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August 15, 2018

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 2018

It's hard to believe its August and the middle of summer already! Preparations are underway for our "annual" trip to Rhode Island (my home state) for some great beach time on some of our country's finest beaches. We'll be staying in the town of Jamestown on Conanicut Island which stands in the middle of Narragansett Bay between North Kingstown and Newport; Beaver Tail Light House sits at the southern tip of Conanicut Island and is one of the most beautiful lights on the U.S. Coast. The original America's Cup Races were held off the southern tip of Newport and Conanicut Island and we hope to see the famous "J-Boats" racing the course again this year. Most of the towns in this area of RI were settled in the mid 1600's so there is lots of history to be enjoyed in the area. Our Son and Daughter will be joining us this year which will be our first summer together in RI in many years; here's to making great new memories.

Our 1955 MFTF 1500 is for sale and is listed with several classic car registers; the Hemmings ad number is 2128152 if you want to take a look. To date we have had a number inquiries to include Long Island, NY and London, England. We're getting lots of drive time lately and are hoping to make this month's Drive & Dine at Crandall's in Hebron with Rich and Jackie Bartlett.

We had a wonderful time with our three granddaughters this past weekend so there's lots of reminders of their fun visit to include a driveway with lot of chalk art, tiny toys in the cushions and little handprints on the windows. Our daughter Brooke stopped in for a couple of days on the way home from the "One Step at a Time" camp in Williams Bay for kids recovering from or in remission from cancer. She was a great help with the "kids" since they love their "Auntie" dearly.

I had the chance to stop by the "garage" to see Ron and Lynn and by the number of British roadsters packed inside, I don't see any retirements coming up soon (we're all happy about that)!! Have a great summer everyone; hope to see you at one of our upcoming BBB events.

John



JULY 18, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President, John Ward. Thirty-one 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 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Charlie Gall. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils

Motion made by Lee Kindgren to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Nancy Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No Report

<u>Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery</u> - No Report

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek - No report

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No Report

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No Report

Past Events - Rich Glbson

Thank you to Dee (and Rich!) Gibson for a very enjoyable "Day at the Lake." Thank you to all who brought a Dish to Pass! Thirty members enjoyed a relaxing day eating, joking around and enjoying the day together. Fourteen British cars were sited!

Thank you to Don and Marna Grosenick for a great Drive and Dine last week, winding up at the Stagecoach Inn. Twelve British cars were parked in the lot while the club members feasted on delicious prime rib and fried lobster! We all appreciate all the planning and work that goes into these events! Thanks again!

Once again, more thanks go out to Lynda Vickery, Beverly Joyce, and Hal Zenisek for all their work "behind the scenes" to get everyone the information we all need to be an active part of this club. One doesn't realize how important nor how effective their communication is until the opportunity prevails itself!

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Future Events - Rich Gibson

Remember to check the Club website. There are a LOT of activities and events posted on the calendar there, even outside of the BBB Club hosted events.

July 27 - Ladies Who do Lunch will meet at 12:30 at a Benson Stone in Rockford.

July 27 - Old Farts Lunch will meet at The Rock at 1:00 in Beloit.

July 21 - Charlie and Linda Gall will host the Saturday Drive, taking us to the Polo Motorcycle Museum and lunch at the Candlelight Inn in Sterling where "Chicken George" is their specialty of the house. This dish is well-known throughout the Midwest. An opportunity for those more interested in shopping than motorcycles presents itself at a Floral and Gift Shop.

August 8 – Drive and Dine to Crandall in Hebron, hosted by Rich and Jackie Bartlett. Chicken is also their specialty! Meet at the Roscoe Middle School at 5:30.

August 11 – Saturday drive, hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra to Epic Systems in Verona. The meeting place and time TBD. Look for an email to be sent out shortly.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - The annual Christmas Party is planned for December 12th at Lino's.

