



British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

Please join us at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

December 15, 2021

6:00 pm for Cocktails - 6:45 for Dinner

Gift Exchange

To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$15.00 wrapped gift per person and mark it for man or woman. (No gifts of alcohol, please.)

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form

Baked Chicken Ala Lino	28.79	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
New York Strip	41.25	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Shrimp DeJonghe	38.65	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Baked Lasagna	27.24	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

If you have any questions, please contact Bev at 815-975-0857 or andsewon53@comcast.net

I must receive your reservation and check made out to British Boots and Bonnets

by Monday, November 29th to

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club

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Next Meeting
Wednesday,

Nov. 17, 2021

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

November 2021

I started out last month's report by saying it is finally raining. Well, it has hardly stopped since. According to my weather station, we have had 5.28 inches of rain so far this month. That is nearly 25% of all the rain we have had this year so far. The weather hasn't given us much of an opportunity for fall car drives.

There was no meeting last month. Therefore, there are no minutes of the meeting in this issue of the Chronicle. While there was no meeting, there was an opportunity to have dinner at Thunder Bay. Lynda Vickery was there, along with 7 other members of BBB. She reports that they had a really nice time.

The November Meeting is an important date on the club calendar. It is the time we take nominations for the election of Board Members. We need new candidates for Secretary and Treasurer. Dee and Connie have each served for two consecutive years and must be replaced. Please consider volunteering to be on the ballot for one of these positions. The continued success of BBB depends on having a complete slate of officers. You may contact me or any of the board members if you have any questions or to volunteer to be on the ballot.

My MGs are now parked for the winter. They were driven so little this year that I didn't even change the oil. Hoping that changes next year and we have plenty of opportunities to drive and places to go with our LBCs.

Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Party. I am certainly looking forward to it since we didn't have one last year. Hope to see you there.

Bruce

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF
THE CHRONICLE FOR 2021.
ISSUES WILL RESUME IN
JANUARY, 2022. HAPPY
THANKSGIVING, MERRY
CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**



Richard G. Hamaker

February 10, 1945 - October 27, 2021



Rick Hamaker, my Friend.

I met Rick when I joined the British Boots and Bonnets car club. Rick was very easy going and in short order we became friends. We both enjoyed driving our MGB's, working on them, and talking about them. The club gave us the opportunity to use our cars on club trips, weekend trips, and of course one of our favorites, the Gentlemen's Driving Club. Rick and I were involved with the Driving Club for many years and we both enjoyed it very much.

Rick liked to be called Rick. I sent a email out a while back on one of our driving events and signed it Richard Hamaker and Lee Kindgren. Not long after, I got a call from him and he indicated the name to use was Rick, not Richard. I do not know the story behind that but from then on I used only Rick.

Rick also like to work on his car. I enjoyed that also but not to the extent that Rick did. Not only working keeping the MGB in good running shape but he was rebuilding a Morris in his garage. He recently showed it to me and what he had done was beautiful.

As I indicated, Rick and I were friends and it is very difficult to lose your friends. I guess we have to keep going forward but always remembering the enjoyment we had with our departed friends. If there is an MG group in Heaven, I know Rick is already a member.

Lee Kindgren



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Richard G. Hamaker, 76, of Rockford, passed away October 27, 2021. Born February 10, 1945, in Rockford, the son of Harold R. and Nona L. (Heath) Hamaker. Graduate of Auburn High School, Class of 1963. Rick married his high-school sweetheart, Sandra Edwards on May 15, 1965 in Rockford. He was a self-taught woodworker, car mechanic, cook, and craftsman. Rick was a charter member of the British Boots & Bonnets Car Club which began 25 years ago. He loved restoring his British cars, and taking long, spontaneous rides on curvy Wisconsin roads with Sandy in the seat beside him. Rick was a proud and loving father and grandfather. He enjoyed helping grandson Harry with his Eagle Scout project, and watching grandson Sam play hockey.

Survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Jeffrey (Amanda) Hamaker, Melinda (Mike) Roach, and Melody (Zak Wertz) Hamaker; and grandchildren, Jack Harold (Melissa Boyd) and Sam "Rocky" Hamaker, and Dexter, his beloved Corgi. Predeceased by his parents; brother; and sister.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the family for a memorial to be established. A memorial celebration to be scheduled at a later date.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

Activity and account balances for the period of October 1 - October 31, 2021:
BBB income totaled \$.03 and was interest. Expenses totaled \$38.22 and consisted of the costs of mailing anniversary clings to members. The combined balance of BBB accounts decreased by \$38.19.

Further details are available to BBB members by request.

2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

Dec 15 BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY!

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

Nov 19-21 MG Jamboree 22
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, 105 N. Bayshore Dr,
Safety Harbor, FL.
For details: <http://fsmgcc.com/>

2021 Christmas Party

Just a couple notes that wouldn't fit onto the invitation:

the antipasto will be served family style as in past parties.

we have an earlier deadline for reservations because Lino's, as most vendors in these times, need a longer lead time for ordering products.

I hope to see all of you at the party, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Bev



Thanks to Kevin Rachuk for this funny photo. Feel free to forward to the editor any jokes, comics, photos, puns, phrases, etc you would like to share!

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GREAT NIGHT FOR A CAMPFIRE

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Our rain date for a campfire was a definite winner. Saturday turned out to be a beautiful fall day. As the sun set the wind stopped resulting in a cool evening with a clear sky and an almost full moon shining down on us.

The 22 guests were greeted to a large roaring fire started by Ron Kuhnau, who kept the fire going all evening with his expert care. We all sat around the fire wrapped in our blankets saying how nice it was to get together despite the continuing problems with COVID-19.

A big thank you to everyone for the snacks they brought, no one went home hungry. There was hot chocolate and hot cider to keep us warm (liqueurs could be added to increase the warmth.)

A highlight of the evening was a story told by Lew Moon about memory and remembering. It was amazing how he intertwined events of his past with his current activities and how remembering can trigger your memory. Thank you Lew.

The following members were in attendance: Lynda Vickery, Chris and Greg Oakes, Dolores and Lew Moon, Solveig and Bill Maschke, Nancy and Ron Kuhnau, Jackie Bartlett, Connie Frazier and Hal Zenisek, Phyllis and Bruce Beneditz, Candy and Roger Pelkey, Diane and Bob Schwarzkopf, and Kevin Rachuk and son.

The sky was clear and the stars were shining down on us as we wrapped up the evening. It was a nice way to celebrate our 25th anniversary of being British driving enthusiasts.

PS. In the morning Marsha went out to check on the fire since it was still smoking. She pushed a few charred pieces of wood together and the fire started up again. We kept the fire going all day and into the evening enjoying dinner by the campfire.





DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

For fans of James Bond the interminable wait (6 years) is over. Her Majesty's Agent 007 is back, and for those who fancy British cars "No Time to Die" does not disappoint. The action starts with two Jaguar XFs in hot pursuit of Bond in the 1964 Aston Martin DB5. Three other models of Aston Martins appear in the film as well as numerous Range Rovers and Land Rovers (including a vintage Series III) and a Maserati. Bond films have certainly become synonymous with tricked out cars and over the top chase scenes. But how did it all start? Slowly would be a good answer.

"Dr. No", Ian Fleming's sixth novel, was brought to the screen in 1962. It was a low budget operation with no certainty of success and the funds for Bond to have an exotic car had no priority. Filmed in Jamaica the best the directors could locate was a Sunbeam Alpine owned by one of the island's residents, Mrs. Jennifer Jackson. The car was rented from her for ten schillings a day, and returned after filming concluded. The second film, "From Russia with Love", does not up the game much. Bond is shown with a Bentley 3.5 Litre, probably a throwback to Ian Fleming, but it's a brief scene and he doesn't even drive the car. Finally in 1964 the future of 007 was no longer in question and it was time to provide the world's most famous agent a dedicated and appropriate automobile. Producer Cubby Broccoli decided a Jaguar E-Type would be the ride of choice. When he approached Jaguar, company owner Sir William Lyons refused to lend the three Jaguars requested. Lyons reasoned they already could not build them fast enough so no more publicity was needed. This could easily be one of the biggest blunders in product non-placement of all time, catapulting Aston Martin and the DB5 into the position as one of the most famous cars in the world!

The silver birch Aston Martin DB5 appeared for the first time in Goldfinger and has gone on to star in seven other Bond films. Over the ensuing years Aston Martin dominance has been challenged but never toppled, and Jaguar has had plenty of time to rue their lost opportunity.



This was never more apparent than in the 2015 movie "Spectre". Jaguar provided their rare and sexy C-X75 concept car for the baddie chasing James in his Aston Martin DB10. The DB10 broke new ground for the series as it was a bespoke model for the movie. The chase scene through the streets of Rome is nothing less than spectacular, and the movie ends as a segue into the current release.

The credits of "No Time to Die" conclude with the words: "James Bond will return". We look forward to that, and to the fact he will bring to the game some exotic new British machinery which we have yet not even dreamed of.

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Roxann Cannistra sent the 2 jokes - Thanks, Roxann!



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