



British Boots & Bonnets

Your board officers want to share some important news regarding club officer changes for 2021. Lee Kindgren resigned as club President in late May, and the VP position has remained vacant since January due to a lack of volunteers. Lee's resignation was effective immediately. We are pleased to hear Lee intends to stay active with the club and participate in events like the Retired Gentlemen's Driving Club. We wish him the best and look forward to seeing him at club events.

Going forward, Bruce Beneditz agreed to serve as President and Solveig Maschke said yes to being our Vice President for the balance of the year. In accordance with the BBB Bylaws, the remaining club officers approved appointments for both individuals by the end of May. A board planning meeting for new and current officers will be held in June where we will work out the details of the transition. Club owned property will be transferred to new officers later this month.

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Bruce and Solveig to their new Club positions! And we want to thank Lee for his service to the club last year and through the first part of 2021.

We also wanted to write and reassure all members that the board is now fully staffed; plans are underway to restart the club post-pandemic, and everyone can look forward to a smooth transition. Please contact one of the board officers if you have questions or comments.

On behalf of the entire board, thanks for your patience during these changes, Bruce, Solveig, Dee, Connie, Bev, Greg, Lynda, Dennis, and Hal



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Next Meeting
Wednesday,

June 16, 2021

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

Presidents Report

June 2021

As many of you know, this is my last Presidents letter. Due to personal issues, I have resigned from the office of President. With these issues, I find that I cannot devote the time and effort that you as members deserve from me as President. I plan on staying a member of the club and participating in club events. I am sure our team of Directors will keep the club on a very positive and enthusiastic path. I just want to wish all of you a wonderful driving summer and I am sure Greg Oaks will provide many opportunities. I hope to see you at club events and meetings and driving on the road.

Safety Fast,

Lee Kindgren



MAY 19, 2021 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - Lee Kindgren

Filling in for Lee was Hal Zenisek. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Twenty-seven club members were present. There were no guests or new members present.

Lee conveyed his greeting to all for the first membership meeting for 2021. The last meeting was held in August 2020. The Board of Officers annual planning meeting date is yet to be determined. Hal recognized May 2021 as our 25th Anniversary, as May 15, 1996 was the club's first meeting at the Rathskeller restaurant in Rockford. The board has decided to focus on a celebration later this summer, after more members get more comfortable getting back together after Covid. Hal shared the board felt planning an anniversary party for the May meeting was too much too soon.

Vice-President's Report - OPEN

The club still needs a Vice President. Solveig Maschke has volunteered to take on the inventory of equipment for the club. (Bruce still has the LCD projector and asked who should get it next.) If anyone knows anyone who might step in or if they themselves could help, it would be so appreciated. The club will be sending out requests to renew advertising in our newsletter to the organizations and companies who have advertised in the past. If anyone has a suggestion for new advertisers, please let Lee know.

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Bruce Beneditz to approve the August 2020 minutes as printed in the newsletter. Lynda Vickery seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier

No dues are being collected for previously paid members for the year 2021.

Larry Eils made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ron Kuhnau seconded. Motion passed.

Membership - Beverly Joyce

No dues are being collected for previously paid members for 2021.

The club currently has 70 members.

We are an Illinois non-profit organization, not making more than \$150,000, and thus need to file with the IRS as such. Beverly has taken care of this on behalf of the club.

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

A one-month May newsletter has been sent out. Lynda really appreciates the club members' input with articles and photos to include in it. Lynda will send a bill to the Treasurer to reimburse for postage, printing, ink, and envelopes. There are still a handful of members who request their newsletter be mailed to them.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

New club events and our monthly calendars are up on the website and current. The club events and photos provide an opportunity for virtual participation by members who can't attend in person. Members love the pictures provided for the website and newsletter because it helps them feel more connected to other club members. We added one new club member in 2020 and another in 2021 through our website. Our website licenses and related software renewals were completed in March. An idea proposed by Hal was to have a 25th Anniversary recognition on our website. It could be something simple. If anyone has an idea about what this might be, please let Hal know.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Bob Buckavekas is currently in Alden Debes Rehabilitation Health Care Center after surgery. He is requiring 24-hour care. Lyn Pond has had some health issues. Please keep both in your prayers and perhaps send a card of support to the families.

Events - Greg Oakes

There are two BBB hosted events on the calendar.

1. Picnic in the Park, hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz. Meet at 11:00 A.M. at the Roscoe Methodist Church on Main Street in Roscoe. Departure is at 11:15. The drive will end at the Pecatonica Forest Preserve followed by a picnic lunch and ultimately wind up at an ice cream shop. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

2. June 24th from 6:30 -8:00 P.M. (Thursday) we will meet at the Roscoe Methodist Church for car show and free ice cream as special guests. Drop by for a few minutes or stay for the entire show!

There was a question about Rotary Gardens hosting events in 2021. Perhaps Klemm Arboretum may have something similar. Until the group feels more comfortable with being together, BBB events are going to concentrate on outdoor and other safer events.

Regalia - Dennis Klemm

No report

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Good Wrench Award

Ron Kuhnau and Lyn Pond were nominated by Bob Schwartzkopf for rescuing him when he broke down. Rich Cannistra was nominated by Jackie Bartlet for keeping her Jaguar over the winter and taking care of it for her. Ron recommended Rich should get the award instead of he and Lyn, so Rich Cannistra was declared the winner and will receive the award in June along with receiving five raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award

Bob Kuczek was nominated for showing up at Thunder Bay Grille for tonight's meeting one night early. He will receive the official trophy/award from Lee at the next meeting

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

No raffle.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Eils to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ron Kuhnau. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Gibson
Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Connie Frazier, 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.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

Activity for the period of May 1 - May 31, 2021:

The Club provides financial information to members only. If you have any questions please refer them to our Treasurer, Connie Frazier.

REMEMBER DUES AREN'T DUE!

Connie Frazier

It's a new year and the BBB board is pleased to help start it off on a positive note. Last year was challenging in many ways and, for the club, it meant a reduction in activities, benefits, and expenses. Because BBB currently has a fund balance which is sufficient to carry the club for the coming year, the board made a decision to provide 2021 membership at no cost to those who paid dues in 2020. We hope you enjoy this additional membership benefit!

2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- June 16 BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- June 24 BBB members are special guests for Ice Cream Thursday, 6:30-8 pm
 Hosted by Roscoe United Methodist Church
 10816 Main St., Roscoe, IL
- July 4 July 4th Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5 pm
 Hosted by Crystal and Dennis Klemm
 2702 So. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI
- July 21 BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- July 25 Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens, Brits on the Lawn
 Save the date - Details to follow
 1455 Palmer Dr, Janesville, WI
- Aug 18 BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 22 49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In
 Save the date - Details to follow
 11619 Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- June 14-17 MG International 2021
 Host Hotel: Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ
 For details: www.mg2021.org
- June 18-20 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association 29th Classic Race
 Blackhawk Farms Raceway
 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL
 For details: www.blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix

- June 27 Michiana British Car Show, 8:30 am - 2 pm
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
featured marque Triumph TR4, 4A, 250, & 6
For details: www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm
- July 3 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- July 10-11 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire
7/10 Rally, Kalamazoo, MI, 11 am,
7/11 Car show at Gilmore Car Museum,
Hickory Corners, MI
featured marque is Everything Healey
For details:
<http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/index.cfm>
- July 24 Cars on Main Car Show, 9 am - 3 pm
Main St., Pecatonica, IL
For details: <https://www.facebook.com/carsonmainpecatonica>
- July 31 Britfest
Walnut St., Hudson, WI
For details: <https://mnmgroup.wildapricot.org/>
- Jul 31-Aug 1 36th Annual Summer Elkhorn Swap Meet & Car Show, 8 am - 4 pm
Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn, WI
For details:
<https://www.madisonclassics.com/events/summer-elkhorn/>
- Aug 7 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Aug 7 British Car Day, 9 am - 4 pm
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Ohio
For details: <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 7 Heartland British Autofest 2021
Riverfront in LeClaire, IA
For details: qcbac.com/

- Aug 11 Secretary of State Vehicle Show & Swap Meet, 7 am - 3 pm
Downtown, Springfield, IL
For details: https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/vehicle_show/home.html
- Aug 14 Indy British Motor Day, 9 am - 2:30 pm
Lion's Park, Zionsville, IN
For details: <http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>
- Aug 15 Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration - Year 25, 10 am - 5 pm
Botham Vineyards & Winery, 8180 Langberry Rd, Barneveld, WI
For details: www.bothamvineyards.com/vintage-celebration/
- Aug 22 British Car Field Day, 10 am - 3 pm
Sussex Village Park, Sussex, WI
For details: http://www.mg3club.org/event/british-car-field-day-5/?instance_id=3057



JOIN THE GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLUB FOR LUNCH!

On June 25th, The Gentlemen's Driving Club, Old Farts, will be having its first meeting in many months. We will be meeting at Olympic Tavern, 2327 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL. at 1:00 PM. The Olympic has always been a favorite of the group so we decided to start our Driving Club events there. Whether we eat inside or outside will depend on the weather. Hope to see you there.

Rick Hamaker and Lee Kindgren

JULY 4TH PICNIC AT ABINGDON TEWS.

This 4th of July, celebrate the 245th anniversary of our nation at the country house (AKA Abingdon Tews) of our hosts - Dennis and Crystal Klemm. From 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Rain or Shine.

For those who have been there before you already know about Dennis's impressive collection of autos and memorabilia and you'll want to see what he has been up to since 2019. One recent change is that a deck has been added to Crystal's "party room" - and it makes for an even better venue.

Please bring a dish to share. Burgers, brats and beverages will be provided by the hosts.

The country house is located at 2702 So. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI.

For those who prefer to travel in a group, a "caravan" will leave the Schnucks parking lot in Roscoe (4860 Hononegah Rd, Roscoe, IL 61073) promptly at 12:15PM and arrive at approx 1:00 PM. But if it is more convenient to drive directly to the picnic, that is certainly OK.

Please RSVP by 7/1/2021. Reply to Dennis at denklemm@aol.com or call Crystal at 608-751-0890

Somewhat related factoid: the origin of the name Tews is rather murky but it is believed to be an ancient term for a ridge of land. In Oxfordshire (where Abingdon is located) there are a handful of villages with a name that includes the word Tew. Examples are Dun Tew, Great Tew and Little Tew.

BRITS IN THE GARDEN 2021

Last year, we inaugurated a show which was a great success, *Brits in the Garden*. We displayed our cars in diverse settings throughout Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, Wisconsin. The overwhelmingly positive response from Rotary Gardens and the public who enjoyed our unique rides has cemented a request for our return. The date of Sunday, July 25th has been chosen, and preparations are currently underway.

Like last year, our cars will be distributed around the gardens from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Complimentary entry tickets will be available for you and your guests, and you will be able to stroll about and enjoy the 20 beautiful acres of flora. The greater variety of marques we can display, the more interesting and successful the day will be. For those uneasy in public settings, this is a perfect event with built-in social distancing.

We are arranging for media coverage in both Janesville and Rockford, so this is a great opportunity to enhance publicity for our club. It is an honor to be asked to display our cars in this unique setting, so please support your club by making plans to attend. So that we may make arrangements for the day, please contact Rich Cannistra to confirm your participation.

Thank you!

Celebration of Life for Jim Vickery



Jim's family would like to invite you to a picnic to honor his life to be held Saturday, August 7th, 2021. We have reserved the Towering Pines Pavilion at the Hononegah Forest Preserve, located at #80 Hononegah Road, Rockton, IL.

Over his 76 years, Jim had many different interests that we want to share. His family was always important to him: his children and grandchildren, his brother, and their many Vickery and Korth cousins, and in-laws. Current activities blessed him with many friends through the British Car Club and working on his cars (including his Chevy), traveling (including St. Martin), sailing, his years at Camcar, the Packers, and of course his church. We plan to highlight these memories at the picnic in ways that will make you smile and maybe even laugh!

Time will be from noon to ??, with food being served at 2PM. Come early, or later, whenever is convenient for you. Bring a chair if you would rather not sit at a picnic table. Please RSVP to Lynda at 815-623-5611 or jvickery.jv@gmail.com so that we can better plan food. If you haven't sent an RSVP, but find you can attend anyway, please do! We are looking forward to seeing you!

Lynda & Family

MONTHLY BBB DINNER AND MEETING HELD AT THUNDER BAY



May 26th Drive and Picnic

Indoor dining is still restricted so we kicked off the Drive and Dine calendar this year with a picnic in the park organized by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz. 11 cars gathered at the Roscoe Methodist Church to begin the drive to the Pecatonica River Forest Preserve for lunch. 4 British Marks were represented. MG, Mini Cooper, Jaguar, and Lotus. It turned out to be a perfect day for a top-down drive in the country with blue skies and warm temperatures.

