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Next Meeting Wednesday,

May 18, 2022

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

May 2022

Finally, you don't have to suffer through my monthly complaint about the weather. It will be in the 80's soon. And, no, I will not start complaining about it being too hot.

The 2022 BBB Board Meeting was held on Saturday, May 7th. Here are a few of the things that took place.

- Treasurer, Brian Kobischa, prepared a proposed 2022 budget. It was approved as proposed.
- Vice President, Crystal Klemm, reported that she had completed the annual inventory of BBB property. All property has been accounted for except for a BBB banner that has been missing for a couple of years. Let Crystal know if you have an idea of where it may be.
- It was noted how successful the new Email Server has been for BBB correspondence.
 Greg Oakes and Bev Joyce were thanked for the work they have done selecting it and putting it into operation.

Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events. Also, look to see if there are any holes that you can fill. We hope to have lots of opportunities to get back on the road.

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Safety Fast,

Bruce



APRIL 20, 2022 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-two club members were present. Sandy Hamaker's daughter was welcomed. No new members were present. There were no raffle prizes as Don and Marna Grosenick were not present.

Vice-President's Report - Crystal Klemm - No report

Secretary's Report - Chris Oakes

A motion was made by Beverly Joyce and seconded by Rich Gibson to approve the March 2022 minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka

Bank Account Balances as of 4/20/2022

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Advertiser	\$ 50.00
Dues 2022	\$180.00
Raffle	\$ 87.00
Interest	\$.03
TOTAL INCOME	\$317.03

EXPENSES:

Raffle Expenses	\$ 87.00
Regalia - Name Tags	<u>\$ 72.58</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$159.58

OVERALL TOTAL: \$157.45

ASSETS:

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Acct	\$2,581.80
BMO Harris Savings Acct	\$3,065.04
TOTAL CASH & Bank Accts	\$5,646.84

LIABILITIES: \$0

OVERALL TOTAL: \$5,646.84

Membership - Beverly Joyce

There are 77 members on the membership roster. There are 55 who have paid dues, to date. A targeted email will be sent to those who have not paid dues. With the exception of one or two people, we don't know if those who have not paid will continue to be members. A second email will also be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Newsletter - Lvnda Vickery

Everyone has been really good about sending in reports and articles early. Please continue to do so.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek - No Report

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No report.

Events - Greg Oakes

Thank you to Ron and Nancy Kuhnau for hosting the monthly Dine at Benedetti's Supper Club. There were 20 of us who were able to make it, and the ice cream drinks were fabulous!

April 29 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at the Olympic Tavern

April 29 - Old Farts Lunch at Rookies Tavern and Grill in Rockton

April 30 - Sip and See beginning at 1:00 at the Klemm's Country House in Orfordville. Three new vehicles have been added to the collection, including a 1925 Bullnose Morris Cowley, a 1980 MGBGT, and a 1967 Austin FX4 "Hire Car"

May 21 - English Tea

May 28 - Memorial Day Picnic at the Klemm's Country House

The May 11 Drive and Dine is Open to anyone who can arrange this!

The May 21 Spring Garage Tour is also open to anyone who can arrange this.

Dee Gibson has cancelled plans for the Long Weekend trip to Indianapolis. Her parent's health and care are requiring her to spend much of her time with their needs.

<u>Classified</u> - Lou Moon would like to sell his 1975 MGB. It needs a new battery and perhaps needs some brake work.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Good Wrench Award - None

Burnt Piston Award - None

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick - There was no raffle as Don and Marna could not attend.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Larry Eils to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lynda Vickery. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Dee Gibson for Chris Oakes, Secretary



British Boots & Bonnets

Ladies English Tea

Date: May 21, 2022

Saturday

Time: 12:30 pm

Where: Chris Oakes' house

7975 Joy Lane Roscoe, IL

RSVP: by May 14, 2022

Choakes05@hotmail.com

309-370-5862 Cell | text 815-270-1106 home

Please bring a sweet or savory appetizer or dessert.

It is helpful if you let me know what you will bring when you RSVP. This will help me fill in the missing items.

2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

May 18	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL		
May 21	BBB English Tea, 12:30pm Hosted by Chris Oakes See enclosed invitation.		
TBD	BBB Spring Garage Tour OPEN		
May 28	Memorial Day Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5PM rain or shine! 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI Hosts: Crystal & Dennis Klemm		
Jun 4	BBB June Saturday Drive (First Saturday) Details to follow. Hosted by Bill & Solveig Maschke		
Jun 8	BBB June Drive & Dine Details to follow. Hosted by Don & Marna Grosenick		
Jun 15	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL		
June 18	Rick Hamaker Celebration of Life Hosted by Sandy & Family Time: 1:00pm Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve on South Mulford Road. Lunch will be served; please bring a chair.		
Jul 3	July 4th Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5PM rain or shine! 2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI HOSTS: Crystal & Dennis Klemm		

Jul 10	Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens, Brits on the Lawn. 1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI Details to follow.		
Jul 13	BBB July Drive & Dine	OPEN	
Jul 16	BBB July Saturday Drive	OPEN	
Jul 20	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL		
Aug 6	BBB August Saturday Drive (First Saturday) Details to follow. Hosted by Greg & Chris Oakes		
Aug 10	BBB August Drive & Dine Duck Inn, Hosted by Bruce & Phylli	Details to follow.	
Aug 17	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL		
Aug 21	49th Annual Poplar Grove Airpo 11619 Rte 76, Poplar Gro	•	
Sep 14	BBB September Drive & Dine	OPEN	
Sep 17	BBB September Saturday Drive	OPEN	
Sep 21	BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL		
Oct 12	BBB October Drive & Dine	OPEN	
Oct 15	BBB Friends Around the Campfire - Save the date! Details to follow.		

- Oct 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Nov 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 14 BBB Christmas Party SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- May 13 Naperville North High School Benefit, at school parking lot. 10:30-1:30. Purpose of event is to expose HS students to car cultures and raise money for auto shop. gditch@naperville203.org
- May 14 Springfield Area Highland Games British Car Show,
 Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, IL.
 11:00-2pm www.centralillinoiscelts.com/british-car-show
- May 14-16 4th Annual Tail of the Dragon Rally, Tapoco Lodge, 14981 Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville NC 28771, Jaguar F-Type Event. Open to all Marques. https://allevents.in/robbinsville/jaguar-f-types-of-north-america-4th-annual-tail-of-the-dragon-rally-drive-and-dine-/80006756043292
- May 20-22 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073 https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend

- Jun 4 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 1PM,
 Fifth Avenue parking lot of
 Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
 Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.

 carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Jun 4-5 Champagne British Car Festival, (show: 10:00-3:00 on 5th),
 Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL
 https://www.facebook.com/CBCF25/
- Jun 5 British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show, 9:00-3:00, Fort Meigs Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd., Perrysburg OH 43566 http://www.lebcc.org/
- Jun 12-15 British V8 2022

 Wytheville, VA https://britishv8meet.org/
- Jun 17-19 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn, 29th Blackhawk Classic,
 Blackhawk Farms Raceway,
 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL
 https://blackhwkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/
- Jun 19 British Car Field Day, Sussex Village Park, Sussex, WI 53089, 9:00-3:00PM http://www.mg3club.org/
- Jun 19-23 MG International 2022, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada Registration now open.

 https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/
- Jun 26 Michiana British Car Show, 10:00 3PM.
 St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
 http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm

Jul 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,

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Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,
7/9 - Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI
7/10 - 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory
Corners, MI
http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/

Jul 11-15 GoF Central 2022,

Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse, WI

https://mnmggroup.wildapricot.org/event-4421287

Aug 6 Heartland British Autofest 2022, Riverfront in Le Claire, IA http://qcbac.com/

Aug 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,

carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com

Aug 6 British Car Day, 9-4PM
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
https://britishcardaydayton.com/

Aug 29-Sep 1 VTR 2022; Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, IL https://www.vtr2022.org/

Sep 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM, Fifth Avenue parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg, Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT https:www.britishinvasion.com/ Sep 16-17 40th All British Car & Cycle Show, BBQ on 16th @ 5PM, Show:17th 9-3PM, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, 13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO https://allbritishcarshow.com/ 2022 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion, Sep 20-23 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH https://www.pibroadrace.com/

Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN

https://www.newporthillclimb.com/

Sep 30-

Oct 2

UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The family of Rick Hamaker will be celebrating his life on Saturday, June 18th at the Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve on South Mulford Road beginning at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served. We suggest that you bring a chair as picnic benches are not always comfortable.

We look forward to an afternoon of memories and fellowship with our family and friends.

LAST REMINDER!

DUES ARE DUE! IF YOU
HAVEN'T ALREADY,
PLEASE REMIT TO BRIAN
KOBISCHKA
AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.

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 1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104 Rockford, IL 61107

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

WEBMASTER REPORT MAY 2022

Please remember you can check the club's website for the latest updates regarding club plans and event details. The home page has an announcements section, list of upcoming events, and photo gallery. The footer at the bottom of every page shows the last update. Simply search British Boots and Bonnets car club in your favorite browser and consider Bookmarking it for a shortcut in the future. You may use this shortcut as well, simply touch/click on the link here. Email, call or text me if you have questions or comments about the club's website.

