

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets **January 2020** **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 15, 2020 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	Lee Kindgren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Solveig Maschke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Dee Gibson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Connie Frazier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Larry Eils	<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 15, 2020. 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,**

Jan 15, 2020

Thunder Bay Grille
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Bell School Road)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January, 2020

It's here! There's something about the arrival of a new year - a fresh, clean calendar, New Year resolutions as yet unbroken, the setting of new goals, plans to make, and a world of possibilities.

As we turn to 2020, BBB has a couple matters of business to take care of in January:

- It's time to renew your membership. For just \$20 you can enjoy another year of events, activities, monthly club meetings, Drive and Dines, and more. Send dues to BBB, PMB 254, 1643 North Alpine Rd, Suite 104, Rockford, IL 61107, or give them to Larry Eils (Treasurer) or Bev Joyce (Membership Chair) at the January meeting.
- The annual election of officers will take place at the January club meeting. While we have candidates who were nominated in November, a call for additional nominations will be made at the upcoming meeting and will be most welcome. If you are unable to attend, you can vote on the current nominations using the absentee ballot found in this Chronicle.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve as club president. It's fairly easy to find a group of people united by a common interest, but much harder to find folks with the generosity of time, resources, and spirit found in BBB. A special thank you goes to my fellow officers, who have been such a pleasure to work with - you made my job easier and truly enjoyable.

In closing, a quote:

It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.

-Ursula K. LeGuin

Gratefully,

Connie Frazier

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING - NOVEMBER 20, 2019

President's Report - Connie Frazier

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Connie Frazier. Thirty-two members were present. There were no guests and no new members. There was a review of raffle prizes.

Vice-President - Solveig Maschke - No Report

Secretary - Vacant filled in by Solveig Maschke

A motion was made by Dee Gibson to accept the October report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Bev Joyce.

Treasurer - Larry Eils

A motion was made by Phyllis Beneditz to accept Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Bruce Beneditz and passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - Our current membership is at 75 members

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery - Lynda reports that there will be no Chronicle in December. A voting ballot will be included in the January Chronicle.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek -

Hal has received an email from Mike Cline who is selling a '75 MGB. He also received one from Richard Roberts, Chicago suburbs, who is looking for a reputable mechanic for his MG Midget. Please call or email Hal for contact information.

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - The club sent condolences to Jackie Bartlett on the loss of her husband, Rich. He will be greatly missed. There was a very nice memorial in the Chronicle. Thank you to Jackie and others for sharing their memories. A BBB memorial contribution was made to Paws Humane Society of Rockford. In other news, Joyce Pond has had a stent put in and Luz Lehman has had surgery. Please keep them in your prayers.

Past Events - Rich Gibson

- Oct 19 - A Saturday lunch and drive to Abingdon Tews for a garage tour. It was hosted by Dennis and Crystal Klemm and their son, Jason. An excellent time was had by all that attended. They have many, many cars in various states of refurbishing and an area for target shooting. The food was excellent. A great big thank you to the Klemms for hosting this event.
- Oct 25 - Men's lunch was at Fritz's Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley with 8 attending.

- Oct 25 - Ladies lunch was at the Irish Rose with 3 attending.
- Nov 13 - A Dine at Hope and Anchor hosted by Bill and Solveig Maschke with 22 attending.

Future Events - Rich Gibson

- There will be neither a Mens lunch or a Ladies lunch in November and December.
- December 4 - It is time for the famous Cookie Exchange hosted by Mary Jo Schoening at 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer, beverage of choice and 4 dozen cookies to exchange for 4 dozen cookies.
- Christmas Party - Bev Joyce - December 11 at Lino's, 6 PM Social hour with dinner at 6:45 in the lower level of the restaurant. Reservations are due by December 1. You may bring an optional gift for exchange at a value of approximately \$15.00. Please mark it as a gift for a male or female.
- January will have a Dine but needs hosts.
- February and March will have Dines. Hosts are needed for these months.
- Rich requests that you start thinking about drives for 2020 and let him or the incoming chair know.

Marques - There were no updates in the Marques reports.

Classified- None

Unfinished Business- The Board reviewed options to recognize Kelly's service to the club. We agreed to invite her to the Christmas party as our guest. She and a guest have accepted our invite and will be attending our party.

