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Next Meeting
Wednesday,
January 20, 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

January 2016

I hope that over the last few weeks you have been able to experience the many joys of the holidays with family and friends. Now, with cold weather upon us and our cars in hibernation it's time to plan and dream about the upcoming season. If you have an idea for a club event, please bring it forward, there are plenty of us who will help you plan and execute it.

At our January meeting we will elect officers to serve on the board for the next year. Your current board has presented you with a slate of officers which appear on the absentee ballot included with this newsletter. If you wish to volunteer or nominate someone else for one of the board positions you must attend the January meeting to do so. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please cast your vote by mail. A big thank you to the club members who have volunteered to have their names placed on the ballot.

I would like to thank the hosts of our two great December events. Mary Jo Schoening and helpers provided us with a delightful evening at the cookie exchange. We shared good eats and drinks with friends in the beautiful setting of Mary Jo's home. Then December 16th found us at Lino's for an enjoyable evening of food, entertainment and gifts. Bev Joyce and the elf committee once again surpassed themselves in planning and execution. As always these two fun evenings were a great start to the holidays!

Finally, the marque advertising slogan of the month is Aston Martin in honor of the new James Bond movie "Spectre". The chase scene features a Jaguar C-X75 chasing Her Majesty's agent in his Aston Martin DB10. Can it possibly get any better than that!?!?

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*"Why do people with \$13,000 to spend, know that a
handbuilt Aston Martin is worth every penny of it?"*

Aston Martin DB5, 1964

Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - November 18, 2015

President's report – Rich Cannistra

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by vice president, Larry Eils. He said he had heard from Rich Cannistra, and gave us an update on their trip to Africa. It sounds like they are having a wonderful time.

Don Grosenick came up and showcased all the raffle prizes for the evening.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

No report.

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

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

Treasurer – Brian Kobischka

No report.

Membership - Bev Joyce

We have one member who has paid his/her dues for next year already. Bev would be happy to take your membership dues for next year any time now.

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

Bruce reported that any clearance clothing items that are still left will have the club logo removed and will be donated to Goodwill.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

No report.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

The U-Tube video with Andy Bellis showing his 1932 Rolls Royce Phantom II Continental on a segment of "My Car Story with Lou Costabile" has now been linked to our website. Please check it out if you have not already done so.

Hal thanked the club for all their support for the new website project.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Jenny Plymale is recuperating and doing well.

Long-time member, Denny Juul has passed away.

Past Events - Jim Vickery

Larry gave us an update on the Fall Drive, held in October, to the Holy Hill Area.

Our Dine for November was hosted by Barb & Bob Buckavekas and Nancy & Ron Kuhnau at "Tavern on Clark" in Rockford. We had over 30 members attend the dinner. The food was delicious, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to Barb, Bob, Nancy & Ron!

Future Events - Jim Vickery

Dec. 9th – The annual Cookie exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's house. Please bring four dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies, and an appetizer to share.

Dec. 16th – The Christmas party at Lino's in Rockford. Reservations are due by **Nov. 30th.** If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring your wrapped gifts. We will also be enjoying a special musical program that night.

MARQUES:

- **MG** –MG2016 will be held June 13-17th in Louisville, Kentucky. Registration is not available as of yet, but we do know that the opening night ceremony will be at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Watch the MG2016 website for future registration information.
- Rolls Royce – will be holding a Black Tie Dinner at Rosewood.
- Healey – will hold their Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 19th.
- Jaguar, Mini, Healey, Lotus, Triumph, Morgan – No report.

Unfinished Business –

No report

New Business –

Nomination for club officers is now open. If you are interested in holding any position, please let President Rich Cannistra know

Classified –

None

Good Wrench Award –

None

Burnt Piston Award –

None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Green Plaid Throw – Dee Gibson
2. Pumpkin Apple Square Candle –Hal Zenisek
3. Holiday Tea Towels – Bev Joyce
4. Screwdriver Set – Lee Kindgren
5. Fluorescent Trouble Light – Ron Kuhnau
6. Basket with Cookbook – Peggy Schmidt
7. Thunder Bay Bucks – Leon Kitzmiller

Adjournment:

Larry ended the meeting with two cute Thanksgiving stories.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

**BEVERLY BAGGIO
1936 - 2015**

Long time member Beverly “Bev” Baggio passed away on December 23, 2015 in Rockford after a short illness. Bev and her husband, Gordie, lived in the Rockford, Cherry Valley area their entire married life, and were some of our club’s earliest members.

