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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,**

**May 19, 2021**

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**

## Presidents Report

May 2021

Welcome to May 2021 officially top-down weather and it looks like many opportunities for fun are opening up with the current level of the vaccines being delivered. I know I have been enjoying driving my MG with the top down in this nice weather. Hopefully this will reflect in our club activities allowing us more outside activities. Please remember, if at any of our activities you feel concerned, please put your facemask on. I know we carry one with us at all times as they are required at some facilities. Greg has some events scheduled so mark your calendar.

Just a couple of business items. First, we are looking for someone to take over the duties of Vice President. Right now, these items are not being done and I would like to have someone get involved and get us caught up. If you are interested, please check out the duties of the office in our By Laws on our website and contact one of the club officers.

Our meeting in May will be held at Thunder Bay on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I do not want you to be surprised but the tables will be setup similar to our dinner meeting last month. I received a lot of good comments after that event. Please let me know if you have any comments after the meeting.

I just want to comment on our Chronicle Team that they are doing a fantastic job. I also want to say that I loved the joke about the marble in the ashtray.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

*Safety Fast.*

*Lee Kindgren*



## **TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Club provides financial information to members only. If you have any questions please refer them to our Treasurer, Connie Frazier.

## **REMEMBER DUES AREN'T DUE!**

Connie Frazier

It's a new year and the BBB board is pleased to help start it off on a positive note. Last year was challenging in many ways and, for the club, it meant a reduction in activities, benefits, and expenses. Because BBB currently has a fund balance which is sufficient to carry the club for the coming year, the board made a decision to provide 2021 membership at no cost to those who paid dues in 2020. We hope you enjoy this additional membership benefit!

# 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- May 19        BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 26        BBB Drive and Picnic-in-the-Park  
                  Hosted by Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz  
                  Details to follow
- June 16        BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm  
                  Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- June 24        BBB members are special guests for Ice Cream Thursday, 6:30-8 pm  
                  Hosted by Roscoe United Methodist Church  
                  10816 Main St., Roscoe, IL

## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- June 1-4        British V8 2021, Comfort Suites, 1137 W. 15th St,  
                  Auburn, IN 46706  
                  For details: [www.BritishV8meet.org](http://www.BritishV8meet.org)
- June 5         Champagne British Car Festival, 10-3 pm  
                  Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL  
                  For details: [www.facebook.com/groupsIFLBCC](http://www.facebook.com/groupsIFLBCC)
- June 14-17     MG International 2021  
                  Host Hotel: Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ  
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- June 18-20     Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association 29th Classic Race  
                  Blackhawk Farms Raceway  
                  15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL  
                  For details: [www.blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix](http://www.blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix)
- June 27        TENTATIVE — Michiana British Car Show  
                  St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
                  For details: [www.michianabrits.com/annual\\_show.htm](http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm)

## FIRST 2021 DRIVE AND PICNIC LUNCH – MAY 26

Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz will start off the 2021 driving season with a drive and picnic lunch at Pecatonica River Forest Preserve. This is a Covid 19 friendly event that is all outside with each attendee bringing their own picnic lunch and beverage. It will be a great opportunity to see each other and catch-up on all we have missed during the last year.

We will meet at 11:00am, May 26, in the northside parking lot of the Roscoe United Methodist Church at 10816 Main St, Roscoe, IL. The planned departure is 11:15am. After a casual 30-minute drive we will arrive at Pecatonica River Forest Preserve to enjoy our picnic lunches and fellowship with friends. Following lunch, we will take a short drive to 3rd Street Station ice cream shop in Pecatonica for dessert.

Pecatonica River Forest Preserve:

- There is a very nice and large open-air shelter with plenty of picnic tables for us to use. It would be a good idea to bring your own lawn chairs in the unlikely chance that someone has reserved the shelter.
- Plenty of parking with handicap parking available near the shelter.
- A very clean pit toilet.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Station:

- They serve Cedar Crest Ice Cream along with soft serve ice cream.
- There are walkup order and pickup windows so you don't have to go inside.

