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Next Meeting Wednesday,

Aug 17, 2022

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

President's Report August 2022

When I write the President's Report, I like to keep it light hearted and report on the fun things that are happening, complain about the weather, and talk about driving our Little British Cars. Today, I am writing it with a heavy heart. Since my last report we have lost two long time members of BBB, Bob Buckavekas and Lee Kindgren. Please bear with me as I get serious for a moment.

With the passing of both Bob and Lee, the same thought went through my mind. Oh, I will miss them. They were both one of the good ones.

One of the good ones? Why does that come to mind after someone passes? What does that mean? They were one of the good ones for as long as I had known them.

I went to the club membership list to try and figure it out. I then realized who the "good ones" really were. For me personally, they are the people with whom I have developed a relationship. The people in the club that I have gotten to know on a personal level through club events, lunches, and common interest.

Looking beyond BBB, there are many "good ones" in my life.

I need to change my perspective on all the people I know. Each one, in their own way, is one of the good ones. I need to make a conscious effort to appreciate everyone for who they are and what they mean to me. The friends I have made through BBB are amazing and I am so glad to be a member of this organization.

Rest in Peace, Bob and Lee. You were one of the good ones.

Safety Fast,

Bruce



July 20, 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm Number of members present __21__

Vice President's Report - Crystal Klemm - No Report

Secretary's Report - Chris Oakes

June, 2022 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by _Rich Cannistra_ Seconded by ___Bev Joyce__ Corrections to the June, 2022 minutes

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka

Activity for the period as of July 18, 2022

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$2389.49
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$3065.12
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$5454.61
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$0
Overall Total	\$5454.61
Raffle Income-	\$122.92

Membership - Beverly Joyce - 61 Paid members

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery - Not Present

Webmaster - **Hal Zenisek** - 350 views to the website during the summer months.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz-

Bob Buckavekas has passed away. Waiting to hear details from Barb.

Events - Greg Oakes -

Club Events.... From today's meeting until the August Club Meeting-

8/10-Dine and Drive - Hosts Bruce and Phyllis, this event has been rescheduled for September (details to follow)

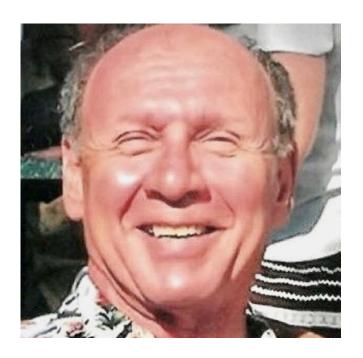
8/21-Popular Grove Fly Inn - Rich and Dee (details to follow)

8/23-Day trip to Galena - Hosted by Chris Oakes (details to follow)

Classified - None	
New Business - None	
Unfinished business - None	
Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -	
RecipientRon Kuhnau_	
	in her Morris and he wanted pictures under the bonnet. e called Ron who graciously came over to assist her. Not
Nominated by _Sandy Hamaker_ Seco	ond _Crystal Klemm_
5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient)Ron Kuhnau
Burnt Piston Award - None	
Marques - No report	
Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick	
Item	Recipient
Hanging Plants:	Bev Joyce Roxann Cannistra Nancy Kuhnau Carol Eggleston
Coffee Table Book "Classic Cars:	Don Grosenick
Trigger Spray Nozzle:	Dennis Klemm
12 V Battery/Alternator Tester:	Bob Swartzkopf
Portable Folding LED Work Light: Hose Clamp Assortment:	Ron Kuhnau Phyllis Beneditz
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Adjournment	
Motion made by _Bruce Bened	itz_
Second by _Phyllis Beneditz_	
Motion passed and meeting ad	journed at _8:00_ pm
Submitted by: Crystal Klemm	

Regalia - Dennis Klemm - No Report

BOB BUCKAVEKAS (1941-2022) LOVED TO WORK ON HIS BRITISH CARS



Robert "Bob" W. Buckavekas, 80, Roscoe, met the love of his life, Barb Thomas, at Rockford Business School and they were married on May 16, 1964. Together they raised three children, Jeffrey, Julia, and Jennifer. When Bob would give Barb a ride home in his red MGA in minus degree weather, he would hand crank the motor to get it going. Though Barb was not too impressed with the lack of heat, it was an adventure they loved.

Bob passed away peacefully on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Alden Debes in Rockford, where he resided for the last 14 months. He was born in Rockford on November 11, 1941, the son of William and Catherine Buckavekas. Bob attended St. Patrick Catholic School, then St. Thomas Catholic High School, and graduated from Rockford West High School in 1959.

For many years, Bob was employed by Barber Colman Company. Sadly, at only 40 years old he was forced to retire because of his slowly declining vision. Bob would say "I have lost my sight, but not my vision." He enjoyed working on his 1976 MGB, putting in an overdrive transmission. He attended two transmission schools so that he could take on the challenge of changing the transmission himself. In 2000, Bob and Barb joined the British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, where they enjoyed the many car trips to interesting places around the Midwest, car shows and of course, many wonderful restaurants.

Bob was always full of stories and great ideas. He loved to share them with anyone who was willing to listen. Some of these great ideas included getting go-carts and dirt bikes for his grandchildren. Bob would watch his grandchildren when they were younger and they have memories of always having the best snacks, listening to NASCAR races, and always having fun. Bob enjoyed life to the fullest and he will be dearly missed by his beautiful family.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; his son, Jeffrey; his sister, Carol (Richard) Hart; his grandchildren, Stephanie (Kevin) King, Valerie Zambrano, and Tiffany (Karri) Turner; his great-grandchildren, Juliana Anderson, Karson King, Barrett King, and Maverick King, Reyna Bermudez, and Bailey Turner; his son-in-law, Rodney Kiesling; his nephews, Richard "Rick" and Rodney Hart. He was predeceased by his daughters, Julia Zambrano and Jennifer Kiesling.

The family has planned a private service. Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family, for a tree to be planted in Bob's memory. Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements.

LEE KINDGREN (1944-2022) PAST BBB PRESIDENT AND LEADER

VISITATION: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FUNERAL SERVICE: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:00 PM Sundberg Funeral Home 215 N. 6th St. Rockford, IL 61107



Lee Kindgren of Rockford passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Lee was born on October 31, 1944, the son of Grant and Ann (Erickson) Kindgren. Married to Rita (Mund) on April 3, 1991, the love of his life and soulmate, who passed in 2014

Lee graduated from East High School in 1962, then attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering where he earned his B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering. He retired as Vice-President of Engineering after working for W.A. Whitney for 42 years. Lee was a traditional man who loved going to Minocqua, WI, that was started by his parents as a small child. He enjoyed traveling, scuba diving as a member of the Rockford Divers Association, and boating. Lee traveled to 17+ countries, with his favorite location being Estes Park, CO in the Rocky Mountains. He liked working on his 1979 MGB, riding on his Harley, cruising in his Porsche and driving in comfort in his Lexus. Lee was a long-time member of the British Boots and Bonnet Car Club, serving as President multiple times, in addition to being a member of the Harley and Porsche Clubs. Lee loved spending time with his family, including his dogs (Lucy, Sparky, Baylee, Myla), watching Formula One racing, and relaxing on his tractor mowing his 5-acres.

Lee is survived by his best friend Lucy (dog), 2 Sons: Mike (Kristi) and Jeff (Cyndi), 2 Daughters: Serena and Rita, 3 Grandchildren: Athena, Taylor, and Audrey, and 4 Step-grandchildren: Fred, Amber, Richard, and Hannah, 7 Step-great grandchildren and 5 Granddogs.

Lee was a long-time supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's in his honor.



BBB PARTICIPATING IN THE POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT FLY IN - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Rich Gibson has been busy preparing for the club involvement in the Popular Grove Airport Fly In event on Sunday, Aug 21, 2022.

>We will ONLY be parking by the Wings & Wheels Museum this year. We will NOT be moving from place to place. The entrance to the museum & BBB parking is off of Orth Rd, just east of Highway 76. (See maps on next page.)

>Other car clubs will also be using this area, so getting there early will be helpful to park together as a club. A limited number of shade canopies will be set up and provided by Wings & Wheels Museum, on a first come first served basis. Also there are some trees in this area for additional shade.

>There will be shuttles operating between the two sides of the airport as usual. There will be many old airplanes to look at, rides are available for \$\$, tours of the aircraft engine repair shop, tractor pulls will be operating on the Museum side near our parking.

9:00AM - Gates Open. Try to be a bit earlier if possible, otherwise come whenever you can.

3:00PM - Wrap Up

>What To Bring:

Lawn Chairs

Water

Sun Hat

Sun Screen

Umbrella for sun or rain.

>There will be 6 - 7 food trucks by the Museum.

After the show we will drive to Sharon, WI for ICE CREAM.





WHEELS AND WINGS MUSEUM ROUTE FOR BBB PARKING





ANOTHER THING TO WORRY ABOUT ON THOSE LONG DISTANCE TRIPS!

JUST ASK GREG!





INTERESTING CAR SHOWS ON TAP FOR SEPTEMBER

by Greg Oakes

For those Club members who like to attend (or exhibit at) British car shows, two of the biggest are coming up in the next few weeks. One is nearby and the other is in a picturesque setting in Vermont.

- 1). Less than an hour's drive for most Club members is the 35th British Car Festival, being held on Sept. 11th, 2022. The show will be held in the parking lot at Harper College located at 1200 West Algonquin Road in Palatine, Illinois. It's not the most charming venue but the event usually draws a few hundred cars and is well worth attending. Early registration is open until Sept 3, 2022. Day-of-show registration also available. For more information, visit http://www.britishcarunion.com/index.htm
- 2). If you don't mind traveling to Vermont, the British Invasion in Stowe Vermont on Sept 9th-11th, 2022 is definitely worth attending. It's probably the largest British car show in the U.S. Last year's car count was on the low side (probably by a hundred plus cars) because of Covid restrictions on those coming from Canada. That's not the case this year so attendance should be back to normal. Featured marques this year are Lotus, Triumph, and Mini. Finding lodging in Stowe will likely be tough this close to the show but there are all sorts of alternate choices within an hour's drive of the event. The show itself is held on Saturday the 10th but the in-town gathering on Friday night is also worthwhile. Be prepared to see just about any type, vintage, and marque of British car that exists. For more information visit https://www.britishinvasion.com/

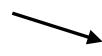
NOTE from Lynda:

As editor of the Chronicle I am now receiving online copies of two other car clubs monthly newsletters. These are interesting to read - offering articles of their past and upcoming events, tech tips, ads, and other interesting



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2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

Aug 17	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Aug 21	49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In, 9an-3pm 11619 Rte 76, Poplar Grove, IL (See Article for details.) Host: Rich Gibson
Aug 24	BBB Special Mid-week event. Drive and Lunch. SAVE THE DATE! Details to follow. Host: Chris Oakes
Sep 14	BBB September Drive & Dine - Duck Inn- Details to follow. Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
Sep 17	BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
Sep 21	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Oct 12	BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN
Oct 15	BBB Friends Around the Campfire - Save the date! Details to follow.
Oct 19	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Nov 16	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Dec 14	BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

Aug 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com	
Aug 6 British Car Day, 9-4PM Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH https://britishcardaydayton.com/	
Aug 29-Sep 1 VTR 2022; Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, IL <u>HTTPS://WWW.VTR2022.ORG/</u>	
Sep 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com	
Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT; Featured Marques: Lotus, Triumph & Mhttps: www.britishinvasion.com/	lini
Sep 16-17 40th All British Car & Cycle Show, BBQ on 16th @ 5PM, Show:17th 9-3PM, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, 13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO https://allbritishcarshow.com/	
Sep 20-23 2022 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion, Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH https://www.pibroadrace.com/	
Sep 30- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN Oct 2 https://www.newporthillclimb.com/	

JAGS ON THE DRAGON 2022



The 2022 Jaguar F-type
Forever Rally was a
resounding success. Hosted at
the Tapoco Lodge just outside
Robbinsville, NC on May 14th
there was ample space and
parking to herd cats for the
weekend. Just shy of 40 FTypes and a few more stray
cats converged to carve out
the roads in the Smoky
Mountains.



In addition to having a weekend of fun carving through the mountains there was a raffle held after the days activities filled with prizes that ranged from a new set of Continental tires, to detailing kits model cars, Jaguar books and more! In total about \$1,700 dollars was raised by members for a charity in Orlando FL, Dreamcars4Kids.



(For the curious minds out there.. Our F-type decided that Indianapolis was the perfect place to have a coolant hose fail. We got her towed home and continued our journey to the mountains in a trusty Toyota...Prius that is.....)



One of the organizers was able to get Microsoft to match the donations bringing the total over \$3,000 for the charity. (To learn more about the organization visit Dreamcars4Kids.org) There were owners from as far away as Boston, Miami, New Orleans and Green Bay. Even though Hannah and I didn't have our cat for the weekend due to Friday the 13th and British car luck, we still had a blast. Great roads, great cars, and great people made for the best Tail of the Dragon meet that I've had yet! Next year we will be pushing the event to the early fall, and hope to make it the biggest British Invasion of the Smoky's in recent years!







JULY DRIVE & DINE HEADED SOUTH

Sandy, Donna, and Lynda decided to lead our BBB group from the Cherry Vale parking lot south to the village of Stillman Valley and The Rack on 72. The ride was pretty - past green cornfields and the Kilbuck Bluffs Forest Preserve (this might be worth returning to) into Stillman Valley. This was new territory for some of us, and everyone enjoyed it. The Rack on 72 had a variety of sandwichs, wraps and salads. And our waitress did a great job serving twenty BBBers.

