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Next Meeting Wednesday, June 20, 2018

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 2018

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful weather and are driving your trusty LBCs out and about.

Emerald green is the color and our place is at the height of it's natural beauty; all our trees and undergrowth are filled in and we cannot see another dwelling even though our neighbors are quite close. Our trusty red restored MGTF is looking even more beautiful amongst all this color with lots of trips planned for the next few months.

We will be traveling to Delavan for June's Drive & Dine which will be at the Duck Inn on the 13^{th.} We are still working on a route that offers the twists and turns we are looking for and will get us to the restaurant by 6:30; we're planning on meeting at the Roscoe Middle School NLT 5:30.

The Duck Inn is a long running supper club serving American steakhouse fare and cocktails in a country setting; they have a large party room that was part of the original Inn and we should have a great time. Their web page is at duckinndelevan.com for menu and directions. Please e-mail me with your confirmation that you will attend by June 8th so we can let the Inn know how many to expect for staff planning purposes. My e-mail is f16glo10@gmail.com.

I am receiving smoke signals that planning might be underway for the Day at The Lake outing in July, last year was absolutely great with perfect weather, food, pontoon rides, great hosts and the Queen was available for pictures!! Rich and Jackie Bartlett will be hosting the August Drive and Dine and if you have the time and are willing to step up as hosts, please contact Rich Gibson, Events Chair, I'm sure he will be glad to hear from you. Here's to a June filled with lots of driving adventures and fun.

John



May 16, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Ward. Thirty-one members were present.

John welcomed guests, Ace and Jill Foster, from Embroidthis, the BBB Go-To company for embroidered apparel and other regalia items.

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 March 2018 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

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

Larry presented the Treasurer's Report.

Lee Kindgren made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Hal Zenisek. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - The Chronicle is available in hard copy if anyone needs it.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

An email was received from Chris Sauer, owner of Royal Restoration, a machine shop fabricating diebuilding molds, fixtures, jigs, tooling and components. They also build custom vintage British sheet metal for MGB-GT's. Their website is: https://www.royalrestorationshop.com/

Another email was received from Dr. Christian Bianco announcing the 2018 "MGs in the Dolomites" event scheduled 16-19 September in the Italian Dolomites and 19-23 September in the Austrian Dolomites. Information is available by emailing mg.dolomites@gmail.com

A reminder email was received by the organizers of the Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games, will be held on Friday and Saturday, 15 & 16 June 2018, in Itasca, Illinois. http://www.scottishfestivalchicago.org/

A link suggestion was received from Chrys Dumont Jr. for anyone interested in Lotus info. **autolist.com/ Lotus**

An email was received from Robert Lundgren requesting information on a good/reputable mechanic and repair shop for Jaguars. **lundgrensign@yahoo.com**

An email was received advertising a red 1977 MG Roadster, MGB for sale with 11,700 original miles in Fairfield, Iowa. Stored in a garage and in great condition. Contact Hal for more information.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

Carol Eggleston is recovering nicely from her surgery for gallstones.

Don Grosenick is recovering in Janesville from his hip replacement surgery last week.

Regalia - Jim Vickery -

Our suppliers (Embroidthis) were welcomed to the meeting and brought along several samples of their shirts and jackets for our club regalia. They have hundreds and hundreds more at their shop. They are located one block south of where they had been. This is a nice new store with very good signage out front. They carry all the name brands, such as NIKE, Northface, Adidas, and more. They and their staff of five can help you fit their products and help get the BBB logo onto your new shirt, jacket, sweater and many other products. Visit them through our club website, britishbootsandbonnets.com/Resources/Club/Regalia, or their website at http://embroidthis.com/.

Past Events - Rich Gibson

A huge Thank You to Dwain and Jenny Plymale for hosting the April Drive at The Stone Eagle in Rockford and to Jim and Lynda Vickery for hosting the May Dine and Drive at the Aero Ale House in Byron! Attendees enjoyed the tasty dinners.

