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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
May 18 2016**

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

May 2016

Everyone knows the saying about what follows April showers, which we certainly had in abundance on Tea/Garage Tour day. Despite those conditions both events were exciting and well attended. Now it's on to May flowers, good driving weather and a milestone this month, the club's 20th anniversary.

We are fortunate to have a little glimpse into the past because Marv Proctor took notes at the first meeting of "The All British Car Club of Rockford" on May 15th, 1996. A group of interested people met at Der Rathskeller Restaurant that Wednesday night and Marv reported that "the enthusiasm in the room was exciting". A few days later a roster was published with 38 memberships listed including (in alphabetical order) Eggleston, Frazier, Harris, Leese, Lewis, Moore, Naretta, Proctor, Roberts, Vickery, and Zenisek. Congratulations and a tip of the hat to you year 20 members! One month later that list was up to 47 and we have had the continued good fortune to grow from there.

The club will celebrate this 20th anniversary at the May club meeting. In addition to the normal birthday cake there will be a commemorative gift to members and remembrances from the old days. We hope that you will join us on Wednesday May 18th. And be sure to spread the word; the enthusiasm is still exciting!

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*"Power graced by elegance. The sports car you
will be proud to own."*

1955 Swallow Doretti

BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 20, 2016

Presidents report – Rich Cannistra

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Rich Cannistra.
Don Grosenick came up and highlighted all the raffle prizes for this evening.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

No report

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

Motion – was made by Ron Kuhnau to accept the minutes as printed in the Chronicle
Second – by Lynda Vickery
Motion passed

Treasurer – Lee Kindgren

Savings Account Balance
Checking Account Balance

Membership – Lee Kindgren (in Bev Joyce's absence)

We have had two more members pay their dues for this year, bringing our total membership to 65.

Regalia - Jim Vickery

Jim has taken an inventory of all the remaining regalia left over from Jake and Donna. We still have:

Wall clocks
Lapel / hat pins
One visor
One white cap

If you would like to order any other merchandise, you now have to go to the website to order it. You can either have it mailed to you, you can pick it up yourself, or you can have Jim pick it up for you and bring it to the meeting.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Please keep the news articles and pictures coming. Lynda would like them a little earlier this month. Please have any contributions to her by May 10 at the latest.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

- (1) We received an e-mail from the President of the Mercedes Car Club – they will be holding a non judged car show on May 14
- (2) Hal received notice of a 1972 TR6 convertible for sale for \$3800
- (3) British National Meet will be held in Arkansas – June 3-4

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

Bob Tilson was back in the hospital again. He is now in rehab. A card has been sent. He would enjoy cards and visitors.

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

- (1) Drive and Dine for March was held at the Tuscan Grill in Roscoe. We had 29 members attend. It was a great meal, and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thank you to Bruce and Phyllis for planning this outing for us.
- (2) The annual Swap Meet was held in Wheaton, IL. Our club had four vendors selling their goods, as well as several members attending.

Future Events - Bruce Beneditz

- (1) Friday Ladies Lunch will be at Applebee's on Riverside at 12:30.
- (2) Men's lunch will be at RBI's in Rockford at 1:00
- (3) Sat. (4/30) Garage Tour: Meet at Roscoe Middle School by 8:45
- (4) Sat (4/30) Ladies English Tea – at Brenda Moore's house at 12:00
- (5) Wed (5/11) Drive & Dine at "Frankie's Supper Club" in Janesville – hosted by Grosenicks – watch e-mail for details
- (6) Sat (5/14) Spring Tune-up at Vickery's – 10:00 a.m. - Picnic to follow – Please bring a dish to pass. Meat and beverages will be provided.
- (7) Sat (5/21) First all-day drive of the season – hosted by Cannistras – watch your e-mail for more details.

Please check the calendar for additional future events.

REMINDER: Anyone planning on going on the long tour in August – We now have fourteen cars going. If you are interested in joining us, extra rooms have been put on reserve for us, but you need to make your reservations soon.

MARQUES:

OLD BUSINESS - Marv Proctor announced that fifteen years ago he was doing a restoration for Connie Frazier. As he was recently cleaning out his garage, he found the last piece to this car – an engine crank. He has given it to Connie, and now considers the restoration "officially complete".

NEW BUSINESS -

Lynda Vickery and Joyce Pond have just completed a financial review of our treasurer's books, and declared them in perfect shape. Thank you Lynda and Joyce!

Classified -

There is a Midget for sale in Iowa. If you would like more details, please contact Lynda Vickery.

Kyle Cook has some wire wheels for sale.

Good Wrench Award -

Rick Hamaker nominated Marv Proctor for finally finishing his vintage restoration on Connie's car after fifteen years. Vote was unanimous. Marv received five raffle tickets.

Burnt Piston Award -

None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Pink Gerber Daisy – Marna Grosenick
2. Orange Gerber Daisy – Bill Maschke
3. Daffodil plant – Marv Proctor
4. Blue car washing brush – Hal Zenisek
5. 3 pc. Universal impact joint set – Lynda Vickery
6. Vacuum insulated travel mug – Dwayne Plymale
7. Route 66 Outdoor thermometer – Carol Eggleston
8. Tire Pressure Gage – Andy Bellis
9. 20- piece Hose Clamp assortment – Rich Cannistra
10. Thunder Bay Bucks – Rick Hamaker

Adjournment -

Rich announced that the club will be celebrating it's 20 year anniversary next month (May). The theme will be "20 Years of Trouble-Free Driving". Cake will be served, and there will be a gift given out to members. So everyone, please come and help us celebrate!

Rich concluded the meeting with a short story about a variety of surgeons having a night out on the town and discussing their favorite patients.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Lee Kindgren, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
leekrkfd@aol.com

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

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- May 11 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Frankie’s Supper Club, Janesville, WI
Hosts: Don and Marna Grosenick
- May 14 **BBB Tune Up & Picnic** - The Vickerys’; Roscoe, IL
Hosts: Jim & Lynda Vickery
- May 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- May 21 **BBB DRIVE** - Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL
Hosts: Rich and Roxann Cannistra
- May 28-June 5 British Car Awareness Week
- June 3-4 The 5th annual British National Meet; The Arkansas Aeroplex
(formal SAC Air Force Base), Blytheville, Arkansas. See
www.britishnationalmeet.com
- June 3-5 25th Annual Champagne British Car Festival,
Featured Marque Jaguar;
Bloomington, IL
- June 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Rick and Sandy Hamaker
- June 12-18 NAMGBR Trip
- June 13-17 MG 2016 NAMGAR/NAMGB convention
Louisville, KY
- June 15 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- June 17-19 British Car Show @ Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland
Games; Itasca, IL
- June 17-19 Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races; South Beloit, IL
- June 19 35th Annual British Car Field Day
Sussex, WI
- June 25 **BBB East Troy Electric Railroad**; East Troy, WI
Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz and Rich & Dee
Gibson
- June 26 Michiana Brits British Car Show;
Notre Dame, IN
- June 26 The Great Race; lunch at Iowa 80 Trucking Museum,
Walcott, IA & finish at John Deere Pavilion, Moline, IL
- July 10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen’s British Auto Faire;
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- July 10 The Cars Time Forgot Car Show;
Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI

- July 13 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- July 15 **BBB Mail Boat Tour**; Lake Geneva, WI
Hosts: Don and Marna Grosenick
- July 20 **BBB Club Meeting**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- August 4-8 **BBB Long Weekend** Green Bay Tall Ships; Green Bay WI.
Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson and Rich & Roxann
Cannistra
- August 10 **BBB Drive and Dine** – Location needed
Host: Volunteer needed
- August 14 Botham Vineyards 20th Vintage Celebration
Barneveld, WI
- August ? **University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion (John Twist)**
Grand Rapids, MI
- August 17 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- August 20 Rockford Miracle Mile Car Show and Cruise
- August 27-28 12 Annual Wisconsin Jaguars Concours/Milwaukee
Masterpiece at Veterans Park;
Milwaukee, WI
- August 28 2016 Geneva Concours d'Elegance,
featured Marque BMW;
Geneva, IL
- August 31 **BBB Friends Around the Campfire**
Hosts: Larry and Marsha Eils
- Sept. 4 **BBB Club Picnic**
Liberty Farms, Woodstock, IL
Hosts: El and Luz Lehman
- Sept 11 30th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival
Harper College; Palatine, IL
- Sept 14 **BBB Drive and Dine** – TBD
Hosts: John and Sandy Ward
- Sept 16-18 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America,
Featured Marque Volvo;
Plymouth, WI
- Sept 20 Chicago Miracle Mile Car Show & Cruise
- Sept 21 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- Sept 23-25 **Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet**
Jefferson, WI
- Sept 24 **BBB Pec Wetlands and Famous Fossil Winery Drive**
Hosts: Jim and Lynda Vickery