Our condolences to Gordie and their family.

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS - TENTATIVE

The 2016 Events Committee has not yet been formed, 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.

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| January 13 | BBB Dine – The Olympic Tavern; Rockford, IL
Hosts: Lee Kindgren |
| January 20 | BBB CLUB MEETING
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL |
| February 10 | BBB Dine – TENTATIVE 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 Kuhnau |
| 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 ? | BBB Ladies Tea
Hostess: Volunteer needed |
| April ? | BBB Garage Tour and Lunch
Host: Volunteer needed |
| April 22-24 | Spring Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet
Jefferson, WI |
| 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 ? **BBB Saturday Drive**

June 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed

June 13-17 MG 2016 NAMGAR/NAMGB
Louisville, KY

June ? **Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL**

June 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

June 19 35th Annual British Car Field Day
Sussex, WI

July ? **BBB Saturday Drive**

July ? **Mini Meet: 2016**

July 13 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed

July 20 **BBB Club Meeting**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

August ? **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 27-28 12 Annual Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee
Masterpiece at Veterans Park;
Milwaukee, WI

August 28 2016 Geneva Concours d'Elegance,
featured Marque BMW;
Geneva, IL

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 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Sept 23-25 **Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet**
Jefferson, WI

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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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
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Road, Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107

- Renew your membership for \$20.00
- You will be assured of up-to-date event schedules
 - Monthly editions of the Chronicle
 - News about your friends in the club.

BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH

Webmaster Report for January 2016

Your website is current and up-to-date as of today. The past month involved wrapping up 2015 events and building the monthly calendars for 2016. Check out the new pictures posted from the cookie exchange and Lino's party as time permits. Also take a minute to revisit all the 2015 event photos. You may also want to check out the new tech tips shared by Marv Proctor and others. In December, the club received an interesting e-mail and invitation to attend an "MG Spring Meeting in the Dolomites", in northern Italy. I have more information and a contact if you are interested in a high altitude MG related event in Europe next year.

I also need your recommendations for any state, regional or national events that you feel belong on your website (and involves little British cars). Please email them to webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com or use the email feature on the new website at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com. I'll be happy to add your recommendations to the appropriate month's calendar as soon as possible. Club events for 2016 will be posted on your website as soon as they are announced.

Tech tip articles, photos of car owners & cars, and other contributions for the website from club members are always welcome. Heck, I even accept good material from non-members as evidenced by the Christmas Poem currently posted on the home page. That's it for January. Hope your 2016 is a good one!

Hal Zenisek
BBB Webmaster

2016 BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY

by Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo Schoening and her elves, Carla and Rod, outdid themselves hosting the annual cookie exchange, which has become a tradition for Mary Jo and our club. There so were many tasty appetizers, that I hope no one ate dinner before coming! And the exchange of cookies gave everyone a variety to take home for their Holiday Parties. Great job MJ, Carla and Rod! Enjoy the photos, and if you didn't make it, you missed a great evening!





BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY A WONDERFUL TIME

by Lynda Vickery

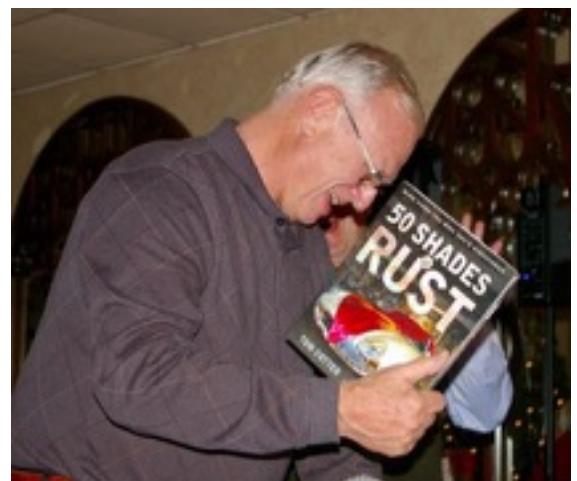
This year's BBB Christmas Party, held at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford, IL, was full of entertainment, food, and of course the annual gift exchange/steal/swap. Once again Bev Joyce had all the planning and set up under control, and members who attended appreciated her, and her committee's efforts. The weather this year was most agreeable, only adding to the festivities.

