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**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Mar 15, 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

March 2023

The first day of spring, March, 20th, is fast approaching us! Who has been working on getting our LBC's cleaned up, tuned up and ready for the season? As for me and my projects, this is an ongoing task, that I thoroughly enjoy.

As I wake up in the mornings, I can't help but notice how the daylight is shining through our windows. Bring on the sun!

Don and Marna Grosenick are hosting a Dine only on March 8th, 2023 at the Butterfly Club in Beloit, WI. The address is 5246 East County Road X, Beloit, WI, 53511. Dinner starts at 6:30PM.

Our monthly meeting is on March 15th, 2023. An upcoming event on Sunday, March 26th is the All Sports Car Swap meet. Location is at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. This event is sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club. I hope to see some of you there.

There are a few events on the calendar for April, but there is still room for more. Please send Ron Kuhnau your ideas!

Lastly, I will end with this. "I don't buy fur coats or jewelry. I have old cars." By Peta Wilson.

Cheers!
Dennis Klemm



FEBRUARY 13, 2023 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS MEETING MINUTES

President's Report - Dennis Klemm

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm

Number of members present 28

New members - Barb Shimp - Friend of Jim Roberts

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm

none

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

January 18, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Kuhnau

Seconded by Marv Proctor **Approved**

Corrections to the **January 18, 2023** minutes - none

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka

Activity for the period of 1/1/2023 - 2/15/2023

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 3125.54
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.30
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 6190.84
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 6190.84

Income

Dues 2023	\$ 855.00
Interest	\$.03
Total Income	\$ 855.03

Expenses

Raffle Expense	\$
Regalia - Name Tags	\$
Total Expenses	\$
Overall Total	\$ 6190.84

Increase balance from 2022-Jan 2023 \$ 446.36

Motion to accept: Larry Eils 2nd : Lynda Vickery

Membership - Beverly Joyce - absent

47 paid members

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

none

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

none

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - absent

Events - Ron Kuhnau

Past Events -

Dine for January : Tavern on Clark - 13 members attended

February 10 : Galentine Event : DC Winery - Chocolate & Wine - 6
attended

Club Events....

February 24 - Ladies Who Do Lunch is at the Olive Garden on State St.
@ 12:30 pm

Old Farts is at Aero Ale House at 1 pm

March - Dine - hosted by Don & Marna Grosenick - More to come in
email

May 20 : Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

July 1 : Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

July 15: Day @ the Lake - hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson

Drive and Dine dates are still available - Please consider hosting an event

Regional Events ...

March 26, 2023 - Chicagoland MG - Swap Meet - Dupage County Fairgrounds
- 8 am - 2 pm

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 - absent

none

Classified - none

New Business - Brian Kobischka - Let's Celebrate Delores Moons birthday today

Unfinished business -

Hal Zenisek- noted that the minutes from the January Meeting identified that only 4 officers were present and we need 5 to make a quorum according to the By-laws, so the vote for new officers was not valid. Brian Kobishka stated that 2 absentee votes were submitted, therefore we should vote to accept the original election results. Brian made the motion to accept and Lynda Vickery seconded. This was accepted and the vote from January stands.

Marques

Jaguar First America - March 10,, South of San Francisco

Mini Mini's on the Mac in August

MG

Morgan none

Healey none

Rolls Royce none

Triumph BTR - end of September - Dillard GA

Alfa Romero - Open track @ Blackhawk Farms South Beloit, \$40.00 to "race", all cars welcome

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick - absent - none

Jim Robert's Presentation- temporarily fixing his GMC Envoy with British parts - The heating fan broke, no defrost system - he pieced together cardboard, duct tape , cell phone charger, toggle switch, 63 Spite Fire heater core and plugged it into the cigarette lighter outlet - he had heat for his drive. He shared the visual assembly of his creation

Adjournment

Motion made by _____ Solveig Maschke_____

Second by _____Ron Kuhnau _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at __7:34____ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

BBB Webmaster Report – March 2023

Please keep me in mind if you learn of any upcoming spring, summer or fall British car related shows or activities that might be of interest to anyone viewing our website. Please consider sharing information you receive from other car clubs that you recommend to visitors on our BBB website. I would be happy to add them to our events calendar. I've found others often return the favor when we post their club events, and I believe this is a good way to introduce our club to prospective new members and other British car enthusiasts.