At the park we had the pavilion to ourselves. Everyone enjoyed the lunch they brought and all the good conversation. It was so nice to finally get together and catch up after the long winter without any social events.

While we were having lunch a fully restored 1953 Ford Pickup drove through the park and stopped near the pavilion. It turned out that the couple in the truck lived across the street from the park, saw us parade in, and came over to check us out. It turns out that the husband also owns a 1971 Triumph Spitfire that he bought new. Unfortunately, the Spitfire hasn't been driven for years. You never know who you might meet when driving your LBC.

Eventually the conversation wound down and we were off on a short drive to the 3rd Street Station Ice Cream Shop in Pecatonica. Our visiting continued there, being fueled by delicious ice cream. With reluctance the group slowly broke up and people made their way home. It was a great way to kick off the driving season on an absolutely beautiful day.








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BBB WEBMASTER REPORT – JUNE 2021

Greetings all,

It seems that car clubs across Illinois and country are beginning to restart. If you know of any summer or fall British car related events, shows, or activities that might be of interest to visitors on our website, I'd appreciate hearing from you. I'd love to add them to our calendar of activities, and perhaps it will help introduce our club to prospective new members and other British car enthusiasts.

Second, please help add photos from BBB club events to our website. If you have a phone with camera, please snap a few pictures during events, and consider sharing them for the website. Members who cannot attend in person can view event highlights on the website and participate virtually. They tell me this helps them feel connected to the club when they can't participate.

Please send an email, text, or call with anything BBB website related. Go to www.britishbootsandbonnets.com and use the navigation menu on the top to explore. Remember to check back for new content and the latest updates.

Thanks for your continued and ongoing support for our web-based efforts,
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by Facia Nearside

Engineer, inventor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Sir Joseph Whitworth was all of these things. But for we gearheads, he is primarily known as the man who created the Whitworth System of Screw Threads and Measurements.

Joseph Whitworth was born in Stockport, Cheshire, England, in 1803. From an early age, he developed a keen interest in machinery and upon leaving school became indentured to his uncle at the Amber Cotton Mill. Although fascinated by the mill's machinery he was dismayed by their poor performance and accuracy,



foreshadowing his future life's work. Following four years at the mill, Whitworth broadened his mechanical experience at a Manchester factory before taking a position with Henry Maudslay, inventor of the screw cutting lathe.

By 1830, Whitworth had developed a method of making highly accurate flat surfaces using a scraping technique and engineer's blue. For the first time, this allowed advancements of precision instruments and other measuring devices. Whitworth's surface plates became well-established and formed the basis of an engineering revolution. Determined to achieve the highest possible precision, he then constructed a machine that could measure accurately to 0.0001 of an inch. This was followed by developing a device that could measure to one-millionth of an inch.

In 1841, Whitworth devised a standard for screw threads with a fixed thread angle of 55° and a standard pitch for a given diameter. Known as the Whitworth Thread, this was the world's first standardized screw thread with a defined depth and pitch. Following adoption by British railway companies, it came to dominate all British manufacturing and today is known as British Standard.



Although a firm pacifist, Whitworth also made critical contributions to mechanical engineering and firearms. When the Crimean War broke out, the British Army approached him to develop tools for the mass production of rifles. The result was the Whitworth Rifle, so accurate it was often called the sniper rifle. In 1862, he also developed a powerful breech-loading cannon. Although rejected by the British Ordinance Board, it was welcomed by France, New Zealand, and several other governments and was even used in the American Civil War. His work in the area of firearms led him to discover the steel being used was inferior for the job. He solved this problem by using Bessemer's Principle of Hydraulic Pressure Casting. The process was patented in 1874 and became known as Whitworth Steel.

Sir Joseph Whitworth was officially recognized as one of the foremost mechanical engineers of his time. Although he died in 1887, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers founded the Whitworth Society in 1923 to honor his legacy. The society still exists today.

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MaryJo has sold her house and is moving to Galena. We wish her well in her move!!

As always, let me know of anyone who is not feeling well or having an operation.

Stay safe and stay well,

Phyllis

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BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)

British flags for cars - \$5

BBB wall clock - \$15

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Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

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