A Shout Out to Larry Eils for organizing and running the Garage Tour in April. Although not well-attended, the group enjoyed the Model A's (two are for sale!) at the first stop and the fire engines at the second stop.

A proper British Thank You to Chris Oakes for hostessing the annual Ladies' Tea in her home on April 21st. The savory and sweet goodies were spectacular, as were the five choices of tea!

Yet another big thank you to Tracy Smith for all her work and efforts in planning a May Saturday Drive and restaurant stop. So sorry the details didn't come together for this. Thank you once again for getting involved, Tracy!

Upcoming Events

May 19th Saturday Drive - Meeting at McDonald's on RT 75 and I-90 at 9AM. Departure at 9:15. RSVP to Greg Oakes.

Old Farts and Ladies Who Do Tea - No May luncheons this month due to the Memorial Day weekend falling on the normally scheduled luncheon dates.

June 9th Saturday Drive to "The Driftless Hill's of NW Illinois" hosted by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller. This is promising to be a spectacular event. Don't miss it. Meet at the Byron Library at 9:00 a.m.

June 13th Dine & Drive hosted by John & Sandy Ward to the Duck Inn. Details will be emailed to members shortly.

OPEN EVENTS - Opportunity to get Involved!

September Dine & Drive September Saturday Drive / Long Weekend November Dine

Please take a look at the BBB Website calendar for more events and information on events.

Classified - None
Unfinished Business - None
New Business - None
Burnt Piston Award - None
Good Wrench Award - None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

- 1. 3-Funnel Set Lae Kindgren
- 2. Microfibre Chenille Mitt Jenny Plymale
- 3. GOJO Hand Cleaner Ace Foster (Embroidthis)
- 4. ArmorAll Wash & Wax Brian Gustafson
- **5.** Bird House Marc Proctor
- 6. Green Vase Charlie Gall
- 7. Wind Chime Greg Oakes
- 8. Wooden Trivet Dee Glbson
- 9. Hummingbird Feeder Sandy Ward
- 10. Coffee Mug Leon Kitzmiller
- 11. Thunder Bay Bucks Nancy Kuhnau

Adjournment

John Ward told a story about anniversary wishes. Note: Remember that fairies are female... Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS

June 16	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - MOTORING THE DRIFTLESS
(CHANGE IN DATE)	HILLS OF NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS
	Hosts: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller
June 13	BBB Drive & Dine - Duck Inn, N6214 WI89, Delavan, WI
	Hosts: John & Sandy Ward
June 15-17	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South
	Beloit, IL
June 17	British Car Field Day; Sussex, WI
June 20	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 17-22	NAMGBR 2017 Convention - Gettysburg
July 7	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - DAY AT THE LAKE - 1 PM - ?
	East Troy, WI
	Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
	Hosts for morning drive and maybe breakfast: TBD
July 11	BBB Drive & Dine - Stagecoach Inn,
	11946 WI-26, Fort Atkinson, WI
	Hosts: Don & Marna Grosnick
	Meeting place & time TBD
July 18	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
July 21	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - TOUR TO POLO & STERLING, IL
	Hosts: Charlie & Linda Gall
August 8	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD
	Hosts: Rich & Jackie Bartlett
August 11	BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - EPIC SYSTEMS CORP.
	Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
August 15	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 24	Cars on the Square; Monroe, WI
	Starting at 5pm
August 25	Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 7-10	BBB - SIMPLE SATURDAY DRIVE OR LONG WEEKEND
Sept 9	British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
Sept 11-16	British Invasion; Stowe, VT
Sept 12	BBB Drive & Dine - OPEN
	Hosts: OPEN
Sept 19	BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Sept 28-30 Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet

Oct 6 BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND

Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils

Oct 10 BBB Drive & Dine - TBD

Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM

Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Nov 14 BBB *Dine* - OPEN

Oct 17

Hosts: OPEN

Nov 28 (CHANGE IN DATE) BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM

Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Dec 5 BBB Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 12 BBB Christmas Party - Lino's

5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL

MOTORING THE DRIFTLESS HILLS OF NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH (not June 9th)

by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller

Plan to meet at 9 AM at the Byron Library (parking lot in back), 100 S. Washington St. We will drive through Mount Carol; on to Iron Horse Saloon in Savannah; and take the scenic Ridge Road to Hanover.

