

Absentee Ballot

***British Boots & Bonnets* January 2017 Election of Officers**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 6 of the Club Bylaws, the following ballot is published to allow for absentee voting. **If you are unable to attend the meeting on January 18, 2017 and wish to vote, please do so below.**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Vote of Member #1</u>	<u>Vote of Member #2</u>
President	John Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Brian Kobischka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Dee Gibson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Lee Kindgren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Bruce Beneditz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regalia Chair	Jim Vickery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter Editor	Lynda Vickery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Hal Zenisek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ballots must be received by the Club Secretary at least two days prior to the voting meeting which takes place on January 18, 2017. NOTE: If you wish to volunteer or nominate someone else for one of the above positions, you must attend the meeting to do so.

Signed by Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Member #2: _____ Date: _____

**Mail the completed ballot to British Boots and Bonnets Car Club,
PMB 254, 1643 North Alpine Rd, Suite 104, Rockford, IL 61107**



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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
January 18, 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

JANUARY 2017

It's here, 2017! An empty calendar full of possibilities and the opportunity to make at least one New Year resolution stick.

As we look at the beginning of the BBB year it's time to: 1. Pay dues, 2. Elect club officers, and 3. Plan for the driving season.

1. Dues are still just \$20. See Bev Joyce at the meeting or mail your payment to the club's address listed in this Chronicle.

2. The annual election of officers will take place at the January meeting. While we have candidates who were nominated at the November meeting, a call for nominations will be made at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can vote on the current nominations using the absentee ballot in this Chronicle.

3. We just finished a very active year full of wonderful driving events. The way that happens is to start thinking and planning while the snow flies, right now! Restaurants for Wednesday nights, destinations for Saturday drives, and the club long weekend are all waiting to be sorted. Bruce Beneditz is eager to hear your ideas and help turn them into a memorable outing.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege serving as club president for the last two years. I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially my fellow officers. They did the work to keep things running smoothly while allowing me to stand up in front, shoot my mouth off, and take the credit.

Finally, in closing out the Marque Advertising Slogan of the Month I would like to dedicate installment 22 to the original ride of Her Majesty's Agent, 007. Before James Bond was the dashing secret agent on the silver screen driving Aston Martins, he was a tormented assassin in Ian Fleming's novels. In that first book, Casino Royal, Bond tooled around in a 1931 4.5 litre Blower Bentley. As Fleming explained, Bond was something of a loner, the Bentley was his only personal hobby. Mr. Bond, we applaud your style!

Rich



MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*"The silent sports car, a thing of beauty indeed."
1931 Blower Bentley*

BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING - Nov. 16, 2016

Presidents report - Rich Cannistra

President Rich Cannistra called the November meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were 36 members present.

Vice President's report - Larry Eils

No report.

Secretary - Marna Grosenick

Motion to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle by Larry Eils.
Second by Bruce Beneditz - Motion passed

Treasurer - Lee Kindgren

The Treasurer's report was presented by Lee Kindgren.
Motion to accept report by Connie Frazier
Second by Dee Gibson - Motion Passed

Membership: Bev Joyce

There is no change in membership this month. We currently have 74 paid memberships. Bev is now accepting membership payments for next year.

Regalia: Jim Vickery

There is a small inventory of miscellaneous items available in stock, and Jim has them here at the meeting. Please check this out. They would make great Christmas gifts.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

This will be the last Chronicle until January. However, Lynda requests that you continue to send pictures and articles from the events that will be taking place between now and then (Cookie Exchange, Christmas Party, etc)

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Hal is starting to build the 2017 calendar for the club's website. He needs your input. If you know the dates of any upcoming activities or events for next year, please let him know so he can get it on the calendar.

Also, he is still looking for pictures for the members page. If you do not have a picture on the site yet, or would like your picture updated, or if you have a different car, please send any new pictures to Hal so he can add them to the website.

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

Leon Kitzmiller was in the hospital with second degree burns on his hands from a bonfire.

Past Events: Bruce Beneditz

This month's Dine was held at Murphy's Pub and Grill. 25 members enjoyed a delicious Irish meal. Thank you to Jim and Lynda Vickery for hosting this fun evening.

Future Events: Bruce Beneditz

There will be no Men's or Ladies Lunches this month, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

12/7 Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's House. Party starts at 7:00. Bring 4 dozen cookies, an appetizer, and your beverage of choice. Choose 4 dozen delicious assorted Christmas cookies to take home.

