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**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

May 17, 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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY, 2023

Hello,

May marks the 27th year that BBB was founded, a Big Thank You to all the founding members! Although, Crystal and I are fairly new members, we are honored to be a part of this club.

As I sit here enjoying my Sunday morning cup of "Joe" and recalling the past two weeks, Rich Cannistra organized the garage, lunch and aviation museum tour in Brodhead, WI. What a nice event that was. Thank you, Rich!

The Ladies Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes was enjoyed by all that attended. Thank you, Chris!

May Events,

May 11th: Historic Auto Attraction, hosted by Jim Roberts. Please RSVP Ron Kuhnau by May 5th.

May 20th: Picnic at the Country House, hosted by Dennis and Crystal Klemm.

Good cars get you from point A to point B..
Great cars... Well, they just get you in trouble!

Safety Fast!

Dennis



April 19, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm - absent - Larry Eils presiding

Meeting called to order @ __7:05__ pm

Number of members present __31__

New members - none

Guests = none

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm Thank you to Larry Eils for presiding in place of Dennis Klemm

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

March 15, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by ___Don Grosenick _____

Seconded by _____Nancy Kuhnau _____ **Approved**

Corrections to the **March 15, 2023** minutes - none

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka absent - No Report

Membership - Beverly Joyce - absent - No Report

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

none

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Pictures of the Garage Tour And The Ladies Lunch are on the website.

The main traffic on the website is the search for cars near me.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

none

Events - Ron Kuhnau

Past Events - The April Drive and Dine to Grubsteakers, hosted by Ed and Sharon Nichols was small group. The food and company were great.

Garage Tour - 20 people attended. Toured Scott's Car Barn in Broadhead, custom built race cars, a great mix of car types and models.

Barb Shimp picked up the lunch tab for the hosts. Then we visited Kelch Aviation Museum. Thanks to Rich Cannistra for making the arrangements.

Ladies Tea - hosted by Chris Oakes. A small group of ladies. Wonderful food and time spent with great a friends.

Club Events.... Upcoming

April 28: Ladies Who Do Lunch: A SPECIAL EVENT !!! Lunch is at Garrett's @ 11:30, Movie @ AMC 16 at 1:20. "Are you there God? It's Margaret"

Join us for lunch only, movie only, or both.

April 28: Old Farts is at Prairie Street Brewery 12:30 pm

May 6: 1st Saturday of the month, Cars and Coffee

**May 10 Drive and Dine is being moved to May 11th - Special Event:
Historic Auto Attractions, Roscoe IL.**

**- Hosted by Jim Roberts - 5 pm - 8 pm, Catered by Perfectly
Seasoned Catering Cost: \$ 35.00 pp**

May 19 - 21: Road America Vintage Car Races

May 20: Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

June 14: Drive & Dine - Lunch - More information to come - hosted by Bob and Diane Schwarzkopf

July 1: Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

July 8: Day @ the Lake - hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson

Note: the Date Change

July 12: Drive & Dine - hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet

July 23: Brits in the Garden - Janesville Rotary Gardens

August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In

Drive and Dine dates are still available - Please consider hosting an event

Regional Events ...

Gathering of the Faithful (Started as an MGT club) but now is for all makes models Is in June in South Bend Indiana - it is the 100th Anniversary of MG

June 2 - 4: CBCF - David Davis Mansion - Bloomington, IL

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

none

Classified - 1960 Austin Healey 3000 - Lynda Vickery

68 MGB Chrome Bumper - 11,500 miles - friend of Bill Leese

New Business - none

Unfinished business - none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient ___ Barb Shimp_____

For : Picking up the lunch tab for the Garage Tour hosts

Nominated by ___Ed Nichols_____ Second _____

5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient) ___Barb Shimp_____

Burnt Piston Award

Recipient _____none _____

For:

Nominated by _____Second _____

Marques - none

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. Pansy	Diane Schwarzkopf
2. Pansy	Larry Eils
3. Pansy	Phyllis Beneditz
4. Pansy	Barb Shimp
5. Pansy	Nancy Kuhnau
6. 3 pc. Universal joint socket set	Jim Roberts
7. 4 “ magnetic parts holder	Hal Zenisek
8. 9 pc. Combination wrench set	Dee Gibson
9. Classic Cars book (donated by Lynda Vickery)	David Collier
10. Catalog of British Cars 1951 (donated by Leon Kitzmiller)	Crystal Klemm

Adjournment

Motion made by _____Ron Kuhnau _____

Second by _____ Don Grosenick_____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at __7:44____ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

NOT TO BE MISSED!!!
British Boots and Bonnets
The Spring Drive and Dine 2023
May 11th - 5-8 PM
Historic Auto Attractions Museum
(and displays of wonder!)

