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Next Meeting
Wednesday,
February 15, 2017

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 2017

This is my first message to you our members as your new president and, along with it being Ground Hog Day and Punxsutawney Phil having seen his shadow today forecasting six more weeks of winter, it's still a time filled with anticipation of warmer top down days to come. Sandi and I want you all to know that being newer members of British Boots and Bonnets we could not be more pleased; we have had the pleasure of meeting most of you and really appreciate your warm hospitality. As we visit throughout this year, we must share with you how we acquired our '55 MGTF, a combination of luck and desire to get back into roadster-ing.

A little background and history is in order so that we can be more familiar to everyone. Sandi & I met in San Antonio, TX while I was on active duty with the Army and going through Medevac Pilot Training at Fort Sam Houston. I was driving my first British Roadster, a 1957 BRG MGA when we met, and San Antonio being a very beautiful and romantic city, we had a wonderful time. Sandi eventually bought the MG from me when I left to return to Rhode Island. Over the years, I have owned a white 1962 MGA 1600 MKII and a black 1965 Austin Healey 3000 MKIII. After all this roadster ownership and exciting top down driving, we tied the knot in December 1969 and while living in Corpus Christi, TX we bought our current roadster, a 1955 MGTF 1500 which has traveled with us through 5 states and 6 homes. The TF has undergone a frame off restoration by Lyn and Ron with able assistance from Steve Carter and it was through this restoration time that we learned of BBB and were encouraged to join.

As president I understand we need to call together the officers for the first 2017 board meeting and to facilitate the development of getting to know one another, Sandi and I will host the meeting in our home. I will get back to you shortly with some dates. I want to take this opportunity to thank Rich Cannistra for his great service during his two terms as our president; I certainly have some big shoes to fill. I also want to congratulate the new and continuing officers, thank you for your service to our club; here's to a great year.

John Ward



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JAN. 18, 2017 BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report - Rich Cannistra

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Cannistra. There were 36 members present.

Vice President's report - Larry Eils

Larry requested that members consider joining NAMGAR. We need at least eight members to join for our club to qualify for a better insurance rate.

Secretary - Marna Grosenick

Motion: made by Ron Kuhnau to accept the minutes as printed in the Chronicle.

Second: by Barb Buckavekas. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Lee Kindgren

Treasurer's report given by Lee.

Motion to Accept: by Hal Zenisek

Second: by Dave Brickman - motion passed

Membership: Bev Joyce

Dues for 2017 are now due. The \$20. Can be paid to either Bev or Lee as soon as possible.

We currently have 74 memberships.

Regalia: Jim Vickery

No report

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

Please send any articles or pictures for the Chronicle to Lynda.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

The new membership application on our website is up and running. We have received an application already from the website - from Chris and Sarah Anderson (owners of a 1974 MGB)

We have again received an invitation for any interested members to attend a Tour of Italy.

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

1. Club member Carolyn Hudon passed away in December. There will be a celebration of life for her on Jan. 28th.
2. Brian Gustafson's mother passed away.
3. Rick Hamaker's sister passed away.
4. Ed Nicholl's wife broke her hip.

Cards have been sent to all of these people.

Past Events: Bruce Beneditz

In December we enjoyed two big club events: the annual cookie exchange at MJ Schoening's house, and the Christmas Party at Lino's Restaurant.

The January Drive & Dine was held at "Tavern on Clark". It was hosted by Phyllis and Bruce Beneditz.

Future Events: Bruce Beneditz

Jan. 27 - Men's lunch at Olympic Tavern at 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 27 - Ladies lunch at Garrett's Restaurant at 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 - Dine event at AERO Ale House at 6:00 p.m. This event is hosted by Bill and Solveig Maschke, and is located at 6164 East Riverside Blvd. in Loves Park (across from the Village Green Nursery).

Mar. 11 - The calendar committee is meeting to plan events for the coming driving year. All event suggestions are welcome and encouraged. Please see Bruce Beneditz with your ideas.

Mar. 19 - The annual Swap Meet. Our club will have two tables, so if you have anything to sell, please plan to attend the event.

New Business -

President	John Ward
Vice President	Brian Kobischka
Secretary	Dee Gibson
Treasurer	Lee Kindgren
Membership	Bev Joyce
Regalia	Jim Vickery
Chronicle	Lynda Vickery
Webmaster	Hal Zenisek
Sunshine	Phyllis Beneditz
Events	Bruce Beneditz

Motion to close the nominations by Larry Eils

Second by Connie Frazier - Motion passed.

Motion to accept this slate of officers with one vote by Connie Frazier.

Second by Larry Eils - Motion passed.

Congratulations to all of our 2017 officers.

Also: A decision was made to give each member who attends the club meeting a copy of the 2017 club calendar. Additional calendars may be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Good Wrench Award -

Bev Joyce nominated Phyllis Beneditz for taking over the Christmas party when Bev became ill with the flu bug. She did an excellent job. Phyllis received five raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award -

None

Raffle: Don Grosenick

1. Maple Cutting Board: Andy Palmquist
2. Set of four glass jars with bamboo lids: Phyllis Beneditz
3. Boston Cocktail Shaker gift set: Andy Bellis
4. Vegetable Spiral Slicer: John Ward
5. Fluorescent Work Light: Curt Gustafson
6. LED Work Light: Larry Eils
7. Digital Multimeter: Rich Cannistra
8. 5 piece screwdriver set: Ron Kuhnau
9. Booster Cable Set: Dee Gibson
10. GoJo Orange Hand Cleaner: Don Grosenick
11. Thunder Bay Bucks: Leon Kitzmiller

Adjournment:

Larry Eils presented a plaque to Rich Cannistra to thank him for the two years he served as club President.

Rich closed the meeting with a story about an Atheist who went for a walk in the woods and had an interesting encounter with a bear.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marna Grosenick, Secretary

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Although blind from the age of five, Ralph Teetor graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1912. He became a prolific inventor, using his increased sensitivities of touch and hearing as gifts to resolve difficult mechanical design problems. During a 30 year career with the Perfect Circle Piston Ring Company, Teetor rose to become its president, as well as being elected president of the Society of Automotive Engineers in 1936.

One day while riding with his lawyer, Teetor became very annoyed as the driver would slow down while talking then speed up while listening. Determined to develop a device to eliminate this unpleasant rocking motion, he eventually patented the "speedostat" in 1953. Built by Perfect Circle the device was not used commercially until Chrysler installed it on their Imperial and New Yorker models in 1958.

Today Teetor's speedostat is found on all but the most basic automobiles, and has become a luxury which is taken for granted. We simply call it "cruise control".

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS



TENTATIVE - The 2017 Events Committee has not yet been formed, so the BBB events listed are all tentative. A few other car events are listed, but the dates and/or locations are not yet known.

ABINGTON

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February 8	BBB Dine - Aero Ale House, Loves Park, IL Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
February 11-20	2017 Chicago Auto Show McCormick Place; Chicago, IL
February 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
March 8	BBB Dine - Hosts:
March 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
March 19	British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble; DuPage County Fairgrounds; Wheaton, IL
April	BBB Garage Tour ???
April	BBB Ladies Tea ???
April 12	BBB Dine - Hosts:
April 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
April 28-30	Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet Jefferson, WI

May 10	BBB Drive & Dine - Hosts:
May 13	BBB Tune Up & Picnic ???
May 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
May 20	BBB Saturday Drive ???
May 27 - June 4	British Car Awareness Week
June 2-4	Champagne British Car Festival, Featured DeLorean; Bloomington, IL
June 14	BBB Drive & Dine - Host:
June 16-18	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South Beloit, IL
June 21	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 24	BBB Saturday Drive ???
June 25-28	NAMGBR 2017 Convention - San Diego
June	35th Annual British Car Field Day Sussex, WI
July 12	BBB Drive & Dine - Host:
July 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
July 22	BBB Saturday Drive ???
August 3-6	BBB Long Weekend ???
August 9	BBB Drive & Dine - Host:
August 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 26	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 3	BBB Club Picnic ???
Sept 13	BBB Drive & Dine - Host:
Sept 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 22-24	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Sept 30	BBB Friends Around the Campfire ???
Oct 11	BBB Drive & Dine - Host:
Oct 18	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 8	BBB Dine - Host:
Nov 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec 13	BBB Cookie Exchange Party ???
Dec 20	BBB Christmas Party ???

2016 ICAS HALL OF FAME - RICH & DEE GIBSON!!

by Rich Cannistra

On December 8, 2016 The International Council of Air Shows Foundation recognized BBB members Rich and Dee Gibson for their tireless and innovative work in support of airshow entertainment. As the owners of “Rich’s Incredible Pyro” they developed and perfected the pyrotechnic displays used at shows not only in the United States but all over the world. In part, the citation reads “In recognition of pioneering efforts to develop and improve pyrotechnic displays as a safe and exciting element of air show entertainment”.

Rich and Dee’s long list of accomplishments also includes the IMAX movie “Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag”, released in 2004. By the late 1990s Rich’s Incredible Pyro had become the standard by which all other pyro specialists are measured. To see them in action refer to the YouTube link above. Congratulations to Rich and Dee. The act that always goes on with a BANG!



Check out this video on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/algoCgjYmrw>

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.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of BBB for the very kind expressions of sympathy on the passing of my sister, Judy Harms. Some members may remember that Judy and her late husband, Jerry, were club members in the late nineties and early two thousands. At that time they owned a 1971 MGB and participated in many club events and outings. Judy was a wonderful sister and a great friend.

Rick Hamaker

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JANUARY 2017

DINE EVENT

by Bruce Beneditz

BBB events in 2016 started with a Dine at Tavern on Clark. The event was hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz. Unfortunately the weather was not cooperative and presented us with an icy drive to the restaurant. While the weather was a deterrent, 12 hardy souls attended and we had an enjoyable evening with excellent service and good food.



EVENTS - FEBRUARY NEWS LETTER

At this time the 2017 events calendar is virtually blank. That means that there is no plan in place for nearly every Dine, every Drive and Dine, every Saturday Drive, and the Long Weekend trip. They are all in need of volunteers to organize and host them.

I am continually amazed at how active our club is, how much we do each summer, and how well attended our events are. However, they don't occur by themselves and require the action by many members of British Boots and Bonnets to make them happen. If you have an idea for any of the events, please contact me, Bruce Beneditz, with your ideas. (Full disclosure - if you have an idea you will likely be asked to host or co-host the event. However, even if you would be unable to host, someone else may be willing to run with the idea. All ideas are welcome.) With the help of a few key members I will be holding a planning meeting on March 11th. It would be wonderful to have your ideas and suggestions by then.

I'm looking forward to an active and fun summer.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz

FEBRUARY 2017 DINE EVENT AERO ALE HOUSE AT 6:00 PM

This Dine event is being hosted by Bil and Solveig Maschke on Wednesday, February 8th starting at 6pm. The Ale House is located at 6164 East Riverside Blvd in Loves Park (across from Village Green Nursery).

This bar/restaurant was featured in the GO section of the RRstar on Jan 13th. It has an airplane motif and serves sandwiches, burgers, mac and cheese, and appetizers.

They also have an extensive beer selection for the beer connoisseurs. Food prices range from \$7 to \$11. If you would like to look at their menu, their web site is:

www.aerolovespark.com.

Reservations for our group have been made. Please RSVP to Solveig at 815-988-6105 or at her e-mail at twiggy_2@charter.net

2017 BBB PHOTO CALENDARS

by Rich Cannistra

The 2017 edition of the BBB club photo calendar is out and available. Once again David Brickman has done a fantastic job of assembling the calendar and coordinating production at a very favorable price. This year your board of directors has decided to take a different approach to distribution. Each current membership will receive one complimentary copy, with distribution occurring only at club meetings. To receive your free copy, simply see Bev Joyce to pay your dues then see Dave Brickman to pick up a calendar. For those wishing to obtain additional copies, they will be available from Dave Brickman for \$10 each. Be the first one in your neighborhood to have BBB pictures on your garage wall!



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