

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets **January 2019** **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 16, 2018 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	Connie Frazier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Solveig Maschke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Charlie Gall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Larry Eils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Rich Gibson	<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 16, 2019. 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year to all our wonderful BBB members; here's to another great year filled with exciting events and camaraderie for the CY 2019. This month we will be electing a new slate of Club officers and they are listed on the attached Absentee Ballot; please fill it out and mail to our Club mailing list for the record if you cannot attend the meeting. You can also bring them with you to this month's meeting for easy reference on your preference for new officers.

We sold our MFTF 1500 to a gentleman in the Dallas Fort Worth, Texas area; he is very happy with the restoration and title as new owner. He reports that the car never fails to turn lots of heads as he motors about the DFW area. He has already fixed the old cranky and noisy tachometer and has sent a video of the MG running as quiet as a sewing machine. Sandi and I bought the MG in 1972 when we were living in Corpus Christi and she turned many a head way back then. I remember we had driven to San Antonio for dinner at The Old San Francisco Steak House and when we came out there was a note on our windshield that said "I must have this car, please call me!!"

I would be remiss in not thanking Lynn Pond, Ron Kuhnau, and Steve Carter for the many hours they put into restoring the MG over an almost 3 year period, your dedication and expertise for a great job is appreciated. I am in debt to Jim Vickery for his advice, council and encouragement to go forward with the restoration; thanks to all for a marvelous job. We are now pushed to the back of the queue on upcoming Drives & Dines but rumor is Jaguar is now on the radar screen.

Happy Motoring to you all!!

John

Next Meeting
Wednesday,

January 16, 2019

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

**Dinner and social hour
at 6:00pm**



NOVEMBER 28 , 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, John Ward. Twenty-six members were present. There were no guests present. New Members Mary Baker and Steve Welborn joined the meeting. They are the proud owners of a 2001 Jaguar. Welcome to the Club!

Vice President's Report - Brian Kobischka - No Report

Secretary's Report -Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Larry Eils to accept the October report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Charlie Gall. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils

The BBB Club has entered the realm of on-line banking!

Motion made by Bruce Beneditz to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Peggy Kitzmiller. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - Presently 70 members. Welcome Mary Baker and Steve Welborn!

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - No report.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek - Please let Hal know of any British car event in 2019 that should be posted on the BBB website calendar. We will fill in our BBB club events when they are developed.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Marna Grosenick had surgery on her foot and is eager to get out of the house! She is moving around slowly.

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report.

Past Events -Rich Gibson

Fifteen Club members braved the cold in mid-November to meet up in Cherry Valley at Salamone's Italian Restaurant. It was great to see everyone!

The Old Farts Lunch Group and Ladies Who Do Lunch will not meet in December.

Huge applause to all Club members who hosted a monthly Dine, a Drive and Dine, a Saturday Drive or other special event in 2018!

Future Events - Rich Gibson

December 5 - Cookie exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's at 7:00 P.M. An email has been sent out with Mary Jo's address and other details.

December 12 - Christmas party at Lino's Please get your reservation and check in to Beverly Joyce as soon as possible.

Please start thinking about 2019 events in the next month or so! There are 11 Dines/Drive and Dines, a garage tour, 7 Saturday drives, and a Long Weekend trip to be arranged. Contact Rich Gibson to do your part for the Club! Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz have already stepped forward to host the January Dine. Thanks!

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

Nominations are open for the Officer positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary for the Club. All Officer positions are one-year positions with the option to be re-elected for an additional year.

The following Club members have accepted nominations for Board Officer positions. However, any Club member is welcome to submit their own nominations!

President - Connie Frazier

Vice-President - Solveig Maschke

Secretary - Charlie Gall

Burnt Piston Award - None

Good Wrench Award - Charlie Gall was nominated by Linda Gall for wedging three cars into their two-car garage. Motion passed.

Raffle - Don Grosenick (Bruce Beneditz conducted the raffle in Don's absence)

1. Salt and a pepper Shakers - Mary Baker
2. Christmas Tea Towel - Solveig Maschke
3. Digital Multimeter - Charlie Gall
4. Precision Driver Set (18 Pieces) - Larry Eils
5. Christmas Tree - Roxann Cannistra
6. Nutcracker - Brian Kobischka
7. Snowman Bowl and Spreader - Phyllis Beneditz
8. RT 66 Gas Pump - Lee Kindgren
9. RT 66 Plaque - Mike Moore
10. LED Magnetic Headlamp - Connie Frazier
11. 240-Piece Nut and BLT Assortment - Rich Gibson
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Sandi Ward

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Eils and seconded by Lee Kindgren. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Gibson, Secretary

**BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS
THE START OF THE
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- JAN 9 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine at Tavern on Clark; Rockford, IL**
Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
- JAN 16 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- FEB 13 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine**
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- FEB 20 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- MAR 13- **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine**
Hosts:
- MAR 20 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- APR 10- **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine**
Hosts:
- APR 17 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- APR 20 **BBB Garage Tour**
Host: Kevin Rachuk

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EVENTS REPORT

by Rich & Dee Gibson

Happy Holidays to all the BBB Club members and thank you to all who volunteered to host a "Dine" and a "Drive and Dine" during 2018. We're all looking forward to more get-togethers and more restaurants to try out in 2019!

Speaking of 2019...

Rich would like to get a head start on 2019. Rich will be deep in the Amazon Rainforest a good bit of January & February. We have 11 dines (2nd Wednesday, January thru November), 7 Saturday Drives (April thru October), 1 Grooving Garage Tour (April) and 1 Long Weekend (September) to be thinking about for 2019.

Get the 2019 calendar out and start scratching your head. Do you have a favorite restaurant, destination or car show that the club hasn't gone to, or maybe one you would really like to do again? Anyone want to set up a simple autocross or rally? How about something different from what we usually do? Now is the time to start thinking & planning. We have plenty of time. March rolls around and we will be grabbing at straws just to fill in blanks on the calendar. It's YOUR club. What would YOU like to do in 2019? The good weather will be here soon after the Holidays. Let's plan some fun.

JANUARY 9TH DINE WILL BE A RETURN TO TAVERN ON CLARK

by Bruce Beneditz

The first Dine of 2019 will be Wednesday, January 9, with dinner starting at 6:00 pm at Tavern on Clark located at 755 Clark Dr. in Rockford. Tavern on Clark was also the dine location in January 2017 when there was a significant ice storm that limited the attendance. Hopefully we will have better weather this time. It will be hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz. Please email Bruce at bruce.beneditz@charter.net or call him at 815-543-0026 to let him know that you plan to attend. An accurate head count is needed to ensure the restaurant is prepared for us.

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MAKE PLANS NOW FOR A SPECIAL FEBRUARY DINE

Larry and Marsha Eils, Hosts

Our February Dine will be on Wednesday, February 13th one day before Valentine's Day. We will be dining at Ciao Bella Ristorante in Loves Park. What could be more romantic, one day before Valentine's Day, than taking your sweetheart to a wonderful Italian ristorante surrounded by members of the club?

Our reservations are set for 6:00 p.m. The ristorante is at 6500 E. Riverside Blvd. in Loves Park. The entrance to their parking lot is off Carson Pass.

Please RSVP us by Tuesday evening, February 12th if you are planning to attend. Text Yes, your name and how many to 815-382-3547 or email to rpeonygarden@gmail.com with the same information.

Valentine's Day dates back to the 14th century. To put you in the mood here are two familiar rhymes.

The verse "[Roses are red](#)" echoes conventions traceable as far back as [Edmund Spenser's](#) epic [The Faerie Queene](#) (1590):

"She bath'd with roses red, and violets blew,
And all the sweetest flowres, that in the forrest grew."†

The modern cliché Valentine's Day poem can be found in the collection of English nursery rhymes [Gammer Gurton's Garland](#) (1784):

"The rose is red, the violet's blue,
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou art my love and I am thine;
I drew thee to my Valentine:
The lot was cast and then I drew,
And Fortune said it shou'd be you."†

**DUES ARE NOW
BEING TAKEN BY
BEV JOYCE FOR
THE 2019 BBB
CLUB YEAR.
PLEASE
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PAYMENT TO HER.**

Welcome New Members!

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

Larry Eils, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of
\$18 for name tags.

FINAL 2018 BBB DINE A HAPPY RETURN TO SALAMONE'S RESTAURANT

by Dee Gibson

Fifteen Club members gobbled up great food at Salamone's Restaurant in Cherry Valley during the November Dine. Rich and Dee Gibson hosted the dinner in the quaint little village of Cherry Valley. It was wonderful to see Marna up and about after her recent surgery, too! Continue to heal well, Marna!