- *Weather permitting, drive your special car!*
- *This will be a **PRIVATE** museum showing for club members and their invited guests only.*
- *Food will be served at 5:00- Sandwich Buffet -sides*
- *Special Presentation during dinner by museum founder*
- *Self guided tour- Pick whatever displays you fancy*
- *Absolutely mind boggling history and oddities*
- *Museum has increased its size by 150% this year!*
- *Hundreds of never displayed items-now viewable*
- *86,000 square feet with more than 30 sections!*
- *Family and friends can be invited for this once in a lifetime **PRIVATE** viewing. Items of interest for all.*
- *Truly an interactive history lesson for everyone.*
- *Scavenger Hunt and prizes for the kids.*

PRICE- \$35.00 includes admission and catered buffet

Children under age 10-\$25.00

This is a \$15 dollar saving over normal admission pricing-

Special pricing offer for annual memberships during this event

RSVP with number of attendees before May 5th . This will also be your ticket commitment. We need this to set catering levels.

RIGHT NOW is perfect timing to send in your RSVP!!

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- May 11 BBB Dine, Special Event at Historic Auto Attractions Museum!
 13825 Metric Rd., Roscoe, IL (RSVP Ron Kuhnau 815-262-3179)
 5:00-6:00 Dinner Sandwich Buffet
 6:00-8:00 Private Self-guided Tour
 Host: Jim Roberts
- May 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 20 BBB Picnic at the Country House: Abingdon Tews,
 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI
 Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
- Jun 14 BBB June Drive & Dine, 'LUNCH' Doyle's Irish Pub, Richmond, IL
 Meet at Popular Grove Airport Museum parking lot at
 10:15 leaving at 10:30
 Hosts: Bob & Diane Schawarzkopf
- Jun 17 BBB June Saturday Drive OPEN
- Jun 21 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Jul 1 BBB Early July 4th Picnic Gathering at Abingdon Tews,
 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI
 Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
- Jul 8 BBB Day at the Lake
 Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
- Jul 12 BBB July Drive & Dine
 Hosts: Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, Lynda Vickery
- Jul 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS: Cont..

- 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 20-23 GoF Central 2023, South Bend, IN
Host Hotel: Embassy Suites, South Bend, IN
<https://gof2023.com>
- Jun 24 Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Group & Lotus Corps.
The Carl Grabowski Driver's Education & Lapping Day
Blackhawk Farms Raceway
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080
<https://www.caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR2.php>
- 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](http://MG2023.REGFOX.COM/CALGARY)
- Aug 4-5 Mini on the Mack, Mackinaw City, MI, Mini Cooper parade across the Mackinac
Bridge, attempting to break the English-held world record.
Organized by MINI of Grand Rapids and supported by MINI USA.
[HTTPS://MINIONTHEMACK.COM](https://MINIONTHEMACK.COM)
- 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](http://WW.IBCU.ORG/INDY-BRITISH-MOTOR-DAY.HTML)
- Aug 26 Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, 10-2
Roscoe United Methodist Church, 10816 Main, St., Roscoe, IL
- Sep 2 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>
- 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- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN

**BAD WEATHER DIDN'T KEEP THESE FOLKS HOME!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 DRIVE & DINE**

Thank you to Ed and Sharon Nicholl for hosting the April Drive and Dine. Nine hearty Club members braved a very windy drive to Barnstormers in Rochelle in their BRITISH cars.

Always good conversations and food.



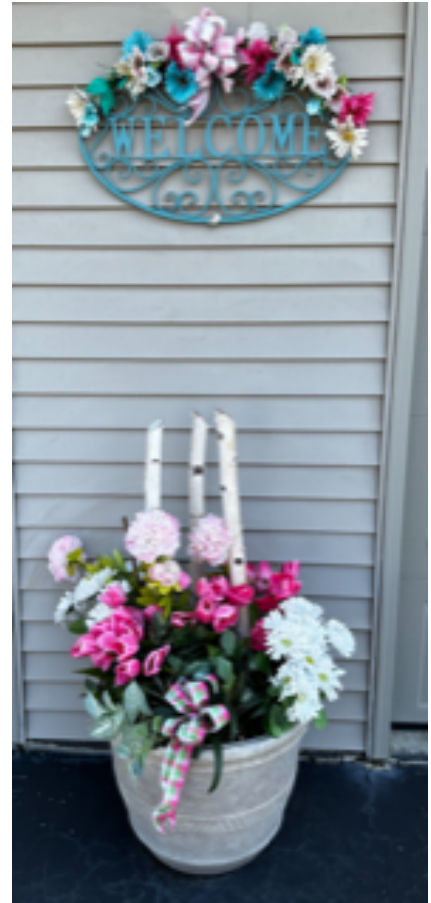
BBB LADIES TEA

Eleven British Boots & Bonnets Ladies attended our annual English Tea the afternoon of April 15th. Chris Oakes hosted the event in her home with a beautifully set serving table. There were many tasty sweet and savory offerings, and of course, four varieties of tea.

