



British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

Please join us at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

December 14, 2016

6:00 pm for Cocktails - 6:45 for Dinner

Gift Exchange

To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$15.00 wrapped gift per person and mark it for man or woman. (No gifts of alcohol, please.)

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form

Baked Chicken Ala Lino	8.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Veal Parmigiana	\$8.50	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Shrimp DeJonghe	14.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Meatless Baked Lasagna	7.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

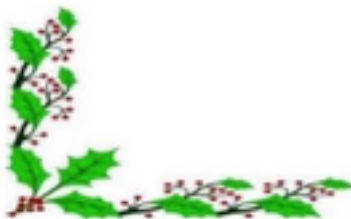
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Next Meeting
**Wednesday,
November 16, 2016**

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 November 2016

Recently I attended my 50th high school reunion. Upon arrival I found myself in a room full of old people that I didn't know. A week or so later I heard someone say "The hours go slowly but the years go fast." I don't remember what they were referring to but my mind immediately flashed back to that reunion, as I'm still trying to figure out where most of those 50 years went.

This year full of club activities seems to have flown out of the BBB calendar just as quickly. Only yesterday we were planning our many drives and events. Now it is almost time to put this, our 20th anniversary year, into the history book. We lost some dear friends this year and made some new ones. We have driven, dined, met, showed, toured, attended, picnicked, celebrated, volunteered, and hosted. Best of all we did these things with friends! Being interested in British cars is what got us together, being interested in each other is what keeps us together.

Looking in the rearview mirror it's been a great year for the club. Looking ahead we are about to attend the last four events of the year, the November Dine and club meeting then in December the cookie exchange and Christmas party. I trust you will enjoy these opportunities as well as an incredible BBB 2017.

Happy Holidays,
Rich

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OCTOBER 19, 2016

BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report – Rich Cannistra

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with 18 members present. Peggy Schmidt introduced her daughter, Samantha Minzer, who was visiting tonight. Rich reviewed all of tonight's raffle prizes.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

No report

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

Motion to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle by Brian Kobischka

Second by Don Grosenick – motion passed.

Treasurer – Lee Kindgren

Treasury report given by Lee Kindgren.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Delores Moon

Second by Roger Buck – Motion passed.

Membership: Bev Joyce

No change from last month. We have 74 paid memberships.

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

Cards have been sent to the following members:

1. Solveig Maschke's daughter-in-law passed away.
2. Hal Zenisik's mother passed away.
3. JoAnne Fleshman has just had surgery.
4. Joyce Pond is going through another round of Chemo.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these members.

Past Events: Bruce Beneditz

Friends Around the Campfire. The date had to be changed from Saturday to Sunday night because of inclement weather. We had a nice turnout of members who enjoyed good food and great company. Thank you to Marsha and Larry Eils for hosting this event.

The October Drive & Dine (the last drive of the season) was at the LaVigna Italian Restaurant. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by 22 members. Thank you to Leon Kitzmiller and Marv Proctor for hosting this event.

Future Events: Bruce Beneditz

1. We are still looking for someone to volunteer to host the November Dine (no drive for this month). Please contact Bruce if you are willing to set this up.
2. Dec. 7 – Cookie Exchange at MJ Schoening's house. Watch your e-mail for more information.
3. Dec. 14 – Christmas party at Lino's Restaurant. Reservations will be due in December. Watch your e-mail for the invitation. We will have a gift exchange again this year. Price limit is \$15. And gift should be labeled "man" or "woman".

4. Oct. 28 – Old Fart’s Lunch at “Gene’s Place” in Rockford at 1:00 p.m.
5. Oct. 28 – Ladies Who Lunch will meet at “Egg Harbor” in Edgebrook Shopping Center in Rockford at 12:30.

New Business –

It is time to start thinking about new officers for next year. This year the President, Vice President, and Secretary must be replaced. However, anyone wishing to run for any office, please contact Rich to let him know. Please consider taking one of these offices for next year!