The club has a wide range of drives, dines, shows and other activities planned for the year. Hal Zenisek (815) 978-4205

THE FIRST BBB DRIVE & DINE FOR 2022

by Lynda Vickery









Ron and Nancy Kuhnau hosted the Drive & Dine in April, choosing a club favorite, Benedetti's Supper Club in Beloit, Wisconsin. Twenty BBBers were quite happy to resume our summer Drive & Dine. As I was thinking about going to Benedetti's and many other Wisconsin restaurants and taverns for their fish fry, I decided to do a little research.

Ask any Wisconsinite about their favorite fish fry, and you're bound to get a detailed list, typically ranked on the basis of bar or restaurant atmosphere, fish and breading type, seasonings and quality of side dishes.

Wisconsin's fish fry tradition is attributed to three things: The Catholic Church, Prohibition and the state's proximity to freshwater fish. Most of Wisconsin's settlers were Catholics of Polish and German descent, and Catholic leaders called for their parishioners to abstain from eating warm-blooded meat on Fridays as a way to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. Many European Catholics took this practice with them when they settled in America.





What with two Great Lakes, 15,000 lakes and 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, Wisconsin, had an abundance of cheap freshwater fish like walleye, perch and bluegill. Today many fish frys serve commercially caught or raised fish, and a tavern owner can't catch fish to prepare himself. During the years of Prohibition, selling plates of fish was a way for taverns around the state to stay afloat financially. And who's to say there wasn't a little alcohol involved, too.

The typical anatomy of a fish fry? First, beer-battered and deep-fried perch, walleye, haddock, cod or bluegill — and in some areas, you can also get smelt or catfish. Next, the potatoes — usually French fries or German style potato pancakes, although some restaurants serve hash browns, fried potatoes or buttery baby reds. Then, the enhancements: crisp coleslaw, a slice of rye bread and an assortment of condiments — lemon wedges, malt vinegar or tartar sauce. And when we go to Benedetti's, the meal isn't complete without one of those wonderful ice cream desserts!

Information was found in the Spring 2022 issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine (courtesy of Larry Eils) and Travel Wisconsin.









SEE & SIP AT THE KLEMMS

April 30-May 1 was the weekend for revealing the three latest additions to the Klemm's British car stable. Saturday's weather wasn't the best so they extended the party to Sunday as well as Saturday so that everyone would be able to attend and see the "new" cars. And they are wonderful!



MGBGT



Austin



Bullnose - Old Number One was the first MG built to compete in sporting.

So whatever happened to Rick Hamaker's Morris Minor? - Part 4

By Greg Oakes

The engine is repaired...

At the engine's first start-up all indications were that the head gasket had failed and the head had to be removed to get a clearer picture of what was going on. Having done this however, I really could not find anything definitive on what had caused the failure. I even asked another Club member to take a look to see if I was missing something - he too saw nothing unusual





One thing I did find that might be at fault was that Rick had used a steel head gasket instead of the more reliable "composite" head gaskets that are available.

So I cleaned everything up as best as I could and reassembled the engine using a Payen composite head gasket. Also, based on a recommendation from a Club member, the gasket was prepped with a thin coat of Permatex Copper-Spray-A-Gasket(at this point it couldn't hurt).

I then proceeded to start-up #2. Eureka! there were no more plumes of white smoke. Problem solved.

Unfortunately, the engine now ran terrible with all sorts of backfiring through the carburetors. I checked several possible causes and ultimately stumbled on the fact that a 1 ohm ignition coil had been used. This type of coil is for those vehicles with external ballast resistors in the ignition circuit – which the Morris Minor is not. So I ordered a new 3 ohm coil, plus new points and condenser. After installing everything and making some adjustments to the carburetors the engine runs fine. Note however that this car has a quite loud exhaust note, so I'm reluctant to say that it purrs like a kitten.

I was able to complete the 2000-RPM-for-20-minutes initial engine run in cycle and also have had it idling uninterrupted for about 45 minutes or so. I believe the engine is now ready for the first drive.

Time to move onto the brakes.

In a word, the entire brake system was crap.

Rick had done some work on it but unfortunately left it mostly empty (of brake fluid). The result was that pretty much everything - cylinders, pipes, and fittings - had accumulations of dried-in-place, rusty crud.