Please send an email, text, or call with your ideas. Please remember, only British car related events. Our local BBB activities will be added over the coming months, and in coordination with Ron Kuhnau once details get finalized. Again our website can be found at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com and once on the home page you need to navigate to the Club Information Tab and then the Events Calendar Page. Remember to check back in the future for new additions and the latest updates.

Thanks for your ongoing support for our web-based efforts,
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Hope you were
able to attend
this event!



Don and Marna Grosenick are hosting the March 8th Drive and Dine.
We will meet at The Butterfly Club, 5246 E County Rd X, Beloit, WI
at 6:30.

Please respond by March 5th if you are planning to attend.
Marna at 1-608-752-7092 or mgrosenick@att.net

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Mar 8 BBB Dine - Butterfly Club, Dinner at 6:30
 5246 E. County Rd. X, Beloit, WI
 Hosts: Don & Marna Grosenick
- Mar 15 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Apr 12 BBB April Drive & Dine OPEN
- Apr 15 BBB April Saturday Drive OPEN
- Apr 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 10 BBB May Drive & Dine OPEN
- May 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 20 BBB Picnic at the Country House: Abingdon Tews,
 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI
 Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
- Jun 14 BBB June Drive & Dine, 'LUNCH' Doyles Irish Pub, Richmond, IL
 Meet at Popular Grove Airport Museum parking lot at
 10:15 leaving at 10:30
 Hosts: Bob & Diane Schawarzkopf
- 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 12 BBB July Drive & Dine OPEN

Jul 15 BBB Day at the Lake
 Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson

Jul 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

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 BBB Brits in the Gardens, Rotary Gardens,
 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI

Sep 13 BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN

Sep 16 BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN

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:

- Mar 26 26th Annual All Sportscar Swap Meet & Autojumble, 8:00-2:00
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd,
N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 61087
<https://chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/>
- Apr 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>
- Apr 28-30 46th Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- May 6 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>
- May 19-21 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073
<https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend>
- Jun 2-4 Champagne British Car Festival, (John Twist featured speaker, MG
featured marque), Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL
<http://iflbcc.club/cbcf-host-hotel/>
- Jun 3 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>
- 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 <http://www.lebcc.org/>
- 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 17-20 MG 2023, Calgary, Canada
<https://mg2023/regfox.com/Calgary>
- 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
<https://www.caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR2.php>
- Jun 25 35th Annual Michiana British Car Show,
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm
- 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
<http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>
- 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 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
 <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- 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>
- 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-
 Oct 1 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
 [HTTPS://WWW.NEWPORTHILLCLIMB.COM](https://www.newporthillclimb.com)



DINING IN STYLE AT TAVERN ON CLARK!



The first Drive and Dine of 2023 was held at Tavern on Clark on February 8th and hosted by Ron and Nancy Kuhnau.

We had the private dining room which made for easy conversations by those attending. The food was delicious and everyone is looking forward to the next one on March 8th.

Ron and Nancy

LBC Owner

A British car owner,
A long way from home.
New sights to behold me
Wherever I roam.

I wrench when it's broken.
I drive when it's not.
Where spare parts have gotten -
Don't know. I forgot.

Those Jags, Rolls, and Austins,
Oh, how I love thee.
The Morgans and Bentleys,
Were built just for me.

An MG just passed me.
He's wanting to race.
To get that fine trophy
Gotta pick up the pace!



Hang tight on those curves.
Shoot flat out on straights.
It's clear that I'll triumph.
A full pint awaits.

Then BANG! A loud CLANG!
A HISS, now a CLUNK.
I know that for certain,
My engine is junk.

So back to the workshop
My LBC goes.
With worries and heartbreak
And bills, I suppose...

There's tons of time handy
Since winter is here.
I'll fiddle and tinker
So please hold my beer.

No matter the model
or year that we'll fix,
There's one thing for certain –
We're all lunatics!



by Dee Gibson

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Donald Healey founded the Donald Healey Motor Company Limited in 1945. His passion was racing, thus early design work was concentrated in the area of sporting and competition cars. Healey's prolific offerings were high quality and high performance but this came at a price, literally. The cars were inevitably expensive. Healey reasoned that a less specialized car would thus make it available to a wider market.

In the early 1950s England was still in the grip of shortages caused by WWII. Materials necessary for production were only allocated to companies who were going to manufacture products for export. Donald Healey grasped the importance of this and coupled it with his astute observation that there were very few sports cars in the United States. His conclusion: build a sports car with 100mph performance that would fit into the American market priced between MG and Jaguar.