Burnt Piston Award –

This award went to Bruce Beneditz for trying to finagle some free raffle tickets with his bogus story.

Raffle: Don Grosenick

1. Cocktail Shaker: Phyllis Beneditz
2. Stainless Steel Thermos Bottle: Lee Kindgren
3. Leather Toiletry Bag: Lew Moon
4. First Aid Kit: Roger Buck
5. Insulated Cooler Bag: Rich Cannistra
6. Bamboo Cutting Board: Connie Frazier
7. Set of six BBQ Kabob Skewers: Brian Kobischka
8. Wine Chiller stick with Aerator Stopper: Samantha Minzer
9. Neck Pillow: Peggy Schmidt
10. Thunder Bay Bucks: Marv Proctor

Adjournment:

Rich ended the meeting with a cute story about a bar room, a piano playing turtle, and a singing rat. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marna Grosenick, Secretary



BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- November 9 **BBB Dine** – Murphys Pub and Grill; Rockford, IL
Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
- November 16 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant
- December 7 **BBB Cookie Exchange**
Host: Mary Jo Schoening
- December 14 **BBB Christmas Party**
Host: Bev Joyce



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LAST DRIVE & DINE OF 2016 A GREAT SUCCESS

by Marv Proctor



On October 12, twenty-two BBB'ers traveled to The La Vigna Restaurant in Oregon Illinois in search of experiencing a new venue not tried before or, to re-acquaint themselves with an experience in culinary delights that made them wonder "Why haven't we been back here sooner?" La Vigna is an Italian restaurant that specialized in the foods and flavors of Northern Italy.

As history has shown over and over again, BBB'ers love to eat, converse about our cars and life in general and socialize with one another in the common spirit of the club. This outing was no exception as we experienced the gracious welcome of our host, Mr. Ali Pauor. We had a private room and dedicated attention of the La Vigna staff. Before and during the meal the bartender, Deb Dickson, made sure we all had the drinks of our choice in a prompt fashion. Our servers, Traci Hilleman and head waiter Jeff Wingert, were attentive to our every need and I for one only heard good compliments on the service and the food. The Spinach Lasagna, Lobster-Shrimp medley and Mozzarella-Spinach Covered Pork Chop that resembled a pork roast were crowd favorites. Topping the meal off with 'made on the premises' Gelato, Spumoni or Tiramisu made the meal complete.

The drive was hosted by Leon Kitzmiller who guided the group from the Sandy Hollow K-Mart parking lot down along the Rock River to LaVigna's just south of Oregon for the evening's enjoyment. I believe it safe to say that "A good time was had by all!"



Here are some candid photos courtesy of Phyllis Beneditz of our BBB members enjoying dinner at La Vigna.



WHAT A GREAT REUNION!!

I'm a BBB member, just back from my 50th reunion in Detroit. While there, I attended a 50th anniversary of The Grand Ballroom reunion YARDBIRDS concert in Dearborn, and the 'Birds arrived in this restored red convertible MORGAN, 1963 (the year they were formed)...it was amazing.

Here are a couple of photos from the weekend. (that's me crouching down in the 2nd photo) Maybe you can put one of these in your newsletter...I'd love to share.

Cheers!

Kathy Kobylas



This beautiful Morgan was loaned to the Yardbirds by Windsor-Detroit MG Club member Jim MacArthur. His right hand drive was one of 22 built in 1963. That is the same year the Yardbirds formed. The car was imported by a stockbroker in 1979 who had purchased it from a Morgan dealer in England. Jim describes finding the car as almost magical. "I was painting my kitchen. The Sunday Auto ads were open, my can of paint on top. There it was. It jumped out at me, the ad for a 1963 Morgan. It took me almost a week and a half to finally talk to the guy.

.....taken from an article written by Heide Otto, WDMGC Vice President, included on the Club's website.

