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**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Sept 21, 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

September 2022

I am writing this as I prepare to go North for the Labor Day weekend. The high temperatures in the north woods are predicted to be only 62 degrees. It is hard to believe it is September already and fall is not far away.

The summer has been going so fast. The rain and humidity have made it a challenge to find days to drive the LBCs. As we head into fall, we are about to enter what can be the best time of year for driving. The air is crisp and clear and the trees will be turning. I don't want to wish the summer away, but I love fall.

I would be remiss in my report if I didn't thank Crystal Klemm for stepping up to the plate and filling in for me at last month's meeting. Phyllis and I had a wonderful time up at the lake with my family. Lots of boating, hanging out, and fishing. My nephew says that his 15-year-old daughter could catch a fish in the bathtub. She backed up his claim by catching the most and biggest fish. Lots of fun.

There are limited opportunities left this year to gather and be with our BBB friends. Take advantage of the meetings and events that you can attend.

So, check the Events Calendar for upcoming events. There are still opportunities to get out on the road to enjoy the fall weather and each other's company.

Safety Fast,

Bruce



Save the Date !!

2022 British Boots and Bonnets Car Club Christmas Party
December 14th at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford
(Second Wednesday of the month)

Watch the October Chronicle for Details
Reservations and Payment will be required by Saturday, December 3rd.

Any questions before then, please give Bev a call at 815-975-0857 or
e-mail at andsewon53@comcast.net

August 17, 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz- absent, Crystal Klemm lead the meeting

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm

Number of members present 27

No guests

New members: Zach Robbins and Ron Benson

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm

Labor Day Picnic is Saturday, September 3rd, from 1 -5 pm. The Quad Cities and Madison Clubs have been invited to join in the fun.

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

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

Motions to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Kuhnau

Seconded by Dennis Klemm

Corrections to the July, 2022 minutes - Motion passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka (presented by Bev Joyce)

Activity as of 8/17/2022

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 2306.06
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.14
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 5371.74
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 5371.74
Income: Dues	\$ 120.00
Raffle	\$ 57.00
Regalia	\$ 36.00
Total Income	\$ 213.02
Expenses: Newsletter	\$ 92.70
Raffle expense	\$ 53.19
Sunshine Memorial	\$ 150.00
Total Expenses	\$ 295.89
Overall Total	- \$ 82.87

Motions to accept the report was made by Ron Kuhnau

Seconded by Larry Eils

Membership - Beverly Joyce - absent

71 members (2 joined tonight)

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery

none

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek - absent

None

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - absent

None

Events - Greg Oakes

Upcoming Club Events

Sunday Aug 21st

- Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In. 9 AM to 3 PM and then plan is to drive to Sharon for ice cream.
- Won't be like last year where we started on one side and then moved to the other at Noon. We will be gathering on the "museum" side of the airport and staying there.
- Museum side is accessible from Orth Rd. See recent email and Chronicle for more details and maps.
- Hoping for good weather like last year.

Wednesday Aug 24th

- Special mid-week drive to Galena for lunch.
- Will include some of the best driving roads in this part of Illinois.
- Lunch will be at Eagle Ridge and special guest joining us will be Mary Jo Schoening. (she's really looking forward to it)
- Email was sent out earlier today with details.

Fri Aug 26th

- Ladies-do-Lunch, 12:30PM at Anderson Gardens Fresco restaurant
- Old Farts, 1:00PM, will announce location in next couple days by email

Saturday Sept 3rd

- Klemm's have invited everyone to their country house for a Labor Day picnic.
- Times will 1:00PM-5:00PM, rain or shine.
- More details will be sent out by email in the next day or 2.

Wed Sep 14th

- Sept Drive and Dine
- Hosts are Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz
- Restaurant will the Duck Inn
- Details will be sent out by email as date gets closer

Regalia - Dennis Klemm

none

Classified - New Business - Unfinished Business

none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient ___Brad Neumueller_____

For: Borrowed his Austin Healey for the Janesville Rotary Garden Show

Nominated by ___Bill Leese _____

Second ___accepted_____

5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient) ___Brad Neumueller _____

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award

Recipient _____no one _____

Marques

Rolls Royce none

Jaguar none

Triumph - Galena, IL - Vintage Triumph Show - weekend of August 27th

Mini - none

MG - none

Morgan - none

Austen Healey - none

Lotus - none

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. ___Mum_____	___Brian Kobischka _____
2. ___Mum_____	___Ed Nichols _____
3. ___Mum_____	___Greg Oakes_____
4. ___Mum _____	___Donna Jaquet_____
5. ___3 piece Universal Jt. Socket set	___Sandy Hamaker (Greg Oakes)
6. ___12 inch Adjustable Steel wrench	___Ron Kuhnau _____
7. ___150 pice Terminal Connectors _	___Larry Eils _____
8. ___Coffee Table Book: "Jaguar E Type"_____	___Bill Leese _____

Adjournment Motion made by ___Don Grosenick _____

Second by ___Lynda Vickery _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at _7:20 ___ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

SEPTEMBER DRIVE AND DINE – THE DUCK INN

It is time to revisit a club favorite and take a relaxing drive to The Duck Inn in Delavan, WI. The Duck Inn is a classic supper club and is chronicled in the book “Wisconsin Supper Clubs, an Old-Fashioned Experience” published in 2013.