Using Austin Atlantic A90 mechanicals, Healey constructed a single car for the 1952 London Motor Show. Styled by Jerry Coker the car was an immediate sensation with more than 2000 orders being placed at the show. Healey named the car the Healey Hundred in recognition of its performance potential. The excitement the car created at the show attracted the attention of BMC chairman Leonard Lord. Over dinner

Healey and Lord struck a deal for mass production of the car by BMC, and the Healey Hundred left the show rebadged Austin-Healey 100. A new marque had been born.



The first Austin-Healey 100s were designated BN1, employing the Austin 2655cc 4-cylinder engine and a 3-speed transmission with overdrive. Except for the first 20 cars, they were finished at Austin's Longbridge plant. The BN2 replaced the BN1 in 1955 and offered a 4-speed transmission as well as optional two-tone paint.

Next in the series of big Healeys was the 100-6 beginning in September 1956. The 6-cylinder BMC C-series engine, although of slightly smaller capacity (2639cc) produced more power. The 100-6 featured a 2 inch longer wheelbase than the 100 and came in two models, the BN4 which was a 2+2 and the 2 seat BN6. In late 1957 production was transferred from Longbridge to Abingdon where the remainder of all big Healeys were assembled.

The final model, the Austin-Healey 3000 is the best known and for good reason. It was by far the largest and longest production run of big Healeys. Once again an engine change prompted the designation of the new model which now used the "3" litre 2912cc BMC C-series engine. Assembly began in July 1959 and 42,926 cars were produced over the next eight years. During this time the 3000 was continually modified and updated producing far too many variations to be listed separately in this brief history. The final cars, designated Mark III BJ8, were truly light years advanced from that Healey Hundred of only 15 years earlier. Despite this, time, politics, and government regulations were catching up to Austin-Healey. The final car rolled off the assembly line in December 1967. As always production figures are complicated, but it is generally accepted the total for all versions was about 73,000. Although Donald Healey hoped otherwise at the time, the run of the big Healey was over.

To be continued...

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THE KLEMMS ARE THE FOCUS OF A U-TUBE VIDEO

In August of 2022 Dennis and I were at the Heartland British Autofest, a yearly event hosted by the Quad City British Auto Club, located on the riverfront in Le-Claire Iowa. Steve was in his Austin Healey 100 parked next to our 1931 MG D-type at the show. At the end of the day, our D-type won best in show so naturally, we asked our neighbor in the Austin Healey 100 to take a photo of us holding the trophy.

At that time, we had no idea who Steve was as he politely took our photo and we left the show. Later on, I discovered a video of us on Youtube, it was from the car show earlier in the day. I was shocked! Who was this guy? After doing my research, I informed Dennis that this Steve is a serious gear head! Steve has a Youtube channel, "This Week With Cars", with over 357 videos, 73 thousand subscribers.

Steve has an extensive collection of cars, with various makes and models and is super knowledgeable. We invited him to visit the country house, and to our surprise he came! We spent a great day with Steve and his partner Cassie, who is also his videographer.

I don't know where Steve gets the time, but the video was shot on a Saturday, it was edited and online by Monday.



So far the video has over 4 thousand views and multiple comments.

Steve allows Car Clubs to tour his facility, which is a short 5 hour drive from Rockford.

Respectfully, Crystal Klemm

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
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Rockford, IL 61107

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



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sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club

Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:00am - 2:00pm

at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL

(1/2 mile north of IL Rt 38 on County Farm Rd at Manchester Rd)

Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, you will be sent an acknowledgement and vendor information package.

For information call Jim Evans 630-858-8192 or Victor L'Heureux 847-533-3916
or www.britishcarswap.info

Return below completed form and full amount to: Chicagoland MG Club, PO Box 455, Addison IL 60101



Chicago's 26th Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble
Sunday, March 26, 2023 8:00am - 2:00pm

Name _____	_____ 10 x 10 Space @ \$45 each	\$ _____
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Address _____	_____ Chairs @ \$1.00 each	\$ _____
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**BBB REGALIA ONLINE
MARCH 2023**

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

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

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)
- Bruce, bruce.beneditz@charter.net

Lynda Vickery, *Chronicles Editor*
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DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2023, please send a check to:

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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107



Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm.