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Next Meeting
Wednesday,
February 17, 2016

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

Dinner and social hour
at 6:00pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

President's Message

February 2016

Roxann and I have two grandchildren in Utah, three year old Emery and five year old Callan. We just returned from visiting them with what has become one of our most eagerly awaited gifts each Christmas, an "Emery and Callan-der". Each month has pictures of the little guys from that same month in the previous year.

A year or two ago Callan was sure that he needed to go for a ride with Roxann in her little red convertible. As she drove along he noticed that she moved that stick sitting between them back and forth and, well, he could reach it easily so.....he got a real quick lesson on what not to touch, for about eleven more years at least.

This year in the 2016 version there is a picture of Emery riding along beside Roxann in a red convertible with the top down. By the time that you read this we will already have flipped the page to February, and the picture of Emery in the convertible is not that many more pages forward. Spring really is coming and it's time to begin thinking about our travels that will once again earn us our title as driving enthusiasts. Planning for this year's club events is about to kick into high gear. Now is the time to bring those good ideas forward, Bruce is eagerly looking for your input.

I would like to conclude by thanking the club members who served on the board during the past year and also those who have volunteered to be on the board for 2016. As always a great group of people have stepped forward and this, the club's 20th year, is shaping up to be an exciting time. As we work our way through this last month of winter it's going to get easier and easier to "think spring."

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

"Instead of building more cars Lotus builds more car."

Lotus 1979

Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - January 20, 2016

President's report – Rich Cannistra

The meeting was called to order by president, Rich Cannistra. Rich introduced guests, Chris & Greg Oakes of Roscoe, who found our club on our club website. They hail from Bloomington, IL and have a 1972 MGB and a 1958 Morris Minor.

Don Grosenick showcased the raffle prizes for the evening.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

Larry is currently reviewing advertisers in the Chronicle and will be contacting current them to see about renewing for 2016.

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

Motion was made by Ron Kuhnau to accept the minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Don Grosenick. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Brian Kobischka

Brian presented his final financial report. Motion was made by Lee Kindgren to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Lyn Pond, and passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce

There are currently 79 members. Dues of \$20 are "due".

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

Bruce reported that purchases may be made on our website found within the Club's website. The foam wine totes are no longer available. Please contact Bruce with any suggestions for other merchandise.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Any articles are welcome this time of year.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

The Club website is up-to-date and active. The MG Night Before Christmas will be coming off the website, so if you haven't seen it be sure to do so soon.

There is a Rockford-Cruise Night being planned on the Miracle Mile by Metro LTD. More details to follow.

A TV producer from the Discovery Channel is looking for an American Muscle Car restoration project and contacted our Website for possible interest.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

In December Brent & Gail Waesberger, former members, lost a daughter to cancer. A card was sent.

Beverly Baggio passed away in December. A card and memorial from the Club was sent to Gordie, and he has sent a Thank You note to us.

Marv Proctor is having surgery on his shoulder on January 27th.

Past Events - Jim Vickery

Lee Kindgren hosted the January Dine at the Olympic Restaurant with 19 in attendance. Good food and good company.

Future Events - Jim Vickery

The Vickerys are hosting the February Dine on the 10th at John's Restaurant on 11th Street in Rockford. Plans are tentative for meeting at 6:30. Watch emails and the February Chronicle for any updates.

The Chicago Auto Show is Feb 13-21.

On March 9th, Nancy & Ron Kuhnau are hosting a Dine at Altamore's. Tentative times are 6:00 for cocktails and dinner at 6:30. Again, watch emails and the February Chronicle for more details.

The Old Farts (The Retired British Touring Group) will meet at RBI's at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 22.

Ladies will meet at Egg Harbor at 12:30 pm also on Friday, January 22

MARQUES:

- MG –MG2016 website is up and running. Register soon!
- Mini - meeting at Portillo's
- Jaguar - coming out with SUV F-Pace for around \$40,000
- Healey – Winter Dinner and raffle coming up.
- Morgan - Rich and Diana Gibson are currently traveling in Argentina today and on to Uruguay tomorrow!
- Rolls Royce, Lotus, Triumph, – No report.