From Hanover it's up Blackjack Road for lunch at Chestnut Mountain. The ski lift will be open for a sled ride down the mountain. From Chestnut Mountain we will drive through Galena and pick up Stage Coach Trail onward to Council Hill Station, then to Galena Cellars, with our last stop at Lena brewery.

Please call Leon & Peggy at 815-234-8020 (H); 815-978-5231 (C), or email at <u>LeonKitz@gmail.com</u> to let them know you are planning to attend.

JUNE DRIVE & DINE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

by John Ward

For the June 13th Dine & Drive we will be going to The Duck Inn in Delavan, WI. We will meet at the Roscoe Middle School NLT 5:30pm and arrive at the restaurant at 6:30pm. The Duck Inn has a web site where you can see the menu and get directions to the restaurant. Please let John, f16glo10@gmail.com, 815-222-0405 or Sandi, Sanderay7@hotmail.com, 815-540-4647 know by June 7th if you will be going. Thanks.



BBB DAY AT THE LAKE! Saturday, July 7, 2018 12:00 - ??? Rain Date July 8th

Rich and Dee Gibson wish to invite all BBB members to our lake cottage at:

N8609 Townline Road, East Troy, Wisconsin (See attached map)

Broasted chicken, pop, beer, water and sun tea will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

Microwave, oven, and fridge are available. Lawn chairs, towels, kayaks and pedal boat are available, and pontoon boat rides are offered!

You may wish to bring a swimsuit/trunks if you choose to swim. Also bring a sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen!

Questions? Call Rich at 815-494-0838 Dee at 815-871-5200

NOTE: THERE ARE 38 STEPS TO NAVIGATE!

EVENTS REPORT by Rich Gibson

FOR INCLUSION INTO THE JUNE CHRONICLE

I'm a little late in reminding everyone about this, but everyone, PLEASE review the Club driving guidelines to make sure you haven't forgotten anything over the winter.

Editor's Note: Please see Event Driving Guidelines printed in this issue of the Chronicle.

PAST EVENTS

Thank you Greg & Chris Oakes for leading the May 19th Saturday Drive to Palmyra, WI and on to Greenie's Club House in Delavan for a quiz about the drive (cheating allowed & encouraged) and a spectacular lunch. Then on to the main event: the Sharon ICE CREAM SHOP! Sinfully good. The weather was looking threatening all day, but the rain held off. Seven club cars, 14 people made the run. A good time was had by all. Thank you Greg & Chris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 9 Saturday Drive hosted by Leon Kitzmiller: DATE CHANGED TO JUNE 16, MEETING PLACE CHANGED TO BYRON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JUNE 13 Dine & Drive to Duck Inn, hosted by John & Sandy Ward. Meet at Roscoe Middle School by 5:30.

JUNE 16 Saturday Drive to "The Driftless Hill's of Northwestern Illinois" hosted by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller. Meet at Byron Public Library at 9 AM, drive through Mount Carol on to Savannah and take scenic Ridge Road to Hanover, from Hanover up Blackjack Road for lunch at Chestnut Mountain. Ski lift will be open for sled ride down the mountain. From Chestnut Mountain we will drive through Galena and pick up Stage Coach Trail onward to the last stop at the Lena brewery. Questions contact Leon Kitzmiller at LeonKitz@gmail.com or 815-978-5231.

JULY 7 (Rain date JULY 8) "Day at the Lake" hosted by Dee & Rich Gibson. Time 12:00 noon to ?? As of now there is no organized meeting place for the drive to our lake in East Troy, WI. Everyone is on their own, but if someone wants to organize a breakfast/ brunch drive, just step forward. Please see the attachments in the invite sent out by Lynda for directions & details. Questions contact Rich / Dee Gibson.