DID - U - KNOW
by Facia Nearside

There was a time when the number of automobile manufacturers in Great Britain were far too numerous to count. Through mergers and liquidations we are down to a precious few, and even many of those are no longer owned here at home. But a few survivors are keeping the British end up, and we should certainly be proud of their efforts. Bristol Cars of Bristol, England traces its roots back more than 100 years. As a manufacturer of aircraft and aircraft engines, the armistice of 1918 ending the world war left the company with a large work force but little production. To fill the gap Bristol began making car bodies for Armstrong Siddeley. Twenty years later, with WWII on the horizon, Sir George White was determined to avoid a repetition of that work force situation. Bristol created an alliance with AFN, Ltd., the makers of Frazer Nash, who were also importers of BMW at the time.

Preplanning and luck combined to place Bristol in an advantageous position following hostilities. By 1946 they owned Frazer Nash and the rights to manufacture three BMW models as well as the BMW 328 engine. Bristol Cars Ltd. separated from the aircraft division in 1960 and has had a long, if inconsistent, list of successful automobiles ever since.

Today Bristol continues to be a low volume manufacturer of hand-built luxury cars. Their latest offering made its public debut at the Goodwood Festival of Speed in June 2016. Named the Bristol Bullet it is a two seat roadster of carbon fibre construction boasting 370 bhp. With a planned production of only 70 vehicles (priced at £250,000 each) you should get your order in early in order to secure an example.

LAST *DINE* OF THE SEASON

by Lynda Vickery

Plan to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 9th for the Club's last *Dine* of the 2016 season. We have made reservations at Murphys Pub and Grill, 510 S. Perryville Rd, Rockford, IL for 6:30 pm. It has been a few years, but the Club has visited this Irish pub before. If you like corned beef and cabbage - this is the place for you!

Please give us a call at 815-623-5611 or email at jim.vickery@yahoo.com by Monday, Nov. 7th so that we can give the Pub an idea of how many to expect! Go raibh maith agat!

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Be sure to get your dinner choices and money to Bev Joyce by December 2nd to secure your reservations for our December 14th Christmas Party at Lino's.

See the invitation - page 1 of this Chronicle addition.

BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

by Mary Jo Schoening & Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo is looking forward to hosting the BBB Cookie Exchange, another favorite event for the club. The festivities begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 7th. Please bring your favorite cookies along with the recipe, a container to take home your cookie selections, an appetizer to share, and your beverage of choice.

If you bring 4 dozen cookies then please chose 4 dozen from among the fanciest, best tasting cookies our members bring. You may bring more, or less, but please take home the same number that you bring.

This co-ed cookie exchange is as much fun for the guys as the gals. We have a relaxed time in MJ's home eating our way through the appetizers and visiting with each other before making our cookie selections to take home. Many of us have found the exchange a perfect way to have a great selection of cookies on hand for the Holiday Season. See you there!



A Lucas King of the Road Automotive Lamp



OUR BBB WEBMASTER THOUGHT THIS WAS WORTH SHARING!



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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Rockford, IL 61107
leekrkfd@aol.com

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

EDITOR'S NOTE!

Remember there will be no Chronicle published in December. Look forward to our January 2017 issue with plenty of pictures from our cookie exchange and Christmas Party!

Lucas Replacement Smoke

Lucas holds the patent for the short circuit.



REGALIA - NOVEMBER 2016

BBB REGALIA ONLINE



As you can see from the Chronicle articles, Christmas is just around the corner! Now would be a great time to visit the BBB Regalia Page on our Club website and select new shirts, jackets, caps - whatever strikes your fancy - for special Christmas presents. There are also badges, clocks, and hat pins in stock with me. Just give me a call.

Non-clothing related club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery.

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

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from Larry Eils

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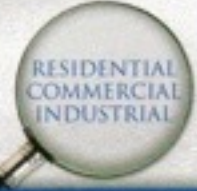
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