

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets **January 2023** **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, 2023 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	Dennis Klemm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Crystal Klemm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Chris Oakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Brian Kobischka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	Bev Joyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events Chair	Ron Kuhnau	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regalia Chair	Bruce Beneditz	<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, 2023. 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 18, 2023

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

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

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

President's Report

January 2023

Here are some thoughts as I prepare to ride off into the sunset as your BBB President.

First, I would like to thank the BBB Board Members. They have been so supportive and have helped me greatly in fulfilling my role as President. They were always willing to answer my questions and provide valuable advice. Especially as we navigated through the difficult times with Covid.

I also need to thank the membership for their understanding and patience with the board's decisions as we struggled to keep the club active and to protect the members at large.

The resilience of BBB has been amazing. Last month I wrote how proud I was of the club members for sticking with it and coming out the other side just as strong as we were before. I did a little searching of the Chronicles and have some facts to back this up. The membership was 74 at the end of 2019. The membership today is 74. In 2020, when we nearly shut down, the membership only dropped to 67. Incredible.

In 2022 we held all 11 of our monthly meetings, with good attendance. The Celebration of Queen Elizabeth, was my most memorable meeting.

I fully expect that BBB will continue to prosper in 2023.

Happy New Year to you all!

Safety Fast,

Bruce



November 16 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ ___7:03___ pm

Number of members present ___30_____

New members - Jeff & Cynthia Kindgren - they have Lee's 79 MGB

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm

None

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

October 12, 2022 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes Don Grosenick 2nd: Dee Gibson

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka - absent

Activity for the period of October 2022 - November, 2022

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 1856.81
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.22
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 4922.03
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 4922.03

Income

Dues 2022	\$ 15.00
Dues 2023	\$ 30.00
Raffle Income - Nametags	\$ 36.00
Interest	\$ 0.03
Total Income	\$ 237.00

Expenses

Raffle Expense 2022	\$ 51.83
Regalia - Name Tags	\$ 73.40
Total Expenses	\$ 125.23
Overall Total	\$ 111.80

Motion to accept : Lynda Vickery 2nd : Phyllis Beneditz

Membership - Beverly Joyce

75 members

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery

None

January is the next issue. No issue in December.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Calendar 2023 being built

If you have information on events, please send it to Hal.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Kathy Lewis is having tests run.

Events - Greg Oakes

Club Events.... Christmas Party at Lino's December 14, at 6 pm.

Regional Events ... none

Regalia - Dennis Klemm

none

Classified - none

New Business - Officer election ballot was presented.

Motion to accept the slate of officers : Solveig Maschke

2nd : Sandy Hamaker

Vote passed for the 2023 Slate of Officers

President:	Dennis Klemm
Vice President:	Crystal Klemm
Treasurer:	Brian Kobischka
Secretary:	Chris Oakes
Events Chair:	Ron Kuhnau
Newsletter Editor:	Lynda Vickery
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Webmaster:	Hal Zenisek

Officers can serve a maximum of 2 Consecutive terms

We will vote on the officers in January.

Unfinished business - none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award - none

Burnt Piston Award -none

Marques - no reports

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. Poinsettia	Carol Eggleston
2. Poinsettia	Lynda Vickery
3. Poinsettia	Dee Gibson
4. Poinsettia	Greg Oakes
5. Poinsettia	Terry Cichon
6. Poinsettia	Ed Nichols
7. Candle	Roxann Canistra
8. Canvas bag	Jeff Kindgren

Adjournment

Motion made by _____Phyllis Beneditz_____

Second by ____Bev Joyce_____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at ____7:28____ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes



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BBB Website Year in Review – 2022

For those interested, during the calendar year 2022, the club's website saw an increase of traffic throughout the year. Key metrics from Squarespace, our web hosting service, are shared with all club members at this time. For January – December 2022:

- Total Visitors = 3,492 with a monthly average of 291 and those visitors viewed 6,852 different pages on our website
- Total traffic was up 15% from the previous year and page views were up 5%
- The busiest months were September, August, May, and June
- 54% of visitors came from searches on Google, Bing, or other web browser, 41% came direct, and 5% came from social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and others
- Most frequent Google searches were 'British car shows', 'British boots and bonnets', 'car shows near me', 'Harper College car show', and 'British car clubs near me'
- Most viewed pages on our website and listed in rank order were our Events Calendar, Newsletters, Current Officers, Event Photos, and Contact Us web pages
- Not that it's a competition but Apple IOS beat Microsoft Windows, and Google Chrome beat Safari
- Desktop users beat out mobile users by a slim margin but the trend lines for mobile use are increasing and this may flip next year
- Website related expenses for 2022 did not increase.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. I appreciate all the past support received from everyone related to our website and web related strategies. I am looking forward to 2023 and using the website to continue helping support club members, officers, and guests with accurate and up-to-date information about as many club activities as possible.

Your webmaster, Hal Zenisek

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

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

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Jan 18 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Feb 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 26 26th Annual All Sportscar Swap Meet & Autojumble, 8:00-2:00
 DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd,
 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 61087
 <https://chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/>
- Apr 12 BBB April Drive & Dine OPEN
- Apr 15 BBB April Saturday Drive OPEN
- Apr 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 10 BBB May Drive & Dine OPEN
- May 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 20 BBB May Saturday Drive OPEN
- Jun 14 BBB June Drive & Dine OPEN
- Jun 17 BBB June Saturday Drive OPEN

Jun 21	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Jul 12	BBB July Drive & Dine OPEN
Jul 15	BBB July Saturday Drive OPEN
Jul 19	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Aug 9	BBB August Drive & Dine OPEN
Aug 16	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Aug 19	BBB August Saturday Drive OPEN
Sep 13	BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN
Sep 16	BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
Sep 20	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Oct 11	BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN
Oct 18	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Oct 21	BBB October Saturday Drive OPEN
Nov 15	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Apr 1 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Apr 28-30 46th Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- May 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- May 19-21 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073
<https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend>
- Jun 2-4 Champagne British Car Festival, (John Twist featured speaker, MG
featured marque), Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL
<http://iflbcc.club/cbcf-host-hotel/>
- Jun 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jun 4 24th British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show,
10:00-3:00, Fort Meig Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd.,
Perrysburg OH 43566 <http://www.lebcc.org/>

- Jun 8-10 2023 Rendezvous, Hotel Chequamegon, 101 Lake Shore, Drive,
Ashland, WI
<https://www.mntriumphs.org/events/2023-rendezvous>
- Jun 12-16 NAMGR GT-48, Memphis, TN <https://namgar.com>
- Jun 16-17 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn Blackhawk Classic,
Blackhawk Farms Raceway,
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080
<https://blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/>
- Jun 17-20 MG 2023, Calgary, Canada
<https://mg2023/regfox.com/Calgary>
- Jun 20-23 GoF Central 2023, South Bend, IN
Host Hotel: Embassy Suites, South Bend, IN
<https://gof2023.com>
- Jun 25 35th Annual Michiana British Car Show,
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm
- Jul 1 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jul 8-9 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,
7/8 Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI
7/9 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory
Corners, MI
<http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>

- Aug 5 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Aug 5 38th British Car Day, 9-4PM
 Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
 <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 12 35th Annual Indy British Motor Day, 8:30-2:30
 Lion's Park, Zionville, IN (Featuring the MINI)
 <http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>
- Sep 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 <https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Sep 15-17 British Invasion (Featuring Jaguar, Land Rover & Morgan)
 Stowe, VT <https://www.britishinvasion.com/>
- Sep 19-21 2023 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,
 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH (Featuring Datsun/Nissan,
 Honda, Mazda & Toyota) <https://www.pibroadrace.com/>
- Sep 22-24 46th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
 Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
 Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- Sep 27-Oct 1 VTR Nationals 2023, The Dillard House, Dillard, GA
 <https://www.vtr2023.org>
- Sep 29-
 Oct 1 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
 <https://www.newporthillclimb.com>

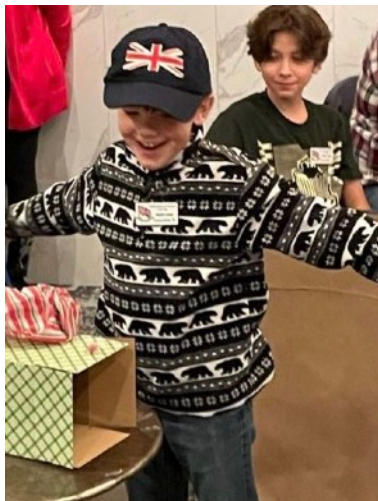
CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022

The 22nd BBB Christmas Party was held at Lino's and 34 members and guests attended. It seemed that all had a great time, and the luckiest young man I know, Tommy Leese, had his number drawn first for the Gift Exchange. He also was able to hold on to his gift for the whole evening without somebody taking it from him. The food was good, as always, and Lino's did a great job of setting us up and hosting. Thanks to everyone for attending, because the more the merrier. Thank you to Lynda, Phyllis, Connie, Brian, and Bill and Solveig Maschke, for their help in making this year's party another success.

The date has been reserved for next year, so please mark your calendars for December 13, 2023.







DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Anyone who has been around the European automotive scene for any length of time knows in the early part of the 20th century Brits considered three-wheel vehicles just as normal as four wheeled. Still, it is sometimes hard to believe just how far this concept extended.

By 1912 Napier & Son was a leading supplier of luxury cars in Great Britain, and were known for their innovative approach to engineering challenges. Because of this the London & North Eastern Railway approached Napier in 1930 looking for a replacement for their current form of motive power on local haulage, horses. The requirements dictated a tractor unit which could easily couple to existing horse trailers while retaining the maneuverability of a horse. Napier's solution, the Snub-nose Lorrie. Often dubbed the "Mechanical Horse" the tractor unit used a single front wheel which steered through 360 degrees. Built on a simple sturdy frame it had a square wooden cab and canvas doors. The Mechanical Horse came in two sizes capable of pulling either a 3-tonne or 6-tonne load. This agile vehicle had the ability to turn 360 degrees in under 20 feet with a 16-foot trailer attached.



Napier eventually sold the project to Scammell Lorries of Waterford who continued to refine and develop it, perfecting an automatic coupling and uncoupling mechanism. Known as the Scammell Mechanical Horse the tractor remained relatively unchanged until the late 1940s when a new Scammell 2090cc engine was introduced. The engine was mounted lower for greater stability and a rounded steel cab was designed giving it a “bug” like appearance. Known as the Scammell Scarab this unit remained popular with the railways as well as the post office and other users operating in crowded city environments.

Production of the Scarab continued until 1967 when it was replaced with one last updated version known as the Scammell Townsman. Despite the Townsman’s many improvements, production was short-lived, ending in 1968 due to the mandating of new safety regulations and the formation of British Leyland. During the 34-year production run approximately 30,000 Mechanical Horses of all types were made. Today about 30 original Mechanical Horses, 60 Scarabs, and 30 Townsman are known to survive.

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GEOFF'S PROVERBS

1. A day without sunshine is like night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
13. How many of you believe in psycho kinesis? Raise my hand.
14. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
15. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
16. Hard work pays off in the future.. Laziness pays off now.
17. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
18. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
19. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
20. Why do psychics have to ask you your name?
21. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'
22. Just remember -- if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
23. Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
24. Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapeno's. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.



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- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

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- Shipped directly to you (additional fee)
- Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

Lynda Vickery, *Chronicles Editor*
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