New Business - Nomination of new officers was asked for and will be asked again at the January meeting. Through recruitments we are pleased to tell you that we have potential nominees for every office. However, any club member is welcome to submit their own nominations.

They are:

- President - Lee Kindgren
- Vice President - Solveig Maschke
- Secretary - Dee Gibson
- Treasurer- Connie Frazier
- Events Chair - Larry Eils as board member, and joined in events responsibilities by Rich Cannistra and Rick Palmer.
- Newsletter Editor - Lynda Vickery
- Regalia Chair - Jim Vickery
- Membership Chair - Bev Joyce

A Motion was made to place these members in nomination by Marv Proctor. The motion was seconded by Rich Gibson. The motion was carried.

We will have a second call for nominations from the floor at the January meeting. Absentee ballots will be sent out with the January Chronicle should you wish to vote and not be present at the meeting.

Other new business: BBB was mentioned in the RR Star about the Midtown Cars & Coffee shows. Three items from "The MG Driver" coverage of the 2019 MG meet in Traverse City: a photo of Nancy Kuhnau and Lynda & Jim Vickery at the car show, Rick & Sandy Hamaker's MGB for taking 3rd place, and first place for Chris Oakes and her 3 quilts in the Crafts division.

Good Wrench Award - Bev Joyce won the award for her work in organizing the Christmas Party.

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award - There were no nominees.

Raffle- Don and Marna Grosenick -

1. Swivel Lens LED head Lamp - Alan Cichon
2. Wheel & Grill Brush - Dee Gibson
3. LED light - Crystal Klemm
4. LED work light - Leon Kitzmiller
5. 1000 pc Fastener Assortments - Don Grosenick
6. Christmas picture: Santa under the hood - Ed Nichols
7. Merry Christmas sign - Bev Joyce
8. Snowman - Solveig Maschke
9. Christmas Countdown - Brian Gustafson
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Jim Vickery

Joke/Story was about Thanksgiving exercise routine using bags of potatoes.
Meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully submitted,
Solveig Maschke

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW
DUE! PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DUES
TO THE CLUB AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

Welcome New Members!

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

Larry Eils, Treasurer
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rpeonygarden@gmail.com

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



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Sunshine	Phyllis Beneditz	815-543-1741	phyllisquilts@charter.net



Let's start off dining in the New Year with a taste of Mexican cuisine. Join Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz for dinner January 8th at 6:30. We will be dining at La Casa Grande, 618 4th St, Beloit, WI.

Please contact Bruce or Phyllis to let them know if you will be attending so we can provide an accurate count to the restaurant.

DECEMBER EVENTS REPORT

PAST EVENTS

13 November Dine Hosted by Bill & Solveig Maschke at the Hope and Anchor. @ 24 people attended on this rainy evening, plus one unclaimed Jaguar was noted in the restaurant parking lot. Thanks to Bill & Solveig for organizing a great evening for BBB.

04 December Cookie Exchange Hosted by Mary Jo Schoening at her house. This is one of BBB's favorite annual events. Weather cooperated and was very mild for December in Northern Illinois. I didn't count heads, but there must have been at least 40 people there. I know that Solveig had a hand in helping out throughout the evening - hats off to her and to all who helped throughout the evening. I was caught eating cookies from the exchange table, so somebody had to go home with less cookies than they brought. I may not have been the only one munching from that table. Also there was ample, delicious and varied food (and wine) for all in the kitchen. It was a great evening of socializing, wine tasting and eating for everyone. Thank you Mary Jo for giving all of us this opportunity to do some munching and laughing around your beautiful Christmas trees.

11 December BBB Annual Christmas Party This large event has been organized by Beverly Joyce for several years. Thank you Bev for your ongoing support of our club. Bev also had behind the scenes assistance from a few other guys and gals. Thanks also to all of you. The table centerpieces were gorgeous, and once again used Ed Lehman's beautiful hand-made wooden boxes. The party was held at Lino's Italian Restaurant in Rockford, in a private room with bar. This was a blow out event, as usual. Again the weather was mild and many club members attended, some almost forgotten, who have not been seen lately. It was a great chance to socialize and get reacquainted.

A special guest was Kelly, our regular server for our monthly club meetings at Thunder Bay. Kelly was hosted by BBB in recognition for her many years of excellent and dedicated service to BBB at Thunder Bay.

The dinner was plentiful and delicious, as usual for Lino's. Led off by a choice of soup or salad, it was followed by many Italian specialities served family style, then the main entree of choice from a select menu. I had the salmon. It was great. I'm going to return to Lino's and do it again.

The next event for the evening was the annual Gift Exchange. This is an event looked forward to all year, and is another BBB favorite. Everyone that brings a gift is given a number. When your number is called, you may pick a gift from the pool of gifts on the table, or if you saw someone else's gift that you liked, you are allowed to "steal" it. Once a gift has been stolen twice, it remains with that thief. This event was the final event of the evening, with great fun, much laughter and joking. The gifts were many and varied. I was lucky enough to be able to steal the Body Butter from Sandy Hamaker. I hope she will be able to forgive me. :) :) What a great evening! Thank you Bev and all that helped.

UPCOMING EVENTS

08 January Dine hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz.

Let's start off dining in the New Year with a taste of Mexican cuisine. Join Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz for dinner January 8th at 6:30. We will be dining at La Casa Grande - 618 4th St, Beloit, WI. <https://www.lacasagrande.us>

Please let Bruce know before Monday, January 6th if you will be attending so we can provide an accurate count to the restaurant.

Call or text: 815-543-0026

Email: bruce.beneditz@charter.net

OPEN EVENTS

WE NEED CLUB MEMBER INPUT HERE

To the best of my knowledge, at this time, **ALL** club events for 2020 are open. It would be nice to see a few new faces picking up some of the scheduled club events.

Dines are a very easy way to get your feet wet. Dines are usually done 2nd Wednesday of January, February, March and November. All you need to do is make a reservation for @ 30 people at a restaurant of your choice. (Make sure we can order off the regular menu and get individual checks) Update the restaurant with the final headcount about a day ahead & you're done! Easy peasy!

The February 2020 Dine event is still open (as far as I know) for someone to host. Please contact me if you are up for doing this. Remember, it's an easy way to support your club!

Drive & Dines are a step up from a Dine. Usually held the 2nd Wednesday of April, May, June, July, August, September, & October. The Dine portion is the same as above, but a 30 - 45 minute drive is organized drive is ahead of the dine. Make sure to review the BBB drive guidelines in the club by-laws if this is your first time.

Saturday Drives are a step up from Drive & Dines. Usually held the 3rd Saturday of April, May, June, July, August, September & October. This is usually more of an all day type of event. It may involve multiple stops; seeing a point or two of interest, stopping for lunch, going for ice cream/beer on the way home. It's a day to design your own thing for the club.

Three Day Week-End Much like a Saturday Drive, but over a three day time frame. The club hasn't done one for a couple of years. If you have some ideas, bring them up.

Public Events This is now diverging to my personal feelings, but I feel that in order for BBB to be viable over the next 10 + years, we need to be actively recruiting new members. In my opinion, the club events I have listed above are fun, but don't put us in the public eye. I feel that the club (as a group) should attend a couple of **local** public events (car shows, airshows, vintage festivals, etc) each year to be seen, get our message out & hopefully recruit new members.

Unscheduled Events / Show & Go Do you have someplace that you consider interesting that you regularly go to, or are going try out? If you give Beverly Joyce Hal Zenisek a heads up a few days ahead of time to "put the word out", you may find several club members that would like to join you.

Early in 2020 the new / incoming Events Chairperson (I am at the end of my term) will usually have an "Events Planning" meeting. If you would like to volunteer for an event, or suggest something, this is an excellent opportunity to get involved on the ground floor.

If you feel that you would like to try to do one of these events, but are a little unsure of yourself, or don't quite know how to proceed, contact me and I'll be happy to help you move it along. (Rich Gibson)

SUGGESTED PLACES TO GO / THINGS TO DO

WE NEED CLUB MEMBER INPUT HERE:

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NOVEMBER 2019 DINE PHOTOS

HOPE & ANCHOR







A MERRY TIME WAS HAD BY ONE AND ALL!