I elected to replace (instead of rebuilding) all of the wheel cylinders and the master cylinder. As best I could, I cleaned out all the junction fittings and flushed the pipes with lots of fresh fluid. I had to replace one of the rear pipes due to a tow truck operator crushing it with an axle hook. Certainly that brake was not working. One of the front brakes had a missing adjuster so I'm not sure how well that was working either. To control the costs, I left the shoes and drums as is; although not perfect they appeared to have sufficient life left in them. As a final task I had to replace the brake light switch since it too was packed with crud.

Now the only thing left is to bleed the brakes and the car should be drive-able.

I did have to order parts for the engine and the brakes so while waiting for them to arrive, I started tackling the interior finishes. That has progressed nicely and photos of what has been done are included. There are still missing pieces of interior hardware. For critical pieces I have come up with work-arounds; for less critical hardware the car will just have to do without for now.







With any luck I should be wrapping this project up in the next couple weeks. Two tasks that will need to be completed are painting the rain gutter on the back half of the roof and installing the chrome locking strip into the windshield rubber gasket. Neither one of these jobs is inconsequential.

DID - II - KNOW

by Facia Nearside (continued from last month)

After selling his business and retiring, William Walmsley's father moved the family to the well-known holiday resort town of Blackpool. Once again, the shed in the back garden served as a suitable location and sidecar production resumed at the rate of one per week. As chance would have it another motor cycle enthusiast named William Lyons lived only a few doors away on the same street in Blackpool. Lyons quickly took notice of the quality Swallow sidecar and purchased one. He also realized the potential this stylish conveyance possessed and approached Walmsley with the proposal of going into business together and expanding production. Although not initially keen to do so, Walmsley eventually agreed to the partnership. The pair arranged for a bank overdraft of \$1000, organized workspace, set a production goal of 10 sidecars per week, and the Swallow Sidecar Company was in business! In 1923 the fledgling company had their own stand at the Motor Cycle Show, and they also had the honor of displaying their "chair" on the stands of Brough Superior and Coventry Eagle. Sales were "Ot-As-Ell" and a range of different models was developed to satisfy the demand.

While sidecar production was growing exponentially another exciting development in transportation took place in 1927. Herbert Austin introduced the Austin Seven, a cheap, economical, reliable car designed to bring motoring to the masses. The car was a huge success, but like so many British cars of the period it was also ugly.

Specialist coachbuilders to remedy this flaw were prolific, but they practiced their art producing one-off bodies for cars such as Rolls-Royce and Hispano Suiza. William Lyons once again recognized an opportunity, believing there was a market for a modestly priced car with some visual personality and a touch of elegance.



With a solid sidecar business to bring in cash, the partners launched into specialized coachbuilding and the result was the Austin Swallow. The mechanicals were completely unchanged but with a delightfully pleasing body, thoughtful interior appointments, and stylishly bold two-color exteriors the car was an immediate success. The Swallow Sidecar Company had become the Swallow Sidecar and Coachbuilding Company, in 1927 the name was changed to reflect this. So successful was the venture, by 1929 Swallow Coachbuilding was also working their magic on the Fiat Tipo, Standard Big Nine, and the Swift 10.

Fueled by the demand for the Austin
Swallow, William
Lyons' developed the desire to build his own cars, not merely re-body someone else's. Just nine years after starting in business Lyons was flush with ideas, steeped with ambition, and ready to take that next step.

To be continued...



MARTHA MASCHKE

9/26/1973 - 5/4/2022

Martha A. Maschke, 48, of Rockford passed away May 4, 2022. Martha was born September 26, 1973; daughter of William Maschke and Cynthia (Scott) Maschke. She graduated from Rockford East High School, Class of 1991. Martha dedicated her life to being a CNA and showed so much care and compassion to her patients. She loved reading, doing puzzles and enjoying time with her family and friends. She had so much love for all her pets.

Martha is survived by her mother, Cindy Maschke; father, William (Solveig) Maschke; brother, Brian (Cori Hilliard) Maschke; fury companion, Kozmo; host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, especially Tosha Barnhart and Tracie Barnhart-Scott. Predeceased by her grandparents; and uncles, Byron Maschke and Ralph Scott.

Funeral Service were held at Fred C. Olson Chapel. Memorials in Martha's name can be directed to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary, 111 N. 1st Street, Rockford, IL 61107.



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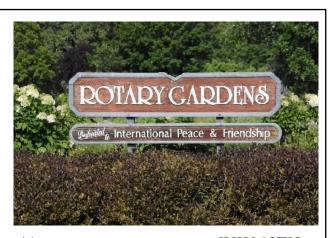
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BBB REGALIA ONLINE

MAY

2022

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Dennis Klemm. 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.

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Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm. Meeting begins at 7:00pm.