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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

JULY 2018

In honor of America's 242nd Birthday it's appropriate to remind ourselves of what the final paragraph of the Declaration of Independence says paying particular attention to the last sentence of this incredible document they all signed:

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

The life of Richard Stockton of New Jersey is fairly typical of the fate they suffered: Richard Stockton, a New Jersey State Supreme Court Justice, had rushed back to his estate near Princeton after signing the Declaration of Independence to find that his wife and children were living like refugees with friends. They had been betrayed by a Tory sympathizer who also revealed Stockton's own whereabouts. British troops pulled him from his bed one night, beat him and threw him in jail where he almost starved to death. When he was finally released, he went home to find his estate had been looted, his possessions burned, and his horses stolen. Judge Stockton had been so badly treated in prison that his health was ruined and he died before the war's end. His surviving family had to live the remainder of their lives off charity.

Tomorrow as we all gather to celebrate our Independence from tyranny of any kind, let us take our own pledges to insure America remains a free nation with liberty and justice for all.

The June Drive and Dine was held at The Duck Inn in Delavan with some 15 members attending; we all met at the Roscoe Middle School parking lot with good weather that allowed for all tops to be down. After driving along a route that received lots of positive feedback we dined in the section of the restaurant that was the original Duck Inn.

John



Happy Birthday America!!

JUNE 20, 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. Thirty-three members were present. No new members or guests were present. John Ward reviewed the raffle prizes for the meeting.

Vice President's Report - Brian Kobischka - No Report

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Don Grosenick to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Connie Frazier. Motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report – Larry Eils</u>

Treasurer's report was presented by Larry Eils.

Motion made by Brian Kobischka to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Jim Vickery. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No Report

<u>Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery</u>

Lynda appreciates the articles sent in for the Chronicle.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

An email was received from an individual (Scott Alan Barber) in northern Chicago who owns a TR-7. He is in need of a good mechanic for his car needing serious engine work. Contact Hal Zenisek if you'd like to offer a helping hand.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No Report

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No Report

Past Events - Rich Glbson

Thank you to Greg and Chris Oakes for undertaking the enjoyable Saturday Drive in May. A fantastic lunch stop at the golf course in Delavan was enjoyed by all.

Another thank you to John and Sandy Ward for organizing and hosting the June Drive and Dine to the Duck Inn. It was well-liked and much appreciated!

And again, huge thanks roll out to Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller for planning and hosting the June Saturday drive through the rolling hills of NW Illinois. Although it was hotter than the dickens, 8 cars (6 British) toured the back country roads, winding up at Savannah just in time to see a parade, then enjoyed a look around the Iron Horse Social Club. There, a wonderful collection of Harley Davidson and Indian motorcycles and various other parts and memorabilia are artfully displayed. Then it was on to the top of Chestnut Mountain Resort for a great lunch. Leon, Rich Cannistra, and Rich Gibson took a sled ride down the track on the mountain. The driving tour continued down a back road with rolling hills and very, very few stop signs. The BBB Club members offered our own parade through the Main Street of Galena before turning east and heading home, with another stop in Lena at a local brewery. It was quite a day! Thanks again for putting it all together Leon!

Future Events - Rich Glbson

Remember to check the Club website. There are a LOT of activities and events posted on the calendar there, even outside of the BBB Club hosted events. Hal Zenisek has done a marvelous job with the website and keeping all of us informed about opportunities to connect with British Car events all around the area.

June 22 - No Ladies Who do Lunch or Old Farts Lunch this month.

July 7 - Day at the Lake at Rich & Dee's Lake cottage. Please bring a dish to pass. Chicken will be provided. Rain date on July 8th. No organized Club drive is arranged. Please RSVP to Dee or Rich if you plan to be there so they can get the chicken for you! If you need directions or information, feel free to contact either Rich or Dee!

- July 11 Drive and Dine, hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick for the best prime rib in the area!
- July 21 Charlie and Linda Gall will host the Saturday Drive, taking us to the Polo Motorcycle Museum and lunch at the Candlelight where "Chicken George" is their specialty of the house!
- July 27 Ladies Who Do Lunch and Old Farts lunches, restaurants TBD.

A HUGE thank you needs to be given to Lynda Vickery in publishing the Chronicle, to Beverly Joyce who keeps us all in the loop through email postings - even last minute changes to plans, and to Hal Zenisek for all his work on the Club website. When you take a good look at how these three individuals work together to keep us all informed about everything we do, it is quite amazing! Thank them!

A last-minute notice about an opportunity on 8-9 September to reserve a display table at The Classic Auto Show at the Stevenson County Convention Center, where they expect 600+ cars. There will be car demonstrations, celebrity appearances and other displays. If you're up for manning a table, let John Ward, Rich Gibson, or Hal Zenisek know right away.

The "British Invasion" will be held in Stowe, Vermont from 14-16 September. Right now, 6-7 BBB cars plan to make the journey there, leaving on September 11th. There are still a few hotel rooms left at the Golden Eagle Resort in Stowe. The group also plans to spend one night at the Caboose Motel in Titusville, Pennsylvania. While heading there as a group is an option, the drive home will be on your own as many plan to explore various parts of the east coast while out in the area. Let Rich Glbson or Rich Cannistra know if you plan to join in!

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

Club members from other clubs have gone to our club website in the past to join us for our club meetings. This might be a good option for us to do as well, joining other clubs for their meetings and/or events. So if you're planning a trip somewhere, check out the clubs on the way to see if there's something happening with other clubs.

Burnt Piston Award - None

Good Wrench Award - None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

- 1. Flowering Plant Brian Kobischka
- 2. Flowering Plant Larry Eils
- 3. Flowering Plant Marv Proctor
- 4. Flowering Plant Luz Lehman
- 5. Flowering Plant Charlie Gall
- 6. Swivel Lens Head Lamp Hal Zenisek
- 7. Swivel Lens Head Lamp Rich Glbson
- 8. 48-ounce Ice Car Wash Leon Kitzmiller
- 9. Microfibre Wash and Dry Pack Rich Cannistra
- 10. LED MininWorklight Flashlight Don Grosenick
- 11. Thunder Bay Bucks Carol Eggleston

Adjournment

President, John Ward, told a story about a blonde woman sitting in first class on an airline and who refused to move back to her seat in Economy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 11	BBB Drive & Dine - Stagecoach Inn,
	11946 WI-26, Fort Atkinson, WI
	Hosts: Don & Marna Grosnick
	Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:30pm
July 18	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
•	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
July 21	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - TOUR TO POLO & STERLING, IL
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Hosts: Charlie & Linda Gall
	Meet at Road Ranger on S. Main, 10:00am
August 8	BBB <i>Drive & Dine</i> - Crandell's, 10441 IL Rte 47, Hebron, IL
ragase o	Hosts: Rich & Jackie Bartlett
	Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:30pm
August 11	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - EPIC SYSTEMS CORP.
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August 15	
August 15	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
A	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 24	Cars on the Square; Monroe, WI
	Starting at 5pm
August 25	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 7-10	BBB - SIMPLE SATURDAY DRIVE OR LONG WEEKEND
Sept 9	British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
Sept 11-16	British Invasion; Stowe, VT
Sept 12	BBB Drive & Dine - OPEN
	Hosts: OPEN
Sept 19	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 28-30	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 6	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND
	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 10	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD
	Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
Oct 17	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 14	BBB Dine - OPEN
	Hosts: OPEN
Nov 28 (CHANGE IN DATE)	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
,	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec 5	BBB Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 12	BBB Christmas Party - Lino's
	5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL
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JULY DRIVE & *DINE*WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH

by Marna & Don Grosenick

It's time to start thinking about our July Drive and Dine.

We will be heading up north to an old favorite, the Stagecoach Inn in Wisconsin.

We will meet at the FastFuel in South Beloit on Hwy. 75 & I-90 (east of the interstate) at 5:15 for a 5:30 departure on Wednesday, July 11.

Our reservation is for 6:30, and the Stagecoach is located on Hwy 26, north of Janesville.

Please call us at 608-752-7092 or e-mail at mgrosenick@att.net for reservations by Monday, July 9th. We hope to see you all there on the 11th.

BBB SATURDAY DRIVE SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

Destination: Candlelight Inn, Sterling, Illinois

by Charlie Gall

Stop along the way at *On Any Sunday Motorcycle Museum* and *Country Floral Gift Shop* in Polo

We will meet 10AM at the Road Ranger near the RFD Airport, 4980 S Main St, Rockford. Route instructions will be given out, and we will then caravan SE to Polo. Our drive will take us through Byron and Mt. Morris, picking up Lowell Park Road, AKA *9 Curves Road*, just outside Mt. Morris. We will pass lots of corn. In Polo we will be visiting *On Any Sunday Motorcycle Museum*, 208 W Mason St, in Polo. Norm Carroll opened this museum in an old church many years ago, and he's got quite a collection of European and Japanese bikes on display. For those not totally in tune with motorcycles, a couple doors down is *Country Floral Gift Shop*, 101 N Division Ave, in Polo. The entrance is on Mason St, just east of the Museum. We will hang around the Museum and Gift shop for about 45-60 minutes, then back on the road to Sterling. We will have lunch at 12:30 at *The Candlelight Inn*, 2907 North Locust St (IL 40), in Sterling. The menu can be found at: candlelightinnrestaurant.com. They are famous for CHICKEN GEORGE, but there is a fairly extensive menu available as well.

Contact Charlie or Linda Gall for information. charliebackintheday@gmail.com

PH 815-595-4460

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8TH DRIVE AND DINE

Crandall's (Www.Crandallschicken.Com) 10441 Il Route 47, Hebron, Il 60034 Tel: (815) 648-2609

Meet At Roscoe Middle School 5:30 Pm Elevator Road, Roscoe

> Leave Promptly At 5:45 Pm Eat At 6:45 Pm

Hosts: Rich And Jackie Bartlett
Please Let Us Know By Monday August 6Th
For An Approximate Count Of People Going
Thnx

Tel: (815) 623-8581 Leave A Message If No Answer

E-MAIL: jembee43@aol.com

AUGUST SATURDAY DRIVE

by Rich Cannistra

On August 11th the BBB Saturday Drive will head north to Madison Wisconsin. We have arranged conducted tours of both the Wisconsin Historical Museum and Epic Systems Corporation. Lunch is expected to be in Verona while dinner will be along the way as we head back south. Plan to join hosts Rich and Roxann Cannistra in August as we travel back roads of the badger lands looking for adventure.

NEW COFFEE AND CARS EVENTS

forwarded by Rich Cannistra updated by Lynda Vickery

The Janesville WI Farmers Market has just announced a Coffee and Cars event this summer. The market runs every Saturday from now till the end of October on Main Street in downtown Janesville. The car show will be near the Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main St. on the last Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 29 according to the Janesville Farmers Market Facebook page.)

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 \$10 for name tags.



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1966 MG Princess 1100
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\$6,000
Contact Carol at (815) 399-7055

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In 1961 a chicken farmer from Texas USA put a little company in England on the post in WWII map. Ford had proved to be too dim-witted to realize they had a horse in their stable which could easily have been competition to what was rapidly becoming America's only sports car, the Corvette. With a little Yankee ingenuity and a lot of moxy Carol Shelby set out to challenge Corvette's domination, but that's a story for another time. This is the story of that little company, its humble beginnings, and several tricycles.

At London's Crystal Palace Motor Show in 1903 John Weller displayed a 10 hp touring car of his own design. He simply called it a "Weller". He intended to go into production with an advanced 20 hp version but his financial backer disagreed, considering the car too expensive to produce. Weller instead built a three wheeled delivery vehicle which he called the "Autocarrier". His design was a huge success and rapidly became the delivery vehicle of choice for London stores; one firm even had a fleet of more than 50. Riding this success Weller's company was registered as Autocar & Accessories Limited.

By 1907 there was a passenger version of the Autocarrier called a "Sociable". Then the British Army became interested and some Autocarriers were outfitted with guns or as ammunition transporters. In 1911 the company moved to larger premises and became Auto Carriers LTD. Finally in 1922 that name was simplified to the one we recognize today, AC Cars LTD.

AC was caught off guard by the crash of 1929 and went into liquidation. Limited production resumed during the 30s, and then WWII found AC producing aircraft parts, fire engines, guns, and an unlikely tricycle which once again proved to be the path to profitability: The Invalid Carriage. Many veterans were disabled in the war and the government felt it was proper to help with their transportation needs. AC was back in the tricycle business with a fiberglass, 3 wheeled, one person "Invacar". They were built in the tens of thousands and all painted ice blue. Invacars were owned by the government and leased to disabled drivers as part of their disability benefit. By 1954 a commercial version called "Petite" was also available. In what must be considered an amazing stretch of marketing the Petite was advertised as "The real small car that will go anywhere" with room for two adults plus a child and extra space for luggage. Production wound up in 1977, but the final chapter for most Invacars occurred in 2003 when all government owned units were recalled and scrapped because of safety concerns.

THE DESTINATION FOR THE JUNE DRIVE & DINE WAS A CLUB FAVORITE - THE DUCK INN

by John Ward

Fifteen members ventured to The Duck Inn in Delavan, WI for the June Drive & Dine, hosted by Sandi and John Ward. After a pleasant drive from Roscoe to the restaurant on wandering, mainly Wisconsin, roads, the group arrived hungry! And an excellent dinner was served in a room that was part of the original Duck Inn.



















Thank you Sandi and John for a great ride and wonderful meal!



JUNE SATURDAY DRIVE THROUGH NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

by Rich Gibson

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THE ROAD TO MG2018 GETTYSBURG, PA WITH THE STEVE AND POLLY CARTER, LYN AND JOYCE POND & RON AND NANCY KUHNAU

by Nancy Kuhnau

We started our trip on Friday, June 15 after a thunderstorm rolled through Rockford. The first day we drove to Logansport, IN where we stayed the night. Saturday was another day of driving. We really enjoyed traveling with the Bimini topper. Great sun protection but with a breeze. Traveling to Mansfield, OHIO ,we stayed off Hwy 30 and found some very interesting and scenic roads. Sunday was another driving day with our sights set on Uniontown, PA for our overnight.



Monday was a busy day. We had a morning tour of Fallingwater a Frank Lloyd Wright designed weekend home for the Kaufmann family of Pittsburg. The house was built in 1935 over a water fall for a total cost of \$155,000.00. In todays market it is worth millions. Very interesting and beautiful scenery on the property. Our next stop on Hwy 30 near Stoystown, PA is the Flight 93 Memorial from 9/11. Very well done and so emotional. On to Gettysburg and we arrived late afternoon.

Tuesday was registration and a busy day taking in all that is offered including tech sessions with John Twist for the guys. Dinner that night was at the Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg's oldest Historic Building, built in 1776. All the staff were dressed in period clothes, it was perfect.



Wednesday were more tech sessions and Ron enjoyed listening to a talk on "Why Did They Do That." That evening Chris and Greg Oakes joined us at the Hotel for dinner and hearing about their travels to Gettysburg with friends. Music in the parking lot each evening was an added bonus.

Thursday we woke to rain. By 9:00 a.m. show time it was a mist and muggy. About 330 cars were registered for the event. Very impressive. MG 2018 was very well planned and it was so good to have it all at one location.

We all traveled around Gettysburg in our free time exploring the Battlefields and the Museum. So much to see.

Friday we are back on the road. Lyn arranged a tour of KME, fire engine factory, at Nesquahouing, PA. Great tour and all the guys were so happy to see Lyn again after 10 years. Lyn was the Rockford area sales representative for KME. Next stop for 2 days in the town of Jim Thorp, PA. It's a very interesting town with good restaurants, a nice Inn where we stayed, a Steam Engine train ride along the Lehigh River and a concert at the Opera House.

Sunday we started home and arrived late afternoon on Monday. Milage for the trip 2059 miles. Great trip!!!!



MG GoF LAKE LAWN GATHERING HELD JUNE 27-30

John and Sandi Ward attended the MG GoF gathering this year with their beautiful red MGTF.

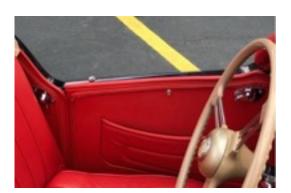












WEBMASTER REPORT

Please note that photos from the spring driving and club events through June are now posted on the website. Check them out if you missed any of the events or want to see a recap of the activities. Look under the PHOTOS tab on the navigation menu at the top, and select the 2018 Event Photos folder from the drop down menu. Go to www.britishbootsandbonnets.com from your Internet browser, or Click here or touch here if you are on a computer or mobile device. Thanks to the Cannistra's for sharing their photos with the club.

Additional pictures (members, cars, and events) are always welcome. You can send them as attachments via email and I'll upload them. Please let me know if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions about the club's website.

Hal Zenisek, BBB Webmaster

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BBB REGALIA ONLINE JULY 2018

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

two BBB visors - \$10

British flags for cars - \$5

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:

Shipped directly to you (additional fee)

Pick up at EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

*I will be happy to stop by EmbroidThis and pick up your order. It is right on the way to our meeting location. Just let me know!

Jim Vickery



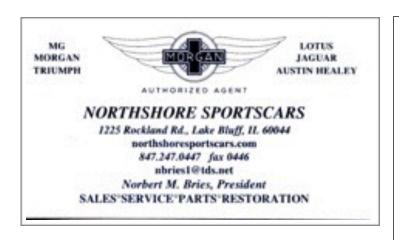


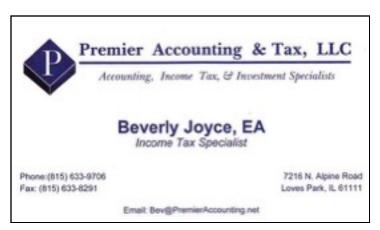
We are seeing some of our members sporting new BBB Regalia clothing!

This is a great way to promote our Club, and if you have any new ideas or helpful hints, please let me know!

Jim







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