Please email Bruce at [bruce.benediz@charter.net](mailto:bruce.benediz@charter.net) or call or text him at 815-543-0026 if you plan to attend.



**FIRST 2021 BBB  
DINNER ENJOYED AT  
THUNDER BAY**

by Lynda Vickery

BBB Members met Wednesday, April 21 for an evening of visiting together and enjoying dinner. It has been a long time since the Club could gather together for a meal. It was a great beginning to our Club Events for this year.



## BBB Webmaster Report – May 2021

Please remember you can check the club's website for the latest details regarding club or event details. The home page has an announcements section, and the footer at the bottom of each page indicates the last update. Simply search British Boots and Bonnets car club in your favorite browser or [touch/click on the link here](#). Email, call or text me if you have questions or comments about the club's website.

We are looking forward to restarting club activities and getting back to normal.

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Connie Frazier, Treasurer  
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club  
PMB 254  
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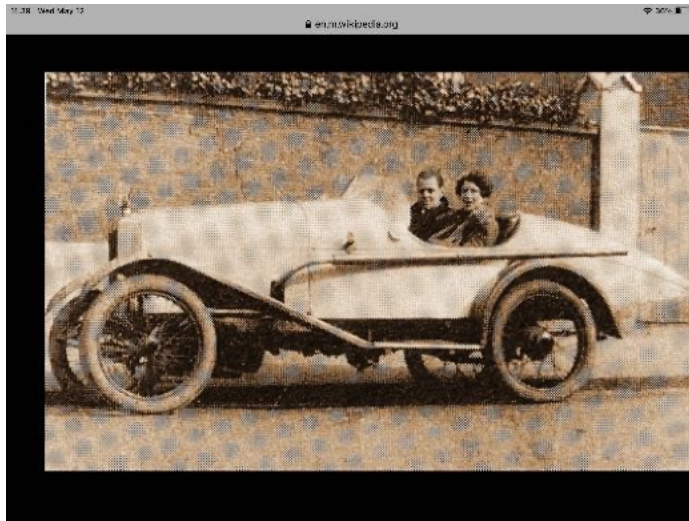
## *DID – U – KNOW*

*by Facia Nearside*

*Most people would be content to design one automobile and have it successfully go into production. Noel Campbell Macklin was not “most people”. Driven by an inexhaustible reserve of ideas, and the ambition to bring them to fruition, Macklin became an innovative and driving force early in the British auto industry.*

*Although born in Western Australia Macklin grew up in Wimbledon, just outside London. Educated at Eaton College and successful in amateur ice hockey, Macklin gravitated toward speedier endeavors and was racing at Brooklands by 1909. Foreshadowing later success by Allard, AC Cobra, and the Sunbeam Tiger, Macklin created the Eric-Campbell in 1919. The car used a Coventry-Simplex engine, Moss gearbox, and Rolls-Royce radiator. An estimated 500 cars were produced between 1919 and 1924.*

*In 1920 Macklin moved on founding Silver Hawk Motors of Cobham, Surrey, England. Again using “brought-in” components the Silver Hawk was a stylish high performance sporting design. Lack of backing meant the design was short lived however, with only about 12 cars made.*





*In 1925 Macklin joined with Oliver Lyle of the Tate & Lyle sugar empire to form Invicta (DUK2015/4). Except for the war years ample financing allowed Invicta to produce a wide and successful range of models from 1925 to 1950. Again, a variety of engines and other components mated to custom coachwork was a formula for success.*



*Macklin sold his interest in Invicta in 1933 and Railton became his next marque. The first cars were made by fitting a British body to a Hudson 8-cylinder chassis. In 1935 the Railton 8 claimed to be the fastest production car in the world, with a 0-60 time of 8.8 seconds. Railton produced a wide variety of low volume models until war halted*

*production in 1939. Turning his attention to watercraft Macklin then founded Fairmile Marine, and supplied boats to the Royal Navy throughout WWII.*

*For service to his country through Fairmile Marine, Sir Noel Campbell Macklin was honored with knighthood following the war. He passed away in 1946.*



*DUK2021/5*

We had some good times over the summer of 2012! And thanks to Rich and Roxann Cannistra we have photos to remind us! See next page, too.






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## NATIONAL ODOMETER DAY

Article provided by Larry Eils

National Odometer Day on May 12th each year provides an opportunity to learn a little bit about the odometer.

And they're absolutely right. It is a chance to learn about the odometer and that's exactly what I did when it mentioned later in the article that it was invented in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Arthur P. and Charles H. Warner of Beloit, Wisconsin developed the first odometer for the automobile which appeared in 1903 and was patented as the Aturo-Meter.

I did a little more digging and it turns out that the Warner brothers (no relation, I think) invented more than just the odometer. According to the [Henry Ford Museum website](#), they are also responsible for a much more important instrument, the speedometer:



Brothers Arthur and Charles Warner developed their "auto-meter," or speedometer, in the early years of the 1900s. Speedometers in these first automotive days were optional equipment.

There's no "Speedometer" Day so thankfully "Odometer" Day was here to educate us all.

Random facts. They're pretty cool sometimes.

Written by Joe Dredge and published May 12, 2021 on the WROK News Talk 1440 online site:| [https://1440wrok.com/did-you-know-the-odometer-was-invented-in-beloit-wisconsin/?utm\\_source=tsmclip&utm\\_medium=referral](https://1440wrok.com/did-you-know-the-odometer-was-invented-in-beloit-wisconsin/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral)



## FIRST CROSS COUNTRY TRIP BY AUTOMOBILE

from [www.unbelievablefactsblog.com](http://www.unbelievablefactsblog.com)

Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, in addition to being a physician, was an auto enthusiast who differed with the then-prevailing wisdom that the automobile was a passing fad and a recreational plaything. While in San Francisco's [University Club](#) as a guest on May 18, 1903, he agreed to a \$50 wager (equivalent to \$1,423 in 2019<sup>[3]</sup>) to prove that a four-wheeled machine could be driven across the country. He accepted even though at age 31 he did not own a car, had practically no experience driving, and had no maps to follow. Jackson and his wife planned to return to their Burlington, Vermont, home in a few days, and both had been taking automobile driving lessons while in San Francisco. She returned home by train, allowing him to take his adventure by automobile.

Having no mechanical experience, Jackson convinced a young mechanic and chauffeur, [Sewall K. Crocker](#), to serve as his travel companion, mechanic, and backup driver. Crocker suggested that Jackson buy a [Winton](#) car. He bought a slightly used, two-cylinder,<sup>[4]</sup> 20 hp<sup>[5]</sup> Winton, which he named the [Vermont](#), after his home state, bade his wife goodbye, and left San Francisco on May 23, carrying coats, rubber protective suits, sleeping bags, blankets, canteens, a water bag, an axe, a shovel, a telescope, tools, spare parts, a block and tackle, cans for extra gasoline and oil, a Kodak camera, a rifle, a shotgun, and pistols.<sup>[6]</sup>

Somewhere near [Caldwell, Idaho](#), Jackson and Crocker obtained a dog, a [Pit Bull](#) named Bud.<sup>[8]</sup> As it turns out, Jackson had wanted a dog companion since Sacramento.<sup>[6]</sup> Newspapers at the time gave a variety of stories of how Bud was acquired, including that he was stolen; in a letter to his wife, Nelson said a man sold him the dog for \$15<sup>[9]</sup> (equivalent to \$427 in 2019<sup>[3]</sup>). It turned out that the dusty [alkali flats](#) the travelers encountered would bother Bud's eyes so much (the [Vermont](#) had neither a roof nor windshield) that Jackson eventually fitted him with a pair of goggles.

Find the full story of Jackson's cross country trip on Wikipedia.





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