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**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,**

**Feb. 16, 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

February 2022

I am writing this on Groundhog Day and read that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicts 6 more weeks of winter. I also heard that he is only right about 40% of the time. You could do a better job of forecasting with a coin toss. It will be what it will be, but we know that eventually it will warm and the LBCs can come out of hibernation.

We had a successful January Meeting at Thunder Bay with about 17 in attendance. Elections were held and the new slate of officers was elected.

President:	Bruce Beneditz
Vice President:	Crystal Klemm
Treasurer:	Brian Kobischka
Secretary:	Chris Oakes
Events Chair:	Greg Oakes
Newsletter Editor:	Lynda Vickery
Regalia Chair:	Dennis Klemm
Membership Chair:	Bev Joyce

Thank you to those who accepted the nomination to keep BBB a vibrant and active organization.

Activities are picking up, with events like Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired Gentlemen's Driving Club back in action. I'm looking forward to an active year as we head into warmer weather.

Stay safe and warm until we can meet on the road again.

Bruce



## **JANUARY 19, 2022 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING**

### **President's Report - Bruce Beneditz**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Seventeen club members were present. No new members or guests were present. (Severe cold and COVID prevented many members from attending.) Bruce raised a toast to 2022. He reviewed the raffle prizes.

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

### **Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson**

A motion was made by Larry Eils and seconded by Brian Kobischka to approve the November 2021 minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier**

Dues are now being collected for 2022.

Activity for the period December 1 - December 31, 2021:

Income: \$1329.91 (Regalia, Dues, Christmas party, interest)

Expenses \$1146.17 (Christmas party)

BBB accounts increased by \$183.74

Account balance as of December 31, 2021:

Checking        \$2024.48

Savings        \$2864.97

Total            \$4889.45

Don Grosenick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Beverly Joyce seconded. Motion passed.

### **Membership - Beverly Joyce**

Dues are now being collected for 2022. The club currently has 75 members.

Updated membership rosters were sent out by email to members on 1/13/22. Those who do not have email will receive theirs via the USPS after Bev can go back out in public (COVID).

Recent new members include:

- John and Ann Shallcross - 1960 MGA 1600
- Donna and Roger Shattuck - 2000 Jaguar Vanden Plas
- Joe Klinck - Past member rejoining - 1962 Austin Healey Sprite
- Sue Lindsay-Jones - Past member rejoining - No car
- D.J. and Colleen Neary - 1973 MGB
- Brad and Robin Neumueller - 1961 Austin Healey Sprite

Christmas Party - A merry time was had by one and all. On December 15, 2021, 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 Jacques 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 those who weren't there because of illness or travel, and those who are no longer with us.

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

Please mark your calendars for December 14, 2022 for this 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.

**Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - No report**

**Webmaster - Hal Zenisek** - Report will be reported in the Chronicle.

**Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz**

Bill Maschke has been healing well.

Brian Kobischka and Beverly Joyce have recovered from COVID.

Lynda Vickery twisted her ankle, and the X-Ray shows that it is broken!

**Events - Greg Oakes**

March 27 is marked on the website as Tentative. There will be a Swap Meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

**Regalia - Dennis Klemm**- No report

**Classified** - None

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

Election of Officers:

Last-minute nominations - None

4 emailed ballots received, all voting for the proposed slate of officers on the ballot.

Voice vote was taken at this meeting to vote on the full proposed slate of officers for 2022.  
Voice vote was unanimous for the full slate of officers listed on the ballot.

- President                 Bruce Beneditz
- Vice President         Crystal Klemm
- Treasurer                Brian Kobischka
- Secretary                Chris Oakes
- Events Chair            Greg Oakes
- Newsletter Editor     Lynda Vickery
- Regalia Chair           Dennis Klemm
- Membership Chair     Beverly Joyce
- Webmaster               Hal Zenisek

Larry Eils made a motion that the new slate of officers be seated for 2022. Don Grosenick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Good Wrench Award** - None

**Burnt Piston Award** - None

**Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick**

1. 12 Pk Microfibre Cleaning Cloths - Dee Gibson
2. Union Jack Laptop Case - Bruce Beneditz
3. Canvas Bag - Brian Kobischka
4. 12V Battery/Alternator Tester - Greg Oakes
5. 80 Pc Driver Bit Assortment - Hannah Palmer
6. 150 Pc Terminal & Connector Assortment - Larry Eils
7. 4-in-1 Battery Brush - Crystal Klemm
8. Bird Feeder - Solveig Maschke
9. Indoor/Outdoor Wireless Thermometer - Don Grosenick

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Solveig Maschke to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Larry Eils. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Gibson  
Secretary

# BRITISHBOOTSANDBONNETS.COM TRAFFIC REPORT FOR 2021 JANUARY 2022

Greetings from your Webmaster,

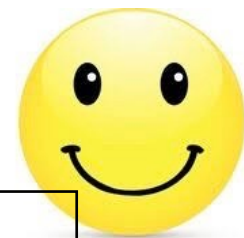
This month's report is a recap of 'traffic' on the BBB website last year. Previously referred to as the BBB Traffic Report, here is a summary for 2021:

- According to our hosting service Squarespace, [britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://britishbootsandbonnets.com) had 2,607 unique visitors and 3,060 total visits during 2021. BBB averaged 335 visits per month.
- Those visitors viewed 6,629 pages on our site, for an average of 552 page views/month.
- June and September were the busiest months with 604 and 576 visits respectively. February & December were the slowest, averaging 73 visits/month.
- Overall, traffic during 2021 was UP 86% when compared to the previous year. You may recall 2020 was extremely slow in terms of traffic to our website due in part to COVID related shutdowns so this return to normal traffic levels is great to see.
- The 5 most popular content areas on our site were the Events Calendars, Newsletters, Event Photos, Current Officers and About Us webpages.
- Technology-wise, and for the first time in my memory, more visitors used mobile devices than desktop computers. 49% of our visitors viewed our website on mobile devices, 44% used desktop computers, and 7% logged in on a tablet.
- Traffic navigation patterns remained relatively consistent. The most popular pages were unchanged from previous years and we saw the heaviest traffic during the spring and summer as in the past.

For 2021, a couple prospective new members found us via the website. Last year the website posted announcements on our home page about changes and cancellations to club related events due to COVID-19. We also added a videos page with links to clips involving British cars, how-to tips, and UK automotive history.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or feedback about the website and our club's web-based strategies. If you have not checked out the club's website recently, I encourage you to visit [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) this winter. Future car and club related events for 2022 will be added to the monthly events calendar when available.

Last, many thanks for all your support and contributions, I could not do all of this on my own!  
Hal Zenisek, BBB Webmaster



## **DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2022 CLUB YEAR.**

If you have not already paid, please forward your \$20.00 dues payment to:

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

# 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Feb 16      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Feb 23      BBB Annual Events Planning Meeting, Tentative
- Mar 16      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 27      25th Annual All Sportscar Swap Meet & Autojumble, Tentative  
                  DuPage County Fairgrounds
- Apr 13      BBB April Drive & Dine            OPEN
- Apr 16      BBB April Saturday Drive        OPEN
- Apr 20      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- TBD         BBB English Tea                    OPEN
- TBD         BBB Spring Garage Tour          OPEN
- Apr 30      BBB See & Sip at the Klemm's - Reveal of Klemm's latest car  
                  Time: TBD    Abington Tews, 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI
- May 11      BBB May Drive & Dine            OPEN
- May 18      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

May 21	BBB May Saturday Drive	OPEN
May 28	Memorial Day Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5PM rain or shine! 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI HOSTS: Crystal & Dennis Klemm	
Jun 8	BBB June Drive & Dine	OPEN
Jun 15	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Jun 18	BBB June Saturday Drive	OPEN
Jul 3	July 4th Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5PM rain or shine! 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI HOSTS: Crystal & Dennis Klemm	
Jul 13	BBB July Drive & Dine	OPEN
Jul 16	BBB July Saturday Drive	OPEN
Jul 20	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Aug 10	BBB August Drive & Dine	OPEN
Aug 17	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Aug 20	BBB August Saturday Drive	OPEN
Aug 21	49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In, 11619 Rte 76, Poplar Grove, IL	Details to follow.

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| Sep 14 | BBB September Drive & Dine  | OPEN |
| Sep 17 | BBB September Saturday Drive  | OPEN |
| Sep 21 | BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00<br>Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL |      |
| Oct 12 | BBB October Drive & Dine  | OPEN |
| Oct 15 | BBB October Saturday Drive  | OPEN |
| Oct 19 | BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00<br>Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL |      |
| Nov 16 | BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00<br>Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL |      |
| Dec 14 | BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW                          |      |

### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

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| Apr 2     | Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,<br>Fifth Avenue parking lot of<br>Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,<br>Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,<br><a href="mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com">carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com</a> |  |
| Apr 22-24 | GOF-South 2022,<br>Mission Inn Resort & Club<br>Howey in the Hills, FL 34737  |  |



- Apr 24 Triton Car Show, Triton College East Campus T Bldg parking lot,  
Fifth Ave. and Albert Bruno Way, River Grove, IL 60171  
10:00-2:00, inclement weather date May 1, 2022  
<https://www.triton.edu/edu/carshow/>
- May 7 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- May 20-22 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America  
N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073  
<https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend>
- Jun 4 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- Jun 4-5 Champagne British Car Festival, (show: 10:00-3:00 on 5th),  
Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL  
<https://www.facebook.com/CBCF25/>
- Jun 5 British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show,  
9:00-3:00,  
Fort Meigs Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd.,  
Perrysburg OH 43566  
<http://www.lebcc.org/>
- Jun 12-15 British V8 2022,  
Wytheville, VA

- Jun 17-19 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn Blackhawk Classic,  
Blackhawk Farms Raceway,  
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL  
<https://blackhwk farms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/>
- Jun 19 Sussex Village Park, 9:00-3:00PM  
Sussex WI 53089  
<http://www.mg3club.org/>
- Jun 19-23 MG International 2022, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada  
Registration now open.  
<https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/>
- Jun 26 Michiana British Car Show, 10:00 - 3PM.  
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
[http://www.michianabrits.com/annual\\_show.htm](http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm)
- Jul 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,  
7/9 - Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI  
7/10 - 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory  
Corners, MI  
<http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>
- Jul 11-15 GoF Central 2022,  
Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse, WI  
<https://mnmgroup.wildapricot.org/event-4421287>
- Aug 6 Heartland British Autofest 2022,  
Riverfront in Le Claire, IA  
<http://qcbac.com/>

- Aug 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- Aug 6 British Car Day, 9-4PM  
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH  
<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Sep 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT  
<https://www.britishinvasion.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 30-  
Oct 2 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IND  
<https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>

## SO WHATEVER HAPPENED TO RICK HAMAKER'S MORRIS MINOR? - PART 1

By Greg Oakes

As many of you know, at the time of his passing Rick Hamaker had a project car in process - a 1967 Morris Minor Traveller (RHD). Several Club members have, in fact, helped Rick with this car over the years and are familiar with it. As you can see in the photos, it's a very attractive car.

The intent now is to find a new owner for the car.

Rick had purchased the car in 2009 from a gentleman in Oklahoma. At this point it had 127,000 miles on it and that is pretty much what it has on it now. Rick had worked on it over the course of the years and had finished a lot of the "heavy lifting" but unfortunately was never able to see it on the road. And since it is not now drive-able the sell-ability and market value are greatly diminished. If the car were finished, or at least driveable, it would be much easier to find a buyer.

I do have some experience with Morris Minor Travellers as I own a 1958 model so I thought that I would be as qualified as anyone to finish the build. I volunteered and Sandy agreed to let me work on it and to provide a progress report to Club membership.

Finding all the pieces has been a challenge. Parts were being stored throughout the house and garage. I've recovered most of them, but not all.

Based on conversations I had with Rick, when he was still able to work on it, I know that he was having trouble fitting the wood frame to the car. So that's where I started.

More to come in next month's Chronicle (in Part 2) hopefully showing further progress. As soon as I get the wood frame properly attached and the aluminum roof panel installed then I will take a look at the engine (rebuilt but never run). Last step will be the interior.





Biggest issue I found was that the steel “cab” was skewed, the “B” dimension shown is greater than “A”. This forced the wood frame sides to be crooked. The big danger is that the aluminum roof panel that attaches to the wood will become distorted if the wood frame is not square.



And this is how I corrected for it. Sort of a poor-man’s Porto-Power. “A” now equals “B”. Now, when the wood frame is attached everything is square and in alignment.



When the wood is all in alignment, the rear doors fit perfectly.



Another issue I discovered was that the RH top wood frame cross-member was badly warped. Here again, the biggest concern is the fitment of the aluminum roof panel. I fabricated a new piece (lighter in color in the picture) from locally sourced Ash.



Picture showing new cross-member piece installed and varnished. Color matching the new wood was a challenge. Also note that fender is installed.



The LH rear fender fit easily to the frame but the RH fender took some creative clamping. I believe the RH fender was distorted, certainly the wood frame was fine. There was evidence of a lot of hammer/dolly work on the RH fender – perhaps that is why it is bent. Note that both fenders are attached to the wood using 1” galvanized lag screws. This is not how it was done at the factory but it is how everyone – even at the UK Morris Minor shops – is reattaching them now.

### So we do know a little bit of the car’s history...

Every vintage car has a story and this is what I have learned about Rick’s car. I know all of this because one of the previous owners (from the UK) forwarded a bunch of it’s service records and MOT’s to the car’s owner in Oklahoma in 2003.

The car is a 67 Traveller RHD originally sold in Nov 1967; the UK tags on the car - PFD 351F - are original. The buyer was a resident of Sedgley (West Midlands). I know this because one of the documents provided is the original "Passport to Service" booklet that came with the car. What's interesting is that the Dealer/Distributor box in this booklet is stamped "Morris Motors Employees Sale". I assume that this means that the buyer was an employee of Morris and he bought it directly from them. It's not clear how long this person owned the car but the booklet contains hand-written notes and service records up to 1982.

Then the paper trail jumps to Aug 1987 where service receipts and MOT's were provided. At that time the vehicle had 85,000 miles on it. In 1994 it had major repairs done to the wood and sheet metal at King Street Motor Services in Kent. The last service record was from 12/1997 when it passed it's MOT with 121,000 miles. The car was owned by the same person from 1987 to 2002. Based on a recent email communication from this owner, the car was sold in 2001/2002 because it was no longer legally drive-able (no MOT) and was being stored outside in the elements. He is the same person that put the RAC badge on the grill. It's not clear who it was sold to but

## 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.

# TRACK DAY AT THE AUTOBAHN COUNTRY CLUB

By Gibsons and Cannistras

Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Hagerty sponsored the first annual CARnivale at Autobahn Country Club in Joliet. The event was planned as a way to wrap up the driving season with a chance to meet members from other clubs and check out their special rides. It also offered participants the chance to take their own car out on the track for a few laps, an opportunity which was eagerly embraced by the Gibsons and Cannistras.

In order to encourage participation, Hagerty offered generous prizes to the top three clubs which had the most cars attending. These prizes were 2022 Hagerty club sponsorship of \$5000 first place, \$3000 second place and \$2000 for third place. The only requirement was that all participants had to be Hagerty Drivers Club Members. Needless to say, there were three very happy clubs to come away with that kind of money!

The day was cool and a bit drizzly. We went out on the track with a pace car in groups of about 20 but our first run was cut short after only two laps. A car in our group was a little overly enthusiastic and found itself out in the grass and mud due to slippery track conditions. The second time out was much more satisfying. As you can see from the pictures, the sun came out enough to highlight the fall foliage as we enjoyed our track time.





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## DID - U - KNOW

### by Facia Nearside

*By the end of WWI, 30-year-old W.O. Bentley was recognized as an accomplished inventor and engineer. In 1919 he founded Bentley Motors Limited in London, and with partners Frank Burgess from Humber and Harry Varley from Vauxhall he set about designing a superior 3 litre engine. The engine of course was a success, and the first production Bentley 3 litre automobile was delivered in 1921. W.O.'s motto was "to build a good car, a fast car, the best in class". This goal was achieved and soon Bentleys were earning widespread acclaim for their durability.*



*1927 Bentley 3 Litre Sports Two-Seater*



*1926 Bentley 3 Litre Drophead Coupe*

*In 1922 a single 3L Bentley was entered in the Indianapolis 500 and it managed a respectable 13<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 27-car field. Later that year three of the five cars to finish in the Isle of Man tourist trophy were Bentleys. As this was the only team to finish, they received the Team Award thereby launching Bentley's reputation. Bentley followed this up by winning Le Mans in 1924, 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930. Ettore Bugatti is quoted to have said that W.O. "made the fastest lorries in the world".*

*Despite great success and an excellent reputation Bentley, like so many other enterprises of the day, was totally caught out by the Great Depression. With Bentley Motors LTD in financial difficulties Woolf Barnato purchased the assets and became chairman. W.O. stayed on and continued design work as Barnato's employee. The worldwide financial crisis continued to take its toll however and by July of 1931 Barnato's financial support had evaporated and Bentley Motors went into voluntary liquidation.*

*It was expected that aero engine builders Napier and Son would purchase the assets of Bentley Motors but arch rival Rolls-Royce was keen to eliminate the competition. Rolls-Royce agents posed as the British Equitable Central Trust to avoid alerting Napier and driving up the price. A last-minute bid by Rolls-Royce topped Napier's bid and on November 30, 1931 Bentley came under Rolls-Royce ownership. With the acquisition W.O.'s life took a turn for the worse. His wife divorced him and the takeover terms obligated him to work for Rolls-Royce from 1932-1935. Sadly, Rolls-Royce even sequestered him from the design team working on a new car bearing his own name. W.O. never worked on a Bentley again.*

*Once free of the court appointed obligation with Rolls-Royce, W.O. moved on to Lagonda. David Brown had just made arrangements to combine production with Aston Martin and it is said he then acquired Lagonda just to gain W.O. Bentley's engineering experience. W.O. did not disappoint. Soon a double overhead cam Lagonda straight-6 appeared in the new Aston Martin DB2. The power plant was a masterful success and important design details were later carried over to their V8s. Eventually W.O. moved on to Armstrong Siddeley. There he designed another twin-overhead cam 3 litre engine before retiring.*

*W.O. Bentley passed away August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1971 shortly before his 83rd birthday. Although married three times he had no children.*

*DUK2022/2*



I don't always go  
the extra mile, but  
when I do it's  
because I missed  
my exit.



## ORIGINS OF THE JAGUAR

submitted by Solveig Maschke

In 1922, two motorcycle enthusiasts, William Lyons and William Walmsley, created the Swallow Sidecar Company. The company began using its initials SS to manufacture motorcycle sidecars and ultimately SS-branded automobiles. In 1934, the company was renamed and rebranded as an auto manufacturer, and began operating under the name SS Cars Limited. Towards the end of World War II, the company changed its name to Jaguar Cars Limited to avoid the association of its initial's SS with Germany's Nazi party's military wing.



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## I'M SO OLD THAT

I HAVE DIALED A ROTARY PHONE (THAT DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWERING MACHINE), RECORDED A SONG THAT I LOVE OFF A TRANSISTOR RADIO ONTO A TAPE RECORDER, WATCHED A BLACK AND WHITE TV (WITH LESS THAN 10 CHANNELS) THAT HAD FOIL ON THE RABBIT EAR ANTENNAS, TAKEN A LONG WALK WITHOUT COUNTING THE STEPS, AND EATEN FOOD THAT I DIDN'T TAKE PICTURES OF.



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**Meeting begins at 7:00pm.**