October 8	BBB Fall Drive ??
October 12	BBB Drive and Dine –Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
October 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
November 9	BBB Dine –Location needed Host: Volunteer needed
November 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant
December ?	BBB Cookie Exchange
December 14	BBB Christmas Party

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Webmaster Report For May 2016 Chronicle

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary as a car club, I thought a bit of history on the website might be of interest. Technically, and officially, our website's Registry Domain ID, britishbootsandbonnets.com, was filed on August 29, 2002. Marv Proctor, and a computer programming intern from Blackhawk Technical College worked on the first design and layout roughly 14 years ago. The work to create our first website was followed by registering the domain in 2002 with what is now known as ICANN, the organization responsible for the stability of the Internet.

Three webmasters have maintained the site ever since. Marv Proctor was first up, followed by Wayne McKenna, and currently yours truly in third. Following approval by the club's officers/board, the club changed from the old website hosting service to a new one and started using Squarespace in 2015. The club also hired Kevin Goodrich, a website designer, to help with a site re-design and update. Part of Kevin's role was to help us take advantage of several new mobile friendly technology features available to us from the new hosting service. At the same time, the new site continued the original goals established for the website in the beginning - (1) membership & club information of interest to potential new members; (2) resources for current members; (3) connections to other like minded clubs and organizations; (4) an actively managed and current website; and (5) a repository of club resources such as bylaws, newsletters, and past/future events.

Website metrics from Squarespace inform us that the club sees steady and consistent traffic year-round. BBB averages between 150 to 200 unique visitors each month. Those visitors average over 600 individual page views monthly; with the Events & Newsletters being the most popular destinations. Almost 30% of our visitors are using a mobile device such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop, and the trend is increasing.

Many thanks to the event hosts, and other members for submitting information and digital photos. I appreciate getting your trip details prior to the event, and also pictures following them! Car and member pics help us communicate who we are as a club, and those are also appreciated. Speaking of having an actively managed and current website; I better get to just that task! If you haven't lately, check out [British Boots and Bonnets.com](http://BritishBootsandBonnets.com) - there just might be something new for you to view.

Yours truly,
Hal Zenisek BBB Webmaster



APRIL DINE EVENT

by Bruce Beneditz



The spring weather has been all over the place so on April 13 we just did a dine event with the option of a “self-guided” drive if the weather was nice. The weather turned out reasonably well and several members drove their LBCs to the restaurant.

Continuing with the popular Italian cuisine, Phyllis and I chose the newly opened Tuscan Italian Grill in Roscoe for dinner. We had a good turn out with 29 members attending. The group overflowed the private dining area and 6 of us were seated in the main dining room. In spite of this minor inconvenience, everyone had a good time with great conversation. Everyone I talked to enjoyed their meal and were happy with the with the service and the restaurant.

The staff did a good job of taking all of the orders and delivering the food so that we all were able to eat at the same time. OK, I must confess, the 6 of us in the main dining room did get served first. This gave us a slight advantage that allowed us to mingle with the 23 others after we had finished our meal.

I for one will be going back again. The owner told me that if the club were to return in the future they would be sure to seat us together in the main dining room.





BRITISH CAR SWAP MEET & AUTOJUMBLE

by Jim Vickery

The Swap Meet was held Saturday, April 17th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. Attendance of both vendors and customers seemed to be down a little this year. Our club, however, was well represented, so hopefully this event will continue in the coming years. As Bruce Beneditz and I manned the tables we chatted with many BBB members who had come looking for specific parts and/or just to look. This is one of the first events of the season, and even though held inside, still raises everyone's hopes for a great driving summer.



BBB LADIES TEA QUITE THE SUCCESS



by Lynda Vickery

Everyone seems to feel that Spring is late arriving this year. The Ladies from BBB have tried to hurry it along by attending the annual Ladies Tea, which has always been a Spring event.

Brenda Moore opened her and Mike's new home located between Rockford and Belvidere to host, and Sandy Hamaker co-hosted. Their home is lovely, a perfect setting for enjoying a proper British tea and conversation. Everyone brought either a sweet or savory finger food, and Brenda and Sandy had several teas for us to sample. As always, there was always more than we could possibly eat - but we tried!

There were 15 BBB ladies and guests present. Everyone had a wonderful time and the afternoon passed very quickly. This event was started when our club was still new and is always an enjoyable time. Thank you Brenda and Sandy for all your efforts!





So, does anyone remember when we held our first Ladies Tea? I know it was at my house in Loves Park - so pre-2003. We had a wonderful turnout, and everyone dressed for the occasion. Sandy Hamaker was the perfectly dressed English Lady including gloves and hat. And she had the Queen's wave down pat!

I don't think we have missed a year since then; with many lovely Ladies hosting and members co-hosting truly British affairs. One year we even met at the Hope and Anchor Pub and enjoyed their High Tea prepared especially for us.

What wonderful memories! No one can say the Ladies of the British Boots and Bonnets don't know how to have fun! - lv

“PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES” GARAGE TOUR 2016

By Larry Eils and Mike Grunewald

Despite the day being cold, overcast and threatening rain, 24 club members and guests arrived at the Roscoe Middle School for the tour. A few members drove their British cars (a few MGB's, a Jaguar and a Lotus) while many drove their “other” cars.

Our first stop was the Dacy Airport in Harvard. The John Davy's farm was turned into a grass runway airport in 1933. This is where Dave Dacy, John's son and our host, learn to fly. He was doing aerobatic flying by the time he was 17 years old. Dave operates the nation's longest-running air show company in the history of the air show business. The show includes wing-walker Tony Karzian, also from Harvard. Tony is the only walker in the states that does not use a parachute, rope or cable when performing his stunts.

We visited two hangers at the airport. The first hanger had at least 12 planes inside. They ranged from small single engine trainers, newer midsize trainers, full size pleasure aircraft and a bi-wing Stearman. Richard Cannistra told us he learned to fly in the small single engine trainer but his plane didn't have a back window, it was open to the air. The second hanger was used for plane repair. There were three planes being worked on. One was a single engine glider tow plane, a twin engine plane being FAA certified and Dave's own blue and white Super Bi-wing Stearman with a 500 HP engine. Dave was kind enough to answer our many questions about planes, wing walking and what its like to fly with a person climbing around on your plane while you are going 150 miles an hour.



A light drizzle was occurring as we drove to our next stop - Mike Grunewald's Antique Car Repair Shop in Harvard. Mike is my tour co-host. If you attended the club picnic last year Mike brought his 1907 Franklin and gave people a ride around Ed Lehman's pond. This time we were able to ride in a 1924 Model T Ford 4-door sedan. Currently Mark is working on a 1903 Cadillac and a 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile that has a 1 cylinder, 6 HP engine. Both of these cars are going to England in October to take part in the Annual London to Brighton Run.



Lunch was at the Stanchion Pub in the historic Harvard Starline Factory. After a delicious lunch, Orrin Kinney, the new owner of the factory, gave us a tour explaining the renovations being made along with the history of the Starline Factory. About 10 years ago Mr. Kinney rescued the building, which is 270,000 square feet and 4 storied high, from demolition. Today the factory is home to 2 banquet rooms, a wedding chapel with pipe organ, 10 hotel rooms, 27 artist studios and the Harvard AM radio station.



As we headed to our last stop the heavens opened up with a downpour. However, the drive to Lake Como, WI was well worth it. Here we entered a "Man's Car Cave" that was 60 ft by 60 ft and an 18 foot ceiling. We had a warm greeting from our hosts Jerlyn and Jim Kelly and their yellow Lab, Tucker. Inside was an incredible array of cars. On one side there were five Fords starting with a 1917 through a 1934, one being a police car from a small town in Michigan. On the other side of the garage were 4 convertibles; a Porsche Carrera, a Lexus, a Mercedes and a 1975 X19 Fiat with no rust. Then to top it off, there was an operating British Ferret, a rubber tire armored vehicle at the end of the line. We were even treated to a wonderful array of snacks and drinks to munch on while checking out the cars.



It was still raining as we headed for home. But despite the weather, a good time was had by all.

PS. We did see trains on the tour. The Metra commuter rail yard just happens to be next to the Starline Factory.

EVENTS – MAY NEWSLETTER

Things started to get busy for the club in April. That trend is continuing into May with even more activities planned.

