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President's Report

February 2023

As I sit here in early February, I am dreaming of warmer weather and the return of British car events. The groundhog saw its shadow promising 6 more weeks of winter. But what do groundhogs know! The first dine event is scheduled for February 8th, the first of many this year. I want to encourage all of our members to get involved, plan other dine and drive events or even a long weekend.

Dennis



Next Meeting
Wednesday,

Feb 15, 2023

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

DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2023,
please send a check to:

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107

JANUARY 18, 2023 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS MEETING

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ __7:05____ pm

Number of members present __27____

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm absent

None

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

November 16, 2022 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by ____Ron Kuhnau ____

Seconded by ____Larry Eils ____ Approved

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka - absent Reported by Bruce Beneditz

Activity for the period of **November 17 through December 31, 2022**

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 2270.53
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.22
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 5335.81
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 5335.81

Income

Christmas party 2022	\$ 1309.21
Dues 2022	\$ 5.00
Dues 2023	\$ 75.00
Raffle Income	\$ 73.00
Regalia - Nametags	\$ 36.00
Interest	\$ 0.05
Total Income	\$ 1498.26

Expenses

Christmas Party 2022	\$ 977.89
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Raffle Expense 2022	\$ 54.06
Regalia - Name Tags	\$ 52.53
Total Expenses	\$ 1084.48
Overall Total	\$ 413.78

Motion to accept: Don Grosenick 2nd : Sandy Hamaker

Membership - Beverly Joyce absent presented by Bruce Beneditz

As of 12/31/2022 - 75 member families

Please send dues checks made out to British Boots and Bonnets Car Club to our mailbox. The address is: British Boots and Bonnets Car Club PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Road, Suite 104 Rockford, IL 61107

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery absent

A hard copy was available at the meeting, if anyone wanted to view it.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

The 2023 calendar is a work in progress on the website. Please note: things change, with updates and cancellations. Thanks for contributions of pictures and other information.

Please contribute information and pictures to the website.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Kathy Lewis is undergoing treatments.

Events - Greg Oakes

Past Events... Christmas Party 2022

Christmas Party Report prepared by Bev Joyce: The 22nd BBB Christmas Party was held at Lino's and 34 members and guests attended. It seemed all had a great time, and the luckiest young man I know, Tommy Leese, had his number drawn first for Gift Exchange. He also was able to hold on to his gift for the whole evening without somebody taking it from him. The food was good, as always, and Lino's did a great job of setting us up and hosting. The date has been reserved for next year and I will be signing and sending the contract to Lino's when I return from vacation. Thanks to everyone for attending, because the more the merrier. Thank you to Lynda, Phyllis, Connie, Brian and Bill and Solveig Maschke, for their help in making this year's party another success.

Club Events.... Ladies Lunch and Old Farts will meet on Friday, January 27, 2023. Places to be announced in an email later.

Regional Events ...

March 26, 2023 - Chicagoland MG - Swap Meet - Dupage County Fairgrounds-
8 am - 2 pm

Regalia - Dennis Klemm absent

none

Classified - none

New Business - Officer election

All absentee votes were in favor of the presented slate of officers. All present votes were also in favor of the slate of officers presented.

The slate of officers were unanimously elected.

President: Dennis Klemm

Vice President: Crystal Klemm

Treasurer: Brian Kobischka

Secretary: Chris Oakes

Events Chair: Ron Kuhnau

Newsletter Editor: Lynda Vickery

Regalia Chair: Bruce Beneditz

Membership Chair: Bev Joyce

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Officers can serve a maximum of 2 Consecutive terms

Unfinished business - none

Marques

Jaguar none

Mini Mini on the Mac - August 4 & 5, 2023 -

Larry Eils and Don Grosenick are planning to attend.

Dee Gibson suggested flyers be made and distributed on car windows in parking lots to promote the event.

MG MG 2023 - Calgary, Canada - July 17 - 20, 2023

Morgan none

Healey none

Rolls Royce none

Triumph none

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

	Item	Recipient
1.	4 pc. Set of ratchet wrench set	Bob Schwarzkopf
2.	Collapsible lantern	Bruce Beneditz
3.	4 in 1 battery brush	Ed Lehman
4.	10 inch straight jaw locking pliers	Bill Leese
5.	Valentine Welcome sign	Greg Oakes
6.	Candy dish / candy	Larry Eils
7.	2 pk. Dish cloth / Valentine magnets	Zach Robbins
8.	2 pk. Dish cloth / Valentine magnets	Solveig Maschke
9.	Abington T-shirt 2000 XL	Hal Zenisek

Adjournment

Motion made by _____Sandy Hamaker_____

Second by _____Phyllis Beneditz_____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at __7:35____ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

February 10th Friday at 12:30 pm

Calling All Ladies for a Chocolate Fondue And Wine Outing.
Ladies please join us for wine, chocolate and good conversation at the

DC Winery Estate
8877 E. Stateline Rd
South Beloit, IL

The chocolate fondue is served with a platter of sweet treats and fruit for
\$30.00.

The platter will serve 2-4 people. Your choice of wine is extra.

They do not take reservations so it is not necessary to RSVP but would be
appreciated. 815-988-6105 text or call.

Hope to see you there.

Lynda and Solveig

THE FIRST DRIVE AND DINE OF 2023

February 8th.....6PM

Tavern on Clark

755 Clark Drive, off Bell School Road, Rockford, IL

Sorry this isn't a drive; only a dine! See you soon.

Please email rnkuhnau@aol.com

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Feb 8 BBB First Dine of 2023, Dinner at Tavern on Clark, Rockford, IL
 Hosts: Ron & Nancy Kuhnau
- Feb 10 BBB Ladies Event, Chocolate Fondue & Wine Outing, 12:30
 DC Estate, 8877 E. Stateline Rd, South Beloit, IL
- Feb 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 8 BBB Dine - TBD
 Hosts: Don & Marna Grosenick
- Mar 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 26 26th Annual All Sportscar Swap Meet & Autojumble, 8:00-2:00
 DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd,
 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 61087
 <https://chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/>
- Apr 12 BBB April Drive & Dine OPEN
- Apr 15 BBB April Saturday Drive OPEN
- Apr 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

May 10	BBB May Drive & Dine	OPEN
May 17	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
May 20	BBB May Saturday Drive	OPEN
Jun 14	BBB June Drive & Dine	OPEN
Jun 17	BBB June Saturday Drive	OPEN
Jun 21	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Jul 12	BBB July Drive & Dine	OPEN
Jul 15	BBB July Saturday Drive	OPEN
Jul 19	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Aug 9	BBB August Drive & Dine	OPEN
Aug 16	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Aug 19	BBB August Saturday Drive	OPEN
Sep 13	BBB September Drive & Dine	OPEN
Sep 16	BBB September Saturday Drive	OPEN
Sep 20	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Oct 11	BBB October Drive & Dine	OPEN
Oct 18	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Oct 21	BBB October Saturday Drive	OPEN
Nov 15	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW	

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Apr 1 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Apr 28-30 46th Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
 Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
 Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- May 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- May 19-21 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
 N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073
 <https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend>
- Jun 2-4 Champagne British Car Festival, (John Twist featured speaker, MG
 featured marque), Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL
 <http://iflbcc.club/cbcf-host-hotel/>
- Jun 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jun 4 24th British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show,
 10:00-3:00, Fort Meig Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd.,
 Perrysburg OH 43566 <http://www.lebcc.org/>

- Jun 8-10 2023 Rendezvous, Hotel Chequamegon, 101 Lake Shore, Drive,
Ashland, WI
<https://www.mntriumphs.org/events/2023-rendezvous>
- Jun 12-16 NAMGR GT-48, Memphis, TN <https://namgar.com>
- Jun 16-17 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn Blackhawk Classic,
Blackhawk Farms Raceway,
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080
<https://blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/>
- Jun 17-20 MG 2023, Calgary, Canada
<https://mg2023/regfox.com/Calgary>
- Jun 20-23 GoF Central 2023, South Bend, IN
Host Hotel: Embassy Suites, South Bend, IN
<https://gof2023.com>
- Jun 25 35th Annual Michiana British Car Show,
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm
- Jul 1 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jul 8-9 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,
7/8 Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI
7/9 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory
Corners, MI
<http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>
- Jul 17-20 MG2023 - MG's In the Foothills, Calgary, Alberta Canada'
Tech sessions, Guided & Self-Guided tours, MG2023 Car Show, &
Closing Awards Banquet. See website for more details.
<http://mg2023.regfox.com/Calgary>

- Aug 5 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Aug 5 38th British Car Day, 9-4PM
 Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
 <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 12 35th Annual Indy British Motor Day, 8:30-2:30
 Lion's Park, Zionville, IN (Featuring the MINI)
 <http://ww.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>
- Sep 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
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 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Sep 15-17 British Invasion (Featuring Jaguar, Land Rover & Morgan)
 Stowe, VT <https://www.britishinvasion.com/>
- Sep 19-21 2023 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,
 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH (Featuring Datsun/Nissan,
 Honda, Mazda & Toyota) <https://www.pibroadrace.com/>
- Sep 22-24 46th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
 Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
 Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- Sep 27-Oct 1 VTR Nationals 2023, The Dillard House, Dillard, GA
 <https://www.vtr2023.org>
- Sep 29-
 Oct 1 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
 <https://www.newporthillclimb.com>

REFLECTION

This month's column in the DID – U – KNOW series marks ten years of monthly articles in the BBB Chronicle. With humble appreciation this author would like to thank the editor of the Chronicle for providing the opportunity to publish these ramblings. With equal humility I thank the readers who hopefully, at least on occasion, find the subject matter interesting. The enjoyment of British vehicles and the circumstances surrounding them is the unlikely glue which bonds us together despite our various situations. Hopefully this enthusiasm is contagious and we will continue to be successful in sharing it.

Cheers, Facia Nearside

DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Born in 1898 he accepted an apprenticeship with Sopwith in 1914. In 1916 he became a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps (RFC). Shot down by friendly fire he was invalided out of the RFC and spent the remainder of the war checking aircraft components for the Air Ministry. In 1920 he opened a garage and hire business but soon found he preferred preparing cars for competition. First entering the Monte Carlo Rally driving a Triumph in 1927 he finally won that event driving an Invicta in 1935. Working for Triumph as experimental manager in 1936 he created the Dolomite which he again drove in the Monte Carlo Rally. Unfortunately, it was written off after a collision with a train in Denmark. In 1939 Triumph went into liquidation and he again went to work for the Air Ministry making carburettors for aircraft engines during WWII.

Engineer, pilot, rally driver, entrepreneur, Donald Mitchell Healey achieved all these things. For most men approaching fifty years of age this would have been a lifetime of accomplishments, but Donald Healey was not most men.



During the war there had been many long hours to think of that next step, a marque bearing his own name. What followed was a prolific offering of low volume designs where Healey built the rolling chassis which was then completed by a coach builder, thus giving the car its name.

First came the Healey Elliot saloon in 1946 along with an open version called the Westland Roadster. Powered by a 2.4 litre Riley engine developing well over 100 hp., the Elliot was the world's fastest four door production car clocking in at 110 mph. This amazing speed turned the Elliot into a popular rally car.

Next was the Healey Sportsmobile in 1948. Styled along the lines of a contemporary American convertible of the period it had the smallest production run of these low volume designs, with just 23 being built. It also had 100 mph performance so it became popular among rally drivers as well. Naturally Goldie Gardner was one of the first customers!

In 1949 the Healey Silverstone debuted. Named for the Silverstone circuit racetrack it was a two-seat race car thinly disguised for road use. As such it proved popular in club racing and over 100 were produced during a two-year production run.



Healey Silverstone

The Elliot and Westland which had been in production since 1946 were then updated as the Healey Tickford and Healey Abbott. These slightly improved designs of the two earlier cars used the same Riley 2.4 litre engine but clothed by two new coach builders respectively. Combined construction totaled a respectable 299 units.



HEALEY ABBOTT

Next in line was the most unlikely and also the most successful of the group, the Nash-Healey. Built from 1950-1954 the car was the outcome of a chance meeting aboard the RMS Queen Elizabeth. Donald Healey was sailing to America in hopes of securing a supply of Cadillac V8 engines for his Healey Silverstone. Aboard he chanced to meet George Mason, the president of Nash-Kelvinator. Upon hearing Healey's plan Mason invited Healey to contact him when the request for engines was turned down. The result was the Nash-Healey which made its official debut at the 1951 Chicago Auto Show. As a "halo car" one objective was to make the sports car closely resemble other Nash's models. The car used the Nash inline six-cylinder OHV 3.8 litre engine and the family resemblance was unmistakable. A total of 506 cars were built, with the first car being personally gifted to British singer Petula Clark by Donald Healey.



NASH HEALEY

The final entry into the Healey low volume designs was the Healey G-Type roadster. Built from 1951-1953 this was a hybridized Nash-Healey with a 3 litre Alvis engine and gearbox. The car was quite heavy and underpowered, thus only 25 were produced.

With this successful run of eight models totaling 1122 cars over nine years Donald Healey then made perhaps the most astute observation of his career, there were virtually no sports cars in the United States. He immediately set his sights on filling this gap in the American market.

To be continued...

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IS IT A MYSTERY? A LUCKY FIND, OR NOT??

by Lynda Vickery

In January I spent two weeks with my sister and brother-in-law in Grand Junction, Colorado. It was unusually cold for them so we spent time scouring local thrift and antique stores in the area. A stack of plates got my attention when I realized there was a picture of a British MG on the top one. Three other plates had pictures of other older European sports cars. I bought the MG one for \$5.25. As I was looking it over later I saw stamps on the back that identified it as Pickard China made in USA. And that it was made for Abercrombie & Fitch Co., New York.

So then I started searching on the internet to see what I could find out about the series. I found several listings of European sports car coaster sets - 4 to 8. And one for 8 was valued at \$600! However I haven't found anything on these 8 inch plates. Is anyone in the club familiar with these collector plates or coasters?

And should I have my sister go get the other 3 so we have a complete set? Decisions, decisions!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New membership applications are available on the club's website.
Register by sending your completed application to:

Brian Kobischka Treasurer
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Chicagoland MG Club

P.O. Box 455, Addison, Illinois 60101

Dear Enthusiast:

The Chicagoland MG Club is pleased to announce our upcoming **All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble** (formerly named All British Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble) to be held on March 26, 2023.

Yes, we have changed the name of this event to reflect the changing times in the hobby as people and businesses have aged over the years, with the consequent changes in levels of participation at hobby events. It is our hope at this time that owners of *all* types of sports cars will find value in a mutual gathering to a common purpose and shared interest in a special kind of automobile known to all as a "sports car".

This meet is intended for all marques of Asian, American, British, and other European cars. This is not a car show. Our goal is to provide a meeting place for buyers and sellers of used parts, new parts, accessory items, tools, memorabilia, and just about anything else of interest to the enthusiast.

The **All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble** is advertised in all major enthusiast publications and web sites as well as on *Craig's List* in all major cities surrounding Chicago in a multistate campaign; many out-of-state buyers and vendors attend this event each year.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending as a vendor by returning the attached form as soon as possible. Specific booth locations within the building will be assigned upon receipt of registration forms and you will also be advised at that time regarding set-up time, cleanup requirements, etc. Nearby lodging is available for out of town vendors.

Any questions? Please call or email as per the registration form.

FOR THE CHICAGOLAND MG CLUB
Jim Evans Victor L'Heureux



Chicago's 26th Annual
All Sports Car

Swap Meet and Autojumble



sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club

Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:00am - 2:00pm

at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL

(1/2 mile north of IL Rt 38 on County Farm Rd at Manchester Rd)

Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, you will be sent an acknowledgement and vendor information package.

For information call Jim Evans 630-858-8192 or Victor L'Heureux 847-533-3916
or www.britishcarswap.info

Return below completed form and full amount to: Chicagoland MG Club, PO Box 455, Addison IL 60101



Chicago's 26th Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble
Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:00am - 2:00pm

Name _____	_____ 10 x 10 Space @ \$45 each	\$ _____
Business _____	_____ Tables @ \$5.00 each	\$ _____
Address _____	_____ Chairs @ \$1.00 each	\$ _____
City, State & Zip _____		
Phone _____	Total	\$ _____
eMail _____		



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**BBB REGALIA ONLINE
FEBRUARY 2023**

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. 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

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 Embroid This (no charge)
- Bruce, bruce_beneditz@charter.net

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Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail, Rockford, Illinois
(near East State Street and Bell School Road),

Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm.