

# British Boots & Bonnets Chronicle

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Next Meeting Wednesday,

June 21, 2023

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

Dinner and social hour at 6:00 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**JUNE, 2023** 

#### Greetings!

Hoping that everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. Mowing is a chore that most of us dread doing, but at times I find it very relaxing. The weather has been hot and dry, and the grass could use some rain. That being said, I do not want the rain to interfere with the summer driving season!

Lately, I have noticed many folks out and about with their cars shined up, and their tops down. Which brings a smile to my face. May was a great month with events, I was really impressed with the tour of the Historic Auto Museum, hosted by Jim Roberts. Thanks, Jim!

June 14th, join the drive and dine to Doyle's Irish Pub, hosted by Bob and Diane Schwarzkopf. Please RSVP Bob by June, 6th.

There are also a number of regional events in the month of June, get out and enjoy some.

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Safety Fast!

**Dennis** 



#### May 17, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm			
Meeting called to order @7:03 pm			
Number of members present 32			
New members - Dave Wakefield, Loves Park - 3 Wh	eel Mor	gan	
Guests - none			
Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm none			
Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes			
April 19, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chiwere approved.	onicle i	newsletter and o	corrected by Chris Oakes
Motion to accept the minutes was made by	Roi	n Kuhnau	
Seconded by Bruce Beneditz		Approved	
Corrections to the April 19, 2023 minutes - none			
Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka			
Activity for the period of ending 5/17/2023			
Cash and Bank Accounts			
<b>BMO Harris Checking Account</b>	Ş	2650.52	
<b>BMO Harris Savings Account</b>	Ş	3059.37	
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	Ş	5 5709.89	
<b>Total Liabilities / Expenses</b>	\$	0.00	
Overall Total	\$	5709.89	
Income			
Dues 2023	\$	280.00	
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$	1855.00	
Raffle Income	\$	152.00	
Regalia -	\$	52.00	
Nametags	\$	18.00	
Total Regalia income	\$	70.00	
Interest	\$	0.05	

\$ 2357.05

**Total Income** 

#### **Expenses**

	Bank Fees		\$	6.00
	Historic Auto	Museum Event	\$	2538.24
	Past Presider	nt plaque	\$	10.00
	Newsletter		\$	
	Raffle Expens	se	\$	126.92
	Regalia	- Name Tags	\$	16.31
	Total Regalia	Expenses	\$	16.31
Yearly	Maintenance		\$	226.00
Overal	l Total Expen	ises	\$	2923.47
Overal	l Total		\$	(566.42)

Motion to accept: Phyllis Beneditz 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Roberts Approved

#### Membership - Beverly Joyce -

members currently 76 3-4 not paid for 2023, 3 may not rejoin

#### Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

A couple of paper copies are available, if you would like one.

#### Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

- 1. Renewed licenses for the website
- 2. Pictures of the Auto Museum Event are on line check for the relationship of each to BBB
- 3. A woman from Waconda has a 1960 MGA for sale, comes with a tow trailer
- 4. 2 new members to BBB, they found us on the website and joined.

#### Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

none

#### **Events - Ron Kuhnau**

#### **Past Events**

May 11 - An Evening at the Historic Auto Museum in Roscoe - it was a great success Good attendance, food and friendship

#### Club Events.... Upcoming

May 20: Picnic at the Country House (Abington Tews) hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm. The Madison Club and The Quad Cities Clubs have also been invited

June 2-3-4: CBCF car show in Bloomington, IL at David Davis Mansion July 12: Drive & Dine - hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet July 23: Brits in the Garden - Janesville Rotary Gardens August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In Drive and Dine dates are still available - Please consider hosting an event! Regional Events ... Gathering of the Faithful (Started as an MGT club) but now is for all makes / models - Is in June in South Bend Indiana - it is the 100th Anniversary of MG Regalia - Bruce Beneditz none Classified - none **New Business** none Unfinished business none Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -Recipient \_NONE\_\_ **Burnt Piston Award** Recipient \_\_\_\_NONE \_\_\_ Marques Jaguar none Mini - none MG none Morgan none **Healey** none Rolls Royce none Triumph none Alfa Romero - none

May 26: Old Farts @ The Rock in Beloit, Wi 1:00

Ladies Lunch @ Alchemy ( Alden Golf Course ) 12:30

#### Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick - absent - none

**Announcement**: Hal Zenisek announced that May is the Anniversary month for The BBB.

The club was started 27 years ago at the Rathskeller in Rockford.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Brian Kobischka
Second byNancy Kuhnau
Motion passed and meeting adjourned at7:25 pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

#### A NEW ADVENTURE IN STORE FOR THE JUNE DRIVE & "LUNCH"!

Diane and I would like to invite you to a drive through Boone and McHenry Counties. We have chosen roads in Boone county which show off the variety of fauna that exist in Boone. We are rock certain that you will be able to see an elephant along the way. We have also chosen roads that are well suited to LBC's. We will meet at 10 am June 14 in the Museum Parking lot at the Poplar Grove Airport on Orth Road. Departure from museum at 10:15.

Lunch will be at Doyles Pub in Richmond IL scheduled for noon on their outdoor deck. Their menu is available at <a href="Doylespub.com">Doylespub.com</a>. However, if we have more than 15 people, they will only use a limited menu so that they can get everyone's food served at the same time. I will need a count of how many are going by Tuesday night June 6 as she orders supplies on Wednesday morning. Because eating is outside and LBC 's don't like rain we have no rain date set and the ride will be canceled, however, we are praying for good weather. Any questions or to sign up you can call either Diane or Bob at 815 547 9036 (land line) or my email is <a href="trebor630@frontier.com">trebor630@frontier.com</a>. Hope to see you on the 14th.

#### PICNIC AT THE COUNTRY HOUSE

The Klemms' Picnic Party on May 20th was so much fun that no one thought to take pictures! A great time was had by all - members from 3 clubs including BBB as well as family. There were over 60 people attending! If you missed May 20th, be sure to mark your calendar for July 1 and motor to the Klemm's for their Early July 4th Picnic Gathering, 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI. There will be 4 clubs, so even more fun!

#### PLANS IN PLACE FOR JULY DRIVE & DINE

Sandy, Donna, and Lynda have planned another evening touring roads south of Rockford, ending in Byron at the Hairy Cow. The Hairy Cow is a local craft brewery with a long list of woodfire pizzas on the menu. They also offer wings, hot dogs, 2 salads, and to-die-for cheesecake! We sampled 3 pizzas and each had our own cheesecake:)

They also have a very nice deck with a covered roof that overlooks the Rock River. No reservations, but they assured us they would be able to accommodate us.

Please meet at Baumann Park parking lot in Cherry Valley at 6pm. We will take country roads down and should arrive at the Hairy Cow around 6:30-6:45. Please let us know if you are planning to join us either at Baumann Park or meet us at The Hairy Cow, 450 E. Blackhawk Dr (Route 2).

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#### **BRITS IN THE GARDENS 2023**

Once again, we have been honored by Rotary Botanical Gardens of Janesville WI with the request to display our British cars in their beautiful location. The overwhelming positive response from the public and the Rotary Gardens staff who enjoyed our unique rides last year have cemented the request for our return. The date of Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> has been chosen, and preparations are currently underway.

Like previous years, our cars will be distributed around the gardens from 12:00 to 4:00p.m. The greater variety of marques we display, the more interesting and successful the day will be. Complimentary entry tickets are available for club members who are unable to display their car but wish to attend the event. Come out and enjoy the 20 beautiful acres of flora.

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

Thank you!!

