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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
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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

JUNE 2017

Today is the 73rd anniversary of the Allied Forces landing at Normandy to begin the invasion of Nazi occupied Europe; certainly we all are eternally grateful for the thousands of heroic young men who stormed ashore that day, many giving their last full measure for our freedom at Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches.

We are finally getting some wonderful top-down weather and will be departing for lunch at Lake Geneva tomorrow morning in our trusty Miata. Still no word on our quest for an Illinois bonded tile for our MGTF but are assured all paperwork is in order and things are "winding" their way through the DOT maze in Springfield. Hopefully we will partake in one of our upcoming Drive and Dines.

We have had Sandi's cousin Kathy and her family from Rancho Cucamonga, CA visiting for 10 days with overnight stops at her cousin Brookes (our daughter) in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Waunakee, WI to see our beautiful Grand Girls and our 105 year old Aunt Agnes and finally back to Roscoe for a some R&R before heading back to the Golden State. The weather was perfect during their entire visit and we all have a great time catching up over parks, river cruises, great meals and adult beverages.

The weather has been perfect for grass growing and I've been spending more time on the old John Deere lawn tractor than I would like to keep ahead of the curve. We hope you all are getting in some quality time on your deck or in your backyard barbecuing and enjoying our late spring. See you soon and good motoring.

John



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MAY 17, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by John Ward. Twenty-eight 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 Bruce Beneditz to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Rich Cannistra. Motion Passed.

*Note: Minutes of this night's meeting were recorded by Roxann Cannistra as Dee Gibson was in Georgia.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Lee presented the monthly treasurer's report.

Motion was made by Brian Kobischka to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion was seconded by Larry Eils. Motion passed.

Membership - Beverly Joyce

We have 64 paid memberships to date. Phone calls will be made to those past members to encourage them to pay 2017 dues.

Chronicle / Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - No report (Absent)

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games will be held on June 16 & 17 in Itasca. Vintage Motorsport Magazines are for sale (1956, 1957, 1958. See Hal Zenisek if interested.

Regalia - Jim Vickery - No report (Absent)

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Don Grosenick's mother passed away. Condolences were sent from the Club.
Rich Hamaker had a valve replacement and a double bypass surgery. He is now home.
Don Huebschen's father passed away. Condolences were sent from the Club.

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

The Tuscan Grill, one of our latest Drive and Dine destinations, is now closed. Don and Marna Grosenick hosted the May Drive and Dine at the Ding-a-Ling Supper Club in Hanover, Wisconsin. There were 27 members at this event enjoying a good time and good service. Thank you Don and Marna!

The Ladies Tea was held on Saturday, April 22, at Chris Oakes home and assisted by Sandy Hamaker. There were 17 participants who enjoyed the beautiful weather, wonderful visiting, and great food. Thank you to Chris and Sandy!

The BBB Annual Garage Tour to a car collection, "The Garage of Survivors!" in South Milwaukee was a great success. Pacers, Gremlins, Javelin, Willis Jeep were a highlight.

The Classics & Chrome Car Show held in Rockford saw the Kitzmiller's and Plymale's cars entered in the show.

Future Events - Bruce Beneditz

There is a BBB Club drive on Saturday, May 20, to Hartford, Wisconsin. There was a debate whether to cancel the drive or not as storms were predicted. The consensus was that the drive would be held despite the weather.

Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired Gentlemen's lunch are both cancelled for May due to the Memorial Day holiday.

May 27-June 4 is British Car Awareness Week. Recognize this while you drive and give out BBB Club business cards to others you meet with British Cars.

August 12 - The Drive to Dubuque for the ride on the "Spirit of Dubuque" paddle boat is cancelled as the boat has been sold and moved to Cincinnati.

Plan B - The possibility exists for a luncheon cruise on the Mississippi on August 13, 12-2 PM - Price is \$28.95 each plus tax. However, this August date may be changed to a date in June for this event as there is no June drive scheduled yet. Larry Eils will follow up on this.

May 27 - Miracle Mile Cruise Night at Don Carter Lanes 3-9 P.M.

September Drive and Dine hosts and venue are still needed. Please volunteer to help the Club.

Unfinished Business

The Board Meeting date is yet to be determined.

BBB Calendars are available - one free per membership.

New Business - None

Classified

Rich Cannistra has run across 3 cars recently:

1. 1978 MGB, 62,000 miles, \$4000
2. 1980 TR7, 72,000 miles, \$4000
3. 1982 GMC Cabellero, asking \$13,000 (has 454 engine!)

Burnt Piston Award - None

Good Wrench Award - None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Quick Release Ratchet - Barb Buckavekas
2. 12-Volt Battery / Alternator Tester - Lee Kindgren
3. 20-Piece Hook & Loop Cable Ties - Ron Kuhnau
4. 2-in X 20 Ft Tow Strap - Rich Cannistra
5. Yellow Petunia - Sandi Ward
6. Purple & White Petunia - Eileen Meyer
7. Dark Red Petunia - Beverly Joyce
8. Pink Dipladenta (Flower) - Phyllis Beneditz
9. Blue Ageratum (Flower) - Marsha Eils
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Hal Zenisek

Adjournment

John Ward told a story about a Pastor and his racing donkey.
To celebrate the BBB Club's 21st Anniversary, cake was served by the Thunder Bay staff, compliments of the BBB Club.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted and with Many Thanks to Roxann Cannistra,

Dee Gibson

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BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

June 14	BBB Drive & Dine - Anchor Inn; Newville, WI Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
June 16-18	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South Beloit, IL
June ??	35th Annual British Car Field Day; Sussex, WI
June 21	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 24	BBB Saturday Drive - A scenic drive to Southeast Wisconsin to board the Cassville Ferry for a ride across the Mississippi River. Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
June 25-28	NAMGBR 2017 Convention - San Diego
July 8	BBB Saturday Drive - A Day at the Lake (rain date July 9) Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
July 12	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: Steve & Polly Carter
July 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 9	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Hosts: John & Sandi Ward
August 13	BBB Saturday Drive - Lunch on a River Boat & the Maritime Museum; Dubuque, IA Hosts: The Grosenicks & the Eils
August 13	22nd Annual Vintage Celebration at Botham Vineyards, Barneveld, WI
August 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 20	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast
August 26	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 8-11	BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO (Tentative date) Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Sept 13	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Sept 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 22-24	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 7	BBB Alpaca Farms & Boots Around the Campfire Hosts: The Bartletts & the Eils
Oct 11	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Oct 18	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 8	BBB Dine - TBD Host: TBD
Nov 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec ??	BBB Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party

BBB EVENTS - JUNE 2017

As I am writing this we are in the middle of British Car Awareness Week and the sun is out and the weather is finally warm enough to drive with the hoods down. Halleluiah!

In spite of the weather we were active in May.

- May 6 & 7 - The Classics and Chrome Car Show. This was a well organized and attended event. Several of our members had cars on display.
- May 10 - The first Drive and Dine was hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick with a drive in the rain to the Ding-A-Ling in Orfordville, WI. It wasn't British Car weather but well attended and we were served a very good meal.
- May 20 - The first Saturday Drive to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, WI was hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra. Again, the weather didn't cooperate well but those that went had a very good time. I wasn't able to attend but I have been told that Rich and Roxann picked a very good route and they would love to drive it again with the LBCs. More on that later.

These events are coming up in the near future.

- June 14 - Drive and Dine to be hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra to The Anchor Inn, in Edgerton (Newville), WI.
- June 16-18 - Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races
- June 23 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunch
- June 24 - Saturday Drive; A scenic drive to Southeast Wisconsin to board the Cassville Ferry for a ride across the Mississippi River. Hosted by Larry and Marsh Eils.
- June 24-28 NAMGBR Convention in San Diego.
- July 8 - Day at the Lake hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson

Looking ahead.

- The August Saturday Drive is now the August Sunday Drive hosted by the Grosenick's and Eils'.

Check out the calendar to see all the events that are planned for the year.

Here's to another great summer of motoring.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz

JUNE DRIVE AND DINE

by Rich & Roxann Cannistra

The June Drive and Dine is headed to the "new" Anchor Inn in Newville WI. Located on the Rock River this is an entirely rebuilt establishment after a 2014 fire destroyed the former restaurant. The menu includes many choices of burgers, wraps, sandwiches, and salads. With panoramic views of the river and ample seating both inside and out, we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

Meet your hosts Roxann and Rich Cannistra at Roscoe Middle School, 6121 Elevator Rd. Roscoe IL at 5:30 p.m. for a 5:45 p.m. departure. If you wish to meet us at the restaurant, it is located at 718 State Road 59, Newville WI. Reservations are for 6:30 p.m. Anyone proceeding directly to the Anchor Inn please contact your hosts to facilitate an accurate guest count.

JOIN THE GIBSON'S FOR A DAY AT THE LAKE

Rich and Dee Gibson invite all our BBB Club Members to join them at their lake cottage for a day of fun and camaraderie. The date is Saturday, July 8th with a rain date of Sunday, July 9th. The fun starts at 1:00pm.

Pulled pork and chicken sandwiches will be provided around 5pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Water, beer, sun tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Refrigerator, microwave, and oven are available. Lawn chairs are available, but bring your own if you like so we don't run short.

Bring a suit if you wish to swim! Kayaks and pedal boat will be available for your enjoyment. Pontoon boat rides will be offered.

You may wish to bring sunscreen, a sun umbrella, and a towel.

Please call Rich Gibson at 815-494-0838 with any questions.

Welcome New Members!

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

Lee Kindgren, Treasurer
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Rockford, IL 61107
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Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.

Trip to the Old Mississippi River

Hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils

Are you ready for another adventure? We have crossed the Wisconsin River on a ferry boat with our LBC's, now it's time to take a ferry boat ride across the grand old Mississippi River. The Pride of Cassville car ferry is a ride you will not want to miss.

Please join us on Saturday, June 24th for a leisurely drive through the Illinois countryside to Dubuque, IA for an early lunch at Catfish Charlie's at the Dubuque Harbor. From there we will travel the Great River Road on the Iowa side stopping at the "Promise Land" for a quick refreshment before driving to the car ferry. We do have to travel about a mile on a hard packed clay road (not the usual Iowa gravel road) to reach the ferry. Once we reach Wisconsin there will be a short pit stop at the Potosi Brewery before we wander through the Wisconsin countryside to dinner.

Join your hosts Larry and Marsha at the Schnucks parking lot at the corner of Elevator Road and Highway 251 in Roscoe. Meet at 8:30 am for an 8:45 am departure. The fee for the car ferry is \$15/car, cash only. Should you have any questions please call or text to 815-382-3547. We are looking forward to your company.



LUNCH AND A CRUISE - MAKE PLANS TO SAIL WITH US!

Hosts: The Grosenicks and the Eils

Our August drive has been changed to Sunday, August 13, 2017. Unfortunately, the Mississippi River paddle wheeler river boat we intended to take has sailed to it's new home in Cincinnati, Ohio. However, like all owners of British cars, we found an alternative vessel which should be just as much fun.

We have made arrangements to take a 2 hour lunch cruise on Dubuque's "American Lady" on the Mississippi River leaving from Dubuque, IA. This small 40 foot yacht carries 120 people. The yacht is well equipped to protect it's passengers in case of in climate weather.

Our menu is a buffet lunch of chicken and beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, rolls and butter with unlimited soda, lemonade and ice tea. The cost is \$24.95 plus tax per person.

To reserve your spot please call the American Lady office at 563-557-9700 by Tuesday, July 1, 2017. Please tell Diane you are with the British, Boots and Bonnets Car Club. Once you have made your reservation please call Marna Grosenick at 608-289-2571 so she knows how many club members are coming.

More information on this August drive will be in the July Chronicle. However, should you have any questions now about this event please call, text or email Larry Eils. The Grosenicks and Eils look forward to having lunch with you as we cruise down the Mississippi River.



BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

Thanks go out this month to those members who have shared event related photos, car show links, pics of your car(s) with their owners, and tech tips to post on the BBB website. All these contributions add to your website. They also help communicate our activities as a car club, and who we are to potential new members. Club members who can't attend many events continue to tell me they rely on our website to stay in touch. The club averaged 130-160 visitors per month so far this year. Please consider sharing a favorite picture of you and your LBC for the members page, or perhaps a candid/action photo or two from an event, or any for sale items, or tech tips that you think might be of interest. You can simply attach your files to an email and sent it to me at webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com.

The May event photos and upcoming calendars of British car related events, and BBB activities are up-to-date on your website at

www.britishbootsandbonnets.com Please take time to check it out soon.

Also please share your contributions with me and I will add them to the collective work that is already posted from other members.

Hope to see you at a club meeting or event soon!

Hal Zenisek, BBB Webmaster

GIBSONS ATTEND THE FIRST U.S. MORGAN 3-WHEELER CONVENTION

by Rich & Dee Gibson

Rich and Dee Gibson trailered their 2014 3-Wheel Morgan to the 1st U.S. Morgan 3-Wheeler Convention in Augusta, Georgia. The Convention began bright and early on May 18th and rolled on through May 21st with engine and transmission seminars, trailer tours, sight-seeing, and opportunities to exchange ideas and thoughts.

There were about 70 people who brought 15 vintage, 9 modern 5-speeders, a Triking and a JZR (both Morgan replicas). The oldest Morgan attending was a 1927 Morgan Aero (2-speeder with JAP KTW engine) and the newest a 2017. One enthusiastic Morgan 3-Wheeler driver left his home in Minneapolis and drove the entire way which took 3 days. Morgan people from California as well as England also attended and brought a lot of skills and knowledge to share. The event was well-organized, well-attended, and well-done!

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In the United States in 1909 only a few miles of road in the entire country were paved. Even worse for the owners of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, race tracks of that period were simply dirt ovals which had been built for horse racing. Yet the newly formed American Automobile Association announced it would boycott all future events at the speedway until "significant improvements" in the track's gravel surface were made.

Carl Fisher and his partners began looking for a solution to the problem. Following tests it was decided bricks would provide the most durable and appropriate surface for racing. 3.2 million ten pound bricks were hand laid to do the job, and even before completion the nickname "brickyard" had been coined. By December 1909 the track was ready and speeds soon increased to over 100 mph confirming its success. In 1910 various length races were held almost every weekend and a national aviation meet featuring Wilbur and Orville Wright was also conducted.

In 1911 a change in strategy led to only one race per year. On Memorial Day, May 30, 1911, 80,000 spectators turned out to see the first 500 mile race. Forty cars competed with Ray Harroun taking the checkered flag. All 39 other cars had a mechanic riding with them, but Harroun opted to save weight by driving solo. In order to see what was happening behind him on the track, that day Harroun used a device never before seen on an automobile. He called it a rear view mirror.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has had many improvements over the years, and is of course no longer entirely brick. But in order to pay homage to its humble but successful beginnings, the brickyard is still paved with one yard of bricks and the start/finish line.

BBB WELL REPRESENTED AT CLASSICS & CHROME CAR SHOW

by Lynda Vickery

Several members and previous members of British Boots & Bonnets Car Club were invited to show their classic cars at the recent Classics & Chrome Car Show. This premier show has returned after a few years to a new venue which enabled them to increase the number of vehicles on display to over 120. If you missed it, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year! It will be well worth your time. Proceeds go to Keith Country Day School Forever Keith Fund, which supports student scholarships, program enhancements, and faculty enrichment.

Our own Past President, Dwain Plymale, won in Pre-War Classics with his 1929 Ford Model A. His Model A has been a part of his life as long as his Austin-Healey! Leon Kitzmiller, Gene Gully, and Randy Krup also had beautiful cars on display. Check out their photos along with other former member entries.





FIRST DRIVE & DINE SUCCESSFUL IN SPITE OF RAIN!

by Lynda Vickery

Wednesday, May 10th, saw 27 BBB members drive to the Ding-A-Ling Restaurant in Orfordville, WI, to enjoy a delicious dinner and conversation about the start of driving season. If the great food, service, and optimism of our club members are any indication, our summer is going to be full of fun and probably a few new pounds! Thank you Don & Marna Grosenick for hosting this event!



MAY SATURDAY DRIVE

by Rich Cannistra

A forecast of wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of fourteen BBBers who drove to Hartford WI on May 20th. The first stop was the Wisconsin Auto Museum. This museum showcases a wide variety of unusual cars including the largest collection of Kissels in the world. Nash is also a featured marque and one of the most interesting was a 1950 model with only 61 miles since new. Hartford's outdoor block party and car show were pretty well drowned out as wet and blustery weather arrived for the middle of the day. One nicely restored TR2 was spotted on Main Street amid the rows of American iron. It was buttoned up tight under its tonneau in the wet and windy conditions.





After lunch it was on to Honey Acres, a honeybee haven since 1852. The staff and owners were very welcoming as we toured the honey museum and watched a movie explaining operations. A wide variety of honey related products were available for sampling and the farm owner generously explained many fine points in the complex production process.





Continuing our back roads tour through the Wisconsin countryside, we arrived at the 841 Brew House for an early dinner in Whitewater. Service was great and the wide variety of food seemed to satisfy all palates as the first Saturday Drive of the year came to a tasty conclusion.



THANK YOU RICH & ROXANN! SETTING UP THIS SATURDAY TRIP TOOK A LOT OF TIME AND THOUGHT, AND THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS.



BBB REGALIA ONLINE

JUNE 2017

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
- one BBB ball cap & one visor - \$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)
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Here are samples of BBB regalia that can be found on the Club's website, BBB Regalia Page. There is a nice selection of clothing - and driving season is just around the corner! Check it out and contact me with any questions.

Jim Vickery



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