire so it does not occur within a week of the BBB Club Picnic.
- Friends Around the Campfire in Eils' Backyard will now become the destination for the Fall Drive which was scheduled for October 8 but will now be held October 1st. Look for more details to come in the Chronicle.

Update your calendars to include these two wonderful events that will wrap up the driving season this year.

Bruce Beneditz

CAMPFIRE DATE CHANGE

by Larry and Marsha Eils

The date for Friends Around the Campfire has been changed. The new date is Saturday, October 1, 2016. Please put this new date on your calendar and cross off Wednesday, August 31st.

We are going to try something different this year. The campfire will be the club's last driving event of the year. The weather should be more favorable for a campfire than late August. You should be plenty of fall color on your drive to Harvard.

Watch the Chronicle for more information. We are looking forward to seeing you around the campfire.

BBB DINNER AT ALTAMORE'S RISTORANTE - DON'T MISS OUT!

As everyone is aware of by now Altamore's Ristorante will be closing its doors after 40 years.

We are planning one last group dinner there for Monday, August 22, and Alberto said the restaurant can seat 50 people. So, the first 50 reservations will be in, and <u>your check for \$40.00 per person is your reservation.</u> Tax and tip are included in the price but, there will be a cash bar.

Alberto will choose our meal and it will be great as always. Gathering at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30.

Please contact Ron or Nancy Kuhnau with questions and to make arrangements to get your check to them. And please make your check payable to British Boots and Bonnets.

Ron or Nancy Kuhnau, nan17k6@aol.com 815-398-5160.

ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

by Lynda Vickery

Be sure to mark your calendar for the BBB Labor Day Picnic on Sunday, September 4; the day before Labor Day Monday. Ed and Luz Leman host this event at their Liberty Farm Estate. And BBB members consider it one of their most favorite gatherings of the club year.

Hamburgers, brats and soft drinks will be provided along with all the fixings. Please bring a dish to pass. For beverages other than soft drinks please bring your own. A corkscrew and glasses will be provided.

Plan to arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. for lunch beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please help us to plan by sending an RSVP to Lynda Vickery at jim.vickery@yahoo.com or phone 815-623-5611 by Tuesday, August 30th.

On the day of the picnic, please bring lawn chairs to add to the picnic tables that Ed and Luz have. And, if you have a lawn game you would like to share, be sure to bring that along.

And come prepared for a day of BBB camaraderie and the wonderful setting of Liberty Farm Estate.

BBB TO ATTEND CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY FESTIVAL!





On Saturday, August 27, BBB members are again invited to enjoy the Crossroads Blues Society Annual Blues Festival at Lyran Park. The live music starts at noon and will go through about 10:00 pm. Performers will be on a stage right along the Kishwaukee River. The seating area slopes at an incline from the stage so the view of the stage is quite good. There will be plenty of space to park our chairs in either sun or shade.

Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka will lead the caravan to the park. We will gather at Kegels Harley-Davidson dealership (7125 Harrison Ave – Rockford) at 11:15 am and depart for

the park 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. Please use Google.

You can learn more about past festivals at http://www.crossroadsbluesfestival.com.
The Society also has a Facebook page.

Attendees can come and go as their schedule permits. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc., for seating. Food and drink will be provided by a number of festival vendors. If there are any aspiring harmonica players, there will be a workshop in the afternoon.

Tickets at the door are \$10 per person. If you are interested in attending, please let Bev or Brian know and we will get \$5.00 advance tickets for you. 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@vahoo.com).

DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

The name Rolls-Royce has been synonymous with luxury ever since the Silver Ghost of 1907 was introduced. But Rolls-Royce has had its finger in many pies over the years, including the manufacture of aircraft engines to this day. One of those very different directions was dictated by the events of 1914: WWI. All available Silver Ghost chassis were requisitioned to form a squadron of armoured cars. The vehicle had a fully rotating turret with a Vickers water cooled machine gun.

At the conclusion of WWI they were modernized and subsequently saw service in Egypt and the Irish Civil War. Not letting a good thing get away there were 76 Rolls-Royce armoured cars in service at the start of WWII. They went on to be used in Iraq, Syria, India, and Burma.

Several of the armoured cars have avoided the breaker and are on display at various museums in England. But certainly the most noteworthy is a totally refurbished 1920 model owned by the Irish Defense Forces. It still drives in parades under its own power and is the world's oldest serving armoured vehicle.

REGALIA

AUGUST 2016

BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE



Non-clothing related club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery.

BBB Grill Badge - \$30 BBB Hat Pin - \$1 BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

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

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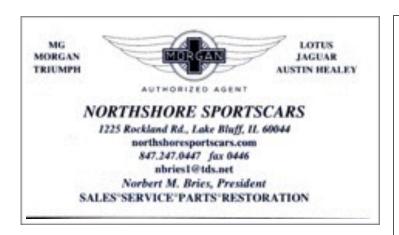
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I welcome your ideas and thoughts!

Jim Vickery







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