Buon Appetito!

SALAMONE'S
DOWNTOWN CHERRY VALLEY

NAMGBR MEMBERSHIP WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THE CLUB?

by Larry Eils

The North American MGB Club (NAMGBR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and expanding interest in Britain's most popular sports car – the MG. Members receive "The MG Driver," a very informative magazine every other month and are able to attend yearly convention catering to, not only MG owners, but owners of all types of British cars. One benefit of membership in NAMGBR is that you can receive a 5% discount on Hagerty Collector Car Insurance. If you are a member and have not taken advantage of this call Hagerty at 800-922-4050 and discuss their insurance coverage.

However, there is another benefit many BBB club members may not aware of. If eight (8) members from our club are members of NAMGBR, our club can receive FREE Chapter event insurance coverage. We have been taking advantage of this feature for several years because more than eight of our club members belong to NAMGBR.

This is a reminder to all MG owners in our club to renew your NAMGBR membership this year and every year. We would like to suggest to new BBB members with MG's to consider joining NAMGBR. For more information please visit their website – NAMGBR.org.

WEBMASTER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

Greetings all,

A quick update on the website for the month follows. The monthly event calendars for 2019 are posted with a number of club and non-club LBC activities already listed. You might want to check out what's planned for the year as you look at your schedules for 2019. My request, if you know of any British car related events that you want to recommend for the website, please email the information to me and I'll try to add a link and brief information for viewers. In the past, members have suggested state, regional and national car shows; marque specific events, and area activities that might be of interest to British car owners. One or two recommendations from many members adds much to our calendar and presence on the Internet. BBB events will be added in the future, and as plans and details become available - so check back often.

As a review of 2018, I want to remind everyone you can view event photos from the year past that have been shared by various club members. Now is a great way to revisit a year full of fun, fellowship and memories. The last event photos from 2018 were uploaded to the website in December and include the Christmas party and cookie exchange. Add www.britishbootsandbonnets.com to your list of Favorites in your browser of choice. Once on the website, use the navigation tabs across the top to find any pages of interest, and then scroll down on each page using a mouse, keyboard, finger/thumb, or other technique (based on the type of device you are using).

Thanks again for all the help with your ideas, contributions, and suggestions.

Hal Zenisek, Webmaster

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DID - U - KNOW
by Facia Nearside

What do the Model T Ford, the Canada goose emblem, and the blue Ford oval emblem have in common? They were all designed by Childe Harold Wills.

Born in 1878, C.H. Wills was a metallurgical engineer as well as a commercial artist and designer. He had a keen interest in automobiles and in 1899 became an early associate of Henry Ford. Wills was not only the chief designer of the Model T but he also convinced Ford of the importance of using vanadium steel in the mass production process. Named for Vanadis, the Scandinavian Goddess of Beauty, this was the first large scale commercial use of nickel-chrome vanadium steel.

After twenty successful years with Ford, Wills took his small fortune and set out to start his own car company. Moving just north of Detroit to Marysville, Michigan USA he established the Wills Sainte Claire Automobile Company; Wills for his own name and Saint Clair for the river that ran through town (but with "e"s added for panache). Production started in 1921 but Wills was his own worst enemy. He was a perfectionist and stopped production to implement every minor improvement he could develop. Because of this the company never produced enough volume to make a profit and the factory closed in 1927.

Of the 12,000 Wills Sainte Claire's produced, about 80 exist today, the largest collection of which are on display at the Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum in Marysville. As for that Canada goose, Wills chose it to be the emblem for his marque because he felt it was the ultimate world traveler.



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BBB 2018 COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY

by Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo Schoening happily hosted the Club Cookie Exchange for 2018. We club members would be lost without MJ and her Christmas Elves, Carla & Rod Hicks, putting together such a wonderful cookie party each year! It's an opportunity to really visit with fellow club members as well as take home a variety of Christmas goodies. The intent is to have plenty of cookies, candy, etc to share with friends and family over the Holidays, but I wonder just how many are eaten before that can happen! Thank you MJ, and all our fellow club members for making this such a fun event.