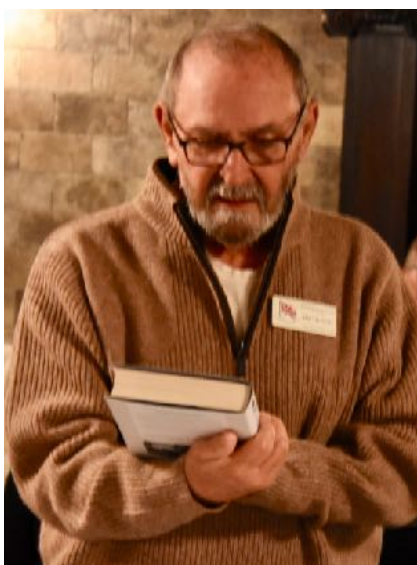
On December 11th, fifty-eight members and guests gathered at Lino's Restaurant to celebrate the holiday season with our club family. Thanks to the accommodating staff at Lino's, the evening was enjoyed by all. The team of Lee Kindgren and Bill Maschke generated lots of laughs during the gift exchange. Grace was given by Bruce Beneditz where he reminded us to be grateful for our BBB family and to remember our friends who weren't there because of illness or travel and those who are no longer with us.

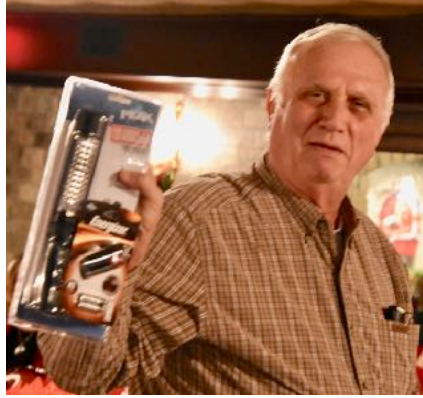
Mark your calendar for December 16, 2020 for next year's party and note it falls on our regular club meeting night, the third Wednesday.

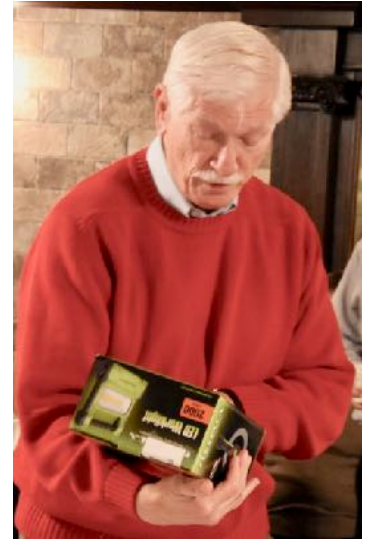
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DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

With “LeMans 66” striking gold at the box office it seems fitting to take a closer look at this prestigious event. (The movie is called “Ford vs Ferrari” in the United States.) The postscript of this true story points out Ford is the only American car company to win the 24 hours of LeMans. Who then have been the big winners? Here is a bit of LeMans by the numbers.

The 24 hours of LeMans is the oldest active sports car endurance race. With only ten exceptions, it has been held annually since 1923. (DUK 2017/4) The track, Circuit de la Sarthe, is 8.5 miles long with one almost straight section, The Mulsanne Straight, 3.7 miles long. Speeds in this section reach 200 mph. In 2019, 61 cars started the race and drove a total of 88,794 miles in the 24 hours.

The most wins by nation (country where the car was built) are: Germany (34), United Kingdom (17), France (15), Italy (13), and the United States (4).

The most wins by constructor (company building the car) are: Porsche (19), Audi (13), Ferrari (9), Jaguar (7) and Bentley (6).

The most wins per driver and their citizenship are: Tom Kristensen (Danish) – 9, Jacky Ickx (Belgian) – 6, and with 5 wins each, Derek Bell (English), Frank Biela (German), and Emanuele Pirro (Italian).

Winning drivers per nation: United Kingdom (30), France (29), Germany (19), United States (12), and Italy (11).

Number of wins per type of tyre: Dunlop (34), Michelin (28), Goodyear (14), Englebert (5), and Firestone (3).

