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President's Message

August 2015

A glance at the BBB Calendar of Events quickly shows that summer is speeding right past us with end of summer events marching up the page right behind. This year the club's long weekend will be "Up North". Most of you are from this part of the world so that location makes perfect sense to you. For Roxann and I it was not always so.

When we moved to Wisconsin we thought that the locals had an accent and the Packers were just another football team. If someone said that they were going Up North on vacation, we were only mildly confused. After all, as transplants we didn't yet know the name of every town in the state, so we just hadn't heard of that one yet. Further inquiry about this simply confirmed that we were the new kids on the block. As one of my neighbors pointed out, "Unless you are at least 3rd generation you aren't a local".

In school I had a professor who handed out a map of the United States showing only the outlines of each state boundary. We were instructed to group the states in each section of the country to show our idea of east, west, south, north central, etc. I don't remember anything else about that class, heck I don't even remember what class it was, but I will never forget the wide variation in those interpretations when we looked at each others maps. I was going to school in Ohio at the time so I doubt if "Up North" was properly located on any of those maps. It seems unlikely that anyone living that far "east" could possibly be so enlightened.

After 26 years I believe I'm starting to understand this part of the world, though. The Packers are anything but just another football team, miserable humidity is a normal part of summer, and "Up North" starts somewhere past Madison. I believe how far past depends upon the gas mileage of your SUV and the ages of the kids whining and fighting in the back seat. As for mosquitoes, I still can't comprehend why anyone would want to live where they declare open season on humans several months each year! I suppose that also means I'm not a local yet.

I hope that you have made plans to join us September 25-28. After all, we're going "Up North".

Rich

Next Meeting
Wed.,
August 19, 2015

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

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Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - July 15, 2015

Presidents report – Rich Cannistra

President Rich Cannistra called the July meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 28 members present. He began the meeting by asking for any stories members would like to share about their 4th of July holiday. Peggy Kitzmiller, a long time BBB member, now has a 1978 Midget.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

No report

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. Second by Bev Joyce. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Brian Kobischka

Brian gave the monthly financial report. A motion was made by Connie Frazier to accept this report, and seconded by Dave Brickman. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce

We now have 77 paid memberships. We had four members this year who decided not to return.

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

No report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

No report

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Hal reported that our old website is now gone. The new website went live on July 2nd, but still has the same address. July is being used as a test period for the site, and he is looking for any feedback from club members. So please take a look at the website at your convenience and let Hal know what you think of it. He has two weeks left working with Kevin, then as of Aug. 1st he will be on his own.

New Features include a slide show on the home page, lots of local pictures of members and events (but he still needs more), marques (but he needs more of these as well), a more functional calendar, more information.

The website is now mobile friendly. There is a functional membership form and a regalia form available on site. The web forms are working well, as Hal has received responses from several different sources.

If you have your picture on the website, but would like to change it, just send the new picture to Hal and he will change it for you.

Thank you Hal for all your hard work. The new website is amazing.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Past member, Bill Bosworth, suffered a stroke on July 3rd. Last report is that he is doing better.

Past Events - Jim Vickery

July 8th – 30 members met at Der Rathskeller Restaurant in Rockford for dinner. The weather was nice, so we were able to eat outside in the Garden area. Thank you to Lynda and Jim Vickery for arranging this evening for us.

Barb and Bob Buckavekas attended the “Cars Time Forgot” car show. They reported that there were more than 850 cars in the show.

Future Events - Jim Vickery

July 24th – Ladies who do Lunch – Meet at the Ramada Inn in Janesville at 12:30

July 24th – Old Fart’s Lunch – Meet at the Whiskey Ranch Bar & Grill in Janesville at 1:00.

Aug. 2nd – Cars & Coffee in Lake Mills

Aug. 9th – Bothum Vineyards. \$15.00 registration is due by July 27th. It will cost \$20.00 at the door. Anyone wishing to go together, meet at Schnucks parking lot for a 7:30 departure. Watch for a future e-mail on this.

Aug. 12th - The next Drive & Dine will be at Second Salem Brewing Co. in Whitewater, WI. This ride will be led by Rich and Roxann Cannistra. Watch for an e-mail with more information.

Aug. 29th – Crossroads Blues Festival. Advance tickets are \$5.00 (see Brian Kobischka for tickets), or \$10.00 at the door. To travel as a group, please meet at Kegel’s Motorcycle Shop at 11:30.

Marques:

MG , Healey ,Lotus, Triumph, Morgan, Mini: No report

Rolls Royce: Andy Bellis participated in a car show in Lake Forest where he won two awards: one for making the longest drive, and the other for the best pre-war Rolls Royce.