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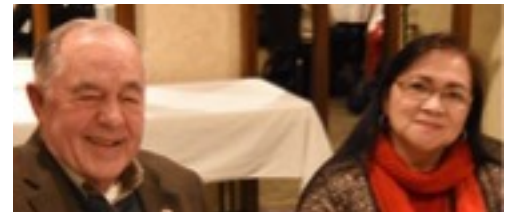
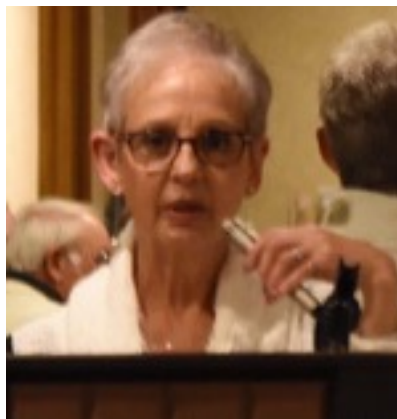
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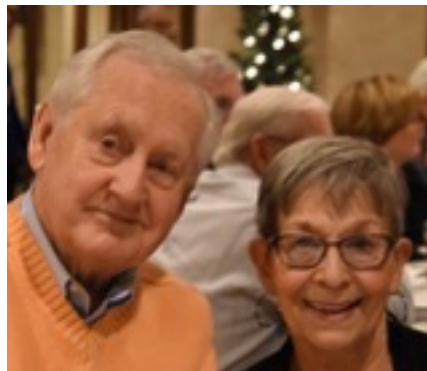


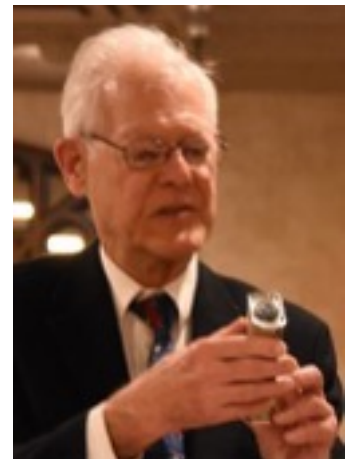
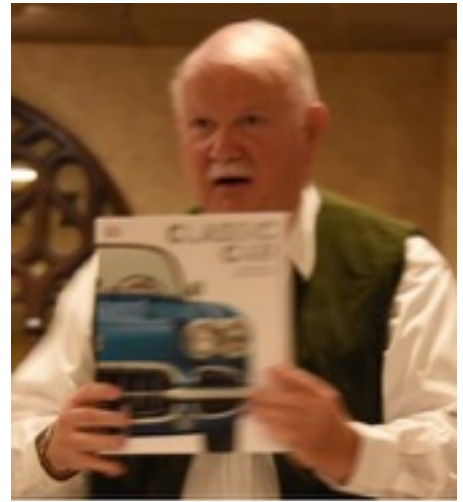
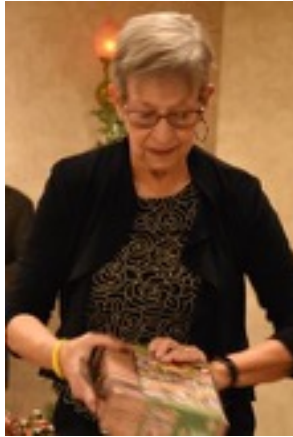
A MERRY TIME WAS HAD BY ONE AND ALL!

On December 12th, sixty of us gathered at Lino's Restaurant to celebrate the holiday season with our club family. Thanks to the staff at Lino's, dinner and drinks were good and plentiful. Thanks to the team of Hal Zenisek and Mike Moore who conducted the gift exchange, there were lots of laughs as they kept track of numbers drawn and gifts stolen. Grace was given by Bruce Beneditz where he reminded us to remember our friends who are no longer with us.

Mark your calendar for next year as our party date has been set for December 11, 2019.











NEW FEATURE FOR 2019

Our grandchildren have all enjoyed our LBCs starting at a very young age. Evan thought sunglasses and holding onto the door was the coolest thing! He graduated from there to his boxcar and showed his sister, Mae, the ropes! Now he drives a red truck. Maybe someday it will be British.

Jim & Lynda Vickery

Please join in on the fun and send your special photos to jvickery.jv@gmail.com.

AND SOON!

Thanks,
Chronicle Editor, Lynda Vickery

FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE:

"Watch for deer" is the new version of "I love you"

from Charlie Gall



Charlie & Linda's 2 car garage transformed to a 3 car garage! A little tight, he admits, but says he has parked in worse spots. We can all identify!

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- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15
- two BBB visors - \$10
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Jim



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