On September 14th we will meet at Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road, Roscoe, at 5:00 PM for a departure at 5:15 PM. Reservations are at 6:00 PM if you wish to meet us there. Please contact Bruce Beneditz if you are planning to attend. Respond by Monday, Sept. 12 so that we can have an accurate count for the people at The Duck Inn. The address is CR-A and Hwy 89 - N6214 Delavan, WI. The menu may be viewed at <http://www.duckinndelavan.com/menu/#top>.

Email bruce.beneditz@charter.net or call 815-543-0026.

It's Almost Campfire Time

*****DATE CHANGE*****

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Summer is still here but it's time to think fall and campfire – **Friends around the Campfire** at the Eils house.

The campfire will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2022** and begin at 6:00 pm. Please bring a campfire snack to share with the group. You should also bring lawn chairs and a blanket to keep you extra warm so you can enjoy the fire. Limited seating will be available. Hot chocolate, water and soft drinks will be provided. If you wish a tastier beverage please feel free to bring it.

We are located at 8700 Nilsen Court, Harvard. GPS will send you here if you have not visited with us in the past. If you have any questions, please call Larry at 815-382-3547. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the campfire.

Please note, if it is raining or threatens rain late Saturday afternoon we will attempt to send an email alerting you we have postponed the campfire. Our rain date is Saturday, October 15. Same time, same place.

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:

- 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 8 BBB Friends Around the Campfire - 6:00, 8700 Nilsen Ct, Harvard, Il.
 Rain date - Oct 15 See article.
 Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- 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:

- Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT; Featured Marques: Lotus, Triumph & Mini
 <https://www.britishinvasion.com/>
- Sep 9 British Car Festival, 9am-3pm, Harper College, 1200 West Algonquin Rd,
 Palatine, IL www.britishcarunion.com/
- 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 23-25 45th Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Auto Swap Meet, 6:00am-4pm
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 503 N. Jackson St., Jefferson, WI.

Sep 30- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
Oct 2 <https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>

British Boots & Bonnet Members,

Thank you for the memorial gift for Bob. I plan to plant a tree (at home) in Bob's memory this fall. Bob loved the car club & going for Drive & Dine outings. He especially liked to phone his friends & chat about "who knows what". I will miss going to events with him.

Love, Barb

EARLY CHRISTMAS IDEA!

Linda Gall came across a book titled T Is for Turbo a few days ago, and Charlie sent the link for club members. Could be a very cute Christmas gift for BBB grandchildren/great grandchildren!

<https://www.mhgproductions.com/product-page/t-is-for-turbo-abc-board-book-pre-sale>

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

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

DENNIS AND CRYSTAL KLEMM ATTEND THE HEARTLAND BRITISH AUTO FEST

By Crystal Klemm

Dennis and I attended the Heartland British Auto fest hosted by Quad City British Auto Club in Le Claire, Iowa. This was our second time attending this event, the first time was in 2019, and our 1936 MG SA won Best in Class and Best in Show. Prior to the show, Dennis and I met with Charlie and Linda Gall for dinner, they live in Polo, IL which is a short drive to Le Claire, Iowa.

The car show was on August 6th from 9:00AM-3:00PM, It was a hot day, but it was located on the Mississippi River so there was a breeze. Dennis and I met with some nice folks who had some lovely cars. We were parked next to a very nice White and Red Austin Healey 100, on the other side was a early Red MG B and a Blue Mini, those cars were owned by Gary and Carrol Brown who knew some of British Boots and Bonnets Members.

To our surprise, a local TV news director started filming our 1932 MG-D Type, he then asked us if we would do an interview that would later be on their local news channel 4 at 6:00PM. How could we do an interview that would air on television, we were hot and sweaty and no way would we want to be on TV looking like that! Well, Dennis pushed me to do it so below you will find the local TV interview.

At the end of the day, we won The Best in Show, were on television and ended up being on a You Tube channel called This Week With Cars.

This is a great event to attend with a short drive, lots of restaurants, Mississippi boat rides, Buffalo Bill museum, wineries etc.