### **2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

#### **BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:**

Jun 14	BBB June Drive & Dine, 'LUNCH' Doyles Irish Pub, Richmond, IL Meet at Popular Grove Airport Museum parking lot at 10:00 leaving at 10:15 Hosts: Bob & Diane Schwarzkopf
Jun 17	BBB June Saturday Drive OPEN
Jun 21	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Jul 1	BBB Early July 4th Picnic Gathering at Abingdon Tews, 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
Jul 8	BBB Day at the Lake; 1pm to ?; eat at 4pm. Rain date Jul 9 N8609 Townline Rd East Troy, WI Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Jul 12	BBB July Drive & Dine, The Hairy Cow, Byron, IL  Meet at Baumann Park, Cherry Valley, leave at 6pm.  Hosts: Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, Lynda Vickery
Jul 19	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
July 23	BBB Brits in the Gardens, Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI
Aug 9	BBB August Drive & Dine OPEN
Aug 16	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
Aug 20	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In 11619 IL-76, Poplar Grove, IL
Sep 13	BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN

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Sep 20	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Oct 11	BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN	
Oct 18	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Oct 21	BBB October Saturday Drive OPEN	
Nov 15	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL	
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW	
REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:		
Jun 4	24th British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show, 10:00-3:00, Fort Meig Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd., Perrysburg OH 43566 <a href="http://www.lebcc.org/">http://www.lebcc.org/</a>	
Jun 8-10	2023 Rendezvous, Hotel Chequamegon, 101 Lake Shore, Drive, Ashland, WI  HTTPS://WWW.MNTRIUMPHS.ORG/EVENTS/2023-RENDEZVOUS	
Jun 12-16	NAMGR GT-48, Memphis, TN https://namgar.com	
Jun 16-17	Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn Blackhawk Classic, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080 https://blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/	
Jun 20-23	GoF Central 2023, South Bend, IN Host Hotel: Embassy Suites, South Bend, IN https://gof2023.com	
Jun 24	Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Group & Lotus Corps.  The Carl Grabowski Driver's Education & Lapping Day Blackhawk Farms Raceway 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080 <a href="https://www.caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR2.php">https://www.caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR2.php</a>	

#### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS: Cont..

Jun 25	35th Annual Michiana British Car Show, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN <a href="http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm">http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm</a>
Jul 1	Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com
Jul 8-9	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire, 7/8 Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI 7/9 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI <a href="http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/">http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/</a>
Jul 17-20	MG2023 - MG's In the Foothills, Calgary, Alberta Canada' Tech sessions, Guided & Self-Guided tours, MG2023 Car Show, & Closing Awards Banquet. See website for more details.  HTTP://MG2023.REGFOX.COM/CALGARY
Aug 4-5	Mini on the Mack, Mackinaw City, MI, Mini Cooper parade across the Mackinac Bridge, attempting to break the English-held world record.  Organized by MINI of Grand Rapids and supported by MINI USA.  HTTPS://MINIONTHEMACK.COM
Aug 5	Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com
Aug 5	38th British Car Day, 9-4PM Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH <a href="https://britishcardaydayton.com/">https://britishcardaydayton.com/</a>
Aug 12	35th Annual Indy British Motor Day, 8:30-2:30 Lion's Park, Zionville, IN (Featuring the MINI) HTTP://WW.IBCU.ORG/INDY-BRITISH-MOTOR-DAY.HTML
Aug 26	Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, 10-2  Roscoe United Methodist Church, 10816 Main, St., Roscoe, II

Sep 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com Sep 15-17 British Invasion (Featuring Jaguar, Land Rover & Morgan) Stowe, VT https:www.britishinvasion.com/ Sep 19-21 2023 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion, Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH (Featuring Datsun/Nissan, Honda, Mazda & Toyota) https://www.pibroadrace.com/ Sep 22-24 46th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave., Jefferson, WI https://www.madisonclassics.com

Sep 27-Oct 1 VTR Nationals 2023, The Dillard House, Dillard, GA https://www.vtr2023.org

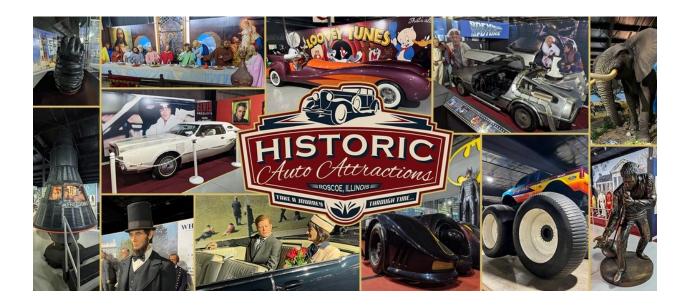
Sep 29- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN

## WEBMASTER REPORT June 2023

Please remember you can check the club's website for the latest updates regarding club plans and event details. The home page has an announcements section, list of upcoming events, and photo gallery. The footer at the bottom of every page shows the last update. The calendar of events shows monthly activities with details available if you click on an event. You may simply search British Boots and Bonnets car club in your favorite web browser and consider Bookmarking it as a shortcut for the future. You may use this shortcut as well, simply touch/click on the link here. Summer drives, dines, car shows and other activities planned for the year are listed on the website calendar, and will be updated with changes as soon as I hear about them.

Please email, call or text me if you have questions or comments about the club's website.

Hal Zenisek (815) 978-4205



The idea for the BBB May 2023 Dine and Drive activity was actually hatched some time back, and came from the evil minds of Ron Kuhnau and Jim Roberts. Well, actually, it was mostly Ron's evil mind. He had heard of this local automotive themed museum. He had also heard that Jim knew the management and ownership of the museum. Ron thought this might be an advantage, and a possible pathway to cost savings for a club meeting. What Ron did NOT know, was that Roberts knew the management because of an unfortunate incident years ago, wherein Jim had accidentally gotten locked inside the first version of the museum overnight. His mind had overloaded on all of the unique and interesting things he had seen, and sat down in the Lincoln (Abraham, not the cars) exhibit and had fallen asleep. When he awoke later that evening, the museum had turned off the lighting and locked the place up for the night. Roberts became disoriented (Yes, worse that even now) and began to stumble about the place in the near pitch black darkness. You can imagine what a whole evening in the dark and bumping into wax images of presidents and cowboys and lions and tigers and bears (oh my) would do to you. He's not been right since. And because of that incident, the owner and management of Historic Auto Attractions have continued to be nice to Jim. Actually very caring for him, lest his mind snap further. They don't want somebody to make the correlation to them locking Jim in, and his present condition, which is that of a drooling, mumbling goof. The Museum doesn't want to deal with having to pay for whatever therapies would be required to make Roberts right again. Ron had no such concerns with this issue and simply told Jim to make it happen, with whatever conditions it might trigger for him personally, be damned. Ron had an idea and Roberts was a small price to pay for the club's happiness.

So, it was with the club activities in mind, (and little concern for Jim) that the May drive and dine turned into a fine example of what can occur if we do some really exciting things as a group. The May Drive and Dine was held on Thursday, May 11.

We had approximately 65 people attending, mostly club members but also their friends and family members who were also invited to attend. We had good weather for the evening so it was a pretty good showing of wonderful automobiles out in the parking lot.

Catering had been arranged with Perfectly Seasoned catering, so to start, everyone got to go through the Sandwich buffet and get some pasta salad and chips and refreshments etc. We also had at our disposal, Mr. Wayne Lensing, the owner and founder of the "HAA" . He did a quick introduction of what to expect. Museum docent and official Historian Tony Ferrell Sr. and Museum manager Alex Merry were also at our disposal. They all know the "stories behind the story' of all the items on display. Once we had completed our meal and finished the Q & A session with the Owner and staff, we were released into the Museum. The entire facility had been reserved only for the BBB club members and guests. For the next 3 hours, the musenm was ours!!