Jaguar: Don & Marna Grosenick just got a 2003 Jaguar XK8. Don and Ron Kuhnau made a trip to Florida to pick up the car.

Unfinished Business - No report

New Business –

Marv Proctor expressed a concern about having a copyright on our club logo. Hal will check into this.

Bev Joyce announced that the Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 16th at Lino’s Restaurant in Rockford. Planning will start in August. She sent a sign-up sheet around asking both men and women to sign up for the following committees: Decorations, Entertainment, Baking, and work the night of the party. If you have not signed up, but would like to help out, please contact Bev.

Classified –

Don Grosenick has a green 1977 MGB for sale.

Good Wrench Award –

Don Grosenick nominated Ron Kuhnau for going to Florida with him to pick up his Jaguar. It was unanimous. Ron received 5 raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award – None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Cable Bag – Char Thompson
2. BBB Visor & flag – Connie Frazier
3. Red Velvet Cupcake Candle – Barb Buckavekas
4. Plaid Throw Blanket – Ron Kuhnau
5. LED Sidekick Light/Pickup Tool – Rich Cannistra
6. Thunder Bay Bucks – Solveig Maschke

Adjournment -

President Rich Cannistra ended the meeting with a cute story about a Healy Car salesman and a parrot with a bad attitude.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

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BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- August 9 Botham Vineyards 19th Vintage Celebration
Barneveld, WI
- August 11-15 Vintage Triumph Convention; Fontana/Lake Geneva, WI
August 12 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Second Salem Brewing Company;
Whitewater, WI
Hosts: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- August 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- August 22-24 2015 Geneva Concours d'Elegance; Geneva, IL
August 22-23 Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee Masterpiece
Veterans Park; Milwaukee, WI
- August 26 **BBB Friends Around the Campfire** - The Eils;Harvard,IL
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- August 29 **BBB Saturday Drive** - Crossroads Blues Festival; Lyran
Park; Rockford, IL
Hosts: Bev Joyce & Brian Kobischka
- Sept 6 **BBB Club Picnic** - Liberty Farm; Woodstock, IL
Hosts: Ed & Luz Lehman
- Sept 9 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Duck Inn; Delavan, WI
Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
- Sept 13 29th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
Harper College; Palatine, IL
- Sept 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- Sept 17-20 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
Road America; Plymouth, WI
- Sept 25-27 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- Sept 25-28 **BBB Northwoods Long Weekend**; Eagle River, WI
Hosts: Mary Jo Schoening, Rick & Sandy Hamaker
- October 9 **BBB Fall Drive**
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- October 14 **BBB Dine** –Bigfoot Inn; Harvard, IL
Host: JoAnne Fleshman
- October 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

July Dine Held at Der Rathskeller in Rockford

by Lynda Vickery

Der Rathskeller Restaurant was the setting for the July Dine gathering. Although it was a bit cool, the weather cooperated for the 30 BBB members who attended, and everyone enjoyed the outside seating in their Bier Garten. The German style food was very good, and the staff very accommodating. Many members are familiar with Der Rathskeller, and welcomed the opportunity to dine there again.





AUGUST DRIVE & DINE

by Rich Cannistra

Join us for the August *Drive and Dine* when we will travel "Up North" for an enjoyable evening at the Second Salem Brewing Company in beautiful Whitewater, WI. Second Salem derived its name from a time early in the 20th century. The town of Whitewater was unofficially known by that title due to a string of mysterious and unexplained occurrences which seemed to plague the area. The Brewing Company commemorates this sketchy history by brewing such favorites as "Beast of Bray Road Amber", "The Reaper Pale Wheat Ale", "Wildman of LaGrange", and of course "Wichtower Pale Ale". Dinner choices are plentiful and reasonable priced with an outside seating option if weather conditions are favorable.

To caravan north meet hosts Rich and Roxann Cannistra at 5:15 p.m. for a 5:30 departure from the Roscoe Middle School, 6121 Elevator Road in Roscoe. For driving directly, the Second Salem Brewing Co. is located at 111 W. Whitewater St. in Whitewater, WI. Dinner reservations are set for 6:30 p.m. To help us get an accurate tally please call Rich or Roxann at 608-876-6768 and let us know that you will be part of the in crowd.

VINTAGE TRIUMPH CONVENTION

by Jim and Julie Roberts

Here is some information about an upcoming car show in our area shared by members Jim and Julie Roberts.

The Vintage Triumph Register National Convention is being held at Lake Geneva at the Abbey resort August 11-15, 2015. This is the 6th time that the Illinois Sports Owners Association will be hosting this event. Featured models are the Spitfire MKII and the TR4A. There is a wide range of activities planned over four days with the car show being held on Friday, August 14th.

Check out their link for more information and a nice video <http://www.vtr2015.com/>

MILWAUKEE MASTERPIECE

by Lynda Vickery

Veterans Park in Milwaukee, WI will be the site of the annual Milwaukee Masterpiece on August 22-23 with the 2015 Concours d'Elegance taking the field on Sunday. There will be a rare factory supercharged Shelby GT350 on display. This year, for the first time, will also include an exhibition class of beautiful boats for those who appreciate fine watercraft.

Visit www.milwaukeeemasterpiece.com for more details. Our club member, Dave Brickman, has attended this Concourse and I'm sure would share details with you.

GENEVA CONCOURSE

by Jay and Jackie Coffey

The annual Geneva Concours will be held Sunday, August 23 from 10-4, staged on south 3rd Street (branching off on side streets) in downtown Geneva, IL. This is a great venue for this event. There are big shade trees, lots of restaurants, and lots of shops for the non-car people in this beautiful town. This is one of the few car shows that makes it easy to happily spend the whole day there, car enthusiasts and the not so enthusiastic. But the cars are magnificent -- from old "brassies", to Duesenbergs, to race cars, to LBC's! The featured car this year is Jaguar. If BBB members wish to come, please go on line for further info at genevaconcours.net, or contact Jackie and Jay Coffey. Maps and parking info are on the website. Admission is free, unless you want club parking, which is a \$20 donation. This event is less than an hour from the Rockford area. Hope to see many of you there!

TIME FOR A CAMPFIRE

by Larry and Marsha Eils

With the end of summer insight, its time for Friends Around the Campfire at the Eils house. Mark your calendar - Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Location - 8700 Nilsen Court, Harvard. The fire will be lite at 7:00 pm. This event is weather dependent so let's hope the summer weather, warm days and cool nights, continues.

How about the mosquitoes? Surprisingly, they have gone from terrible to almost none. However, just to be safe, we suggest you bring your favorite bug spray should the mosquitoes decide to join us.

So bring your comfortable lawn chairs (some seating provided), a campfire snack to share and your favorite beverage (soft drinks and water provided) to Harvard. Come and enjoyed the pond and watch the fish. No fishing allowed.

We are looking forward to seeing you around the campfire.

Special note: Should it be raining around 5:00 pm in Harvard on Wednesday the day of the campfire, an email will be sent canceling the event.

BBB TO ATTEND CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY FESTIVAL!

by Bev Joyce & Brian Kobischka

On Saturday, August 29, BBB members are 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.

Attendees can come and go as their schedule permits. Please bring lawn chairs. Food and drink will be provided by a number of 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. Brian has acquired a few advance tickets which are available on a first come basis at \$5 each.



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 B.Kobi@yahoo.com).

FUTURE EVENTS

August is a fun-filled month of events. Take a deep breath because September also offers many different activities. Be sure to take in as many as you can before the snow flies!

There is the annual club picnic at Liberty Farm, hosted by Ed and Luz Lehman; Then the Drive and Dine to Duck Inn; the British Car Festival at Harper College; the monthly club meeting; The Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road American; the Jefferson car show and swap meet; and finally our Northwoods Long Weekend in Eagle River. (Hope you have made your reservations!)

Watch for special emails and your copy of the September Chronicle.

AUGUST 2015
BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE



We have a number of New Old Stock (NOS) regalia items that we are liquidating at reduced prices. The following three items are available by contacting Bruce Beneditz.

Red Hooded Embroidered Jacket sizes L(1), 2XL(2), 3XL(2) - \$40
White mesh ball cap with BBB Logo (1) - \$10
Tan visor with BBB Logo (1) - \$10

We also have non-clothing related club merchandise for sale directly by BBB. These items can be purchased through the BBB Regalia Page on our website or by contacting Bruce Beneditz.

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

All other regalia can be purchased online using our BBB Regalia Page. You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

Shipped directly to you (additional charge)
Pick up at EmbroidThis (no charge)
Pick up a Club Meeting (no charge)

Be aware that if you choose the pick up at EmbroidThis option that EmbroidThis will be moving in August to a new location on North 2nd Street (Rte 251), Machesney Park, just north of Harlem Road. (The same plaza as Michalsen Furniture and Goodwill.)

Enjoy the warm weather by driving your British car and be sure to wear your BBB Logo regalia proudly.

Bruce

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
brian.kobi@yahoo.com

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