<https://www.ourquadcities.com/news/local-news/rare-car-shown-at-gc-british-auto-show-on-saturday/>



POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT 50TH ANNUAL FLY IN

by Rich Gibson

Eleven LBC's magically appeared out of a typical British foggy, gloomy morning to help the Poplar Grove Airport celebrate its 50th anniversary. Slowly the fog and gloom dissolved into a beautiful blue sky with white puffy clouds. We had a nice shade tree to sit under while the general visitors explored our pristine LBCs. The crowds (at least to me) seemed to show more interest in our LBCs than in the past. As the afternoon wore down, we packed up our belongings and head off to Myrt's Ice Cream Shoppe in Sharon. The ice cream was just as good as always. Once we finished our various ice cream selections, we all headed off to our various destinations.





PS: No sense in BBB returning to Myrt's. I think we ate them out of Ice Cream.



SPECIAL EVENT DRIVE TO GALENA WELL ATTENDED ON AUGUST 24TH

This Special Event was planned by Chris and Greg Oakes to bring BBB members together for lunch and a visit with Mary Jo Schoening, who now lives in Galena. The caravan group lead by Greg & Chris Oakes included Bev Joyce, Brian Kobischka, Lyn & Joyce Pond, Ron & Nancy Kuhnau, Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz, Mike & Brenda Moore, Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Solveig Maschke, Barb Buckavekas, and Ginger Spaight. Our BBB friends from Freeport, Mike and Chris Olsen, met the caravan in Lena to continue the drive to the Highlands Restaurant, our destination for lunch. Our BBB friends, Art & Kathy Schleicher, from Galena joined us for lunch. Mary Jo and her two friends, Dee and Becky also met us at the Highlands.

On our ride over we explored some of the best back roads in Northern Illinois: Stagecoach Trail and winding roads through Apple Canyon Park and the Galena Territory to arrive at the Highlands Restaurant @ Eagle Ridge Resort for an excellent lunch. The Restaurant had reserved their largest room, with wonderful views, and were very accommodating .

Even though we all were quite full when we left, some of us took a side trip home to stop at the Union Dairy for ice cream.

This was a great day! Thank you Chris and Greg!







BBB Webmaster Report – September

From the webmaster's inbox on the website, BBB received new emails from non-members that I thought may be of potential interest. If you can help with recommendations or want to contact any of these people, please email me or I can provide contact information for the following:

1. Bentley for salewe were contacted by the owner of a 1959 Bentley S1 that is for sale. It will be advertised in Hemmings and elsewhere soon but the owner wanted to give "true British car enthusiasts" a first opportunity.
2. Machine Shop recommendation.... Know of any MGB engine machine shops in the area? I live in Ames, IA and am a member of the Iowa British Car club. I am going to be rebuilding a 1966 MGB GB engine block. I will need the block machined. The cylinders are still stock but will need a rebore.

BBB Club Event Pictures...A summer full of car and event photos are now posted to the club's website. If you want to get a glimpse of all that BBB did this summer, check out our website at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. Photos taken by our members highlight a wide range of activities including drives, picnics, car shows, and socializing.

Please let me know if you have any comments or feedback about the club's website.

Hal Zenisek
BBB Webmaster



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by Facia Nearside

Following WWII what was left of the Triumph Motor Company was bought by the Standard Motor Company. Triumph's Holbrook Lane works had been completely destroyed by bombing in 1940 so pre-war Triumph models were not revived. Instead, beginning in 1946, Standard announced a new range of cars beginning with the Triumph Roadster. This was followed by the TR2 in 1953, then the TR3 in 1955. Although both were well received, by the late 1950s enthusiasts were beginning to expect a little more comfort along with the sporting image. Side curtains were giving way to roll up windows, doors actually had handles on the outside, and hoods could fold, no longer the need for those with an open two-seater to erect their top like a tent.

This trend was not lost upon Triumph and in 1961 the TR4 was announced. The mechanicals of the car were similar to the TR3 but a modern Italian styled body replaced the previous coachwork. In 1962, the first full year of production, the TR4s' new look proved very popular with almost 16 thousand cars being built. This is even more noteworthy realizing Triumph had beat its chief rival's new sports car to the marketplace. The MGB was still almost a year away.



As good as all these improvements were there was one more step available in comfort and versatility, a closed car. Not everyone's idea of sporting fun is the wind in their hair. This fact was a key part of the success at Jaguar. Beginning in 1951 the XK120 and its successors were available in both open and closed form. Jaguar followed with the E-Type in 1961 which from the start was built as an open or closed car in almost equal numbers. Longtime Triumph dealer L. F. Dove of Wimbledon recognized this appeal of a long-distance tourer and commissioned a conversion based upon the very successful TR4. The result was a unique car with attractive styling, the Dove GTR4. The high quality of the craftsmanship involved in the conversion resulted in the model even being officially recognized by Triumph. Sadly, two factors were considered to be a deal breaker preventing mass production. It was believed the car would be in direct competition with Triumph's own Spitfire GT thus diluting its sales, and the final price after conversion approached that of a Jaguar E-Type. Ultimately only about 50 GTR4s were built. Triumph enthusiasts could once again feel smug however. The Triumph GTR4 was available four years before the MGBGT.

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- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

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Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

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