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Next Meeting Wednesday,

June 19, 2019

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

Dinner and social hour at 6:00pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2019

Greetings!

It will be no surprise to learn that I'm writing this month's message during a rainstorm. Despite our wet spring, I think we are off to a fantastic start to the driving season. You'll find photos and summaries elsewhere in this newsletter, but here let me thank the volunteer hosts, committee members and event chair for helping us get together on the road.

Another thank you goes to all who contributed to our 23rd anniversary celebration at last month's meeting. We had a great turn out. The sharing, fellowship and contributions of many members helped make the event a grand celebration.

Looking ahead, I see a wide variety of events on the calendar. Some are longer while others shorter, and there is a night drive, ice cream tour, and day trip to lowa. I see car shows, driving events, and potlucks or dining at members' favorite restaurants. The website and monthly newsletters provide calendars and I hope you can participate in something of interest this summer.

June brings Father's Day and the summer solstice. On June 16, I hope all the fathers in the club enjoy their special day. The first day of summer arrives with the solstice on Friday, June 21 at 10:54 a.m. CDT. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, this marks the longest day of the year. For BBB, it also means less reliance on Lucas lights and electrical systems in our LBCs. Of course, June also means the 4th of July is right around the corner, OMG!

Recently, Hal and I were enjoying a quiet afternoon on the deck with another couple from the club and reflecting on the health and wellness of some of our members. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to everyone dealing with medical issues. We hope you have a speedy recovery and are back on the road soon.

So, the theme in all this - thank you to all the people who go the 'extra mile' for the club. What a great group!

See you at an event or meeting soon,

Connie Frazier

May 15, 2019 - BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - Connie Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Connie Frazier with 54 members present. Guests were Peggy Kitzmiller's sister Pat, and Aunt Grace.

<u>Vice-President's Report - Solveig Maschke</u> Solveig reported a new ad for the Chronicle: Victoria British LTD.

<u>Secretary's Report - Charlie Gall</u> No report.

Motion was made by Jim Vickery to accept the March minutes as printed in the *Chronicle*. Seconded by Larry Eils, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report -Larry Eils

Motion was made by Phyllis Beneditz to accept treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Dave Brickman, motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce

Bev reported we have 73 members, with one loss this year. She has filed form 990 to maintain our 501 (c) (7) status.

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

May was the largest issue ever. Keep sending photos, articles and items of interest.

Webmaster - Connie Frazier for Hal Zenisek

Connie has information about the British Dashes Direct sale received by the webmaster.

<u>Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz</u>

Hal Zenisek is nursing an MCL injury.

Regalia - Jim Vickery

Lynda displayed some new items from Embroid This.

Past Events - Larry Eils for Rich Gibson

- Thanks to the Grosenicks for hosting the May Dine and Drive at The Butterfly Club. There 37 members present.
- April 27th BBB Garage tour hosted by Kevin Rachuk was terrific. Thank you to the Hanselmans for sharing their exceptional garage and collection.
- May 4th BBB Ladies English Tea hosted by Chris Oakes was enjoyed by 11 ladies.

Future Events

- May 18th BBB Sat. Drive to Volo Bog and the Volo Auto Museum, hosted by Rich & Roxann Cannistra. Meet at Roscoe Middle School parking lot 9:15 AM.
- May 23 Gruno's Diamonds will be hosting Watches, Wheels and Whiskey in their parking lot 4-7 PM.
- May 24th Ladies Lunch. 12:30 PM at Anderson Gardens.
- May 24th Old Farts. 1PM at Shopiere Tap.

- May 31-June 2 Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington, IL. A few club members will be attending.
- June 1 Cars and Coffee sponsored by Katie's Cup, at RFD School District parking lot, 9AM-Noon.
- June 12 Drive and Dine. A pot luck at the Cannistra's. Brats and burgers provided, bring a dish to pass, BYO drinks.
- June 23-27 NAMGBR Register, Jim Vickery has maps available for the Traverse City event.
- June 29 Saturday Drive, to Anamosa, Iowa, hosted by Leon Kitzmiller. Grant Wood Art Gallery, National Motorcycle Museum. Stopping at Dubuque and Lena Brewery on return trip. Meet at Bryon Library lot at 9:00 AM.

Marques

Austin Healey- Dwain Plymale mentioned the Blackhawk Farms Raceway event July 5-7. See BFR website for details.

Jaguar - Rick & Hannah Palmer will be attending the Tail of the Dragon run on May 18th.

Lotus - None

Morgan - None

Mini - None

MG - Rick Hamaker noted that MG Live! at Silverstone is cancelled this year due to track repairs.

Rolls Royce - Per Roger Buck, the Detroit Annual Meet will be held July 22-27.

Triumph - None

<u>Classified</u>-John Gehant, W. Brooklyn, IL is selling a 79 MG Midget. 46K miles, good condition, good clutch, \$5999.

<u>Unfinished Business</u> - Posters are available from Charlie Gall; calendars are available from David Brickman/Rich Cannistra.

<u>New Business</u> - Two anniversaries. Sandy and Rick Hamaker, 54 years! Barb and Bob Buckavekas, 55 years!

Good Wrench Award - None

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award None

Raffle April 2019

- 1. Flowering Plant- Don Grosenick
- 2. Flowering Plant- Bob Kuczek
- 3. Flowering Plant- Roger Buck
- 4. Flowering Plant- Rick Hamaker
- 5. Flowering Plant- Mary Proctor
- 6. Flowering Plant- Crystal Klemm
- 7. Meat Thermometer (4 pack) Leon Kitzmiller
- 8. Hose Turret Nozzle Don Huebschen
- 9. Grill Combo Brush Lynda Vickery
- 10. Cordless Work Light Bruce Beneditz
- 11. Thunder Bay Bucks Rich Cannistra

BBB 23rd Anniversary Celebration.

Connie described the birth of the club and read Marv Proctor's account of the very first meeting. Several members shared memories of early club days and reflected on the history. Photos, news articles and more were on display, and anniversary cake and social time was enjoyed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M. Motion by Charlie Gall, seconded by Peggy Kitzmiller.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlie Gall, Secretary

WEBMASTER REPORT

The club's website has a new page as a follow-up to our 23rd anniversary celebration at last month's meeting. We recently added a new page to archive old favorite event photos. Marv Proctor provided an 18-page document of photos from the early days which you can either view or download from the website. Plus, there are some selected favorite photos from more recent events. Thanks, Marv, for the nice trip down memory lane. The page will be updated in the future. If you have a few favorite photos from the past, I'd be happy to add your contributions to the archive. Simply email me and attach the photos you want to share.

To find the new page, simply go to our website and look for the photos tab on the navigation menu. The dropdown menu will show the new page as BBB Event Photos Archive at the bottom. Simply click to open it. You can also <u>CLICK HERE</u> and go directly to it if reading the newsletter online. You can also cut and paste this web address https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/event-photos-archive into your browser.

Remember that upcoming club and car related events for June, and the balance of 2019 can be found on the website's monthly calendars. Calendars can be found under the Club Info tab on the navigation menu. Check out what the Events Committee and chair have planned, with basic event details for each. Simply click on any event of interest to view the details.

Thanks for all the cards, calls and kind wishes. Recovery is going well!

Hal Zenisek, Webmaster



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JUNE 12th DRIVE AND DINE

by Richard & Roxanne Cannistra

Is a gourmet dinner aboard a 100 year old railroad caboose the one item you thought you might never cross off your bucket list? Then Wednesday, June 12th is the day you've been waiting for! Join Conductor Roxann and Trainman Rich Cannistra for a BBB first, a potluck drive and dine. You provide the gourmet (a dish to share and the beverage of your choice), your hosts will provide hamburgers, brats, all the fixin's, ice, dishes, etc.... and of course, the caboose. Additional dining options for the evening include the train depot at historic Milcab Junction featuring both indoor and outdoor seating. Those wishing to caravan: please meet in the car park at Schnuck's Grocery Store, 4860 Hononegah Rd., Roscoe IL. Join us at 5:45 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. departure. If you prefer to go straight to our home plan on arriving about 6:45 p.m. As this will be an outdoor event, dress as appropriate for the conditions that evening.

Please RSVP not later than Monday, June 10th so we may coordinate with railroad officials for scheduling of the caboose and food preparation. Home phone 608-876-6768 or email richandroxann@gmail.com

This event is "whether" dependent. It depends on whether you are interested in a different kind of drive and dine adventure with your BBB friends. ALL ABOARD

SATURDAY DRIVE TO ANAMOSA, IOWA

by Lynda Vickery

Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller have put together an interesting day drive on Saturday, June 29, to Anamosa, Iowa, and the surrounding area. Plan to visit the Grant Wood Art Gallery & the National Motorcycle Museum. There will be a stop at Dubuque, Iowa and the Lena Brewery on the return side.

Plan to meet at the Byron Library parking lot at 9:00am. Please contact Leon at <u>LeonKitz@gmail.com</u> or phone 815-234-8020 to let him know you planning to attend.

CARS & COFFEE HOSTED BY KATIE'S CUP ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

by Rich Gibson

On Saturday, July 6th Katie's Cub is hosting "Cars & Coffee" at 502 7th St, Rockford. https://www.katiescup.com/about This is not an official BBB club event, but I feel that it presents a good opportunity for BBB to get local exposure and new members. Of the past two car clubs that have participated, one picked up 6 new members, and the other got 7 new members. The only thing being asked of BBB is to show-up @ 8:45 and stay until @ noon on Saturday, July 6th with ten cars or more. Dee & Rich are in with 2 Morgan's. If BBB agrees to be the "lead" club, Katie's Cup will advertise BBB on one website, two FaceBook pages and their monthly newsletter. We would get dedicated parking space, can put up our banner, and hand out literature. We need to give our answer by June 9th. Katie's Cup had another car club lined up to do this, but they backed out a couple days ago and left Katie's Cup in a lurch on short notice. Katie's Cup would really appreciate our help.

Please let Rich Gibson (<u>dynamiteboss@comcast.net</u> or <u>815-494-0838</u>) know if you can participate. We need to get our response into Katie's Cup by June 9th, or sooner.



BBB Day at the Lake!

July 13*
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE
CHANGE!

(Rain Date - July 14)

Rich and Dee Gibson invite all BBB Club Members and guests to enjoy a day at the lake, enjoying the comraderie and Tomfoolery of friends. Enjoy a kayak ride, a swim, a pedal boat adventure and a pontoon boat ride, or just relax and take it all in. Bring a suit if you wish to swim.

You may wish to bring sunscreen and a towel.

Broasted chicken, soft drinks, beer and water will be served. Please bring a dish to pass. Dinner approximately 4:00 PM.

Refrigerator, microwave and oven are available. Lawn chairs are provided.

Please park at the top of the hill unless you have mobility issues. Also, please note there are 36 stairs to navigate.

Please RSVP to Rich or Dee by July 12.

Rich - dynanamiteboss@comcast.net or text 815-494-0838 Dee - 54321kaboom@comcast.net or text 815-871-5200

JUNE EVENTS REPORT

by Rich Gibson

Dee and I have both been traveling a lot during May, Dee to Italy and Rich to Utah, so we have been absent from all BBB events in the month of May. June promises to be a repeat as Dee and I travel to Virginia for a Morgan gathering, and then up to PA to visit my relatives and friends in Philadelphia. On our return we go straight into another Morgan event in WI for three days, returning to Rockford @ July 1st.

I'll fill in what I know about May's events:

Past Events

04 May: Ladies English Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes. Another big "THANK YOU!" To Chris for taking this event on again.

08 May Drive & Dine: Butterfly Club, hosted by Don & Marna Grosenick 37 people. Plus some new members! A GREAT turn-out. Thank you Don & Marna!

18 May: Volo Bog & Volo Car Museum hosted by Rich & Roxann Cannistra. 24 BBB members showed up. I think Rich C said 13 cars. Great turnout! Weather threatened, but Rich C had the inside track with the weather gods and all went well. See complete details elsewhere in this months Chronicle. Thank you Rich & Roxann!

Upcoming Events

- 12 June "Drive & Dine": "Potluck Dinner" hosted by Rich & Roxann Cannistra. See elsewhere in this months Chronicle for full details.
- 29 June "Saturday Drive" hosted by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller. Details TBD.

06 July "Cars & Coffee" hosted by Katie's Cup, 502 7th St, Rkfd. https://www.katiescup.com/about This is not an official BBB club event, but I feel that it presents a good opportunity for BBB to get local exposure and new members. Of the past two car clubs that have participated, one picked up 6 new members, and the other got 7 new members. The only thing being asked of BBB is to show-up @ 8:45 and stay until @ noon on Saturday, July 6th with ten cars or more. Dee & Rich are in with 2 Morgan's. If BBB agrees to be the "lead" club, Katie's Cup will advertise BBB on one website, two FaceBook pages and their monthly newsletter. We would get dedicated parking space, can put up our banner, and hand out literature. We need to give our answer by June 9th. Katie's Cup had another car club lined up to do this, but they backed out a couple days ago and left Katie's Cup in a lurch on short notice. Katie's Cup would really appreciate our help. Please respond to Rich Gibson, dynamiteboss@comcast.net or 815-494-0838.

10 July "Drive & Dine" hosted by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller. Details TBD.

13 July "Day at The Lake", <u>NOTE NEW DATE</u> hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson. East Troy. WI. 1:00 PM until ?? Dinner @ 4PM. RSVP please. See June Chronicle for full details

OPEN EVENTS

September "Long Weekend" (Does not have to be in September) October "Saturday Drive"

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 12 -	BBB Drive & Dine: Drive & Potluck Dine:
	Cannistra's Train Depot
IIINE 40	Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
JUNE 16 -	British Car Field Day @ Sussex Village Park, Sussex, WI
JUNE 19 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
JUNE 23-27	North American MGB Register 2019; Traverse City, MI
JUNE 29 -	BBB Saturday Drive: Anamosa, Iowa and other stops. Hosts: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller
JUNE 29 -	8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee; Downtown, Janesville, WI.
JULY 6 -	Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL
JULY 10 -	6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD Hosts: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller
JULY 13 -	BBB Day at the Lake
	Hosts: Dee & Rich Gibson
JULY 14 -	The Cars Time Forgot; Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
JULY 17 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
JULY 27 -	8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee; Downtown, Janesville, WI.
JULY 27 -	BBB Ice Cream Drive Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
JULY 27-29 -	GOF Central MG all Vintage all Models; St. Louis, MO
AUG 3 -	Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL
AUG 11 -	Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration; Barneveld, WI.
AUG14 -	6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD Hosts:
AUG 18 -	BBB Friends & Family Day at Popular Grove Airport Popular Grove, IL
AUG 21 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
AUG 31 -	8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee; Downtown, Janesville, WI.
SEP 7 -	Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL

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SEP 7 -	2019 Secretary of State Vehicle Show & Swap Meet;
055.44	Downtown Springfield, IL. (cyberdriveillinois.com)
SEP 11 -	6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD
	Hosts: John & Sandi Ward; Alternates Mary & Steve Baker
SEP 13-15	British Invasion, Stowe, VT
SEP 18 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
SEP 21 -	BBB Lucas Memorial Fun Rally
	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
SEP 27-29	Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, Jefferson
	County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave, Jefferson, WI
SEP 28 -	8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;
	Downtown, Janesville, WI.
OCT 9 -	6:00 P.M. BBB Dine: TBD
	Hosts: Hal Zenisek & Connie Frazier
OCT 16 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
OCT -	BBB Saturday Drive
	Hosts:
OCT 26 -	8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;
	Downtown, Janesville, WI.
NOV 13 -	6:00 P.M. BBB Dine: TBD
	Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
NOV 20 -	7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
DEC 4 -	BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE
	Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
DEC 11 -	BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY

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\$18 for name tags.

BBB LADIES ENJOY ANNUAL ENGLISH TEA

by Lynda Vickery

The spring weather has been anything but predictable this year, so it was a pleasant surprise to have a beautiful, sunny day for our annual English Tea. It added to an already fun event.

Our hostess, Chris Oakes, outdid herself preparing the proper setting: a selection of teas, a beautiful serving table, and dining table. She also did some baking to add to the delicious sweet offerings. All of this after having a knee replacement about a month earlier! She is an inspiration to us all.

We all contributed a sweet or savory appetizer - all of which was enjoyed, and all very British-like. Most of all we enjoyed the camaraderie and time we spent together. It isn't often that we have the setting for this, which makes it all the more enjoyable.

Thank you, Chris, for a most wonderful afternoon!





























BUTTERFLY CLUB A SPRING SUCCESS!

by Marna Grosenick

The first Drive & Dine of the season turned out to be a cold, windy, and drizzly night, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the large group of driving enthusiasts who showed up at the Roscoe Middle School for the drive up to the Butterfly Club. When we arrived at the Butterfly Club, we were met by another large group of members. In all we had 37 BBB members who enjoyed a lovely evening of good food and even better company.





















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23rd anniversary celebration photos!

















MAY SATURDAY DRIVE

by Rich & Roxann Cannistra

Despite foreboding by the weather forecasters, 24 club members turned out for the first Saturday drive of the year. The caravan headed east, stopping first at the Volo Bog. This unusual remnant of the last ice age has the distinction of being the southernmost quaking bog in North America. Upon arrival we were met by a park representative who gave a short explanation of the bog and its unique features. There was then plenty of time to explore the area's unusual flora and fauna.

Following a quick lunch at Culver's, we arrived at the Volo Auto Museum just as rain started to fall. The timing could not have been better as the storms passed by while we enjoyed the many interesting exhibits which the museum has to offer. To the relief of most wives no one concluded a deal to bring home one of the many amazing cars which were for sale.

Our group then headed to Marengo IL for dinner. We had plenty of time to visit and enjoy our beverages as the sign in front of the establishment foreshadowed "Help wanted, server needed".

All in all the day proved to be interesting and enjoyable, a good start to the driving season.























Dwain Plymale was surprised and it tickled his fancy to find a scooter just like the one he rode to and from high school - even down to being orange! He was the envy of all the boys!















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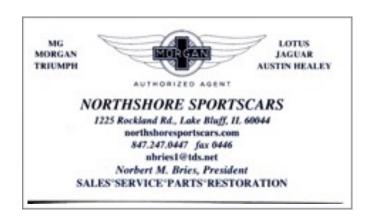
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PLEASE NOTE!!

Due to attending the MGB convention in Traverse City, Michigan, and 4th of July celebrations, the July Issue of THE CHRONICLE may be published late. Please check our website and watch for emails from Bev Joyce for any event updates or changes.

Thanks! Lynda Vickery - Editor



Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9. Solutions can be found on page 20.

Sudoku #445 (Easy)

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Sudoku #446 (Easy)

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DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Following WWII, American Auto Makers geared up to supply the eager public with new offerings. Because bigger is better seemed to be the philosophy in Detroit, Nash-Kelvinator president George Mason felt it was futile to come at that end of the market. He directed company executives to examine the idea of developing the first compact car of the post war era.

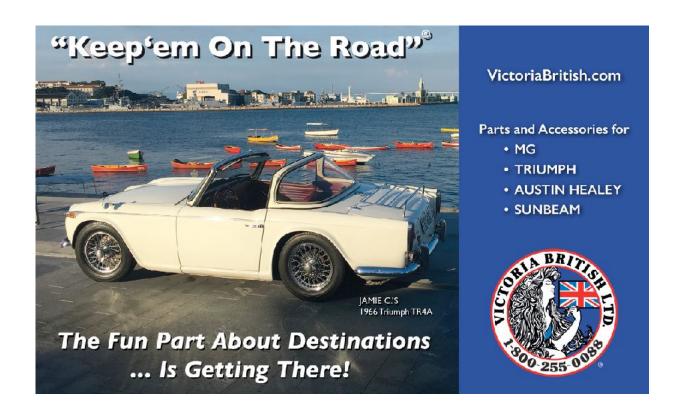
Designer William Flajole was commissioned to pen a concept car which could serve as a family's second car. Dubbed the Nash Experimental International (NXI) this car showed marque resemblance to the big Nash but had a wheelbase shorter than a Volkswagen Beetle. It was to be the car for Mom to take the kids to school or for grocery shopping. As such it was the first postwar American car to be specifically targeted to women. Surveys convinced Nash there was indeed a market for this idea, so a series of prototypes followed which transformed the NXI into the NKI (Nash Kelvinator International). The car would be of unibody construction following in the footsteps of the world's first mass production "unit body" car, the Nash 600.

Despite all cost saving measures Nash management calculated it to be prohibitive building the car from scratch in the United States. It would be necessary to build overseas, making use of existing components such as engine, transmission, suspension, brakes, and electrical. Negotiations with several companies resulted in the Austin Motor Company of Birmingham, England being awarded the provider of mechanical components as well as final assembly. This was the first time an American designed car would be entirely built in Europe.

The first prototype was completed in December 1952 with production commencing in October 1953. The trendy little car was available in two models, two door hardtop and two door convertible, selling in the United States for \$1445 and \$1465 respectively. By early 1954 the NKI had a trendy new name also, Metropolitan.

Production continued from 1953 to 1961 with more than 95,000 Metropolitans built. Due to mergers and acquisitions during that time, the fun little ride was sold under the marques of Nash, Hudson, Rambler, Austin, and AMC. It came in both left and right hand drive configuration.

It's hard to look at a Metropolitan without getting a big smile to your face. Now, almost 60 years after the end of production, the "Kenosha Cadillac" is still well known, and one of the most fun and affordable classic cars of all time.



These are the solutions to the puzzles located on page 18.

Sudoku #445 (Easy)

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6	7	5	9	4	8	3	2	1
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3	1	8	5	2	7	4	6	9

Sudoku #446 (Easy)

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3	9	2	8	5	7	1	6	4
6	1	4	2	3	9	8	7	5
7	5	8	1	6	4	3	2	9



BBB REGALIA ONLINE JUNE 2019

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 (2 left)

BBB visors - \$10 (1 left)

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 Embroid This (no charge)

Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

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

Jim Vickery

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Embroid This has so many choices available to purchase and have our Club Logo embroidered on them. Please take advantage of this great way to advertise our club!

Name badges for our new members will be available at the June meeting.



I will have grill badges and lapel pins at the June meeting if you would like to purchase them.

Jim



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Next Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2019

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