Unfinished Business –

Jenny Plymale thanks everyone for the cards and thoughts after her surgery.

Dave Brickman has the BBB 2016 Calendar for sale - just \$7.00. Everyone thanked Dave for another great job!

This year in May is the 20th Anniversary of our Club. Rich and Bruce are looking for ideas to celebrate.

New Business –

President Rich Cannistra presented the slate of officers for 2016:

President: Rich Cannistra	Vice President: Larry Eils
Secretary: Marna Grosenick	Treasurer: Lee Kindgren
Membership: Bev Joyce	Events Chair: Bruce Beneditz
Regalia Chair: Jim Vickery	Newsletter Editor: Lynda Vickery
Webmaster: Hal Zenisek	

Ron Kuhnau made a motion to close nominations and Connie Frazier seconded. Rick Hamaker made a motion to accept the slate of offices for 2016, and Nancy Kuhnau seconded. Motions carried.

Bruce Beneditz is looking for ideas from everyone for events and activities.

Classified –

Swap meet in Dupage is April 17th so members need to start for planning on what they want to take.

Good Wrench Award –

Dave Brickman was chosen for the great job he did on the Club calendar.

Burnt Piston Award –

Rich Cannistra won for not living up to his Chronicle article.

Raffle: Don Grosenick

1. English Bluebell Candle - Larry Eils
2. Gray plaid oversize throw - Connie Frazier
3. Screwdriver Bit set - Andy Palmquist
4. Assorted Cable Ties - Dwain Plymale
5. Telescope Ice Scraper - Lee Kindgren
6. Thunder Bay Bucks – Eileen Meier

Adjournment:

Rich ended the meeting with a story of his experience at Napoleon Auto Works.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary



Membership Dues Reminder

It's that time of year again. Please submit your payment to the Treasurer at the January membership meeting or mail it to:

**Treasurer
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PMB 254
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2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS - **TENTATIVE**

The 2016 Events Committee has not yet met, so the BBB events listed below are all tentative. A few other car events are listed, but the dates and/or locations are not yet known.

- February 10 **BBB Dine** – John’s Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
- February 13-21 2016 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place; Chicago, IL
- February 17 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- March 9 **BBB Dine** – Altamore Ristorante; Rockford, IL
Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnu
- March 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 13 **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- April 17 British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL
- April 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- April 22-24 Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI
- May 7 **BBB Ladies Tea ??**
Hostess: Volunteer needed
- May 7 **BBB Garage Tour and Lunch ??**
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 11 BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- May 21 **BBB Tune Up & Picnic** - The Vickerys’; Roscoe, IL
Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
- June 3-5 25th Annual Champagne British Car Festival,
Featured Marque Jaguar;
Bloomington, IL
- British Car Awareness Week
- June 4 **BBB Saturday Drive ??**
- June 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed

June 13-17	MG 2016 NAMGAR/NAMGB Louisville, KY
June 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 17-19	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL
June 19	35th Annual British Car Field Day Sussex, WI
June 26	Michiana Brits British Car Show; Notre Dame, IN
July ?	BBB Saturday Drive
July ?	Mini Meet: 2016
July 10	Mad Dogs & Englishmen's British Auto Faire; Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
July 10	The Cars Time Forgot Car Show; Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
July 13	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
July 17	BBB Sunday Drive ??
July 20	BBB Club Meeting Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 6	BBB Saturday Drive ??
August 10	BBB Drive and Dine – Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
August 14	Botham Vineyards 20th Vintage Celebration Barneveld, WI
August ?	University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist) Grand Rapids, MI
August 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 27	BBB Saturday Drive ??
August 27-28	12 Annual Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee Masterpiece at Veterans Park; Milwaukee, WI
August 28	2016 Geneva Concours d'Elegance, featured Marque BMW; Geneva, IL
August 27	BBB Saturday Drive ??
August 31	BBB Friends Around the Campfire ??
Sept. 4	BBB Club Picnic Host: Volunteer needed
Sept 11	30th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival Harper College; Palatine, IL

- Sept 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- Sept 16-18 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America,
Featured Marque Volvo;
Plymouth, WI
- Sept 20 **Rockford Miracle Mile Car Show & Cruise**
- Sept 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- Sept 23-25 **Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet**
Jefferson, WI
- Sept 23-26 **BBB Long Weekend ??**
- October 8 **BBB Fall Drive ??**
- October 12 **BBB Drive and Dine** –Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- October 19 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- November 9 **BBB Dine** –Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- November 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant
- December ? **BBB Cookie Exchange**
- December ? **BBB Christmas Party**

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JANUARY DINE HELD AT A ROCKFORD FAVORITE

by Lynda Vickery



As the new year rolled in, the first BBB Dine was held on Wednesday, January 13th, at the Olympic Tavern in northwest Rockford.

Weather was on our side with no snow storms, but no beloved little British cars made an appearance. However, everyone was in the mood to talk about summer car activities. That, and traveling to somewhere warm and sunny in-between times.



There were 19 members present to enjoy the great Olympic food. Lee Kindgren made arrangements for the evening. He made an excellent choice and did a fine job of hosting. Thank you Lee!



WEBMASTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH

The website is current and active. Please check-out your website (www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) for updates completed last month.

You'll find several new additions to the car marques slide show on the home page; view a new link to a second BBB member car video featured on You Tube, and see a start to the monthly events calendars for 2016. Also the newsletter page was updated with links to past newsletter verified and re-linked as needed.

Lastly, the club received an email and invitation from the President of the Michiana Brits Car Club to attend their summer car show in South Bend, IN. That information was passed on to our events group and a link to details about their car show added to our June calendar.

Your webmaster, Hal

HOST AN EVENT IN 2016

Driving events are the life blood of British Boots and Bonnets. It has been said that BBB is a driving club with an eating problem. We have so many fun events that the only way we can keep it going is to have lots of members involved with the planning and execution. A few just can't do it all.

As we prepare for this year please consider volunteering to host one or more events. If you have never hosted an event there are a couple of easy ways to get started.

1. Come up with an idea and team with someone who has hosted before. Working with another couple is a great way to share the work and enjoy fellowship.
2. Host a Drive and Dine. These are pretty easy. Pick a restaurant and map a drive. Anyone who has hosted a drive would be willing to help you with any questions you might have.

Right now the calendar is nearly empty so jump in and pick something. Events needing sponsors are:

- Drive and Dine: Any month, April through November, is open.
- Saturday Drive: We like to have a Saturday drive in each of the summer months, June, July, and August. They typically are the first Saturday of the month but there is no hard and fast rule. A typical drive would include lunch, a visit to one or two locations, and dinner on the way home.
- Long Weekend: This typically occurs toward the end of September and includes 3 to 4 nights away.
- Fall Drive: An October Saturday drive to enjoy the colors of fall.

British Boots and Bonnets thrives on being active with many people volunteering to make it happen. Contact the Event Chairman, Bruce Beneditz, to host an event, have an idea but don't know how to get it going, or if you have any questions. Together we can make this a fun and memorable summer.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz

NEW DESTINATION FOR FEBRUARY DINE

by Lynda Vickery

The February Dine will be held at John's Restaurant, at 2914 11th Street in Rockford, IL.

We will meet there at our normal time of 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 10th. Plan on enjoying some wonderful Italian food ordered off their menu, which you can check out on their website:

www.johnspizzarockford.com Besides their extensive Italian offerings, they also have fresh seafood, steaks, ribs, and chicken.

Their main parking lot is on the north side of their building.

Please let Jim & Lynda know if you are attending so they can give John's an approximate number. Their phone number is 815-623-5611.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Lee Kindgren, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
leekrkfd@aol.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.

MARCH DINE WILL BE A GATHERING AT ALTAMORE'S

by Nancy Kuhnau & Lynda Vickery

Ron and Nancy Kuhnau have been busy making arrangements for the March "Dine" at Altamore Ristorante. The date is Wednesday, March 9th, with social time at 6:00pm and dinner starting at 6:30pm. Alberto is planning a multi-course Italian meal with the entree a chicken dish. Cost for the full meal, including dessert, tax and tip is \$35.00 per person.

Payment will insure your reservation, so please make your check out to BBB and give to Ron and Nancy by March 1st. Please call them at 815-398-5160 or email at nan17k6@aol.com if you have any questions.

"Dine" Date: Wednesday, March 9th
Time: 6:00-??

Where: Altamore Ristorante, 1432 North Main St, Rockford, IL

There is ample parking behind Altamore's in the public parking lot.

Our Club has been to Altamore's several times, and we have thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful hospitality and dining experience. We look forward to seeing many of our members there.



REGALIA FEBRUARY 2016

BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE

Non-clothing related club merchandise is available directly through the BBB Regalia Page. These items can be purchased online or by contacting Jim Vickery.

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page. You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

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Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)

EmbroidThis has moved to a new location at 8018 N 2nd St , Machesney Park , IL 61115. Next to Al's Carpet at 251 and Harlem Rd.

I welcome your ideas and thoughts for the Club's Regalia!

Jim Vickery

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Sydney Allard was a visionary. He was perhaps the first to come up with the idea of mating a large American engine with a light British chassis foreshadowing several famous cars which followed. In the early 1950's both Cobra designer Carroll Shelby and Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Dunton drove Allards.

Allard became quite successful supplying the sports car starved U.S. market with exciting and competitive models. Cars were shipped engineless to the United States where the power plant was added per customer order, usually an engine from Buick, Cadillac, Chrysler, Ford or Oldsmobile. Alas, as good as the idea was, Allard did not put money into improving design. Within a few years chassis technology, which was developing rapidly, left them in the dust.

In a last ditch effort to save the company, Allard produced a lightweight fiberglass bodied three wheeled micro car called Clipper. Powered by a single cylinder, two stroke motorbike engine, it seated three adults on a bench seat and two children (who didn't mind getting wet) in optional dickey seats. The innovative and sophisticated idea was a dismal failure, and the 20 examples produced only accelerated the demise of once proud Allard.



A RARE OPPORTUNITY

by Rich Cannistra

It all started October 5, 1962. A little known Scottish actor sat down at a baccarat table across from.....a beautiful woman of course. When Sylvia Trench asked the gentleman his name the whole world was introduced to him at the same time as he answered her with three now famous words, "Bond, James Bond".

The idea of making that first movie about the exploits of a British secret agent was the brainchild of Cubby Broccoli. Shot in Jamaica, Dr. No, based on Ian Fleming's 1958 book of the same name, was a low budget endeavor which took only 21 months from start to release.

On location in Jamaica, when Bond needed a car the only suitable ride that could be located was a blue Sunbeam Alpine owned by one of the island's residents, Mrs. Jennifer Jackson. The car was rented from her for ten shillings a day, and the 1939 LaSalle hearse that chased it was hired from a Kingston funeral home.

In case you have been living on another planet for the last 53 years, times have changed. Her Majesty's agent has had many iconic cars over 24 films, certainly the most famous until now being a 1964 Aston Martin DB5 which first appeared in Goldfinger. Although Aston Martin has had a successful relationship with the film series ever since that time, they have really upped their game in the latest release, "Spectre". Previous Bond cars have been standard offerings with special "modifications" provided by Q branch. Now, for the first time, 007 has a bespoke vehicle built exclusively for him by Aston Martin, the DB10. Ten DB10s, which will be the total production run of this model, were hand built for the film. What is probably the only one that will ever be offered for private ownership is part of a charity auction that will take place just a few days from now in London. Not rare enough for you yet? Consider that seven of the ten were written-off during filming, one will be kept by Eon Productions and one will be retained by Aston Martin. The only remaining example which will be sold on February 18th is the one with Daniel Craig's fingerprints on the steering wheel!

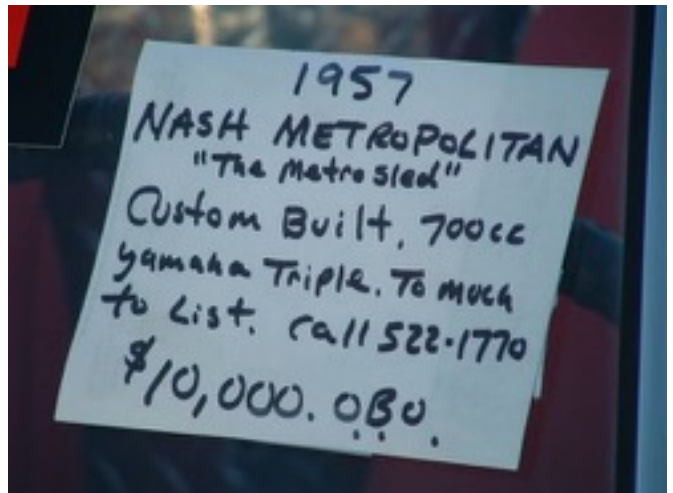
The car is expected to bring over two million dollars which just might be the bargain of a lifetime. The 1964 DB5 from Goldfinger fetched well over \$4 million when it last changed hands in 2010. And that blue Sunbeam Alpine, Bond's first car? After filming it was returned to the owner in Jamaica and its whereabouts are unknown, which probably puts it in the category of priceless.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeff Lathrop saw this ad and thought it worth sharing. He wishes he had done this with his old TR6!

SASKATCHEWAN SNOW MOBILE FOR SALE

Looking for a '57 Nash Metropolitan? This one's Saskatchewan-ized!

You'd be the talk of the town if you had this..
Now that is sweet...what a great ride.....
What a great little car!!!



EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was published in Moss Motoring Magazine Winter of 2014. A nice read, and it reinforces why we don't drive our Little British Cars during winter! - Lynda

Black Ice & Cowboy Boots

by Robert Goldman

There I was, stuck on level ground. I'd been trying, with no luck, for several minutes to rock the car out of its 1/4-inch deep groove. Two cowboys wandered past, no doubt spotted the California plate (MG LIVES ironically enough, even though without help the car would be stuck there until late spring), and asked if I needed a push. "Yes please." Apparently two pairs of cowboy boots possess greater tractive grip than one snow tire.

With my '67 MGB GT released from its prison of parking lot black ice, I scampered back to the safety of the folks' driveway and parked the car. Taking advantage of my college location in Oregon, spring break 1981 was to be my first ever solo trip to the family vacation spot in Ketchum, Idaho. The car and I had only just been introduced to black ice a couple days before, and the result then had been predictably undesirable.

I have had experience on icy roads, but it was limited to Mom's four-wheel drive Jeep Wagoneer, which never got stuck in a parking lot. The B, though equipped at the back with a pair of snow tires, had an open differential. In sunny SoCal, that meant a little wheel spin when stomping the gas out of a right hand turn. In an icy parking lot it meant one wheel drive and ignominy.

The cowboys likely had fun at home that evening, recounting the story of the kid from California who got stuck on level ground. If only they had known about my black ice pirouette a couple nights before. Under the heading "a little knowledge is dangerous," in those days my car was equipped with a thoroughly modern driving computer. It had cruise control, and temperature sensors, a blue LED display, and six thousand buttons. Driving across interstate 84, from Salem, Oregon, to Idaho, I had been carefully monitoring outside temperatures.

Cresting a hill, the display said it was a balmy 34 degrees. Imagine my surprise then, when tapping the brakes while heading down hill. Rather than slow down, the car went into a counterclockwise spin. Probably only one revolution later, though it felt like two, the car headed nose first into the divider...and stopped. no impacts, no other cars involved, nothing else to do but put her in reverse and hope it wasn't stuck. Fortunately, the median was unfrozen. I backed out between the steel posts, snow markers, which stood in silent testament to all the stuff I didn't hit before stopping.

It certainly wasn't funny at the time, but with hindsight, and no damage done, I can laugh about the things that went wrong on that trip. In an age of Gary Larson animal cartoons, one might even imagine a local herd of deer standing over on the side of the highway holding up scorecards. "Simple spins are low value, but missing all the road signs significantly ups the difficulty factor: 8.5."

In retrospect, I'm not sure if snow tires provided any real benefit, but chains aren't an option on a heavily loaded B with sagging springs. Another feature of that particular MGB was the intermittent windshield wipers, but being a steel dash car, it was easy enough to reach up underneath, wiggle the wires, and bring the system back to life.



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