Check out the cheerful Santa's in wooden boxes made by our own Ed Lehman. See the overflowing tables of gifts just waiting to be selected.



Our entertainment for the evening was Rockford's own Justin "Boots" Gates. Boots is a 15 year old blues enthusiast who played guitar, harmonica, and a drum. We enjoyed hearing a blues version of two Christmas songs as well as a piece he had written himself. This young man has a bright future ahead of him, and it was a pleasure for all of us to hear him.

Bev introduced our emcee for the evening, Mike Moore, and his helper, wife, Brenda. Each person who brought a gift drew a number and then picked a gift when their number was called - unless that person wanted to "steal" one someone else had already opened. They did a great job of keeping things moving so we finished at a decent hour, but having a fun time too. Once again snowmen proved popular as well as lots of car tools!

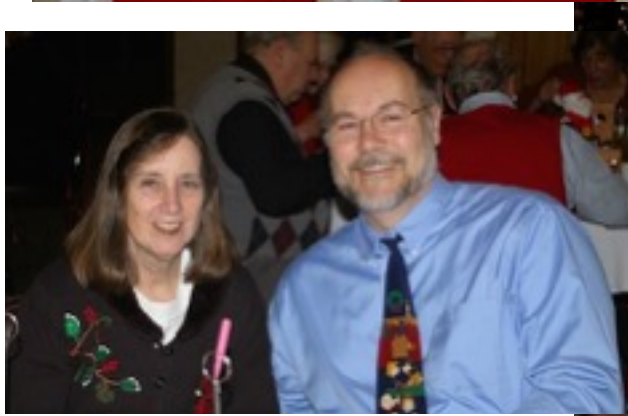




We are a group of British car enthusiasts who enjoy time together whether it's for a car drive in the summer, or talking about those car drives at our annual Christmas Party. Enjoy the next couple of pages full of pictures of our members.

And a special Thank You to Bev Joyce, to Justin "Boots" Gates, Mike and Brenda Moore, Roxann and Rich Cannistra, Marna and Don Grosenick, Connie Frazier, Mary Jo Schoening, Phyllis Beneditz, and Marsha and Larry Eils.







Nigel Shiftright · Automotive Anachronism "Generation XK"



JANUARY DINE IN ROCKFORD

by Lynda Vickery

The first "DINE" for 2016 will be held on Wednesday, January 13th. Lee Kindgren has made reservations at The Olympic Tavern for 6:30pm. The Olympic is located at 2327 N. Main St, Rockford.

This favorite site will be perfect for BBB'ers to ring in the new year and think about warm weather and great road trips! So, mark your calendars and plan to have a great evening.

PLANS FOR FEBRUARY DINE

by Lynda Vickery

Plans are in process for the February Dine. We are tentatively going to John's Restaurant, on 11th Street in Rockford.

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

ESSENTIAL SPARES
FOR THE ROAD!



Cartoons compliments
of Marv Proctor. And
Thank You!

