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**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

July 20, 2022

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

July 2022

I am writing this on a rainy Saturday morning. No complaints. We need the rain and have just had a stretch of beautiful days to get the LBCs out and enjoy them.

Last night, Phyllis and I had a wonderful evening enjoying live music on the riverfront in Beloit. The Friends of Riverfront put on a free concert series called Music at Harry's Place at the pavilion on the Rock River in Beloit. Last night was the Cash Box King's from Madison playing old style Chicago Blues. It's a great place to take the LBC, sit outside, enjoy a picnic if you wish, and listen to music from 7:00 to 9:00. A chair to sit in is all you need. Or, come early and bring a bottle of wine and a picnic. (You need to come early to get a close parking spot.) There are also food trucks, popcorn, and beverage sales. Everything you could want for a delightful evening.

Check it out at <https://www.friendsofriverfront.com/music-at-harrys-place/>

I highly recommend the Jimmy's on July 8th. We'll be there.

By the time you read this the 4th of July will have come and gone. I hope everyone had a great time. We will have spent the time at the lake.

Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events. Also, look to see if there are any holes in the schedule that you can fill. We hope to have lots of opportunities to get out on the road and to enjoy each other's company.

Safety Fast,
Bruce



JUNE 15, 2022 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS BOARD MEETING

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ __7:02__ pm

Number of members present ____25____

No guests

No new members

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm

The Klemms have invited the Madison British Car Club to the July 3rd picnic.

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

May18, 2022 Minutes as printed in the June Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by __Larry Eils__

Seconded by __Rich Gibson ____

Corrections to the May 18, 2022 minutes - Motion passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka (presented by Bev Joyce)

Activity as of 6/14 2022

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 2380.41
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.09
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 5445.50
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 10.00

Corporation file

Overall Total \$ -9.97

Motions to accept the budget was made by __Ron Kuhnau__

Seconded by __Dee Gibson ____

Membership - Beverly Joyce

Currently paid members = 59

Calls will be made to the remaining people on the membership list to see if they are going to continue being members and paying the annual dues.

Unpaid dues will result in these people being dropped from the membership list.

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery

none

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

He received a Club email wanting to list a project car to purchase.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

None

Events - Greg Oakes (presented by Chris Oakes)

Past events....

May 28th - Memorial Day Picnic at Abington Tews, The Klemm's hosted a picnic. Somehow the rain bypassed us and it turned out to be a very nice day. Also present were invited guests from the Madison British Car Club and the Chicagoland Car Club.

June 4th Saturday Drive hosted by the Maschke's with assistance from Cannistra's. We drove to Walworth for lunch and then on to Benedetti's for dessert. Sure it was cold and rainy, but no one complained and those that participated all seemed to have a good time.

June 8th Drive and Dine hosted by the Grosenick's. Drive was from Roscoe to Fort Atkinson to dine at the Stagecoach Inn. There was a good turn out and the food, as always, was good.

A BIG Thank You to all our gracious hosts.

Club Events.... From today's meeting until the July Club Meeting

June 18, Rick Hamaker Celebration of Life. This will start at 1:00 pm and is being held at the Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve on South Mulford Road (official park address is ... 5360 Mulford Road, Cherry Valley, IL)

June 24, Ladies Lunch will be at the Prairie Street Brewery at 12:30 pm. The Prairie Street Brewery is at 200 Prairie Street in Rockford. Please RSVP to Chris Oakes by Wednesday evening.

June 24, Old Farts will meet at the Olympic Tap at 1:00 pm. The Olympic Tap is at 2327 N. Main, Rockford.

Events coming up in early July...

July 4th Picnic (actually July 3rd) at the Klemm's Country house

July Drive and Dine will be on July 13th.

The Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens, Brits on the Lawn is being held on July 10th.

Please let Rich Cannistra know you plan to attend and what car you will have on display.

More detailed information will follow on other events as they get closer.

Regional Events

None

Regalia - Dennis Klemm

None

Classified -

Hal Zenisek has a 1979 MGB blue rubber bumper car for sale. Hal and Connie bought Jackie Bartlett's blue Jaguar.

New Business - None

Unfinished business -None

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient ___Donna Jaquet _____

For: Bringing Carol Eggleston to monthly meetings and other club events.

Nominated by __Carol Eggleston _____Second ___Phyllis Beneditz _____

5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient) ___Carol Eggleston _____

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award

Recipient _____NONE _____

Marques

Triumph - The GT6 is not a light project.

Mini - Larry Eils - Mad Dogs and Englishmen is featuring the Old and New, especially the right hand drive, mini this year.

MG - Ron Kuhnau - The 2022 MG is at Peterborough, Canada June 19 - 23. No one from the club is attending.

Morgan - Rich Gibson - New Morgan 3 wheeler was released. It doesn't have any Morgan traditions. It is currently not a hot seller.

The Vincent Motorcycle Owners Club event is in Chestnut Mountain, Galena, Il in July. The Gibson's will attend.

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. ___sunflower plant _____	_____Marna Grosenick_____
2. ___sunflower plant _____	_____Solveig Maschke _____
3. ___hanging basket_____	_____Donna Jaquet _____
4. ___hanging basket _____	_____Larry Eils _____
5. ___Adjustable wrench set	_____Bev Joyce _____
6. ___socket set _____	_____Lynda Vickery _____
7. ___heat shrink tubing _____	_____Ron Kuhnau _____
8. ___travel bag _____	_____Rich Gibson _____
9. ___Wisconsin Supper Club Book	_____Crystal Klemm _____

Donated by Lynda Vickery

Adjournment

Motion made by ___Phyllis Beneditz _____

Second by ___Nancy Kuhnau _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at ___7:35 ___ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

BRITS IN THE GARDENS 2022, JULY 10TH, 12-4 P.M.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me to confirm their participation at our Rotary Gardens event this year. To plan parking locations, it helps to know ahead of time but there is always room for any club member who wishes to participate, simply show up and you will be accommodated. Remember to bring lawn chairs for your comfort.

Rotary Gardens is located at 1455 Palmer Drive in Janesville WI. Please arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 so we can have the cars in place by 12:00. Bruce Beneditz will lead a caravan north for anyone wishing to join him. Meet Bruce and Phyllis at the Roscoe Middle School, 6121 Elevator Road in Roscoe IL at 10:30. They will depart promptly at 10:45.

Following the event, 4:30 reservations for our group have been made at The Rock Bar & Grill in Beloit. Located at 101 Maple Avenue, Beloit WI. The Rock features both indoor and outdoor seating and has a casual, reasonably priced menu. Anyone who wants to caravan can follow me to that location after the event, about 4:15.

For any club member not displaying a car who wishes to visit Rotary Gardens, complimentary tickets are available. Please contact me with your request. Of course, you are also welcomed to join us at The Rock Bar and Grill.

Thank you for helping make this a spectacular day for our club.

Rich Cannistra 608-359-4671

JULY DRIVE AND DINE PLANS ARE SET!

Please join Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, and Lynda Vickery for a short, scenic drive to Stillman Valley, Illinois on Wednesday, July 13th. Once there we will Dine at The Rack on 72 restaurant and bar.

For those who want to participate in the Drive, we will gather at the Northwest corner of the Cherry Vale Mall parking lot (next to the water tower, not far from F&F Tire, and adjacent to the outside entrance to the old Bergner's store) at 5:45PM, with a 6:00PM departure time. For members who prefer to Dine-only, meet the group at the restaurant by 6:45PM.

We should arrive for our Dine at The Rack on 72 (street address is 9042 IL- HWY 72, Stillman Valley, IL) around 6:30-6:45PM.

Check out the restaurant's Facebook page (at <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=339005151759299&set=p.339005151759299>) for their menu. Their wraps and sandwiches are very good. The Club has been there in the past when it was under different ownership.

RSVP. Please let Lynda know you are planning to attend by Tuesday 7/12 so that we can reserve tables. And let her know whether you plan to ride down with the group or meet there. vickery.jv@gmail.com or cell 815-871-5623.

2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Jul 10 Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens, Brits on the Lawn.
1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI See Details above.
- Jul 13 BBB July Drive & Dine - Rack on 72, 9042 IL- HWY 72, Stillman Valley, IL
Meet at water tower at Cherry Vale Mall at 5:45; leaving at 6pm.
Reservations at 6:45. See Details above.
Hosted by Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet & Lynda Vickery
- Jul 16 BBB July Saturday Drive OPEN
- Jul 20 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 10 BBB August Drive & Dine - Duck Inn - Details to follow.
Hosted by Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
- Aug 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 21 49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In,
11619 Rte 76, Poplar Grove, IL Details to follow.
- Aug 24 BBB Special Mid-week event. Drive and Lunch.
SAVE THE DATE! Details to follow.
Host: Chris Oakes
- Sep 14 BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN
- Sep 17 BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
- Sep 21 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 12 BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN
- Oct 15 BBB Friends Around the Campfire - Save the date! Details to follow.

- Oct 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Nov 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 14 BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Jul 11-15 GoF Central 2022,
 Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse, WI
 <https://mnmgroup.wildapricot.org/event-4421287>
- Aug 6 Heartland British Autofest 2022,
 Riverfront in Le Claire, IA <http://qcbac.com/>
- Aug 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Aug 6 British Car Day, 9-4PM
 Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
 <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 29-Sep 1 VTR 2022; Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, IL
 <HTTPS://WWW.VTR2022.ORG/>
- Sep 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
 carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com

- Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT
<https://www.britishinvasion.com/>
- Sep 16-17 40th All British Car & Cycle Show, BBQ on 16th @ 5PM,
 Show: 17th 9-3PM, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park,
 13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO
<https://allbritishcarshow.com/>
- Sep 20-23 2022 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,
 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH
<https://www.pibroadrace.com/>
- Sep 30- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
 Oct 2 <https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>

Thank You!

On behalf of the family of Rick Hamaker, thank you everyone who came to the celebration of life. And thank you to all who were a part of making his dream project come true. Rick had intended to write an article about the project and to thank everyone who had helped him. Unfortunately I have not found any notes for the article. So I will thank those who I know were on the list:

- Greg Oakes
 Ron Kuhnau
 Lyn Pond
 Ed Lehman
 Lee Kindgren
 Bruce Altman
 Roxann Canistra*

We were overwhelmed by the number of people that were there, friends, family, neighbors, high school friends, members of our wedding party. We feel very blessed.

Sandy Hamaker

SATURDAY DRIVE WITH A TWIST

By Rich Cannistra

Saturday June 4th was a bit of a gray day, but eleven club members were undeterred by the possibility of rain. Six cars headed to Meggy Moo's Dairy Ripple in Walworth WI trusting the weather would hold off, as there was only outdoor, uncovered dining available. Alas we were not that lucky, but with coats and hats to fend off the drizzle a reasonably dry lunch was enjoyed by all.

Part two of the adventure was to drive back to Benedetti's Supper Club in Beloit WI for their famous "over the top" desserts. The unannounced twist was the dessert was going to be paid for by event hosts Maschkas and Cannistras, thus free for all other participants. As luck would have it, for the hosts, three of the eleven chose not to drive for dessert. (Yes, they are reading this now in the Chronicle realizing they passed up free ice cream!) Greg and Chris Oakes only were the lucky winners as Bil had previously conned Bruce Beneditz into picking up the tip.

OK Bil, the cat is out of the bag! Are you brave enough to do it again? If so, I'm busy that day ;^)





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A GREAT JUNE 8th DRIVE & DINE HOSTED BY THE GROSENICKS



The Drive part of the Drive & Dine started in Roscoe and after a scenic trip ended at the Stagecoach Inn on Route 26 outside of Ft. Atkinson, WI. This has always been a favorite in the past, and everyone enjoyed returning - for both their food and visiting with fellow BBB members. Thank you Don and Marna!



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY BRITISH CAR STYLE!

Did anyone notice how hot and muggy July 3rd was? Well the weather was no deterrent since more than 60 people arrived at Abingdon Tews with their British cars! We had MG's, Jaguars, Morris, Triumphs, Morgans, and a Sunbeam Rapier.

Again, as well as BBB, we had the Madison British Car Group and the Chicagoland MG President along with her family.

With the amount of food that everyone bought to the party, there was enough to feed a small army! Savory dishes, sweet dishes and everything in between. More than one could sample. Thank you Chris Oakes for organizing the food display.

Our Grill Master Bil Maschke was disappointed that he was not able to show off his talents. (Dennis and I decided that we would make Roasted Pork and BBQ) so that everyone had a chance to just relax and enjoy themselves.

Great friends, good conversation and cool cars!

Crystal





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.

DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In 1934 the Swallow Coachbuilding Company changed their name to SS Cars Limited. At the London Motor Show that year the SS stand was no longer in the coachbuilder's section but among the car manufacturers which was a huge leap in status. The good news was the SS1 was selling like hotcakes because of its incredibly sharp styling. The bad news was performance was not comparable to the dashing looks so the car was developing a reputation of more show than go.

The engine with its RAG carburettors as provided by Standard was the Achilles heel and William Lyons knew something had to be done. A radical rework was required to achieve the desired power output, so Lyons retained the services of Harry Weslake to do the surgery. Fortunately, relations with Standard were excellent and John Black agreed to supply SS exclusively with the redesigned engines. Lyons challenged Weslake to get 95 horsepower from the 55-horsepower engine. The boastful Weslake demanded a bonus for each additional horsepower above the target. When he finished working his magic the result was 102 horsepower!

The new powerful engine was to drive a four-door saloon, a new concept which became the focus of Lyons' career from that point on. Lyons had to find a proper name for this new flagship model, and as luck would have it a list of animal names was prepared for him by the Nelson Advertising Agency.



The Mark IV Jaguar saloon was produced from 1946 through 1948.

The name Jaguar leaped off the page. A more appropriate name for the new high performance luxury sedan was hardly imaginable. Interestingly after deciding to use the name, Lyons began to get cold feet and was considering going back on the idea. Nelson Advertising people thought the name was so correct they told Lyons a white lie, that the advertising campaign using the new name had already been launched. Thus, by a whisker thin margin, the SS Jaguar was born.

Throughout the late 1930s SS cars continued to improve their cars and their reputation. Then in 1940 automobile production ceased with the outbreak of war. Manufacture and repair of aircraft components, including the fuselage assembly of the Whitley bomber were the main tasks of SS Cars Limited. When automobile production resumed after the war the letters SS were no longer acceptable in the civilized world. The solution? They were simply dropped, and the name of that four-door saloon thus became the name of the marque, Jaguar.

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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Dennis Klemm. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

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

You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

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