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Next Meeting
Wednesday,
August 19, 2020

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 2020

August is here, the last official summer month. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 situation, it has not been the summer that we needed or wanted. I think it started in March and I thought by August it would be over, but it seems to be worse. Based on this situation, our remaining events have been modified. Larry Eils has provided an up to date Calendar of Events for the remainder of 2020. Just a reminder, participating in our events is a personal choice, if you do not feel comfortable attending, do not feel that you have to attend. I would not feel good about one of our members getting sick by attending our events. Of course, face masks and social distancing will be required.

I would like to thank all that participated at BBB In The Garden. It looked like a fantastic event at a great setting for our cars. We even made the front page of the Janesville paper. Thanks to all who set this event up, maybe again next year?

I think one of the biggest things I have missed is the socializing with other members and friends. I think I heard on TV the other day that we need to be social with our family and friends. That has been hard to do this summer. I went to my Granddaughters 16 Birthday party and everyone was wearing face masks and staying 6 feet apart. Very different. Anyway, keep driving as much as possible and enjoy the cars and the social events you attend. Fingers crossed that next year will be much better.

I will end with a little humor that reminds me of being in this town when we were touring through England and Wales.

Three tourists were driving through Wales. As they were approaching Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwilllantysiliogogoch, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter one asked the blonde employee, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are... very slowly?" The girl leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrrrr, gerrrrrr, Kiiiiing."



Safety Fast.

Lee Kindgren

JULY 2020 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report -

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Larry Eils. Due to the Corona Virus and personal considerations, many board members and members did not attend. Nine members were present.

No raffle tonight as Don and Marna could not attend.

No new members or guests were present.

Vice President's Report - Solveig Maschke -

We will fall short of our budget for advertising in the Chronicle. We have 3 advertisers for a total of \$145. We lost \$85. We gained one advertiser and lost 2. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested to advertise, let Solveig know. Maybe we can give them a reduced price for the rest of the year.

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Bruce Beneditz to accept the February report as printed in the March Chronicle. Seconded by Dennis Klemm. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils

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Membership - Bev Joyce

There are currently 67 members.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

No report

NOTE: A replacement for The Newsletter Chairman is much needed.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

- Two new members joined through the website information. Warm welcome to Martin Fay from DeKalb and Robert and Diane Schwarzkopf from Poplar Grove.
- Club announcements and news are posted on the BBB home page.
- One member sold a car on our "For Sale" page.
- Event cancellations or changes are updated on the calendar of events.
- Event photos by members are up to date.
- There was one regalia sales order via Jim Vickery.
- Two requests for suggestions falling under the broad category of car mechanic needed.
- Several British Car videos were added to the Tech page. Hal would appreciate members sending him links to your favorite British car related videos so they can be added to the library. Good videos on how to, lessons learned, tips for keeping LBC's running and on the road, garage tips, etc. would be great! Must be car related and no vendors selling products or services please.
- Traffic to our site has been steady for the first half of 2020, but down about 10% from last year. We averaged 153 visitors per month from January to June, and those visitors viewed an average of 430 pages on our site. Given all the event cancellations since March, it is no surprise that traffic has been down.
- Thanks to everyone who have shared event photos, calendar items, tech tips, and membership/car pics.
- Looking ahead, future club event details and updates for the rest of the year will be posted on the website as soon as decisions are made. Other club related news and announcements will be available at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com Email your webmaster if you have content to add to contribute to the club's website, or with questions or comments.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No report.

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report

Events - Larry Eils

- 23 cars were present and admired at the Rotary Gardens in Janesville on July 12. There was room for only a couple more cars.
- Katie's Cup has contacted the club to welcome us back in 2020.
- Rich Cannistra received a letter from the Botanical Gardens and they want to have us back again. Visitors were quite surprised to see us there. Andy's Rolls Royce was on the front page of the Janesville Gazette.
- The July 18 Day at the Lake at the Gibson's lake cottage was cancelled due to the Corona Virus.
- The August Cars and Coffee at Katie's Cup is cancelled.
- Botham Vineyard is still a question.
- August Drive and Dine is planned for a drive with a picnic lunch at a shelter with capacity for 30 people.. Bruce Beneditz has planned the route and the CountPark is near Sharon, Wis.
- The Poplar Grove event has changed their date to August 16th. They are still finalizing their arrangements. Boone County has not yet given instructions regarding the COVID requirements. The breakfast is certainly cancelled but they plan to bring in food trucks.
- The September Labor Day picnic at the Klemm's is scheduled for September 6th.
- The annual Long Weekend is cancelled.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business- None

Burnt Piston Award -Ricky Palmer was nominated by his wife, Hannah, for needing to replace 3 radiators in his Jaguar due to a part punching a hole in each one until he found the culprit.

He was awarded this treasured prize.

Good Wrench Award - Solveig Maschke was nominated for her work and generosity in making British masks for COVID protection. She was awarded this prize by unanimous vote.

Raffle - None

Adjournment the next meeting is August 19th. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

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

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

AN UPDATE ABOUT BBB EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

Larry Eils

In light of the current pandemic situation in Illinois and Wisconsin, your Board has again been discussing our planned events for the remainder of the year.

To that end, it has been decided to cancel our Labor Day Picnic, the Long Weekend, the November Dine and the Cookie Exchange. The September and October Drive and Dines will become ***Drive and Dines with a Twist*** again.

However, for August we are going to do a drive called "Picnic in the Park" on Wednesday, August 12. Please see the article in this month's issue of the Chronicle for details. Hope you can make it.

A bonfire has been scheduled for Saturday, October 10 to bring our driving season to an end.

We held our first club meeting since March, on July 15th at Thunder Bay Inn following the guidelines set forth in Phase 4. Extensive conversation had been held with Thunder Bay concerning the seating which seemed to have worked well. Nine club members were present. We will be using the booths primarily to meet social distancing requirements with some additional small tables in the room. For those wishing to have dinner, please arrive at 6:00 pm, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Club meetings are scheduled for September, October and November unless it is decided otherwise.

The Board thanks you for your patience and understanding.



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BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2020

(Please note: Events may be canceled or revised because of the current pandemic, please watch your email or visit the club website for changes)

August 12 ***BBB Drive – Picnic in the Park***

Co-Hosts: Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz and Larry and Marsha Eils

August 19 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille

September 6 ***BBB Labor Day Picnic – CANCELED***

September 9 ***BBB Drive and Dine – With a Twist***

September 12 12th British Car Festival **CANCELED** Harper College, Palatine, IL

September 16 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille

September 25-28 **Long Weekend – - CANCELED**

September 25-27 Jefferson Car Show; Jefferson, WI

October 10 ***BBB Bonfire Extravaganza***

Host: Larry and Marsha Eils

October 14 ***BBB Drive and Dine – With a Twist***

October 21 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille

November 11 ***BBB Dine – CANCELED***

November 18 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille

December 9 ***BBB Cookie Exchange – CANCELED***

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

PICNIC IN THE PARK OUR AUGUST DINING AND DRIVING EVENT

Co-Hosts: Beneditz and Eils Families

We have combined the *Drive and Dine* and the August Driving event into one because of the COVID-19 Phase 4 restrictions. This may be our only driving event of the year so we hope you can join us.

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 11:30 am we will meet at the Roscoe Middle School in Roscoe on Elevator Road. Yes, we are meeting in the afternoon to avoid any crowds that could show up at the park on the weekend. Around 11:45 am Bruce will lead us to Carver-Roehl County Park, Rock County Wisconsin. The park is located about 14 miles east of Janesville.

You need to bring a picnic lunch, masks and chairs. There are 12 large picnic tables in the shelter but you may want to practice social distancing, thus the chairs. The park bathrooms are open. The park is 53 acres with Spring Brook Creek running through the middle. There are hiking trails you may want to try.

After a leisurely lunch and some exploring of the park, there may be time to visit the Sharon Ice Cream Shoppe which opens at 3:00 pm.

Please RSVP Bruce by email (bruce.beneditz@charter.net), phone or text (815-543-0026) by Tuesday, August 11, so we know how many will be coming. We look forward to see you and your British car.





At the Butterfly Club, in Beloit WI. Good drinks, great food, and even better company! Wish you all could have been there.

by Dennis Klemm





BOOTS AND BONNETS IN THE GARDEN

By Rich Cannistra

On Sunday July 12th we were blessed with some of the best weather of the summer and the timing could not have been more perfect! After months of planning the decision was made to go ahead with Boots and Bonnets in the Garden. The events committee and the BBB board of directors felt this outdoor event could be conducted safely, and the directors of Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville WI felt confident as well.

Twenty one club members stepped up, displaying twenty three cars in the beautiful garden setting during the four hour event. Visitors to the gardens were excited to encounter the beautiful British automobiles. Club members were glad for a destination to head to in their favorite ride and the opportunity to finally visit with other club members. Rotary Gardens enjoyed their busiest day of the year and immediately declared the event a huge success. I would like to share two of the messages I received following the show.

From Michael Jesiolowski, Director of Horticulture: "I really appreciate everyone being so careful and respectful with the turf. It was great to see the garden full of people enjoying both the cars and the plants. Let's do this again."

Sheila Flood, Events Manager, wrote: "I want to thank all your members, everyone made us look great. Rotary Botanical Gardens would love to have you all back again anytime!"

Thank you to everyone who took part, helped in the planning and execution, and supported their fellow club members. A successful event like this is truly the result of the efforts by many. Everyone can be pleased to have done BBB proud!











BBB Webmaster Report – August 2020
An Invitation from Scotland For BBB members
(from the Contact Us email on our website)

The following email and invitation to BBB members from Scotland was received in late July. Perhaps you'd be interested in participating in a virtual car show from Dundee Scotland on August 9th. If you are want to take a trip [virtual] to the UK, use the link below or find the link to their event on our website. Save the date and join the fun!

Stay safe and take care,
Hal Zenisek

Subject: Invitation to Scottish Online Motor Show

Message: Hello,

I'm writing to you with information about a virtual car show that I thought might be of interest to the British Boots and Bonnets Club. The **Dundee Museum of Transport**, a fully-accredited museum in Scotland, hosts a popular motor show each year. Because of COVID-19, we have moved this year's show online. On the show's website, vehicle owners have uploaded photos and descriptions of their vehicles. The deadline for entries ended on the 31st July and judging will take place on August 9th. Proceeds from the show goes to support our work of restoration and education.


I thought this might be a fun way for your members to view a UK hosted car show, even when many events have been cancelled. Here's a link to the motor show website: <http://dundeemotorshow.org.uk/>. More information about the organization can be found on the main page for the Museum at <https://www.dmoft.co.uk/>.

Thanks for your time, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Kind regards,
Katherine Southern
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by Facia Nearside

Frank Nichols left his home in Bexhill-On-Sea, England at the age of 14 and went off to fight the Axis. Surviving the war he returned and became involved in the world of motor sports, a fascination which was sweeping not only Britain but the Continent as well. By selling used cars he financed his interest in racing, initially driving a Lotus VI. Buying into the Colin Chapman mantra of saving weight Nichols decided to build his own race car. The result was the Elva MKI. The car met with reasonable success which bolstered Nichols to push forward. He founded the Elva Car Company in 1955 with the intention to produce low cost sports and racing cars. Rapidly evolving technology in aluminium, fibreglass, and space frame construction proved to be a winning combination for Elva, and for a time production numbers even exceeded those of Lotus. The MKI was quickly followed by the MKII, MKIII, MKIV, MKV, FJ 100, Elva-Ford, and Elva MK7-Porsche among others.

Despite the fact that Elva considered itself a sports and race car company a road car was introduced in 1958, the Elva Courier. Production lasted until 1969 and took on many forms including convertible, coupe, kit form, and complete car. There were even several versions featuring MG mechanicals, first with the MGA 1500cc unit, then the MGB 1800cc engine.

Elva also enjoyed considerable popularity in the United States. In 1963 round seven of the Road America 500 was won at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin by an Elva MK7-Porsche. Elva fortunes in the United States looked bright and a staff of 60 workers was turning out three Couriers per week, most bound for the United States. Unforeseen trouble lay ahead however. With cars in production, en route to North America, and awaiting delivery on the docks in New York, an expected payment draft failed to materialize. The North American importer was jailed for fraud and overnight Frank Nichols and the Elva Car Company were wiped out.



The Courier was taken over by Trojan and Frank Nichols simply left motorsports behind. He went on to develop the Brede class lifeboat, then took up a career of deep sea fishing. As for that name Elva, it comes from the French phrase "elle va", which means "she goes". Today a very active club maintains interest and support for these unique cars.

Next month: Trojan

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**Welcome
to
Sunshine
Corner!!**

Phyllis
Beneditz



If you know of someone who is ill, having medical issues, or has lost a family member, please let me know and I'll send cards for the club. I can be reached by phone, or by email, or by texting. (see Officers List)

Bring a little sunshine wherever you go and brighten someone else's life by calling a friend you haven't seen in awhile!!

DETAILING YOUR LBC MADE EASY!

Lynda Vickery

Dennis and Crystal Klemm, members for over two years, have made a special donation to all our Club Members. Through their business in Beloit called Peca Products, they have designed car detailing cloths made with the BBB Club Badge applied to each.


They sent them to Jim, as Regalia Chairman to distribute. **Jim will have them available at the Drive Picnic on August 12th.** If you are not there, Jim will have them available at future events. Or contact him to get yours.

Now we have no any reason not to have a clean, shiny British car to show off and drive around town.

Again, thank you Dennis and Crystal for your great contribution to the Club!



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Jim Vickery	

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