12/14 Christmas Party at Lino's Restaurant. Bev is accepting reservations and payment at tonight's meeting, or they can be mailed.

6:00 Cocktails 6:45 Dinner

Bring a wrapped \$15 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

- We are in need of volunteers to host the January and February Dines. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Beneditz.
- The Planning Events Committee will be meeting soon to start planning next year's activities and drives. If you would like to be part of this planning group, please let Bruce know.

New Business -

We will be holding our officer election in January. This is the first call for nominations. Three offices must be replaced this year: President, Vice President, and Secretary. If you are interested in holding one of these positions, please contact Rich Cannistra as soon as possible. Tentative slate at this point is:

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

Classified -

Rich Cannistra has a home-made tow bar to give away. If interested, please contact him.

Good Wrench Award -

- Rich Gibson nominated Ron Kuhnau for all the help he has given him recently with his car.
- Rich Cannistra nominated Eileen Meier for all the help she has given the Kitzmillers while Leon has been recuperating from his burns.

The vote was a tie, but since Ron was not present at tonight's meeting, all six raffle tickets were given to Eileen.

Burnt Piston Award -

None

Raffle: Don Grosenick

1. Fast Orange Pumice Hand Cleaner - Eileen Meier
2. Tire Gauge - Larry Eils
3. 2 pk. Pocket LED Lights - Bev Joyce
4. LED Folding Work Light - Rich Gibson
5. Shop Towels - Bruce Beneditz
6. 13 Watt Fluorescent Work Light - John Ward
7. Set of 2 Bamboo cutting boards - Rich Cannistra
8. Wine Glass Marker Charms, Cocktail Shaker, & Corkscrew - Peggy Schmidt
9. 24-in-1 Multi-tool - Hal Zenisek
10. First Aid Kit - Luz Lehman
11. Set of two RFID Blocking Travel bags - Dwayne Plymale
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Solveig Maschke

Adjournment:

Rich ended the meeting with an cute story about a husband's night out on the town. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marna Grosenick, Secretary



April 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
April 29	BBB Garage Tour ???
April 29	BBB Ladies Tea ???
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 ???**

NAMGBR Membership - What Does It Mean to the Club

By Larry Eils, VP

The North American MGB Register is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and expanding interest in Britain's most popular sports car - the MG. Members receive "The MGB Driver," a very informative Journal every other month and are able to attend a yearly convention catering to MG owners. The newest membership benefit is that you can receive a 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. If you are a NAMGBR member just call Hagerty at 800-922-4050 and request the discount.

However, there is another benefit many BBB club members are not aware of. If eight members from our club join NAMGBR, our club receives free Chapter Event Insurance. We have been taking advantage of this feature for several years because more than eight of our members currently belong to NAMGBR. This is why we remind MG owners to renew their NAMGBR membership every year and suggest to new BBB members with MG's they should consider joining NAMGBR. If you not currently a member you can find out more information by visiting their website - NAMGBR.org.



BBB MEMBER CAROLYN HUDON WILL BE MISSED



Carolyn Hudon, nee Kerr, of Genoa, IL passed away Friday, December 16, 2016.

Carolyn found her forever home in Genoa where she was an avid bee keeper (Apiarist or Mellissafier), mini-stock car racer, loved antique car shows, and was a sweepstakes club participant. Carolyn loved her family and those she called friends.

Beloved companion of Frank Riess; sister to David (Denise) Kerr and loving mother of LTC Christopher (Joann) Courtland (U.S. Army) and Roger Hudon; fond grandmother of Kyliegh Courtland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles & Charlotte Kerr and her sister Janice Seegers.

In lieu of Services or Visitation, a Celebration of Life will be held on January 28th 2017, from 1:00pm-8:00pm, at the Genoa Veterans of Foreign Wars building located at 311 S. Washington Street, Genoa, IL 60135.

Obituary published in the DeKalb Daily-Chronicle on Dec. 28, 2016.

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.

JANUARY 2017 *DINE AN OLD FAVORITE*

by Bruce Beneditz

The first Dine of 2017 will be Wednesday, January 11, with dinner at Tavern On Clark located at 755 Clark Dr. in Rockford. It will be hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz.

We will have a private room. They suggested a limited menu to facilitate efficiently serving a group of our size. A copy of the menu will be provided in the reminder email that will go out a week or so before the Dine.

Please email Bruce at bruce.beneditz@charter.net to let him know that you plan to attend so that an accurate head count can be provided to the restaurant.

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!

BBB WEBMASTER UPDATE

by Hal Zenisek

Your website is up-to-date and current; based on the information I've received at this time. I've started building the 2017 calendar of events and more will be added in the coming months so check back again soon.

Recent site updates include a couple additions to the member cars photo page, and also the 2016 events photo gallery. You might be interested in viewing the wide variety of activities and events hosted by the club in 2016 - it does show what an active year BBB had in 2016. Thanks to all who shared photos and event information for the website. Simply click on this link, <http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/2016-event-photos>, or go to the Photos tab from the navigation menu.

From the webmaster's inbox, we've received email from the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California who is organizing an event for February 10, 2017, and you can see details on our website. Also we have an invitation again this year from the MG club in northern Italy who is organizing a Summer MG Meeting for June 2017 in the Dolomite mountains. The third email of interest is from NAMGBR, and announces the annual convention MG 2017 which will be held in San Diego, California this upcoming June 25th - 28th.

If you have suggestions for British car related events for 2017, please email me any information, and I'll add it to our calendar as time and space allow. You can use the email feature on the website or use hzenisek@comcast.net if you'd prefer. Also, I'm always interested in adding, or updating, member/car photos to help members and guests better connect with our group; attach a favorite pic and email it to me if you'd like to be added to our photo gallery. Thanks again for all your support!



THE LAST *DINE* OF THE 2016 SEASON

Twenty-five BBB members really wanted to attend the last *Dine* of 2016 held on Wednesday, November 9th. They just didn't drive their beloved LBCs. Murphy's Pub & Grill was the perfect place to meet. There was plenty of room, good food and beverages, and good company.



Murphy's offers corn beef and cabbage year around, and there were several other Irish/English type dinners that members enjoyed.

Our server, Diane, did an excellent job keeping us all happy. And she was new!





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BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT

by Lynda Vickery

Once again Mary Jo Schoening and her Christmas Elves, Carla & Rod Hicks, outdid themselves hosting our annual cookie exchange. I never did get a good headcount, but MJ's house was full of BBB members relaxing with appetizers and beverages. The cookie table was loaded with Christmas delights. The conversation was lively in every room. The photos that follow tell it all. Thank you Mary Jo for hosting this event. It is one of the highlights for our club members. And thank you, Carla and Rod, for all your help and support to MJ.





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ENJOYED BY OUR FESTIVE BBB MEMBERS!

by Lynda Vickery

The cold, wintry weather could not dampen the Christmas Spirit of over 50 plus BBB members as they came together at Lino's Restaurant for a wonderful Italian feast followed by our annual gift exchange.

Joe, Jeff, and their staff were at their best providing great service in one of their newly decorated rooms. There was plenty of room to move around, visit, and participate in the gift exchange. As always, the more gifts that were opened, the more stealing went on. But everyone in the end went home with a prized Christmas gift.

Unfortunately, Bev Joyce, was home with the flu. After all her hard work, she couldn't join us in all the fun. But she had everything ready for Phyllis Beneditz, Roxann Cannistra, and Lynda Vickery to greet members and keep things organized. Thank you very much, Bev! You always do an outstanding job.

A big thank you to Roger Buck for emceeing the gift exchange and Larry Eils for helping.









BBB REGALIA ONLINE

JANUARY 2017

Non-clothing related club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery.

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page found on our Club's website.

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DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

WHAT'S IN A NAME, PART 2: When Renault debuted the Twingo in 1993 it was marketed as a "city car". Perhaps that was intended to discourage anyone from driving beyond the city limits in something so small. The design included what was called an "unconventional" front end layout resembling a smile. Was this deemed necessary in case anyone had buyer's remorse? It's hard to go to the garage and be upset with a car that's smiling at you. In 1994 a new model called the Twingo Easy came out featuring a semi automatic gearbox. From that one could infer that previous models should be called the Twingo Difficult.

Launched as a 2 door 3 cylinder front engine car, by the third generation it had become a 4 door rear engine design. Finally a mid-engine concept model called the Twin'Run was made. Apparently the engine was so versatile it would fit almost anywhere, perhaps even on the kitchen table for rebuilding. Although conceived with centrally-mounted instruments a popular option allowed the driver to use a smartphone as the instrument panel. Owners reported that a large piece of bubble gum (not included) worked well to keep the phone in place.

Finally, when asked about the name, Renault reported that Twingo was a combination of "twist, swing, and tango". Even without a French accent it is unlikely Chubby Checker would figure that one out!

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