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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
May 16, 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

MAY 2018

Looking back at my May 2017 message, I wrote "green, green, green – emerald green lawns, shrubs & forestation everywhere....; well the green is a bit late this year but signs are everywhere with warm days and nights and things are budding out all over. We turned on our AC today since it supposed to be above 80 degrees.

Our Club's first true Drive & Dine of the year is at the Aero Ale House in Byron hosted by Jim and Lynda Vickery, hope to see you there. I'm sure there will be lots of unannounced trips during the month if the good weather continues. Sandi and I spent 8 days in Englewood, FL with good friends; the weather was perfect as were our hosts. We hated to leave unfortunately and returned for the "last" snow of April. We flew out of RFD into Puta Gorda, FL for the first time, it was a very good trip and we look forward to using Allegiant again. FYI, active/retired military are not charged for luggage and receive VIP status for check in.

Checking the Club Calendar & Events as published by Rich Gibson, there is lots of fun activities lined up for the rest of CY2018 and I hope everyone takes advantage of most events that are planned. Let's be sure to thank Rich and his committee for a great job at this month's Club Meeting.

The "Run for The Roses" is this Saturday, the first leg in the Triple Crown of horse racing; we've never been but know lots of friends that have and all report that it's a wonderful experience. Hope to see you at this month's Club meeting.

John

What is black & white and red all over??
Newspaper



March 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. Thirty-two members were present.

John welcomed new members Charlie and Linda Gall of Polo, Illinois once again to the Club. Charlie and Linda have a "pimento" colored 1976 TR6, currently in Ron Kuhnau's shop.

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 February 2018 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Hal Zenisek. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eils (Report submitted by Lee Kindgren)

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lee Kindgren in Larry's absence.

Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Bill Maschke. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No report

(Please check your individual information and car listings on the current membership roster and notify Bev if you have corrected or additional car information to submit.)

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Thank you for any articles submitted for the newsletter. Response to member stories about "How I Got My First British Car" has been wonderful!

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

March is the month to renew our web license. We are set to go for the next twelve months. Thank you to the officers who have helped update the listing of members and cars on the website. Please submit photos of your cars to be included on the Members Page of the website, especially if you are a new member. (Email to Hal Zenisek).

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

Sincere condolences to Mary Jo Schoening on the loss of her daughter. We are remembering them both in our thoughts and prayers.

Regalia - Jim Vickery -

Our supplier for our club regalia has moved again. They are located one block south of where they had been. This is a nice new store with very good signage out front.

Past Events - Rich Gibson

A huge Thank You to Steve and Polly Carter and for hosting the March Dine at Louie's Tap House in Roscoe! Thirty-five members enjoyed the specialty for the evening (ribs) as well as other tasty dinners.

A Shout Out to Greg Oakes for organizing and running the BBB table at the Swap Meet and Auto Jumble. There was a good turnout for this event. Greg made a suggestion that our club have some type of handout material available to promote our club for next year's swap meet.

Upcoming Events

March 23 - Old Farts Lunch at 1:00 at RBI.

March 23 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at 12:30 at Salamone's North at Brynwood Square.

April 11 - Dwain and Jenny Plymale will host the April Dine at the Stone Eagle Tavern, Rockford. Please remember to call or email them with your RSVP by Monday, April 9th.

April 21 - BBB Garage Tour, hosted by Larry Eils

April 21 - Ladies Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes, 12:00 at her house. Please RSVP to Chris so that she has enough tables set up and remember to bring something sweet or savory as well. An invite will be going out shortly with more information.

April 26-29- Spring Jefferson; Wisconsin Swap Meet and Car Show

May Saturday Drive - OPEN (Please let Rich Gibson know if you could host this)

September Saturday Drive - OPEN

May 6 - CLASSICS AND CHROME CAR SHOW CANCELLED! (They could not get the facility for this event)

May 13 - Poplar Grove Airport EAA Pancake Breakfast and Car Show

May 24-27 - Rally in the Valley Car Show, Eau Claire, hosted by the Minnesota MG Group

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

Classified - None

Unfinished Business- BBB Calendars are still available. If you haven't received your free calendar, please see Dave Brickman.

New Business - Our usual monthly meeting date for November falls the night before Thanksgiving this year. A motion was made by Lee Kindgren to move the November 2018 meeting date from 21 November to 28 November. Motion was seconded by Barb Buckavekas. Motion passed. Please make a note of this on your personal calendar.

Burnt Piston Award- None

Good Wrench Award - None

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Microfibre Sponge - Greg Oakes
2. Click-Type Torque Wrench - Hal Zenisek
3. 8-Piece Screwdriver Set - Rich Bartlett
4. Swivel Lens Headlamp - Lynda Vickery
5. 4-In-One Screwdriver - Charlie Gall
6. Hose Clamp Assortment - Luz Lehman
7. Wooden Trivet - Lee Kindgren
8. Ceramic Easter Bunny - Marna Grosenick
9. Bunny Plate & Spreader - Barb Buckavekas
10. Easter Wall Hanging - Dwain Plymale
11. Two Yellow Dishtowels - Rich Gibson
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Sandy Ward

Adjournment

John Ward told a story about Shane, the mailman, playing "Who am I?"
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS -

May 9 **BBB Drive & Dine 6-9 PM** - Aero Ale House;
120 N. Union St., Byron, Il
Hosts: Jim & Lynda Vickery

May 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

May 19 **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - DETAILS TBD**
Hosts: Greg & Chris Oakes

May 26 - June 3 British Car Awareness Week
June 1 Cars on the Square; Monroe, WI
Starting at 5pm

June 9 **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - MOTORING THE DRIFTLESS HILLS OF
NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS**
Hosts: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller

June 13 **BBB Drive & Dine - TBD**
Hosts: John & Sandy Ward

June 15-17 Blackhawk Farms Vintage Races (Father's Day); South Beloit, IL
June 17 British Car Field Day; Sussex, WI
June 20 **BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

June 17-22 NAMGBR 2017 Convention - Gettysburg
July 7 **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - DAY AT THE LAKE - 1 PM - ?**
East Troy, WI
Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Hosts for morning drive and maybe breakfast: TBD

July 11 **BBB Drive & Dine** - Stagecoach Inn,
11946 WI-26, Fort Atkinson, WI
Hosts: Don & Marna Grosnick
Meeting place & time TBD

July 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

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

August 11 **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - EPIC SYSTEMS CORP.**
Hosts: Rich & Roxann Cannistra

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

August 24 Cars on the Square; Monroe, WI
Starting at 5pm

August 25 Crossroads Blues Festival
Sept 7-10 **BBB - SIMPLE SATURDAY DRIVE OR LONG WEEKEND**

Sept 9 British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
 Sept 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

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**MAY DRIVE & DINE WILL BE OFF TO BYRON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH**

The first drive & dine of the season will be held Wednesday, May 9th. Our destination will be Aero Ale House in downtown Byron, Illinois. If you plan to drive down with us, please meet at the Road Ranger, 4980 S. Main St., Rockford, Il. at 6 pm. We will follow the east side of the Rock River down to Byron, arriving by 6:30 pm.

Aero Ale House in Byron is their second location (first on Riverside in Loves Park) and their menu has tacos, sandwiches, burgers, and salads in a pub bar setting. We have their private room reserved. And there is a large public parking lot behind the pub.

Please email us at jvickery.jv@gmail.com or call 815-623-5611 by Monday, May 7th, to let us know if you plan to attend, and whether you will join the drive or meet us there. We would like to let the staff have a rough estimate of those intending to eat.

Jim & Lynda Vickery

EMBROIDTHIS WILL BE VISITING OUR BBB MEETING MAY 16TH

by Jim & Lynda Vickery

We rescheduled our EmbroidThis event to our May meeting. Owner Ace Foster, and his wife, Jill, will be joining us for dinner and bringing samples of clothing and other articles that can be customized with our BBB logo.

If you would like to see something in particular, let us know and we will see if Ace can bring a sample.

EmbroidThis has moved to their own building now, 2 blocks south of their previous location. It's very easy to get to if you want to visit them. Or, check out our online website with them (find it on the BBB website). Jim will also be happy to pick up any orders for you.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

by Rich Gibson

YES! There WILL be a Saturday Drive on May 19. Gregory & Chris Oakes will be organizing & leading it. Thank you Greg & Chris. Details TBD. I want to give a big THANK YOU to Rich Cannistra for reaching out to our membership and finding Greg & Chris to fill in the May Saturday Drive at the last minute.

I also want to thank Tracy Smith for all her efforts in attempting to organize a Saturday Drive for May. I'm sorry the details didn't line up this time around, but it is nice to see new a member becoming involved early on. Tracy also belongs to a Mini Cooper club and has some experience from them on possible new and exciting places for BBB to go. I hope to hear more from Tracy about that.

Plans for a June Drive and Dine are under way. And Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller have the Saturday Drive, June 19th, planned out - see their article below. Sounds like fun!

Dee and I will be hosting a Day at the Lake on Saturday, July 7th. Noon until?? (Rain date Sun, July 8) N8609 Townline Rd, East Troy, WI 53120. Boat rides, swimming, wading, floating, carousing, snacks, food, adult beverages. Looking for someone to lead the group up from Roscoe / Rockford.

The August, Saturday Drive has been confirmed by Rich Cannistra. We are going back to "EPIC" in Madison by popular demand.

September Drive & Dine AND Saturday Drive / Long Weekend is OPEN for any takers. As is November Dine.

Rich Cannistra has volunteered "organize" the 3 day road trip out to Stowe, VT for those of us that want to travel as a group. Others are welcome to travel on their own schedule.

MOTORING THE DRIFTLESS HILLS OF NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH

by Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller

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

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

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

NEW COFFEE AND CARS EVENTS

forwarded by Rich Cannistra

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

GREETINGS FROM THE WEBMASTER

The BBB website has been updated with recent event photos, check out the fun if you missed any of the events for 2018. Also, club and non-club related car related events for the balance of the year are posted so you can plan schedules and calendars. Thanks to all for your contributions to the website, you all add so much to what I could do alone. Go to www.britishbootsandbonnets.com and navigate to any tabs of interest. Let me know if you have questions or comments.

Thanks Hal Zenisek

Welcome New Members!

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

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

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Historians generally consider the “Industrial Revolution” as having taken place between 1760 and 1840. This huge leap forward from human and animal power was primarily the result of the steam engine, but while steam power was the best at the time it is very inefficient. Thermal efficiency is the ratio of fuel turned into power versus the amount lost to heat and the steam engine was only 10% efficient. By 1880 the petrol engine had been invented, and while it doubled the efficiency of steam this still amounted to an 80% loss as heat. A man whose name is virtually a household word had a better idea, and his success story and untimely death is both mysterious and intriguing.

Rudolf Christian Karl Diesel was born in Paris in 1858. His parents, Bavarian immigrants, were forced to leave France when the Franco-Prussian War erupted in 1870. The family moved to London but Rudolf soon went on to Germany to live with relatives. He studied engineering and upon graduation worked in the field of refrigeration. It was through this discipline he gained knowledge in the field of thermodynamics. Diesel realized better results could be obtained from an internal combustion engine by increasing its compression. Research and experimentation led to what he called a “compression ignition internal combustion engine” around 1890. This engine was almost twice as efficient as the petrol engine and ultimately became known as the diesel engine. He worked tirelessly to refine his invention and bring it to market, eventually leading to a nervous breakdown.

On 29 September 1913 Diesel boarded a steam ship bound for London. There he was to meet with representatives of the Royal Navy who were interested in powering British submarines with diesel engines. After dinner he retired to his cabin leaving word to be called at 6:15 for breakfast but he was never seen alive again. In the morning his hat and coat were found neatly folded beneath the aft deck railing and his bed had not been slept in. Ten days later his body was found floating in the North Sea. Circumstances of his death remain a mystery.

APRIL DINE HELD AT STONE EAGLE TAVERN

by Lynda Vickery

Thirty plus BBB members gathered at Stone Eagle Tavern in Rockford for a fun, food filled evening on April 11th.



Our hosts were Jenny & Dwain Plymale. They made an excellent choice of Stone Eagle Tavern, which is locally owned by Jim Vitale.

Thank you Jenny & Dwain for a lovely evening!



We had our "first of the season" British car driven to the dine - a 1976 Triumph TR6, proudly owned by our new members, Charlie and Linda Gall.





This last photo is with Rich and Dee Gibson at the restaurant. They are long time friends with the owner, and their picture is hung there. This is what they are pointing to. And the last photo is a copy of that picture on the wall. The next time you are at Stone Eagle Tavern, take the time to look through Jim's photo walls to find the Gibson's with their Morgan.



BBB 2018 GARAGE TOUR - MODEL A'S AND FIRE ENGINES

Co-Hosts: Richard Cannistra and Larry Eils

The day was overcast and chilly, 48° F, as 10 club members and 1 guest gathered at the Roscoe Middle School to begin our tour. Three British cars were driven - an MGB, a Jaguar and a Mini Cooper. Not bad for the spring weather we haven't had.



Our first stop was The Forty Horse Farm in Woodstock, home to a renown Model A Restorer. Our hosts were Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer. We were greeted with hot coffee and a wonderful selection of sweet rolls. Besides having a full restoration shop that included welding equipment, metal fabricating tools, paint booth and a huge parts room, Ron and Ken own five Model A cars themselves. They also had two cars for sales. One was fully restored and the other needed restoration. There were no takers from our group. Of course, no garage can be without a fire truck. Our hosts have restored a 1929 Ford AA fire truck from the Marengo Fire Department that they drive in parades. It has it's own Dalmatian (stuffed of course) that rides in the back of the truck. Ken showed us pictures of a few of the cars they have restored and delighted us with many stories of his life with cars that started when he was a boy in Chicago.





Our lunch stop was at Joe's Place in Marengo. Everyone was amazed at the size of the French fry basket served with their sandwiches. No one left hungry.



The Northern Illinois Fire Museum is currently located in a temporary facility, as they search for a permanent home, just south of Marengo. However, inside this cement block building were 10 fire trucks and a large assortment of other types of fire fighting equipment. Our hosts, Dennis and Corky, were retired firemen with a combined 70 years of experience in the fire service. One of the fire trucks, donated by the Harvard Rural Fire Department, was actually used to fight the Chicago fire. After a tour we listened to many fire fighting stories from Dennis and Corky. Our own Lyn Pond also shared a few of his adventures with the group.



As we left to head home, the sun peaked it's head out but then decided to stay hidden. When will spring arrive?

BBB 2018 LADIES TEA

by Lynda Vickery

Our BBB Ladies enjoyed a lovely Tea at the home of Chris Oakes. This afternoon has become an annual event; one that is looked forward to as a time of conversation with our BBB friends and, of course, a variety of teas and sweet and savory treats. We could say we were preparing for the Royal Wedding this month, but truth be told, we were just having a great time!

Chris, thank you for opening your home and being such a gracious hostess!





Joan Tilson was a special guest at our tea this year. In years past she, more than once, hosted our Ladies Tea. We were so happy that she could join us this year!



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MAY 2018

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

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

two BBB visors - \$10

British flags for cars - \$5

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

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We have invited Ace Foster to attend our May meeting as the April meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Please welcome Ace and his wife, Jill, and be sure to check over the samples of what EmbroidThis has available.

They have moved their shop two blocks south, to 7830 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, Illinois 61115. Stop by to admire their new digs - it would also be a good time to update a British Boots and Bonnets shirt, vest, hat or jacket!



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