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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,  
March 21, 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

**MARCH 2018**

March is here, hard to believe how fast this year is moving along!! The weather has been more "acceptable" with some 50+ degree days and there is very little snow left on the ground around our place; this will probably jinx things for March & April and send us some "big" snow.

Rich Gibson conducted our first events planning meeting for CY 2018 yesterday which was very well attended and this year's calendar is shaping up to offer lots of fun and interesting events. A big shout out to Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz for hosting our meeting at their lovely home. Thanks to all who attended for their good ideas and enthusiasm for putting the calendar together.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at Louie's Tap House in Roscoe on March 14<sup>th</sup>, thanks to Steve and Polly Carter for hosting this event. As spring rushes towards us and we begin preparing our trusty LBC's for their initial road testing for CY2018, I hope you all have a blessed and happy Easter ((April 1<sup>st</sup>).

John

### *HEARD ON THE STREET:*

*"People who wonder if their glass is half empty  
or half full miss the point; the glass  
is refillable !!"*



## **Feb 21, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING**

### **President's Report - John Ward**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Ward.

No guests were present .

The Club welcomes new members, Charlie and Linda Gall of Polo, Illinois. Just before the New Year, Charlie and Linda purchased a 1976 Triumph TR6 and have already put 70 miles on it!

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 Lee Kindgren to accept the November 2017 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils**

Larry Eils presented the financial report.

All transactions have been changed over to our new Treasurer, Larry Eils. The Club is using the computer program Quick Books for our accounting. We are waiting for the bank to issue new deposit slips to reflect Larry Eils' new position.

Rich Gibson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Connie Frazier. Motion passed.

**Membership - Bev Joyce** - The BBB Club has 59 paid members to date. A reminder that membership dues for 2018 are being accepted now (\$20). Please send your dues membership in if you haven't done so yet. Two members have elected to not renew due to personal reasons (Joan Tilson and Tom Peterson).

**Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery** – Thank you to everyone who has sent in articles for the newsletter. Keep the articles coming in!

**Webmaster - Hal Zenisek** – No report

**Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz** -

Well wishes are tended to Jackie Bartlett who is recuperating from a surgery here in the area and who will return to Florida shortly for the rest of the winter season.

Our condolences go out to Bill and Solveig Maschke on the loss of Bill's brother at the young age of 62.

**Regalia - Jim Vickery** – No report

**Past Events – Rich Gibson**

A huge Shout Out to Rich and Roxann Cannistra for hosting the February Valentine's Day Dine at the Butterfly Club!

**Upcoming Events - Rich Gibson**

Huge THANKS to Rich Cannistra, Bruce Beneditz, Hal Zenisek and Larry Eils for their help and assistance in transitioning Rich Gibson into the Events Chairman's position!

February 23 - Old Farts Lunch at 1:00 at Der Rathskeller Restaurant in Rockford..

February 23 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at 12:30 at Baker Street Burgers at Edgebrook in Rockford.

February 24-25 - Race & Performance Expo at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center <http://www.raceperformanceexpo.com/>

March 3 - BBB Events Planning Meeting, held at Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz's House at 2:00 P.M. All members highly encouraged to attend. RSVP to Rich Gibson or Bruce Beneditz.

March 14 - BBB Dine hosted by Steve and Polly Carter at Louie's Tap House in Roscoe.

March 18 - British Car Parts Swap Meet & Auto Jumble at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois from 8 A.M. until 2 P.M. Greg Oakes has offered to help set up our BBB tables.

April 11 - BBB Dine, hosted by Dwain & Jenny Plymale, at The Stone Eagle in Rockford.

April 21 - BBB Garage Tour, hosted by Rich Cannistra, Woodstock area.

April 21 - BBB Ladies' Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes

All Saturday drives for 2018 are yet to be hosted. Please step up and volunteer as a Club is only as good as its members! Contact Rich Gibson at 815-494-0838.

Please also assist in hosting the Old Farts and Ladies Who Do Lunch monthly lunches. Lee Kindgren is stepping down from leading the monthly Old Farts Lunches.

The National MGB Registry will be meeting in Gettysburg from 17-23 June. Registration is now open.

**Classified** - None

**Unfinished Business**- None

**New Business** - The BBB 2018 calendars are available in case you haven't picked yours up yet.

**Burnt Piston Award**- Rick Hamaker nominated John Ward for breaking one of the Raffle prizes. Lee Kindgren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Good Wrench Award** - None

**Raffle - Don Grosenick**

1. 4-Pack Microfibre Cleaning Cloths - Brian Gustafson
2. Swivel Lens Headlamp - Brian Kobischka
3. Wrench - Bruce Beneditz
4. Fast Orange Hand Cleaner - Greg Oakes
5. Interior Brush - Rich Gibson
6. Absorber - Lynda Vickery
7. Easter Bunny Welcome Sign - Sandy Ward
8. Wooden Bunny #1 - Marsha Eils
9. Wooden Bunny #2 - Charlie Gall
10. Brown Bunnies Pair - Leon Kitzmiller
11. White Bunny - Sandy Hamaker
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Connie Frazier

**Adjournment**

John Ward told a story about Johnnie Cooper standing on a porch eating a popsicle.

Larry Eils made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rich Gibson. Motion passed and the Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary



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

August 8 **BBB Drive & Dine - OPEN**  
Hosts: OPEN

August 11 **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PENDING**  
Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra

August 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

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 12 **BBB Drive & Dine - OPEN**  
Hosts: OPEN

Sept 14-16 British Invasion; Stowe, VT

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

Oct 17 **BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Nov 14 **BBB Dine** - OPEN  
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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE LADIES TEA - MARCH 21. WATCH FOR INVITE WITH DETAILS BY EMAIL AND THE NEXT CHRONICLE.



AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE GARAGE TOUR, ALSO ON MARCH 21. GARAGE VISITS AND LUNCH SITE PLANS IN PROGRESS! DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

## 2018 EVENTS PLANNING MEETING HELD

The Events Planning Committee met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to plan and coordinate the monthly events for the Club for 2018. A huge Shout Out to Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz for offering their home and hospitality to the Committee group! A round of applause is also in order to the BBB members who helped on the Committee: John & Sandy Ward, Don & Marna Grosenick, Rick & Sandy Hamaker, Jim & Lynda Vickery, Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz, Leon Kitzmiller, Mike Moore, Rich & Roxann Cannistra (on vacation) and Rich & Dee Gibson. A club is only as good as its members, and our members stepped up to the plate!

There are a LOT of activities posted on our website calendar. Some of these are Club-sponsored events, others are included just to let you know of events happening in the area. There are still some openings, so we'd like to reach out to club members to host a Saturday drive or a Wednesday night Dine or "Drive and Dine", especially if you haven't been able to do so for some time or have yet to contribute.




We don't have any advance information on "The Ladies who do Lunch" or "The Old Farts", so as those plans are usually made close-in to the date of the event, could you send your information directly to Beverly Joyce so that she can get it out via email promptly to our members.

We encourage you to take a look at the website calendar and join in the fun and camaraderie. If you plan on attending an event not sponsored by the BBB Club, let Beverly Joyce know so she can get the email notice out and others may wish to join you!


MARK YOUR CALENDARS; we changed the date for the November club meeting to the 28th, other-wise it falls on Thanksgiving Eve.

Rich Gibson  
Events Chair

## BBB DINE EVENT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018!

Please join us at 6:00 at Louie's Tap House, 5689 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL. Louie's has 40 craft beers  on tap, delicious appetizers  , great salads , AND it's Ribs  night!

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Just email Polly at [pjcarter347@gmail.com](mailto:pjcarter347@gmail.com) or call 815-980-1647 by Monday, March 12, 2018.

Hope to see you at Louie's! 