Historic Auto Attractions is one of the most eclectic and fascinating collections of cars, artifacts, and historical items in the midwest. It's actually 30 museums in one, and the building is absolutely HUGE. There are points of interest for every age and generation, and the ability to walk at your own speed and absorb what you are seeing is truly enjoyable. From the wild West, to gangsters, to presidents (I guess that last pair could be combined, eh?) to NASA and Race cars, there is something for everybody to enjoy and learn. The early reports from attendees was that almost everyone was overwhelmed by the sheer size of the place, and that it resides right here in the Rockford area. The museum has quite a good website for those who were unable to attend and who may wish to skim the surface of what lies within. Also, the museum agreed to offer discounts of \$10 to BBB members who mention the event and would want to purchase a season pass or companion pass for the season. The companion pass allows you to take a guest in with you whenever you visit, if desired. Easily the best bargain in the entrance fee offerings, and it is also a great way to support this gem of a landmark destination in our hometown area!

It was a perfect example of how fun the group gatherings can be for the BBB, and a great time was had by all. A Special "THANKS" to everybody who attended, and supported the event. It made Ron's job as social director much easier, and Jim just does what he's told anyhow, so who cares about him? We are stamping this event a success, and look forward to more Dine and Drives in the coming months!















#### DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

The Bristol Aeroplane Company LTD owes its beginning to a chance meeting in 1909 between Sir George White, Chairman of Bristol Carriage Company and Wilbur Wright (yes, THAT Wilbur Wright). White recognized aviation as having significant business potential and directed his efforts at not only building state of the art aircraft but by creating flying training schools as well. Bristol rapidly acquired a reputation for well designed, well-built, high-quality aeroplanes. When the war broke out in 1914 Bristol employed more than 200 people and found itself at the forefront of British aviation.

Having started as a carriage company Bristol had always considered diversifying back into automobile production, and in fact made an unsuccessful bid for Aston Martin in 1925. Following WWII, the company was left with a large work force and little work so this diversification became absolutely necessary. Wisely the board of directors realized the best way to jump start this transition would be to base production on existing technology. Bristol easily obtained BMW automobile and engine designs as war reparations. The result was the Bristol 400, a car which quickly established the reputation as a sporting gentleman's car. Produced from 1946-1949 the 400 was soon followed by the 401. Although the £4382 price tag was certainly hefty for its day, the car was meticulously engineered to aviation standards with a streamlined body developed in Bristol's wind tunnel. Just as Bristol aircraft were known for impeccable quality and durability the automobile division soon enjoyed the same reputation. The line continued to evolve with the 402 1948-1953 then the 403 1953-55. The 403 was the last to feature the borrowed BMW styling but the BMW derived 6-cylinder engine went on to power subsequent models through the 406 until 1961.



Bristol had designed a new 6-cylinder engine to replace the aging BMW type but for cost considerations turned instead to Chrysler of Canada who provided them with a 5.2 litre V8 for the Bristol 407. Most Bristol customers valued performance above economy and Bristol did not disappoint. Power continued to increase and Bristols were known as having the performance of an Aston Martin with the quiet comfort of a Rolls-Royce. To maintain this reputation of quality and exclusivity Bristol committed to building no more than three cars per week. With this output of 150 cars per year the company soldiered on through the 1970s with the 411 and 412, then through the 90s and into the new millennium with the type 603 and the Blenheim. Costs of limited production in the rapidly changing arena of a world market finally began to catch up however.



In March of 2020 Bristol Cars was officially wound up in order to pay creditors. The company had staked its reputation on the slow methodical approach to building a limited number of high-quality vehicles. This had endeared them to their loyal following of stiff upper lip customers for 75 years, but ultimately this very method which had fostered success was also their undoing.

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#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

> Brian Kobischka Treasurer British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, PMB 254 1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104 Rockford, IL 61107

Please include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$18 for name tags.



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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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

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Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.