The May Drive and Dine, hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick, will be to Frankie's Supper Club in Janesville, WI on May 11th, the BBB Tune Up & Picnic, hosted by Jim and Lynda Vickery, will be on May 14th and what should be a fascinating Saturday Drive to Cantigny Museums, hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra, will be on May 21st. That is all in addition to our standing events such as the monthly meeting, Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group lunch.

Looking forward to June there are some BBB events to watch for:

A number of us will be going to the North American MGB Registry 2016 meeting in Louisville the Week of June 13. Lynda Vickery and Phyllis Beneditz are organizing a caravan down to Louisville that leaves on Sunday, June 12. It will be a leisurely drive with an overnight stop on the way. Contact Lynda or Phyllis if you are interested in joining us.

There are now 24 members signed up for June 25th Saturday Drive to the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum for the Burger and Beer Dinner Train. There is still an opportunity for you to join us if you haven't signed up. You can buy your own tickets for the Themed Train at <http://www.eastroyrr.org/themed-trains---new.html> . At the time I wrote this there were still tables available in our car, dining car 25. Let Bruce Beneditz know if you will be joining us so that you will be included in future communications about the event.

British Boots and Bonnets thrives on being active with many people volunteering to make it happen. Contact the Events Chairman, Bruce Beneditz, to host an event, have an idea but don't know how to get it going, or if you have any questions. I am currently looking for someone to host a Drive and Dine in July or August. Together we can make this a fun and memorable summer.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz



BBB – MAY DINE EVENT

by Don & Marna Grosenick

The May Drive and Dine is coming up on Wednesday, May 11. We will be heading up to Janesville for a return visit to **FRANKIE'S SUPPER CLUB**. You may remember this "Rat Pack" themed restaurant from a couple years ago. The owner/Chef, Jim Elsberry, has been the Executive Chef at several 5 Star restaurants in the area. He has also catered such events as the Governor's Inaugural Ball, the Frugal Gourmet (Jeff Smith), and even for the rock band, "Kansas".

We will meet in the parking lot of the Schnuck's Food Store (formally Highlander) in Roscoe at 5:30 for a 5:45 p.m. departure. We will have reservations for 6:30 for anyone wishing to meet us at the restaurant (12 S. Main St., Janesville). There is parking both on the street in front of the restaurant and in the city lot behind the restaurant.

Please let us know if you are planning on attending so we can give the restaurant a head count.

Phone: 608-752-7092 E-mail: mgrosenick@att.net

We hope to see you all on Wednesday night

BBB SPRING TUNE UP & PICNIC

by Jim & Lynda Vickery

As Bruce said in his events article, things are picking up for the 2016 summer driving season. The next few months offer many opportunities to drive, so coming to the spring tune up and picnic at the Vickerys on Saturday, May 14th, gives you the opportunity to be sure your British car is in top running condition. Jim's garage has all the tools you need (I think!) and the lift is available.

Plan to arrive anytime after 10 AM with your car(s). Noon will find us on the deck grilling hamburgers and brats. Ladies, please come early if you can, or if you have other errands or things to do in the morning, please join us for the picnic! Bring a dish to pass, and maybe a couple of comfortable chairs. We have been so fortunate with good weather in the past, and expect that tradition to continue. See you soon!

MAY SATURDAY DRIVE

by Rich and Roann Cannistra

Check the oil, grab your visor and sunglasses, and prepare for a fantastic day! The first Saturday drive of the year is about to depart and we are going to Cantigny. This 500 acre paradise was the estate of Col. Robert R. McCormick, owner of the Chicago Tribune and WGN radio. Enjoy a 90 minute picturesque drive enroute to Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL. Upon arrival a short film at the Visitor Center will introduce us to the estate. We will then be treated to a private guided tour of the McCormick Mansion followed by lunch at Le Jardin Restaurant located right on the grounds. After lunch it will be on to the First Division Museum to learn some of the history of "The Big Red One". This part will be self-guided and self-paced, as are the acres and acres of beautiful gardens, so you can divide your time as interest dictates. As if all of that isn't amazing enough, everything but your lunch is free of charge.

Upon departing Cantigny we will head for the Acquaviva Winery for a stop to relax and reflect upon the day's activities. Then it's on to one of the tastiest little restaurants this side of the Mississippi, Nat's on Maple in Sycamore, IL. Nat's is known for its extensive and delicious dinner menu featuring trendy comfort foods. They have reserved their "wine room" for our enjoyment and it is our belief that there's not a bad item on the menu.

Meet hosts Roxann and Rich Cannistra at Kegel Harley-Davidson, 7125 Harrison Ave. in Rockford IL on Saturday May 21st. Top off the coffee and gather at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:15 departure. Questions: 608-359-4671.

NAMGBR TRIP

by Phyllis Beneditz & Lynda Vickery

We have been plotting our route to Louisville, Kentucky for the MG2016 NAMGBR/NAMGB convention. Our plan is to leave Sunday June, 12, with lunch out, and staying overnight in Terra Haute, Ind. The next day will be a leisurely, scenic drive and lunch, with an afternoon arrival. Please contact one of us if you are interested in caravanning with us.

BBB 2016 LONG WEEKEND

The BBB 2016 long weekend is shaping up nicely, so for those of you signed up we wanted to let you know what to look forward to. For those not yet involved, there is still time to join us. The plan is for 5 days, Thursday August 4th through Monday August 8th; however there are also club members who are going only for 3 days and for 4 days. We are staying at the Quality Inn on South Washington Street in Green Bay where we plan to have breakfast daily.



Day 1: We will drive from South Beloit to Green Bay, about 175 miles. The tall ships sail into town in the afternoon and we plan to be there to see their arrival. We will enjoy a complimentary wine tasting at the Captain's Walk Winery followed by dinner at the Title Town Brewery.

Day 2: The Tall Ship Festival kicks off at 11 a.m. and we plan to devote the day to enjoying the festival. It includes on-board ship tours, sailing excursions, food, entertainment, music, and merchandise, capped off by fireworks at 9 p.m. Several of us have booked a sailing excursion on a ship called "When & If" for 10 a.m. There are four ships giving rides providing multiple opportunities for a 90 minute sail throughout the day so there is plenty of opportunity to check out your sea legs. Dinner at St. Brenden's Irish Pub is followed by the fireworks.

Day 3: The day begins with a visit to the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. Even for non-train buffs this is a world class museum with many interesting exhibits and opportunities, even train rides. Next we will hit the road for a scenic drive to Sturgeon Bay and enjoy lunch at Gilmo's Bistro. Continuing our drive, the Door 44 Winery is in afternoon plans as we enjoy some back roads while returning to Green Bay. Dinner is planned for Fox Harbor Pub and Grill.

Day 4: Dee scored a touchdown with this one! We thought that there was no such thing as a private/guided tour of Lambeau Field but she found out otherwise. We have lined up a tour at one of the most amazing sports complexes in the world. If you think that Lambeau Field is just a football stadium, you are hardly scratching the surface. Lambeau is a magnificent year round facility which hosts weddings, meetings, has several restaurants and provides shopping opportunities. Our tour will include a visit to the private suites, a rare inside look at one of the locker rooms and a chance to walk out at field level. Lunch will be in one of the stadium's beautiful restaurants before hitting the road for Peshtigo WI. A 50 mile scenic drive takes us to the site of the most disastrous forest fire in North American history where we will tour the Peshtigo Fire Museum. Our drive will continue to the Harmony Arboretum before returning to Green Bay for dinner.

Day 5: Monday we will return to the Rockford area. The fantastic EAA Museum at Oshkosh is right along our route and will be open from 10-5 that day. For those interested it will be the perfect opportunity to check out this amazing collection of vintage aircraft and aviation memorabilia. As an alternative or his/her split, the Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh are directly across Highway 41 from the EAA Museum.

Your 2016 Long Weekend Hosts,
Dee, Roxann, Rich and Rich

DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

While most of you in the United States have heard of a vehicle called the Land Rover, you are probably less familiar with where that name came from.

Founded in 1878, Starley's & Sutton Co. in Coventry, England produced bicycles. At that time bicycles were either the relatively dangerous penny-farthing or cumbersome high-wheel tricycles.

In 1885 J.K. Starley made history by developing the Rover Safety Bicycle, with a chain driven rear wheel and employing the totally new concept of using two wheels of the same size. Lost in history is why it was named the "Rover" Safety Bicycle, but the design made it more stable and is considered by historians to be the first recognizable modern bicycle.

The next logical move was, of course, to a powered machine and by 1902 an engine had been fitted to a bicycle which was marketed as the Rover Imperial Motorcycle. At virtually the same time automobile production also began and soon passed motorcycle production, becoming Rover's main product.

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Meeting begins at 7:00pm