Steve and Polly Carter

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Upon arrival in Santiago Chile Rich & Roxann Cannistra were greeted with this advertisement. Perhaps some club members would like to consider upgrading! They will do more research and report back.



Have you seen this little gem?

IN GREAT BRITAIN THEY DRIVE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD...

IN ILLINOIS WE DRIVE ON WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ROAD!



## WEBMASTER REPORT

by Hal Zenisek

The following email was sent to our British Boots and Bonnets Website that we wanted to share with club members:

Name: Linda Johnson

Email Address: linda@thespringfieldlibrary.org

Subject: Awesome work

Message: Hi there,

I'm working on a guide for car enthusiasts for the hobbies section of our library's newsletter, and so I've been scouring the internet for resources outside of just our local stuff. Thank you for your awesome page: <http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/favorite-links/>! My fiance is super interested in starting to collect (part of why I've been working on this project, lol), leaving me wanting to read as much as I can on it. I'd love any guidance you might have to offer on any other places to look.

Also, I don't know if you've seen these, but they're part of our growing toolkit and so I thought I'd share them with you in case you/your community find them useful:

Classic Car Terminology

<https://www.classiccarrestorationclub.com/article/guide-to-classic-car-terminology/>

How to Buy A Car Long Distance

<http://www.myclassiccar.com/pdf/howto-buyingcarslongdistance.pdf>

Classic Car Insurance

<https://www.valuepenguin.com/classic-car-insurance>

Detailing Tips for Antique and Classic Cars

<https://www.hemmings.com/magazine/hsx/2006/07/21-Detailing-Tips-from-the-Pros-/1306491.html>

Guide to Classic Car Competition and Judging

<http://www.moparnats.org/sites/default/files/>

[Mopar\\_Nationals\\_Guide\\_to\\_proper\\_Vehicle\\_Judging\\_Class\\_assignment\\_and\\_helpful\\_Judging\\_tips.pdf](#)

Effect of Modifications on Vintage Car Values

<http://www.chevyhardcore.com/features/editorials-opinions/whats-it-worth-how-changes-and-custom-features-affect-car-value/>

Thanks,

Linda Johnson

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.

## **MY FIRST BRITISH CAR**

by Roxann Cannistra

A beautiful summer day, my Dad's boss who was a big ole Norwegian building contractor, and his gorgeous silver blue Jaguar E-Type convertible. These all came together one afternoon to give a teenaged farm girl a fabulous, thrilling, and memorable ride. Exciting!

Speed ahead 42 years to May 7, 2008 to find the same former farm girl at work. The phone rang; it's her excited husband at the Roscoe Antique Mall asking how soon she can come to see something. Nope, he wouldn't tell her what it was. She was full of trepidation as she sighed, saying it would be about an hour. Upon arrival she was escorted inside by her man sporting a big grin, to gaze at a pretty red Jaguar E-Type convertible with a huge red bow on the windshield. Wrapped up!

Obviously that farm girl was me and my trepidation was warranted. My thought went more to the cost of that car (we had kids in college) rather than the fun we'd have with it and the people we'd meet. We spoke with the owner and asked for first right of refusal if anyone else became interested in it. Gutsy!

That weekend we drove to Council Bluffs, Iowa because our eldest was graduating from Creighton School of Pharmacy. At a coffee stop on the way, Rich picked up several publications to research more about this car. Guess who drove most of the way to Iowa? Our daughter graduated just fine and we headed for home on Sunday, May 11, 2008, Mother's Day. On the way his cell phone rang, Rich was called to go in to work on Monday. A couple of his persuasions to get me to agree with purchasing the car were: "Well, if we buy it on Mother's Day it would have to be yours" and "It's only previous owner was a woman so it'd be fitting if you owned it next". Finally armed with my approval he phoned the antique mall, negotiated a good price, and then told the owner he'd be in with the check on Thursday after returning from his three days away. Sold!