Some other statistics, in no particular order:

Unlike most races, the winner is the car which covers the greatest distance in 24 hours. This led to an unexpected result in 1966 (see the film). All cars are required to have two seats, or at least the ability to accommodate a second seat. Originally there were no rules about the number of drivers per car and some drivers have driven the entire 24 hours solo. Now, at least 3 drivers per car are required. The race has been cancelled 10 times, in 1936 due to a labor action and from 1940 to 1948 due to World War II. Circuit de la Sarthe consists of both dedicated race track and public roads closed for the event. In early years, the race went through the town of LeMans, and in 1955 a car crashed into a crowd of spectators, killing 80 people. In 2006 Audi won with a diesel powered car and in 1991 Mazda won with a rotary engine car. Rotary engines were then banned! And finally, the 1967 LeMans was the first time a winning driver spraying champagne was shown on television. Dan Gurney was handed a magnum of champagne, which he shook and sprayed on Henry Ford II, Carroll Shelby, and their wives. Yes, Americans do have an odd sense of humor!

The race usually takes place the second weekend of June, starting at 15:00. Planning on going in 2020? The start will be on Saturday, June 13 at 16:00.

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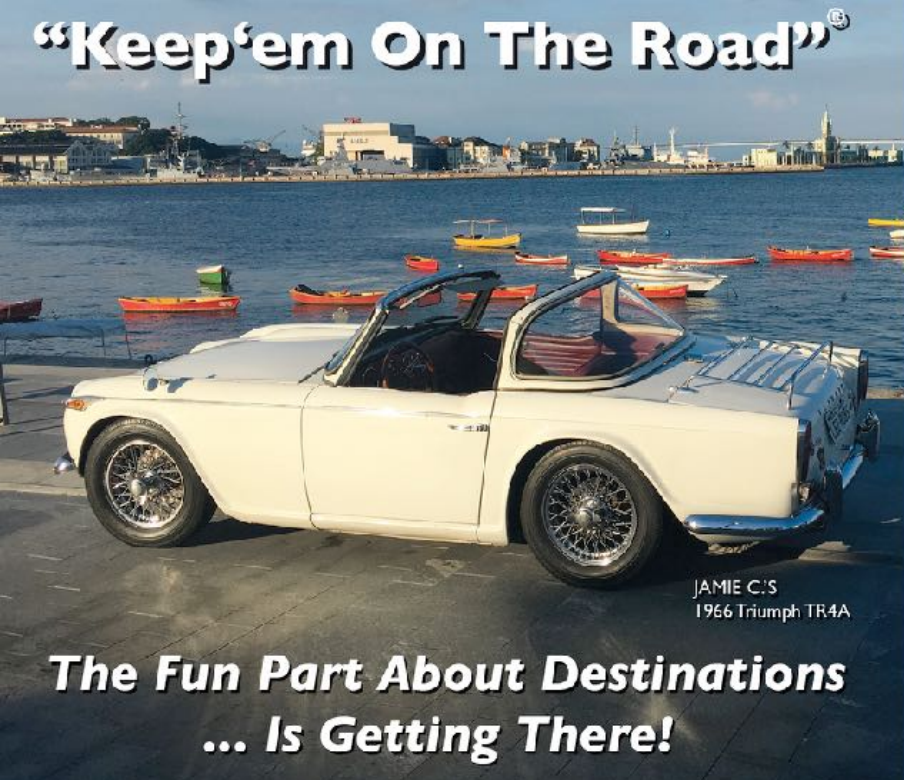
WEBMASTER REPORT – JANUARY 2020

The BBB club website was recently updated and the last event photos for 2019 were added. If you'd like to review our events for the year, it's a good time to see a summary of the many amazing events hosted by club members and the events committee. Go to www.britishbootsandbonnets.com and use the navigation menu at the top to find the 2019 Event Photos tab. You'll find a photo gallery of roughly 250 images of club and car related events.

Looking ahead, I'm building the 2020 monthly activities calendars for the website, and would love to hear from you with British car related events you think would be good additions to our website and calendar. If you receive information about British car shows, drives, or other events for the various marques, please remember your webmaster and send me an email or weblink. We'll add BBB hosted events at a future date based on planning by the events committee, chairs, and our members leading each activity.

THANK-YOU to everyone who contributed to, and supported our efforts, to have an interesting and current website with accurate information. I appreciate your contributions and know other members do as well!

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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(near East State Street and Bell School Road),

Dinner and social hour at 6:00pm.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm