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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
May 17, 2017**

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 2017

Green, green, green - emerald green lawns, shrubs and forestation everywhere - what a beautiful world spring has made of our upper Midwest home and firing up our enthusiasm for dropping those convertible tops and venturing out onto the open roads with our trusty and beloved British antique roadsters. Here's to exciting road trips for all and especially good weather for this year's Drive & Dines which Bruce Beneditz and "company" have put a great schedule together for all.

It's hard to believe that The Kentucky Derby is already upon us and I hope some of you get to go and enjoy the fabulous pageant and festivities - odds are there will be no Triple Crown winner for 2017 but you never know and that's what makes it so exciting. Some of us were "there" watching what we consider the greatest thoroughbred horse of all time, Secretariat, win his first leg of the Triple Crown, that first Saturday in May 1973, as Secretariat set the official track record of 1:59 2/5. To add to our personal excitement of 1973, I also graduated from Texas A&M that August soon after Big Red had won the Triple Crown.

I hope many of you are planning on attending this month's Drive & Dine on the 10th at the "Ding-A Supper Club" in Hanover, WI; Schnuck's parking lot at 5:30 with dinner at the club at 6:30; thanks to Don & Marna Grosenick for planning and hosting what should be a fun evening - here's to good weather.

John



MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

1971 Triumph TR-6 "From The Land of British Racing Green, The Classically British Triumph TR-6"

APRIL 19, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President, John Ward. Thirty-four members were present. No new members or guests were present.
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 Don Grosenick to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle.
Seconded by Rich Gibson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Lee Kindgren reported on the Club's finances.

Motion made by Phyllis Beneditz to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Rich Gibson. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce

We now have 77 members, 63 of which have paid the yearly dues. Bev will be contacting members who have not yet paid the dues to encourage them to renew. Please remember to send in your dues for 2017 if you have not already done so.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Lynda appreciates the articles sent in for the Chronicle. There are printed copies of the Chronicle available if anyone has not been able to read it online.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

An email was received from an individual in the north suburbs wishing to place his ad onto our website.

The Classics & Chrome Car Show will be held May 6-7 at Machesney Park Mall

An email was received from an individual listing a 1974 Red Triumph TR-6 with 86,000 original miles. Asking \$10,000 or Best Offer.

Hal heard from the Miracle Mile Executive Officer regarding the Car Show on May 27. Hal has shared this info with Bruce Beneditz.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Carol Eggleston's grandson passed away April 15th. The Visitation is scheduled for April 22nd from 2-4:00 and the Memorial Service at 4:00 P.M.

Regalia - Jim Vickery

Jim brought in several items for sale.

Wall clocks (Small and Large) - \$15

Window flags - \$5

BBB Grill Badges - \$30

Hat Pins - \$1

There are still two BBB jackets available (2X, 3X)

Contact Jim for any of these items. You can also order additional items through "Embroid This".

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

April 12 - Drive & Dine at the Tuscan Grill in Roscoe, IL with Hosts Phyllis and Bruce Beneditz was well attended with 27 people enjoying food and friendships.

Future Events - Bruce Beneditz

4-22 - Ladies Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes and assisted by Sandy Hamaker. There is still room for more ladies to join in.

4-22 - Garage Tour. Rich Canniastra will host the drive to South Milwaukee for a tour of a private garage and car collection of 30+ cars. The owner of the collection is also providing a lunch for the BBB Club attendees. After the tour and lunch, the BBB club will proceed to the Russell Military Museum to view a collection of over 300 vehicles and aircraft.

4-28 Old Farts lunch at the Whiffletree Tavern in Roscoe (11347 Main Street) 1:00 P.M.

4-28 Ladies Who Do Lunch will meet at Anderson Gardens at 12:30 P.M.

4-29 Spring Car Show & Swap Meet - Jefferson, WI

5-10 First Drive & Dine of the year, with Don & Marna Grosenick as hosts.

5-20 Saturday drive to Hartford, Wisconsin Auto Museum, hosted by the Cannistra's

5-27 Miracle Mile Cruise Night at Don Carter Lanes, 4-9 P.M.

6-24? Saturday Drive - Hosts and Venue needed

Sep - Hosts and Venue needed

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Burnt Piston Award - None

Good Wrench Award- None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Purple Crocus Plant - Dee Gibson
2. Red/Yellow Tulips - Beverly Joyce
3. Pink Tulips - Craig Oakes
4. Pink Hyacinths - Brian Gustafson
5. Yellow Daffodils - Luz Lehman
6. Sammy Absorber - Lynda Vickery
7. Interior Duster - Connie Frazier
8. Trouble Light - Sandy Hamaker
9. GoJo Hand Cleaner - Don Grosenick
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Solveig Maschke

Adjournment

President, John Ward, told a story about Tom's Fortune (Women Always Win in the End!)
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

NOTE TO THE CLUB FROM LEW MOON

"I am overwhelmed by the many cards, phone calls, emails and other well wishes. Your concern and prayer and messages of affection have blown me away. I am sure this has had a profound influence in the way I have been able to handle this whole experience. I would so much rather be attending the Meeting, Drives and activities of the club. This club and this group of friends have been priceless to me and to Dolores. Thank you."

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 6-7	Classics and Chrome Car Show presented by Keith School; 8750 N. 2nd St. (former JCPenney), Machesney Park, IL
May 10	BBB Drive & Dine - Ding-a-Ling Restaurant; Orfordville, WI Hosts: Don & Marna Grosenick
May 17	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
May 20	BBB Saturday Drive - Wisconsin Automotive Museum, Hartford, WI Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
May 27	Rockford's 1st Annual Miracle Mile Cruise Night; Don Carter Lanes; Rockford, IL
May 27 - June 4	British Car Awareness Week
June 2-4	Champagne British Car Festival, Featured DeLorean; Bloomington, IL
June 14	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra
June 16-18	Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South Beloit, IL
June ??	35th Annual British Car Field Day; Sussex, WI
June 21	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
June 24	BBB Saturday Drive - Waiting to finalize the date and venue
June 25-28	NAMGBR 2017 Convention - San Diego
July 8	BBB Saturday Drive - A Day at the Lake (rain date July 9) Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
July 12	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Host: Steve & Polly Carter
July 19	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 9	BBB Drive & Dine - TBD Hosts: John & Sandi Ward
August 12	BBB Saturday Drive - Lunch on a River Boat & the Maritime Museum; Dubuque, IA Hosts: The Grosenicks & the Eils
August 13	22nd Annual Vintage Celebration at Botham Vineyards, Barneveld, WI
August 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
August 20	Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast
August 26	Crossroads Blues Festival



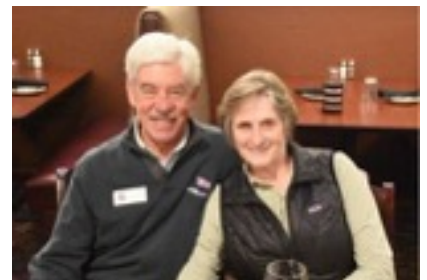
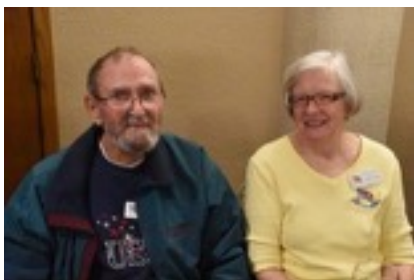
APRIL DINE EVENT

by Bruce Beneditz

Spring weather can be unpredictable, so on April 12 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 one member, Lee Kindgren, drove his vintage LBC. There were also several more modern British cars driven as well.

This was a repeat of last year’s April dine to the Tuscan Italian Grill in Roscoe. We had another good turn out with 27 members attending. We were seated at two tables set for 16 each so there was plenty of room and the arrangement allowed for easy conversation. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed their meal. One particular member was glad to be back at Tuscan Grill to enjoy their Wedge Salad.

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.





BIL MASCHKE IS OFFERING US SOME INSIGHT ON SYNTHETIC OILS AND LUBE FRICTION

1) Synthetic oil is unique in that the raw materials, either natural gas or petroleum, have been specially processed so that the molecules are about the same size. That makes the synthetic oil more slippery than regular oils. It also has very high-quality additives. The synthetic oil costs two or more times as much as conventional oil, but you may be able to go twice as long between oil changes.

2) Ever since the first internal combustion engine was invented men have been trying to reduce friction. They have always known that friction robs engines of power. Over the years hundreds of improvements have been made. The friction between pistons and cylinder walls was always one of the major sources, constituting between 43 percent to 50 percent of the total.

Nikasil plated bores allowed tighter clearances. Piston skirts shortened. Micro honed cylinders. Low tension piston rings. Laser surface texturing. Lightweight pistons and connecting rods. But progress continues with ultra light, heat-resistant ceramic and graphite engine components continue to tantalize.

Lubrication developments naturally play a big part in friction reduction as well. Ever lighter engine oils are now specified in autos to improve mileage, and reduce friction. A possible breakthrough in lubricants is "ionic liquids". Described as room-temperature molten salts, they may soon replace traditional anti-wear additives in engine oil. They have a chemical structure that bonds to metal surfaces to produce a thin film under the oil and have been shown to create a stable wear protection under high pressure and temperature as well as reducing friction by up to 50 percent.

The future is bright, stay tuned.

Thanks Bil - the Editor

BBB LADIES ENJOY THEIR 17TH ANNUAL TEA PARTY IN STYLE

by Lynda Vickery

In looking through photo files I found that the first BBB Ladies Tea was held in 2000. How time flies! We ladies have always enjoyed these teas with many great hostesses, wonderful teas and food, and deepening friendships. This year was no exception! Chris Oakes volunteered to host the tea this year with Sandy Hamaker as her assistant.

The day was sunny and warm, and we enjoyed seeing Chris' flowering plants outside as well as lovely arrangements inside. Her selection of teas was a hit with everyone. And, as usual, the savory and sweet selection of delicacies was enjoyed by all. This was the perfect start to a busy summer of BBB Club activities.

Thank you, Chris, for opening your home to us and hosting a very lovely afternoon!





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
PMB 254
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.

2017 GARAGE TOUR

by Rich Cannistra

Cool but clear weather created 22 participants who gathered in South Beloit for this year's garage tour. With coffee in hand the caravan headed to South Milwaukee, stopping once along the way to pick up another club member.

Upon arrival at the garage we found cars weren't the only thing our host and his wife collected. Halloween appeared to be a big event in this garage with ghoulish figures lurking in corners and the back of pickup trucks. Several rooms contained a variety of interesting objects and as our host explained "she doesn't complain about how many cars I collect and I don't complain about what she collects". Not only did we crawl around, sit in, and enjoy many vehicles but a sandwich bar was generously provided at the garage as well.



Following lunch our group was off to the Russell Military Museum in Zion, IL. Good fortune smiled upon us once again as our large group successfully navigated the myriad of stoplights and traffic to arrive together. This museum proved to be nothing short of amazing for the wide variety of military objects they have managed to collect. Unfortunately the ground was still too wet for tank rides, so those who need to fill that square will have to return a little later in the year. Never one to miss an ice cream opportunity, the final stop of the day was at the Dari in Hebron. Everyone agreed it was a great treat to end a great day.



DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In 1905 businessman Carl Fisher observed Europe was well ahead of the United States in automobile design and craftsmanship. He reasoned that a better means of testing vehicles would increase the quality of the final product. His lifelong interest in racing resulted in the decision to build a racetrack as the means to these ends as well as to let the public in on the action.

Fisher felt that spectators did not get their money's worth watching cars speed down a straight road and disappear into the distance. After visiting Brooklands near London, he concluded a 3-5 mile circular track with 100 foot wide surfaces and smooth banked turns would be the best design. Along with two associates he purchased 328 acres of farmland and set about construction in 1909. Before the track was even finished, the first event held was a helium gas filled balloon race. 40,000 spectators turned out to see nine balloons lift off and race for distance. The winner landed in Alabama after almost 30 hours!

Two months later the track was ready and the first motorsport event was held, motorcycles races. The weekend of racing plans was cut short after the seventh race however, due to deterioration of the crushed gravel track surface. The next week 15 teams competed in the first automobile races. Louis Chevrolet was temporarily blinded when a rock smashed his goggles, then three crashes killed five persons and injured dozens more before racing was once again called off. Again the track surface was found to be questionable at best. The date was August 19, 1909. This was an inauspicious beginning but the Indianapolis Motor Speedway had been born!

NEW ADVENTURE FOR THE GIBSONS

Rich and Dee Gibson are heading to Augusta, Georgia for the 1st Annual Morgan 3-Wheeler Convention, May 18-22. Both vintage and modern 3-wheelers will be present with workshops on repairs and maintenance as well as an opportunity to learn to drive the vintage 3-Wheelers.

BBB EVENTS -MAY 2017

This is what I wrote to begin my April events article.

It looks like spring is finally here. We have had enough rain to wash the salt off the roads and the temperatures are getting warm enough to drive our cars.

I was right about having plenty of rain; so much that it's no fun to drive a leaky convertible. Besides, the temperatures have not been warm. Cold and damp better describes the last month. Hopefully, the weather will soon turn warm again and we can get out there and enjoy the drive.

In spite of the weather we are active again. These are the events from April.

- April 12 - Dine at Tuscan Italian Grill in Roscoe hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz
- April 22 - The Ladies Tea hosted by Chris Oakes and Sandy Hamaker
- April 22 - The Garage Tour hosted by Rich Cannistra
- April 28 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunch

Thank you to all who have organized and hosted these activities. One of the strengths of British Boots and Bonnets is the social aspect of the club. There are lots of opportunities to enjoy each other's company and to keep the stories going.

These events are coming up in the near future.

- May 6 & 7 - The Classics and Chrome Car Show. Note the change of location to the Machesney Park Mall.
- May 10 - The first Drive and Dine hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick will be to the Ding-A-Ling in Orfordville, WI.
- May 20 - The first Saturday Drive that includes a visit to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, WI. Hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra.
- May 26 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunch
- May 27-April 4 is British Car Awareness Week. Hopefully the weather will be much better and we can be out and about in our British Cars.

Check out the calendar to see all the events that are planned for the year.

As you can see we already have lots of opportunities to get out, spend time with friends, and exercise our LBCs. There still are some opportunities to get involved by hosting an event. The June Saturday Drive is open as well as the September Drive and Dine. Please contact Bruce Beneditz if you have an idea for filling the holes in the schedule.

Here's to another great summer of motoring.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz

DRIVE & DINE FOR MAY 10TH

by Marna Grosenick

We will be dining at the “Ding-A-Ling Supper Club” in Hanover, WI.

We will meet at 5:30 in the Schnucks Parking lot, for a 5:45 departure. If anyone would prefer to meet us at the restaurant, it is located at 8215 Race St. (Hyw. H), Hanover, Wisconsin.

For reservations, please e-mail Don & Marna Grosenick at mgrosenick@att.net, or call 608-752-7092.

MAY SATURDAY DRIVE

by Rich & Roxann Cannistra

While most people know April showers bring May flowers, BBBers also know May brings DRIVING SEASON! Saturday May 20th will be our first drive of the year. The morning will find us enjoying Hartford and the Wisconsin Auto Museum, in the afternoon we will be busy as bees.

Tucked away in beautiful Hartford is Wisconsin’s largest automotive museum. The museum prides itself on showcasing transportation history and features an ever-changing display of more than 110 vehicles including Nash which began in Kenosha. Kissel Luxury Automobiles were manufactured in Hartford from 1906-1931. As with many auto manufacturers in that period, Kissel was a victim of the great depression. Of the 35,000 Kissels produced about 200 survive with 25 on display here. A 1913 steam locomotive is also housed at the museum and is available for viewing.

In addition to all that it is our good fortune to be visiting Hartford the day of the 8th Annual Old-Fashioned Block Party and Classic Car Show. Main Street will be filled with 200+ classic cars, food vendors, live music, ice cream, and plenty of fun activities. We plan to go with the flow and enjoy the celebration while sampling a variety of street food.

If we can tear ourselves away from the excitement in Hartford we will take a short drive to Honey Acres. Established in 1852 this farm and museum feature beekeeping and honey production, including historical displays and a look inside a working hive. Of course they offer a wide variety of honey products to taste test.

The day will end in appropriate BBB fashion with beverages and dinner. We have some weather dependent dinner ideas so stay tuned for the final decision.

Join your hosts Rich and Roxann Cannistra at the McDonald’s Restaurant/Fasfuel-Fasmart, 139/90 exit 1 east side, South Beloit. Meet at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:15 departure. In order to confirm our group discount at the auto museum and the plans for dinner, please let us know if you will be part of the “in crowd” to kick off the driving season. Call 608-876-6768, email rrcannistra@yahoo.com or text 608-359-4671. We are looking forward to your company!

ROCKFORD’S 1ST ANNUAL MIRACLE MILE CRUISE NIGHT SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

The Miracle Mile Rockford business district association is sponsoring its first cruise night May 27th from 4 to 9 pm in the parking lot West of Don Carter Lanes.

If you like all kinds of automobiles and motorcycles, live music and radio remotes, and food - in addition to cruising, then this is the event for you!

Check out WWW.miraclemilerockford.com.



BBB REGALIA ONLINE

MAY 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
- one BBB ball cap & one visor - \$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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Here are samples of BBB regalia that can be found on the Club's website, BBB Regalia Page. There is a nice selection of clothing - and driving season is just around the corner! Check it out and contact me with any questions.

Jim Vickery



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