As soon as he was able Rich went for the car. He sent in registration documentation so we could legally drive it. That night he picked me up from work in it, thoughtfully bringing our son to drive my other car home. What a fun drive it was! At home he showed me a copy of the paperwork where I pointed out a glaring error. If the car was truly mine, why was HIS name on the registration?!? My husband is an honorable man. The very next day he contacted a sympathetic woman at the motor vehicle department who held the paperwork until the proper documents with MY name could reach her. Hooray!

The "Little Cat" is now sporting a beautiful new "do". Thanks to wonderful work and tutelage from a couple of BBB members, Rich helped give it a bright and shiny new coat. He then recovered seats, replaced carpets, and re-chromed many pieces. To my eye it was always handsome, now it had become drop dead gorgeous. Spiffy!



Back on the farm I didn't have the imagination to even dream of owning a car like this, now it's a reality and I love to take our grandkids for rides in it. One of them calls it "Bestemor's fancy car". Indeed!

P.S. Rich has been after me for a while now to write this. Done!  
I know there are other BBB ladies who have a British car story to tell as well...Next!

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Ken Dull forwarded this "have to have" concoction we British car owners must get!

*FEBRUARY*



*DINE*

by Rich Cannistra

Legend has it that February 14<sup>th</sup> was established as the “Feast of St. Valentine” back in 496 A.D. Not wanting to let an important tradition go uncelebrated, 33 BBbers convened at The Butterfly Club in Beloit, Wisconsin for the 2018 reenactment.

As expected it was a busy night for the restaurant. The staff worked very hard to look after our group as well as the hundreds of other diners who were out to enjoy the evening. Food and spirits flowed freely as club members enjoyed a leisurely evening with friends. No one left hungry which once again confirmed why The Butterfly Club has been a favorite BBB destination for many years.







## DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In 1903 the Harmsworth Trophy was awarded in the first international water speed record contest. The driver of the winning boat was also a land speed record holder, pilot, and accomplished author. Add to that list being the instructor who taught Queen Alexandra and the Royal Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud to drive. Not impressive enough? How about a class win in the Southport speed trials, the first race she ever entered. Yes she, Dorothy Levitt, the first female British racing driver.

At a time when Victorian values prevailed and women were expected to stay at home looking after their husband's needs, it was unimaginable for a woman to even operate a vehicle much less enter in racing competition. Owning a car was generally the privilege of the aristocracy and drivers needed to be well qualified in mechanical skills due to the unreliability of their machines. Dorothy excelled in this area as well. The press nicknamed her "the fastest girl on earth" and she was never one to shy away from such publicity. In her book The Woman and the Car, Dorothy detailed some of the finer points for prospective female motorists. These included carrying a hand mirror to hold aloft to see what was behind you and having a handgun if traveling alone.

Dorothy competed aggressively in an all-male world challenging convention at every opportunity, even in her appearance. Driver's clothing of the day was stodgy and utilitarian so Dorothy made sure she raced in flattering feminine outfits. Her escapades earned her a reputation as a "scorcher", a term used to describe someone who delighted in exceeding the speed limit. Once she was stopped in Hyde Park for driving at what the police report described as "a terrific pace".

She especially excelled in long distance events, this at a time without road signs, road maps, or petrol stations, as none had been invented yet. But even though Dorothy was ready to take on the world it appears that the world was not ready for her. When the Brooklands race circuit opened in 1907 it would not accept the entry of a female driver. She simply set her sights on Europe and went on to achieve great success in France and Germany.

Although Dorothy's amazing accomplishments and meteoric rise to fame are the stuff of legend, the remainder of her story is a bit of a mystery. The fastest girl in the world who reveled in all the publicity virtually disappeared from the public in 1911 and little is known about the rest of her life. On May 17<sup>th</sup> of 1922, at the age of 40, Dorothy Levitt was found dead.

# March Car Club Members

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-Compliments of Larry Eils





**BBB REGALIA ONLINE  
NOVEMBER 2017**

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

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15
- 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)
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\*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!

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