Burnt Piston and Good Wrench Awards - None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

- 1. Flowered Igloo Cooler Bag Nancy Kuhnau
- 2. Black and White Striped Igloo Cooler Bag Sandi Ward
- 3. Microfibre Cleaning Cloths Jenny Plymale
- **4.** Swivel Lens Headlamp Mary Proctor
- **5.** 20-Ft Tow Strap Charlie Gall
- **6.** Synthetic Chamois Dolores Moon
- 7. LED Work Light Rich Gibson
- **8.** Hummingbird Feeder Larry Eils
- **9.** 22-Ounce Insulated Tumbler Lee Kindgren
- **10.** Digital Multimeter Marc Harris
- **11.** Thunder Bay Bucks Leon Kitzmiller

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS

August 8	BBB Drive & Dine - Crandall's, 10441 IL Rte 47, Hebron, IL Hosts: Rich & Jackie Bartlett Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:30pm
August 11	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - EPIC SYSTEMS CORP. Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
*August 12	Meet at Caffeind, corner of Hononegah & Rte 51 23rd Annual Vintage Celebration @ Botham Vineyards; Barneveld, WI
August 15	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 24	Cars on the Square; Monroe, WI Starting at 5pm
August 25	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 7-10	BBB - SIMPLE SATURDAY DRIVE OR LONG WEEKEND
*Sept 8	68 Vehicle Show, Illinois Secretary of State; Springfield, IL
Sept 9	British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
Sept 11-16	British Invasion; Stowe, VT
Sept 12	BBB Drive & Dine - OPEN
	Hosts: OPEN
Sept 19 BBB CL	UB MEETING - 6 PM
•	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 28-30	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 6	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND
	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 10	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD
	Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
Oct 17	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 14	BBB Dine - OPEN
N 20 (CHANCE IN DATE)	Hosts: OPEN
Nov 28 (CHANGE IN DATE)	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
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Dec 5 Dec 12 BBB Ch	BBB Cookie Exchange Party
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^{*}New Additions

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.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8TH DRIVE AND DINE

Crandall's (Www.Crandallschicken.Com) 10441 Il Route 47, Hebron, Il 60034 Tel: (815) 648-2609

Meet At Roscoe Middle School 5:30 Pm - Elevator Road, Roscoe

Leave Promptly At 5:45 Pm - Eat At 6:45 Pm

Hosts: Rich And Jackie Bartlett
Please Let Us Know By Monday August 6Th
For An Approximate Count Of People Going - Thnx

Tel: (815) 623-8581 Leave A Message If No Answer

E-MAIL: jembee43@aol.com

BBB AUGUST SATURDAY DRIVE WITH RICH AND ROXANN CANNISTRA

Saturday August 11th promises to be another Epic BBB adventure. Meet in Roscoe IL at "Caffiend", 5066 Rockrose Ct. (NE corner of Rt. 251 and Hononegah Rd./Elevator Rd. intersection near Schnucks). Please arrive so as to be fueled, coffeed, and prepared for an 8:00 a.m. DEPARTURE. We will proceed north through the land of dairy cows and high taxes to the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison. This four floor enclave of history and artifacts allows us to enter a lead mine, check out an Aztalan-style house, and learn about life in the Badger State. Museum admission is \$5 per person. Following a one hour guided tour there will be time to reexplore areas of interest, shop in the museum store, or browse America's largest producers-only farm market on capital square.

Leaving the city behind we will head west to Verona WI for lunch at The Verona Woods. Menu options are varied and reasonably priced. Since we will be eating "in the woods", owner Steve Turner has promised to send all mosquitoes on vacation to Northern Illinois for the day so no matter if we dine outdoors or in it will be an enjoyable experience.

Continuing west after lunch, tour guide Kirk Wienkes will treat us to a private tour of Epic Systems Corporation. This amazing company provides the software to hold the medical records for 55% of all patients in the United States and 2.5% of all patients worldwide. But make no mistake; our tour has nothing to do with the dull or mundane, or number crunching. The Epic Campus appears to have been designed by a 10 year old member of the Disney family who had more money available than Bill Gates. Bring your camera, some good walking shoes, and a bottle of water that we can be easily refilled along the way. We will tour as far and wide as time and sore feet allow. Kirk will also point out how you may return on your own at any time in the future.

Reluctantly leaving our afternoon fairytale world behind, we will enjoy a few more Wisconsin back roads on the way to dinner at the Buckhorn Supper Club in Milton WI. If timing works as planned we should pass the cloud of previously banished mosquitoes returning north from their day long vacation in Illinois. The Buckhorn, on Lake Koshkonong, features a wide variety of favorites with the dining options of indoors or out. After our long and enjoyable day it promises to be the perfect place to relax, refresh, and enjoy the scenery.



On Saturday, August 25th, Bev and Brian will lead a caravan first to the <u>Command Post</u>

<u>Restaurant & Camp Grant Museum</u> for Breakfast and viewing of some of Rockford's history, then on to Lyran Park for the <u>Crossroads Blues</u>

<u>Festival!</u> We'll depart at 9:30 a.m. from the parking lot of Kegel Harley-Davidson at 7125

Harrison Road to go to the restaurant.

Please bring lawn chairs for the festival 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 several festival vendors. If there are any aspiring harmonica players, there will be a workshop at 3:30. 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 andsewon53@comcast.net) (Brian at Brian.Kobi@yahoo.com). If you would like us to get tickets for you, please let us know that, too.

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.

About 30 types of beer and wine will be available for sale at only \$4 each. Pop and water are only a dollar. Nine food vendors will provide a great assortment of tasty treats to sample at affordable prices. Many merchandise vendors will be on site, too. Every dollar Crossroads raises with this event is used to support their Blues in the Schools Program. Crossroads is a non-profit and have now done 338 programs for over 68,000 students at no cost to area schools over the last 16 years.

2018 ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE 68TH VEHICLE SHOW/SWAP MEET - SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

Among the many classes of cars, motorcycles, trucks & tractors at this show there is a Class for British Sports Cars of 3,000 cc or less. Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for details. A great way to see our state capitol (show is at Second St & Capitol Ave and check out a statewide carshow.

EMAIL TO JOHN WARD ABOUT THE STOWE, VERMONT BRITISH INVASION

Hi John,

Just read the article in the British Marque about some of your members coming to Stowe, Vt in September. I was just curious if any of your club members have ever been to the British Invasion in the last 27 years? If not, they will be in for a great New England treat when they arrive. This all British car show, with nearly 70 classes, is the largest show of its kind in the USA and takes place in the quaint New England village of Stowe, VT. I will be working the show for the organizers, Mike Gaetano, his wife Paula, and the rest of the crew. They can look me up at the registration tent or on the field when they arrive on Friday and I will be happy to give them any info they made need.

Make sure they bring a bathing suit as well as rain gear (mountain weather unpredictable) and money (this is a ski resort in winter). The Golden Eagle Resort is within walking distance to the show field, so they will be real close.

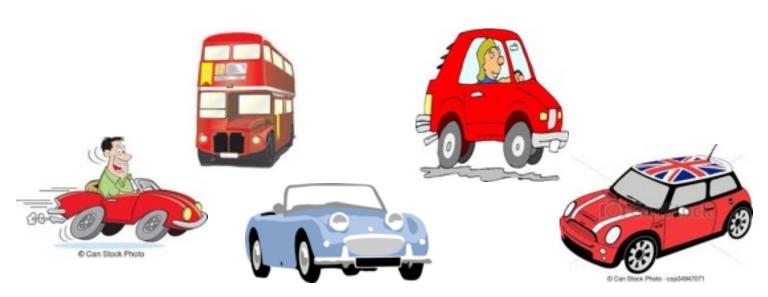
Any questions?

Phil Roy

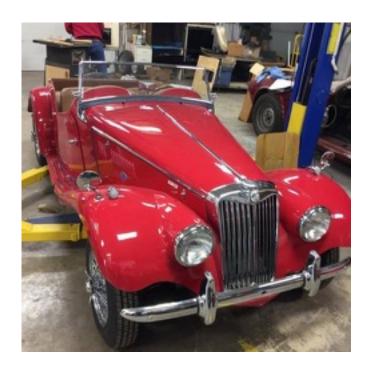
NEW COFFEE AND CARS EVENTS

forwarded by Rich Cannistra updated by Lynda Vickery

The Janesville WI Farmers Market has just announced a Coffee and Cars event this summer. The market runs every Saturday from now till the end of October on Main Street in downtown Janesville. The car show will be near the Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main St. on the last Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 29 according to the Janesville Farmers Market Facebook page.)



CARS FOR SALE:



This MGTF 1500 is a complete frame-off restoration; all original body, chassis parts are completely re-done. The wire wheels and tires are new, along with the steering wheel, interior leather seats, top and top frame. The original side curtains are included The color is red with a tan leather interior. The gas tank has been professional "boiled" along with the radiator. The carburetors are original and completely rebuilt.

The car has approximately 50 miles of road time since the restoration was complete. As you can see by the pictures in the car is beautiful and truly a great purchase for the discriminating British roadster collector.

Price: \$35,000 obo

Contact John Ward at 815-222-0405 or

f16glo10@gmail.com



Offered is a mechanically sound 76 MGB. 16 years with present owner (former BBB member), has spent considerable time in Marv Proctor's garage. All systems meet or surpass original spec. SU HS4s, Pertronix, 2" lowered at all four corners. All suspension rebuilt/upgraded to new specs. Header, high lift cam, all new brake and clutch master/wheel/slave cylinders. New OEM floor pans, rockers welded in place. Engine solid, oil pressure consistently 75-90 psi. This car is definitely ready for your next BBB outing. Free delivery to Rockford, car lives near Springfield IL. Brent Schweisberger: 217-720-1823 or baschweis@gmail.com. More photos on request. \$9400 firm.

DAY AT THE LAKE

by Rich and Dee Gibson

Rich and Dee Gibson again want to thank all those who joined us at Booth Lake in July for a day of rest and relaxation! The food was beyond excellent. The camaraderie was terrific. And Charlie's guitar playing was outstanding! Larry Eils showed his skill at kayaking and Lou and Dolores Moon pedaled their way to Fairy Island and back. Of course, Queen Elizabeth smiled her approval of our gathering while Rich Gibson gave rides on the pontoon boat. It was a hot day, but enough shade was found to dive into the rum punch. We counted 14 British cars and 2 U.S. cars. Thanks for sharing your salads, desserts, and your fabulous company!























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JULY DRIVE & DINE A RETURN TO STAGECOACH INN

by Lynda Vickery

Don and Marna Grosenick selected the Stagecoach Inn outside of Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin and the destination for our July Drive and Dine. Another favorite over the years, this event drew 33 participants and the weather was great for driving our LBCs.

Manager, Shawn, and his staff did an excellent job, and the food could not have been better. Menu decisions were tough!

It was great to see Ginger and Bob back with us.

Thank you Don & Marna for a wonderful BBB evening.







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This little beauty drew a lot of attention in the parking lot before dinner. There's a hobby out there for everybody!.

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BBB SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 DRIVE.

by Charlie Gall - photo captions by Dee Gibson

Our first attempt at hosting a BBB Saturday Drive went very well. We were concerned about a chance of rain, but it never appeared. With just a few clouds here and there, it turned out to be a perfect driving day. We gathered at the Road Ranger by the RFD Airport and headed southwest on Rte. 2, to Polo. Our little orange TR6 led the way, behaving well during the entire trip. Five other vehicles followed, and we were on our way. En route to Polo, we made a quick stop at White Pines Forest State Park, for a photo OP. Always a great place to visit. Back on the road, the caravan navigated Nine Curves Road, outside of Mt. Morris. We had a dual stop in Polo. On Any Sunday Motorcycle Museum, and the Country Floral Gift Shop. The museum is housed in an old frame church, and Norm Carroll was our host at his fabulous museum. We saw dozens of classic European and Japanese bikes, and Norm was able to answer just about every question posed to him. He knows his bikes, and still rides. Parked out in front of the museum was Norm's 1947 Chevy Delivery Van. It sports a Corvette motor, car chassis, and rack and pinion steering. He tells me it handles beautifully at 80 MPH.

After the Museum and Gift Shop, we were back in our LBC's and off to Sterling, to dine at the Candlelight Inn, home of the Original Chicken George. Linda and I stop there just about every week, so we know what to expect. Nice atmosphere, friendly staff, and generous dinners. The food was excellent, and everyone left with a take-home box.

I was a little nervous about our first driving event, but I think we had a good time, and we will look around for other interesting destinations and maybe host our second drive someday.



Kevin Rachuk does a quick check of the car before heading out on the drive, well-supervised by Master Mechanic Ron Kuhnau.



A quick stop at White Pines State Park.





The motorcycle museum was housed in this old church. A terrific collection of various types of motorcycles were packed inside...."A dog from every county!" The owner, Norm Carroll and his wife graciously welcomed the club.











A diverse collection of dirt bikes, race bikes and road models from 1928 on, mainly European bikes and featuring BSA gold stars.

Triumphs, and Nortons and Ariels, OH MY!



The gals outside of Country Floral and Gift Shop in Polo, adjacent to the "On Any Sunday" Motorcycle Museum.







"Chicken George" was the specialty of the house at the CandleLight Inn. The story goes that the cook had a habit of making up his own meals for himself. One day a traveler through the town stopped in and asked for something different, something off the menu." The cook whipped up some chicken, which was a hit. Since cook's name was George... Well, you can figure it all out!



Of course, a mandatory stop for ice cream at the end of a great day of driving and camaraderie winds up at an ice cream shop! This time it was Jay's Drive-In in Oregon. Top choice: Pothole Filler - a mix of chocolate ice cream and chunks of chocolate fudge!

County Fair Time

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FOOD	GOATS	HORSES
LIVESTOCK	PIES	RIBBONS
RIDES	SHEEP	SNACKS

DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

In 1913 Leslie Hayward Hounsfield produced his first car, a simple economical design intended to be easy to drive and easy to repair. The machine had a wood frame, fabric body, chain drive, rear brakes (only), no electric starter, solid rubber tires, and a four cylinder two cycle engine. He called his company Trojan Ltd. and set up operations in Clapham, South London. Despite the unconventional design Hounsfield soon had a loyal following of British motorists.

Most unusual among the unique features was the engine he used. The two cycle power plant was of the "split-single" design. The cylinders were arranged in pairs with a common combustion chamber. A V-shaped connecting rod coupled the pistons together so they moved up and down their respective bores in unison. The mixture was drawn in through one cylinder, compressed and exploded in both cylinders, then exhausted in the other cylinder. Simplicity it was, the four cylinder engine claiming to have only seven moving parts! Improvements in follow on models provided the company continued success.

Between 1920 and 1929 alone, 17,000 Trojans were produced. Through two world wars, many model changes, and numerous products for other companies Trojan survived until March 2013, 100 years!

Early in company history Hounsfield bragged that his car was so economical it would cost more in shoes and socks to walk 200 miles than to cover that distance in a Trojan. The company's obviously successful slogan: "Can you afford to walk?"



BBB REGALIA ONLINE AUGUST 2018

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.

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 EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

*I will be happy to stop by EmbroidThis and pick up your order. It is right on the way to our meeting location. Just let me know!

Jim Vickery



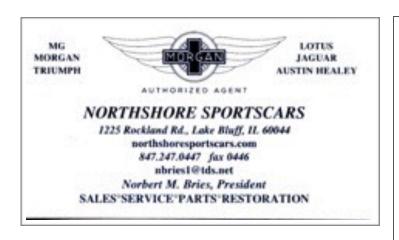


We are seeing some of our members sporting new BBB Regalia clothing!

This is a great way to promote our Club, and if you have any new ideas or helpful hints, please let me know!

Jim







Steve's British Connection CARS WANTED

Very serious buyer for:

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