

# **Absentee Ballot**

## ***British Boots & Bonnets* January 2022 Election of Officers**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Club Bylaws, the following ballot is published to allow for absentee voting. **If you are unable to attend the meeting on January 19, 2022 and wish to vote, please do so below.**

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Vote of Member #1</u></b>	<b><u>Vote of Member #2</u></b>
President	Bruce Beneditz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Crystal Klemm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Chris Oakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Brian Kobischka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Greg Oakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regalia Chair	Dennis Klemm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter Editor	Lynda Vickery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Hal Zenisek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ballots must be received by the Club Secretary at least two days prior to the voting meeting which takes place on January 19, 2022. NOTE: If you wish to volunteer or nominate someone else for one of the above positions, you must attend the meeting to do so.

Signed by Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail the completed ballot to British Boots and Bonnets Car Club,  
PMB 254, 1643 North Alpine Rd, Suite 104, Rockford, IL 61107**



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**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,**

**Jan. 19, 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**

## Presidents Report

January 2022

Congratulations! You made it through 2021 and the Covid 19 mine field. With as little as I did last year, it seems that making it to this point without contracting Covid is my greatest accomplishment of the year.

As I am writing this, there is snow on the ground and the temperatures are finally below freezing. Apparently, it is now winter. Winter for me is usually the time of year I get to relax and unwind from all the activity of the warm weather months. A chance to take a breath and enjoy some quiet time. But this winter is different. I'm restless. I can't help but think of my LBCs, tucked away in the garage, waiting for warm weather to come out of hibernation. I'm ready to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air again. Dee Gibson must be thinking a lot like me. She posted a picture on Facebook of her in her Morgan. The caption was, "Waiting for Summer!" Aren't we all?

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the BBB Christmas Party. From all reports a good time was had by those who were there. Many thanks to Bev and her helpers for arranging another successful event.

I am excited to report that we have a full slate of officers to vote on for 2022. Please vote. Either by absentee ballot or at the January meeting. Despite all that has happened in the last few years, BBB is strong and moving forward. Looking for a good year in 2022.

Happy New Year!

Bruce



## November 18, 2021 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

### President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Twenty-four club members were present. Guests Tommy and Austin Leese, sons of Bill Leese, were present and welcomed to the meeting.

We also welcome to the meeting, new member, Brad Neumueller who owns a 1961 Austin Healy Sprite. There was no October 2021 meeting as there was not a quorum of officers who could attend.

Vice-President's Report - Solveig Maschke - No report

### Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Lynda Vickery to accept the September 2021 minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Don Grosenick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier

Activity for the period of October 1 - October 31, 2021

Income	\$ .03	(Interest)
Expenses	\$ 38.22	(Regalia - mailing BBB clings to members))
Total	\$ -38.19	

Larry Eils made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Rich Gibson seconded. Motion passed.

### Membership - Beverly Joyce

Seventy-three members are in the club now. Brad Neumueller and John & Ann Shallcross joined in November. Dues are due in January. New members' dues have been prorated in 2021.

### Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

There will not be a Chronicle Newsletter in January.

### Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

There were 3 visitors to the website recently.

1. Robert Donald has two complete doors with glass (Left and Right) with hinges for free, located in Arlington Heights
2. John Jacobson - needs a repair on his MGTF.
3. James Tate in Central Illinois has a British Reliant Robin engine and parts for almost 3 more. The Reliant Robin is a 3 wheeler (one in front, two in back).

Regalia - Dennis Klemm- No report.

### Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

A thank you note was received from Sandy Hamaker for all the caring cards and condolences and for the donation from the club to Rick's memorial.

Events - Greg Oakes - No report

Classified - None

### **Unfinished Business**

Rick Hamaker had made a motion at the August 2021 meeting to name the Good Wrench Award after Ron Kuhnau. The motion was tabled for the September and October meetings.

DISCUSSION: Lynda Vickery stated that Ron has helped a LOT of people both in his shop and broken down on the road, as well as on club trips.

Greg Oakes asked the question, "How does Ron feel about this?"