—Editor

BBB CALENDARS

by Rich Cannistra

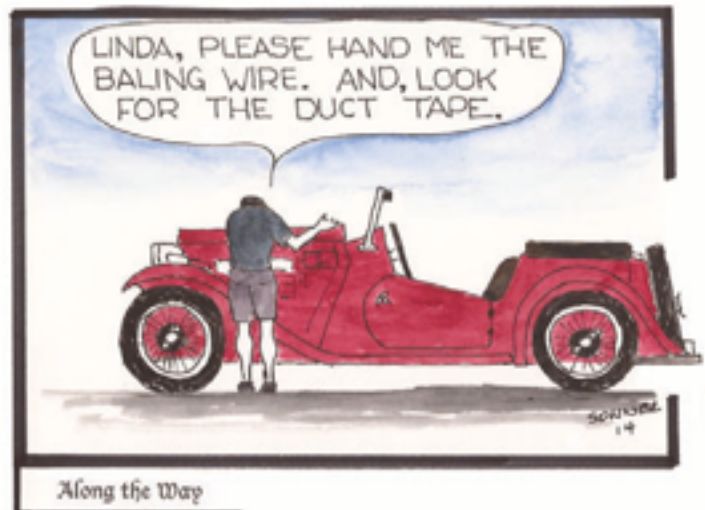
The 2016 edition of the BBB calendar is in, and will be available for pickup at the January club meeting. The carefully crafted high quality product is once again a testament to the work and dedication of Dave Brickman. Calendars are \$7 each this year. If you pre-ordered Dave knows it, if you did not we do have a few extras available. Grab yours early as this very collectible piece of BBB history won't last!

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
brian.kobi@yahoo.com

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





REGALIA JANUARY 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 Bruce Beneditz.

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:

Shipped directly to you (additional charge)

Pick up at EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up a 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.

Bruce

ABSOLUTE ZERO

by Rich Cannistra

With cold weather came the realization that this is the time of the year that I said I would get going on that car project. Now, looking at the holidays in the rear view mirror, it's getting hard to have a valid excuse not to get on with it. Back in July I said that the weather was much too nice to spend it indoors so this winter would be a much better time to do the work. Have you ever noticed that procrastination is raised to the level of an art when an excuse actually has a basis in fact?

When I went out to the garage this morning I was stunned to realize that a concrete floor could reach a temperature so close to absolute zero. I decided to go back in the house and have another cup of coffee while considering my options. Roxann, always trying to be helpful, told me to quit whining, suck it up and get busy. She said that it had something to do with the "you can't have it both ways theory" which I had never heard of. I think that it had more to do with the "listen Bozo, you promised to put my car back together" theory. I did promise. And I probably did infer that I was going to do it in a timely manner...probably. So it didn't take long to understand my options quite clearly. There's only one thing colder than a concrete floor which is close to absolute zero.....but we won't go there.

(Involved up in a car project this winter? Share it with your fellow club members. After all, misery loves company and Lynda

TYRES part 3

by Facia Nearside

By 1900 the pneumatic tyre was here to stay, in no small part because the automobile was revolutionizing transportation. It would be an oversight however not to look back 61 years to a pivotal breakthrough by a bankrupt hardware store owner named Charles Goodyear. In 1839, penniless after years of experimentation, Goodyear perfected the process of vulcanization. In a very great oversimplification this is the process that makes natural rubber stable so that it can be formed into useful products.

In 1900, although Charles Goodyear had been dead for 40 years, the company bearing his name also made a huge advance in tyre technology. By adding carbon black to rubber, 50% by weight, the wear resistance of a tyre was improved 100 times and the tear resistance of the rubber was improved by 1000 times. Natural rubber (and thus tyres) had been white up until that time but have been black ever since.

By the early part of the 20th century tyre technology was on a roll. It takes one more huge leap however to bring us to where we are today. The radial. The first radial tyre was designed and patented in 1915 by Arthur Savage in San Diego, CA. Interestingly, there seemed to be little need for this design at the time so it lay dormant for many years and bias ply tyres continued to rule the roads. That all changed in 1948 when Michelin began selling radial tyres in Europe. These tyres proved to have longer tread life, better traction and lower rolling resistance which provided better fuel economy.

With so many advantages, radial tyres soon began turning up all over the world, except in the United States that is. American automobile companies and American tyre manufactures fought the idea! The tyre companies didn't want to spend the money to retool for building the more complex radial tyre and the auto companies didn't want to bother having to redesign automotive suspension. This "in bed together with their heads in the sand" approach was going along quite nicely until an unforeseen event in 1973. The first fuel crisis. Gasoline went from 30 cents to a dollar a gallon and Americans demanded better economy. Overnight, fuel efficient imported cars began to pour onto American shores, each one equipped with radial tyres.

MG MORGAN TRIUMPH




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