We survived our first hosting of a Drive & Dine! Don't hesitate to host one of these events!

Thank you! Lynda

















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BRITS IN THE GARDEN

By Rich Cannistra

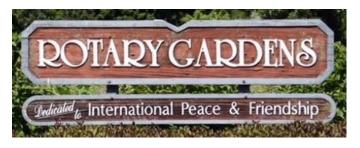
July 10th was BBB's third opportunity to display our cars in the Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville WI. Club members took advantage of the perfect weather and beautiful location to show 26 cars in the garden setting. With plenty of shade it was a relaxing time to catch up with each other and visit with guests who came to enjoy many seldom seen British rides.

Event manager for the Gardens, Sheila Flood, reported a noticeable increase in attendance due to our presence, and she confided to me the day of our event is one of her favorite days of the year. In case you were not formally introduced she is the one who was making the rounds with complimentary water.

I want to thank everyone who brought their car out to help make the day a success! Also, special recognition is deserved by Bruce Beneditz for leading the drive from Roscoe as well as the Eils, Oakes, and Palmers for showing up early and handling all the details to make things run smoothly.

An unexpected highlight of the event is a YouTube video of the day produced by James Mathesius, grandson of one of the club's newest members Gary and Julie Blihovde of Janesville. If you have not seen the video, it can be found on the BBB website under "2022 Event Photos".

Following the event, a number of club members retreated to The Rock Bar and Grill in Beloit for food and refreshment. Although no rain was in the forecast a few dark clouds appeared to the north as we finished dinner. I received only one report of a person getting caught out however. A club member named Roxann arrived home with as much water inside of her car as outside.

























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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.

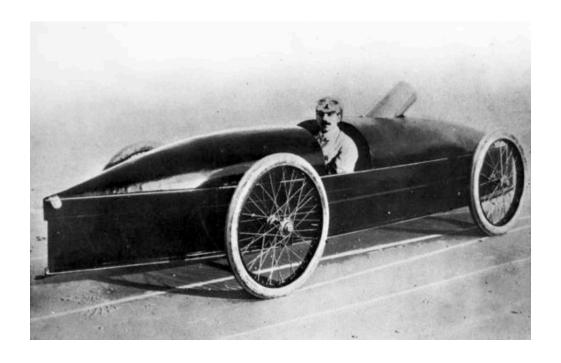
DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

The oldest standing land speed record was broken in 2009 by the British built car "Inspiration". Previously set in 1906, why did the record last for 103 years? Because it was based on an old and almost forgotten technology, steam. But that's getting ahead of the story.

Although the concept of harnessing steam to provide power goes back to the first century AD, it took until the mid-1700s to be put into practical use. We know it as the Industrial Revolution, and while most applications were for industrial power a few inventors had their sights set on transportation. The first practical internal combustion engine was developed in 1876, and this propulsion was first adapted to a motor car by Karl Benz in 1885. By then steam power had a 100-year head start and was considered safe, reliable, and familiar. Couple that with the fact the electric starter was not invented until 1896 and around the turn of the century steam and electric powered cars actually outsold those with gasoline engines.

Brothers Francis and Freelan Stanley capitalized on the steam technology and began making steam cars in 1897. By 1899 they were making more cars than any other U.S. automaker. In 1902 the brothers formed the Stanley Motor Carriage Company famous for the very successful "Stanley Steamer". It wasn't long however before competition from cars powered by internal combustion engines began eroding their business. The brothers decided some positive publicity was needed so they developed the Stanley Rocket, which in 1906 set the world speed record of 127 mph.



bested a few years later by a conventionally powered car it remained the record for steam powered cars. On August 25th of 2009 Inspiration, built by the team British Steam Car Challenge, broke that century old record by achieving a speed of 139 mph. This was improved upon the next day by reaching 148 mph. The 10-year long project was funded by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu for the primary purpose of that record run.

Inspiration is powered by a two-stage turbine driven by superheated steam from 12 boilers and weighs three tons. Liquid petroleum gas is used for fuel and the car consumes 10.5 gallons of water per minute. Although Inspiration has been retired and is now on display at the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, England there apparently was some thought given to the car's future. Specifications point out Inspiration's boilers can heat water fast enough to make 23 cups of tea per second. What a clever plan to keep the British end up.

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BBB REGALIA ONLINE AUGUST

2022

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Dennis Klemm. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)

British flags for cars - \$5

BBB wall clock - \$15

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