Bruce Beneditz stated that when first approached about this, Ron was a bit shy about it all, but in a second conversation with Ron he stated that he would be honoured that this award would be named after him.

A motion was made by Rich Gibson to name the Good Wrench Award after Ron Kuhnau. Seconded by Lynda Vickery. Motion passed.

The Christmas Party is December 15th at Lino's. Currently, 19 members have signed up for the party. Please sign up by November 29 so that Lino's can designate a room for us for the party. If you find that you are going to be late with your reservation, please call or text Bev. The Post Office has been notoriously late in delivering the mail. As in the past, there will be a gift exchange at the party.

### **New Business**

Nominations for 2022 officers are being accepted. Anyone who wishes to pursue a club officer position should contact any Board Member. The only position in which we have yet to fill a slot is the Secretary's position.

### **Good Wrench Award**

We are still holding 5 tickets for Ron from the August meeting. We would like to know the whereabouts of the Good Wrench.

### **Burnt Piston Award - None**

### **Raffle**

1. 3-Piece Handy Hex Keys - Greg Oakes
2. Magnetic LLD Work light - Ed Nichols
3. Portable Folding Work Light - Beverly Joyce
4. Snowman - Phyllis Beneditz
5. Santa - Carol Eggleston
6. Sitting Santa - Dee Gibson
7. Ice Scraper Mitt - Donna Jaquet
8. Canvas Bag - Hal Zenesick
9. Canvas Bag - Tommy Leese

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Gibson  
Secretary

## RONALD LINDERWELL

1953 ~ 2021

Roscoe/Poynette – Ronald Allan Linderwell, age 68, passed away on December 6, 2021, at St. Anthony Medical Center after a short illness. He was born on August 28, 1953, in Portage, Wisconsin to parents Gordon and Mildred (Seemann) Linderwell.

He was employed at UTC for forty years, retiring five years ago. Ron went on multiple trips to Sturgis with his friends that he rode motorcycles with. He enjoyed shooting on the trap league.

Ronald is survived by his wife of 46 years Mary Jo (Miller); children, Joseph, Matthew, and Tiffany; grandson, Maddox Rambo; sister Sandy (Robert) Smith; and nieces and nephews.

Ryan Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Madison, Wis. assisted the family.

Ron worked in Marv Proctor's department at Sundstrand as an electrical engineer and he owned a Triumph TR4. Marv contributed the following remembrances.

Ron was one of the Charter members and one of the original 13 or 14 Sundstrand people who responded to my very first tickler to test the interest level for a club. He was one of the first year volunteer officers until we chose a name, by laws and covenants and organized election procedures. He helped me in my efforts once we saw the level of interest from the local population outside of Circle-S.

## TITO NAPPI

1929 - 2021

Tito C. Nappi, 92, of Rockford, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2021. Born November 4, 1929, in Rockford, the son of Ambrose and Ernestina (Schianni) Nappi. Graduate of East High School, Class of 1947. Tito married Linda Larson Nelson on December 30, 1994 in Rockford. Tito owned and operated Nappi Construction Inc. whose projects included several notable Rockford landmarks including Sinnissippi Lagoon, Rockford University's Fisher Chapel and Rock River Towers. He was the original founder and owner of Blackhawk Farms Raceway, S. Beloit, IL. Tito was a member of St. James Catholic Church and a member of the Lombardi Club, EAA, SCCA, Boots & Bonnets, and Quiet Birdman Fraternity.

Survived by his wife, Linda; children, Ruthann (Tom) Gaston of Machesney Park, Tito J. Nappi of Pearl City, Jane (Bill) Snively of Boise, ID; step-son, Rodney M. Nelson of Rockford and his son, Damien of Rockford; granddaughter, Rachael (Gary) Winters; four great-grandchildren; multiple nieces and nephews; and several cousins in Italy. Predeceased by his parents; sister, Joan Dillon; daughter Carol Nappi and husband, Tony Kuhn; daughter-in-law, Dana Nappi; grandson, DJ; and former wife, Marcia Nappi. The family wishes to express deepest gratitude for the care given by OSF Hospice staff especially Sister Angelica and Minerva.

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Fred C. Olson Chapel.

## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

Activity and account balances for the period of December 1 - December 31, 2021, pending any activity after 12/28/21 and the December bank statement:

BBB income totaled \$1329.91 and consisted of regalia, dues, Christmas party and interest. Expenses totaled \$1146.17 and related to the Christmas party. The combined balance of BBB accounts increased by \$183.74.

Further details are available to BBB members by request.

## WEBMASTER REPORT – JANUARY 2022

The BBB club website was recently updated and the last event photos for 2021 were added. If you'd like to review our events for the year, it's a good time to see a summary of the many amazing events hosted by club members and the events committee. Go to [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) and use the navigation menu at the top to find the 2021 Event Photos tab. You'll find a photo gallery of images of club and car related events.

Looking ahead, I'm building the 2022 monthly activities calendars for the website. I would love to hear from you with your recommendations for British car related events. If you receive information about British car shows, drives, or other events for the various marques, please remember your webmaster and send me an email or weblink. We'll add BBB hosted events at a future date based on planning by the events committee, chairs, and our members leading each activity.

THANK-YOU to everyone who contributed to, and supported our efforts, to have an interesting and current website with accurate information. I appreciate your contributions and know other members do as well!

Hal Zenisek, Webmaster  
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## A Merry Time Was Had By One And All!

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, thirty members and guests gathered at Lino's Restaurant to celebrate the holiday season with our club family. Earlier in the week there were thirty-nine reservations, but last-minute illnesses prevented nine friends from attending. However, Donna Jaquet celebrated her birthday with us, and Team Oakes was the Master of Ceremonies for the Gift Exchange. As always, we had a good time with it. During Grace before dinner, we were reminded to be grateful for our BBB family and to remember our friends who weren't there because of illness or travel and those who are no longer with us.

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999, was our first annual Christmas party, and for all of the twenty-one parties, we have gathered at Lino's. Thanks to the accommodating staff at Lino's who have made sure our parties have always been a jolly time for us.

Please Mark your calendar for December 14, 2022 for next year's party and note that it does not fall on our regular meeting night, the third Wednesday. As usual, there will not be a regular membership meeting in December. Let's hope COVID will be in our rear view mirrors very soon and 2022 will see us all being together again.

Submitted by Bev Joyce







If my body was a car, I would be trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps, dents, scratches & my headlights are out of focus. My gearbox is seizing up & it takes me hours to reach maximum speed. I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!



**MY MIND IS LIKE MY  
INTERNET BROWSER**

**19 TABS OPEN  
3 OF THEM ARE FROZEN  
&  
I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE  
THE MUSIC IS COMING  
FROM**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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

Connie Frazier, Treasurer  
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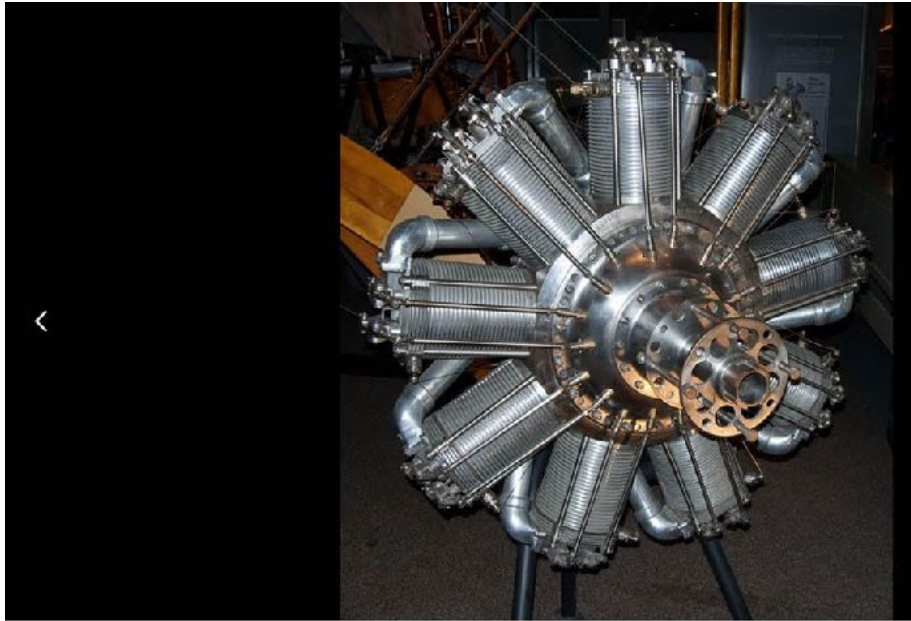
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*Engineer, motor cycle racer, race car driver, aircraft engine designer, luxury car producer, and Le Mans winning performance auto manufacturer. Walter Owen Bentley was all of these things and more. Born in Hampstead, London in 1888, he was educated at Clifton College until taking a position as an apprentice engineer with the Great Northern Railway at the age of 16. The five-year apprenticeship taught W.O. (as he was commonly known) to design complex machinery, as well as providing practical experience in how to manufacture it.*

*At the end of the five-year apprenticeship, he decided the railways did not offer a challenging enough career. In 1912 he joined his brother H.M. Bentley in a company that sold DFP cars. Dissatisfied with the performance of the DFPs, W.O. designed a new piston made from aluminium alloy. Fitted with these alloy pistons and a modified camshaft a DFP set several records at Brooklands in 1914.*



*At the onset of WWI Bentley knew the use of aluminium alloy pistons would give an important advantage in aircraft engine performance. Security considerations prevented his "broadcasting" this information to engine manufacturers. Instead, he was commissioned in the Royal Naval Air Service and sent to work with the manufacturing companies to share his knowledge. His first consultation was with Rolls-Royce which were at that time designing their first aero engine. The result was the Rolls-Royce Eagle, built with aluminium pistons instead of cast iron ones. (Side note: In 1919 a Vickers Vimy powered by two Rolls-Royce Eagle engines was the first aeroplane to make a non-stop trans-Atlantic crossing.) W.O. then visited Sunbeam resulting in their aero engines also being equipped with alloy pistons. Next, he went to Gwynnes who made French Clerget engines under license. The Clerget licensees were unwilling to implement Bentley's suggestions so the navy gave him a team to design his own aero engine at the Humber factory in Coventry. The result was the BR1 (Bentley Rotary 1) which ran successfully early in 1916. The larger BR2 followed in 1918.*



Bentley BR2 rotary engine

**W. O. Bentley**

**MBE**



*In recognition for his achievements to the war effort, W.O. Bentley was awarded the MBE (Most Excellent Order of the British Empire). In addition, the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors presented to him £8,000 acknowledging his many contributions.*

*To be continued: Bentley after the war*

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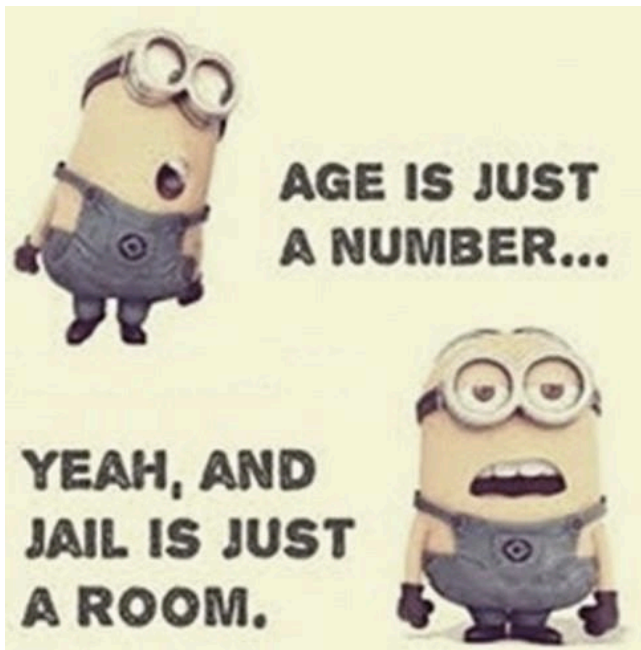


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***JUNE 19 - 23, 2022***





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