We gathered around Chris's dining room table where we enjoyed the wonderful foods and tea as well as each other's company. This has become a fun tradition of friendship and conversation.

Thank you Chris for opening your home to us!

Lynda Vickery







2023 BBB GARAGE TOUR

by Rich Cannistra



Although the week leading up to the garage tour was unusually warm and dry for early April the forecast of rain for Saturday the 15th was persistent. It was with great relief when Saturday dawned clear and bright with only the possibility of a shower late in the afternoon. Twenty club members met in Roscoe IL for the short journey to Brodhead WI. Top-down weather and country roads made the 40-minute trip a relaxing and enjoyable experience.



First stop was Scott's Car Barn. Scott, his father Al and son Brady hosted our group and talked about the eclectic collection of vehicles spanning time from brass era and sleeve valve engines to custom built 1000 hp race cars. Al and Scott were the owners of Bruns Race Cars and their incredible handiwork on display dazzled us! Vintage vehicles were also on display and with names like Peerless, Knight, and Willys this immaculate collection obviously includes some very rare items.



Following lunch at the Country Garden Restaurant on the square in Brodhead, our group reconvened at the Kelch Aviation Museum. The focus of this stunning museum is aviation between 1915 and 1945. We were met by Michael John who explained the importance of aviation to our country during this period. In addition to the gorgeous aircraft on display, vehicles and other objects from this time era have found their way into the building, so there really is something for any interest.





A priceless gem, and temporary star on display, is the Brunner-Winkle “Bird” biplane. Charles Lindbergh bought the plane in 1930 and registered it in his wife’s name. In it Anne Morrow Lindbergh learned to fly, earning her pilot's license in May 1931. The blue and yellow biplane has been expertly restored to the exact condition when owned by the Lindberghs, and is thought to be the only Lindbergh airplane in private hands.



Lindy standing beside the airplane with Anne in the drivers seat



The Bird Biplane currently on display in Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead WI

As the afternoon progressed a brief shower sent some of our cars scurrying for shelter under the huge hangar door. Fortunately, it was short lived however and the sun soon returned allowing for a top-down drive as we headed home.

Webmaster Report for May 2023

Please remember that members may use the club's website for finding the latest updates regarding club activities and event details. The home page has an announcements section, list of upcoming events, and photo gallery introducing BBB to visitors. The navigation bar allows you to move from page to page, and the footer at the bottom of every page shows the date of the latest update. Members may simply enter British Boots and Bonnets car club into your favorite web browser and search, or go direct by entering www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. Bookmarking the club's website in your browser will create a convenient shortcut for future use. Please use the club membership roster to contact event hosts, officers, or other members - no BBB member's private information will appear on our website unless published in one of the newsletters. Email, call or text me if you have questions or comments about the club's website.

The club has a wide range of drives, dines, car shows and other activities planned for the year. The website is updated whenever plans change.

Hal Zenisek
(815) 978-4205

100 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Twenty years ago I started volunteering with the Rockford Hospital Auxiliary, now Mercyhealth Volunteer Association. Except for a few months' interruption during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Auxiliary has been active every year for 100 years.

As well as, and because of, volunteers spending many hours supporting health care to patients and their families, the Association has created many ongoing fundraising activities. If you grew up in the Rockford area you no doubt remember The Big Top Rummage Sales. These enabled the creation of the Thrift Store which is operated by volunteers. And now there are two gift shops - again run by volunteers. Because of the dedication and creativity of these people the Association provides scholarships, resources and equipment for almost every area of the hospitals as well as support of community programs. All of this helps to make our Rockford area a healthier, safer place to live.

Saturday, April 29th the Association celebrated their 100 Years with a lunch and program honoring their history and current activities. Awards are given for milestone hours - the highest worked was 5,500! It is an honor for me to volunteer with them.



Karen Sikorski, Volunteer Association Remembrance Chair, volunteer, Kathy Macnider, and Ron Lanquist, a member of Rock-Ford A's club drove his 1928 Roadster to add to the Festivities.