JULY 21 Saturday Drive to Polo, IL & Lunch at Candlelight Inn in Sterling, IL hosted by Charlie Gall. Charlie is a new club member. This is his first time hosting an event. THANK YOU Charlie for stepping forward.

10:00 AM Meet/Assemble at Road Ranger, S Main St & IL 2, Rockford, IL, drive to Polo.

11:00 AM Arrive in Polo, Motorcycle Museum and Country Floral Gift Shop.

12:00 Noon Depart Polo, drive to Candlelight Inn, Sterling.

12:30 PM Arrive at Candlelight Inn.

Questions contact Charlie Gall at charliebackintheday@gmail.com or 815-499-4460.

AUGUST 8 Dine & Drive hosted by Jackie & Rich Bartlett. Details TBD.

AUGUST 11 Saturday Drive, hosted by Rich & Roxann Cannistra to Epic Systems, Verona, WI. Meeting time & place TBD.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10 Simple long weekend or ?? OPEN Anybody wanna do something?

SEPTEMBER 11 Estimated departure for "British Invasion" car show (Sept 14 - 16) in Stowe, VT. While this is not an "official" BBB club event, there are quite a few club members & cars planning on going. Rich Cannistra has volunteered to organize the trip from Illinois to Stowe, VT for those desiring to be organized, or proceed in an unorganized manner. Up to you. Questions contact Rich Cannistra at richandroxann@gmail.com or 608-359-4671.

SEPTEMBER 12 or ?? Dine & Drive OPEN Anybody hungry?

OCTOBER 6 "Pizza by the Pond" hosted by Larry & Marsha Eils. Time TBD.

OCTOBER 10 Dine & Drive hosted by Mike & Brenda Moore. Details TBD.

NOVEMBER 14 Dine OPEN. Somebody do something. Don't let the club go hungry.

NEW COFFEE AND CARS EVENTS

forwarded by Rich Cannistra updated by Lynda Vickery

The Janesville WI Farmers Market has just announced a Coffee and Cars event this summer. The market runs every Saturday from now till the end of October on Main Street in downtown Janesville. The car show will be near the Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main St. on the last Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 29 according to the Janesville Farmers Market Facebook page.)

Welcome New Members!

New membership applications are available on the club's website.

Register by sending your completed application to:

Larry Eils, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.



British Boots & Bonnets Event Driving Guidelines



The British Boots and Bonnets Car Club endorses safe driving in all of our events and we encourage all of our members to drive safely for everyone's enjoyment. Members are responsible for their own road safety on trips by obeying all driving laws. The following driving guidelines have been developed over time to achieve that end. It is the responsibility of every BBB club member to be familiar with these guidelines and comply with them to the greatest extent possible while driving in an event.

BBB Driving Guidelines

- * Arrive at the starting location early with a full tank of gas.
- * Be ready to leave on time.
- * At the drivers/riders meeting, listen carefully to the description of the route and any other information the leader wants to pass along. Advise the event leader if you are going to leave before the end of the event.
- * Spacing of 3 seconds between cars is adequate separation during normal driving weather and 4 seconds between cars during inclement weather. When driving through town, close up the interval between you and the car in front of you. You don't want cars pulling in between you. Also, be a good follower by keeping spacing similar to the cars in front of you.
- * In the caravan you are responsible for the car in back of you, not in front of you. If the car behind you stops, you stop to assist them.
- * When you make a turn watch to be sure the car behind you sees you and follows. If you can't see the car behind you, make the turn and wait for the car to catch up and make the turn.
- * Do not pass a car in the caravan that has pulled over unless they have told you they have dropped out or they wave you by.
- * The tail car should drive with headlights on to be visible to the lead car. The lead and tail drivers need to have each other's cell phone numbers.
- * As a courtesy, it is recommended that non-British cars be at the rear of the caravan. This allows better visibility for the leader as well as for cars within the caravan.

DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

In a fairytale display of pomp and pageantry the Duke and Duchess of Sussex tied the knot at Windsor Castle. Then, with number plates proclaiming the date, they departed for their evening reception in a 50 year old silver blue Jaguar E-Type. Although it appeared to be only another classic car from the royal stable it was anything but. The royals were riding in E-Type Zero.

Just as the royal couple appreciates tradition while embracing the future, Jaguar have committed themselves to a family of eco-friendly vehicles. While this requires low and zero emissions going forward that focus alone is not considered sufficient. With the very real possibility of petrol vehicles being banned from large cities in the future, Jaguar have decided it is just as important to look back as to look ahead. In their words the goal is to "future proof" classic car ownership.

With reverence for the past and enthusiasm for the future, E-Type Zero debuted in September 2017. Converted to 100% electric operation, performance of the 1968 classic has actually been improved while retaining vintage styling and driving characteristics. Additionally, nothing has been altered which would prevent returning the vehicle to original form, thus retaining collector value. Just as the new royal couple has been a paragon of change, this may be the best of British tradition retooled to meet the future.

MAY DRIVE & DINE WAS A SHORT DRIVE TO A NEW DESTINATION.

by Lynda Vickery

After a sort of scenic early spring drive down the East side of the Rock River, Jim and Lynda Vickery led the BBB driving group into Byron, Illinois, to the Aero Ale House where they joined several couples already there. The Aero Ale House was able to seat us in their private room making conversation very easy. The 20 or so attendees enjoyed the casual atmosphere - and the food was good!











BBB's FIRST 2018 SATURDAY DRIVE - THE REUNION TOUR

by Chris Oakes

For 14 years back in the 80-90's we in lived Walworth, WI and, as a result, got to know that part of Wisconsin pretty well. Now that we live in the area again, we thought this would be a good opportunity to revisit some of our favorite roads by taking a leisurely drive to a few old familiar places in Rock, Walworth and a little bit of Jefferson and Waukesha counties.

So early Saturday morning, May 19th the traveling group met near the stateline at I90 and headed out. We traveled from South Beloit through Shopiere, to Palmyra, through East Troy / Kettle Moraine area to lunch at Greenies Clubhouse @ Delbrook Golf Course in Delavan. Some of the roads were familiar to some, but there were a few new roads explored.

A short "educational" quiz was given at Greenies, while waiting for lunch. The Carters won the prize, a flashlight and tea. The return trip was winding through Delavan, Fontana and Walworth, with a stop @ the Ice Cream Shop in Sharon, WI.

The caravan included Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz, Steve & Polly Carter, Larry & Marsha Eils, Rich & Dee Gibson, Rick & Sandy Hamaker, Ron & Nancy Kuhnau, and Greg & Chris Oakes, as the hosts. The weather was cool and overcast, but the drive and socialization was great.







































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BBB REGALIA ONLINE JUNE 2018

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

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

two BBB visors - \$10

British flags for cars - \$5

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

You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

Shipped directly to you (additional fee)

Pick up at EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

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

Jim Vickery





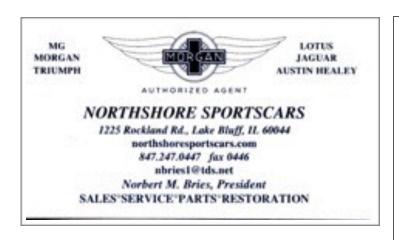
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A big THANK YOU to Ace and Jill Foster for attending our May meeting and bringing many samples of clothing, bags, thermo cups, and even a wooden box to hold a deck of cards.

All of these items, plus many, many more are available at their EmbroidThis store. Please stop by or visit them via our club website link to special BBB regalia; or to their business website. If you have an idea for something not seen at the meeting or online, contact Ace and see what they can come up with. You will not be disappointed!











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