Lynda Vickery

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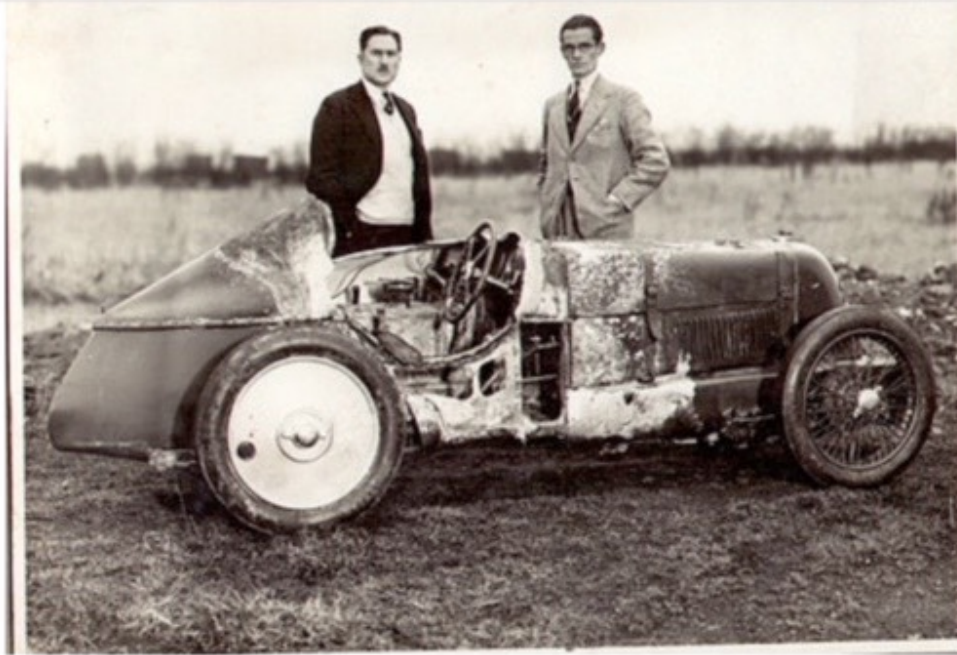
by Facia Nearside

Engineer, inventor, racing driver, George Edward Thomas Eyston had a passion for speed from an early age. Born in 1897, while still a schoolboy he began racing motorcycles using an assumed name so his parents wouldn't know.



He served with distinction in The World War then began his motor racing career in earnest, achieving success with Aston Martin, Alfa Romeo, Lea Francis and Bugatti. In 1926 Eyston won the Grand Prix de Boulogne driving a Bugatti Type 39. Always looking for more power Eyston showed his prowess as an inventor by developing the Powerplus Supercharger. His improved sliding-vane design overcame the friction issue plaguing many early blowers.

Establishing speed records was becoming popular at this time as it was viewed as excellent publicity for a marque to do so. This fact was not lost upon MG. Most records in the 750cc class were held by Austin so MG realized they could gain impressive ground by being the first in this class to reach 100 mph. George Eyston met with Cecil Kimber resulting in MG's decision to develop their first purpose-built race car, EX120. Based on the M-Type (Midget) the car featured many small enhancements, the final piece of the puzzle being a Powerplus Supercharger. Eyston easily set the 100-mph record, but in his typical competitive style was never satisfied to set just one record if a car could do more. He decided EX120 could establish a record for maintaining 100 mph for one hour. Unfortunately, in the process, the car caught fire and Eyston was forced to leap from the burning vehicle at 60 mph. The car was destroyed but Eyston survived to file for another one of his many patents, fire-proof asbestos overalls.



Eyston (left) with fire-damaged MG Midget,

Eyston went on to achieve several other records for MG but he had his sights set on loftier goals. In 1935 he was one of the first British racers to travel to the Bonneville Salt Flats where he set 24- and 48-hour endurance records in Speed of the Wind, a car of his own design. Still, the crowning achievement he longed for was the land speed record.

Once again Eyston was instrumental in the design of the car he intended to use to capture the record. The successful land speed record cars of the day used either multiple engines or powerful aero engines. Eyston decided to do both. Using two Rolls-Royce supercharged V-12 aero engines of 36.5L each, Eyston had 4,700hp at his disposal. Constructing a car which could handle that much power was no small feat! Eyston chose Bean Cars for the job and the behemoth they created called Thunderbolt had 3 axles, 8 wheels and weighed 7 tonnes. Driving Thunderbolt Eyston became the fastest man on earth in November 1937 with a speed of 312 mph. Less than a year later Thunderbolt returned to

Bonneville with improved aerodynamics and raised the record to 345 mph. Within a matter of weeks, the record fell but Eyston recaptured it one last time at 357 mph. This time he held the record for almost a year.

Thunderbolt was displayed at the New Zealand Centennial Exhibition in 1940. Unfortunately, before leaving the country, the warehouse where Thunderbolt was stored burned and the famous car was lost. Among the many accolades received for a lifetime of achievements Captain Eyston received the Military Cross for Gallantry in WWI and was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1948. He died in June 1979 at the age of 81.

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Land Speed Record



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



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BBB REGALIA ONLINE

MAY 2023



Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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)

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