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President's Report

November 2022

Time is quickly winding down for the year. There is just one event left on the 2022 calendar. The annual Christmas Party. I turned in our reservation at last month's meeting and Bev told me we were the first ones. I hope to see many of you there this year. The people who put this party together do a wonderful job and it is always a good time. So, let us get this party started.

As I come to the end of my 2nd term as President, I find myself reflecting on the last two years. Covid had a major impact on our activities and virtually shut us down for a while. It was a time when many clubs and organizations struggled and some have not survived. However, British Boots and Bonnets is coming back strong. This can be credited to our enthusiastic and dedicated members.

I look forward to the club continuing to thrive next year and for years to come.

Safety Fast,

Bruce



**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Nov 16, 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

REMINDER!

This is the final issue of the Chronicle for 2022. It has been a busy year for the Club and a pleasure for me to be your Editor. Thank you to the board and all the Club members for their contributions and help. Please contact me with any questions or ideas for next year!

Lynda

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

Please join us at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

December 14, 2022

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.)

Baked Chicken Ala Lino	35.41	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
New York Strip <i>This is market price. Could increase before night of party.</i>	46.44	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Baked Salmon	38.91	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Baked Lasagna	32.42	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
		Total	\$

If you have any questions, please contact Bev at 815-975-0857 or

andsewon53@comcast.net

Reservation and check made out to British Boots and Bonnets must be received

by Monday, November 28, 2022 at

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club

1643 North Alpine Road

Suite 104, PMB 254

Rockford, IL 61107

October, 19th 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ _____7:00_____ pm

Number of members present ___23_____

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm-No Report

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes-Not Present-Crystal Klemm standing in.

October, 2022 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by _Don Grosenick_____

Seconded by __Lynda Vickery_____

Corrections to the September, 2022 minutes-Motion passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka-Not Present-Bev Joyce standing in.

Activity for the period of September, 2022 - October 19, 2022

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$1,745.04
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$3,065.19
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$4,810.23
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$
Overall Total	\$4,810.23

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by- Ron Kuhnau

Seconded by- Brenda Moore

Guests- Joe Gerharghty, briefly attended to become a member.

Membership - Beverly Joyce-74 active members

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery-No Report

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek -Not Present

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz-No Report

Events - Greg Oakes-Not Present

Upcoming Club Events.... From today's meeting until the November Club Meeting.

Mens Lunch will meet at Buster on October, 28th at 1:00PM

Ladies Lunch will meet at RBI on October, 28th at 12:30PM

Regional Events-No Report

Regalia - Dennis Klemm-No Report

Classified - None

New Business - None reported

Unfinished business - None

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient _____None_____

Burnt Piston Award

Recipient ___Rich Gibson_____

For: Attempting to tell a story about Dee Gibson.

Nominated by _Bruce Beneditz_____Second by ___All_____

Marques -No Report

Jaguar-No Report

Mini-No Report

MG-No Report

Morgan-Rich Gibson reported that the 2022 Morgan Plus Four has been unveiled.

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. Ice Scraper	Donna J.
2. Candle	Larry Eils
3. Jaguar Book	Crystal Klemm
4. Vice Grip Pliers	Brenda Moore
5. Lighted Pick Up Magnet	Bev Joyce
6. Scarecrow	Phyllis Beneditz
7. Wooden Pumpkins	Lynda Vickery
8. Welcome To Our Home Sign	Nancy Kuhnau
9. Welcome Friends Sign	Marna Grosenic

Adjournment

Motion made by- Nancy_Kuhnau_____

Second by - Phyllis Beneditz_____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at ___7:40_____ pm

Submitted by: Crystal Klemm standing in for Chris Oakes

BBB Webmaster Report

Given this is the last newsletter for the year, I want to share a big THANK-YOU to all who contributed to the club's website and our efforts to have BBB available to all via the Internet. The website and all it contains would not be possible without your contributions. I could not do this job alone and am grateful and appreciative of your help. Pictures, event and show recommendations, tech tips and a host of other resources are because members shared ideas, resources and information. The club has seen a strong and steady flow of traffic to our website this year and visitors are back following the pandemic slowdown.

To the rest of the membership, if you haven't been to the club's website recently, you may want to check it out. For example, the 2022 Events tab contains a photo gallery to depicts an active club with a wide variety of activities throughout the year. Here's the web address for our website if you want to enter it into your favorite Internet browser or simply [click/touch on this link](#) to go direct if you are reading this online. Go to <https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/> and use the navigation menu to move to the webpages of interest on our website.

For all, by the time you are reading this, work on our events calendars for 2023 will have begun. Your recommendations for future state and regional British car shows or other events you think would be of interest to little British car owners will be appreciated. We are a multi-marque British car club and I'd like our calendar to support multi-marque events. Feel free to call or email me if you have questions or comments.

Happy Holidays!
Your Webmaster, Hal Zenisek
hzenisek@comcast.net

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.

2022+ EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Nov 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 14 BBB Christmas Party, Cocktails 6 PM, Dinner 6:45 PM followed by our Gift
 Exchange; Lino's Restaurant, Rockford, IL
- Jan 18 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

ALL FIRED UP

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Saturday afternoon was a typical October day with blustery winds and cool temperatures. However, as the club members arrived for the campfire the wind subsided and a beautiful, but cool, fall October evening unfolded. The 16 members in attendance enjoyed a clear night sky with a bright full moon shining on them all evening.

Upon their arrival our guests were greeted with a roaring fire tended by Bill Maschke, our fire captain for the evening. Bill did a marvelous job of keeping the blaze going to keep everyone nice and warm as they sat around the fire enjoying everyone's company. A large variety of snacks and beverages were available to make the evening even more enjoyable.

The following members were in attendance: Bill and Solveig Maschke, Greg and Chris Oaks, Bob and Diane Schwarzkopf, Richard and Roxann Cannistra, Connie Frazier and Hal Zenisek, Mike and Brenda Moore and Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz.





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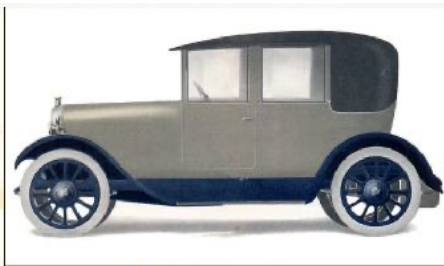
by Facia Nearside

Bean might be the most successful British car manufacturer you've never heard of. Automobile production began in 1919 and continued until 1937, but that was only the beginning as subsequent owners continued to produce components for the auto industry until 2005. Along the way Bean outsold Austin and Morris throughout the early 20s and built the car which captured the land speed record in 1937.

It all began as the Perry car. James and Stephen Perry were making bicycles in Birmingham England when they branched off with a cyclecar in 1911. By 1914 production also included a 4-seat 4-cylinder tourer called the Perry 11.9. Following the Great War, the Perrys decided not to resume producing automobiles so the tooling and manufacturing rights were put up for sale. George Bean, chairman of the firm A. Harper, Sons & Bean had prospered making shell casings for the war effort but at the end of hostilities he was left with a large factory and no work. Bean took the opportunity to make a jump start into automobile manufacturing and the Perry 11.9 became the Bean 11.9.

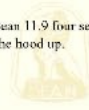


Jack Bean, George Bean's son, was an ambitious businessman and planned to become one of England's leading car manufacturers. He visited the United States and purchased machinery to install one of the first twin track assembly lines in England. By 1922 production was up to 100 cars per week including a 4-seat tourer and a 2-seater with dickey. In 1923 the larger Bean 14 was launched and one year later the line included four models several of which became popular in Australia. That same year Bean diversified into commercial vehicles producing a lorry, ambulance, coach, and light bus based upon Bean 14 underpinnings.

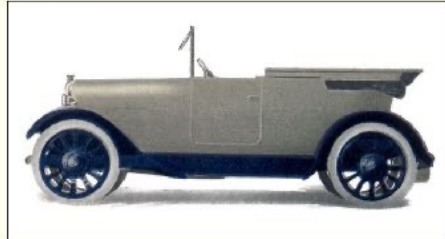


From the 1919 Bean catalogue.

The Bean 11.9 four seater coupé with the hood up.



A side view of the Bean four seater coupé.



From the 1919 Bean catalogue.

Sadly, company chairman George Bean died in 1924. Jack Bean went on a world tour to promote the company's products but upon returning he resigned to join the board of Guy Motors. Despite this, progress under new ownership continued and 1927 saw the introduction of the Bean 18/50. Then in 1928 the Hadfield Bean 14/40 which was followed by the 14/45.

Up to this time Bean had a reputation for producing reliable vehicles. Unfortunately, the troubles that plagued the 14/45 put an end to all that. By 1929 more cars were being returned to the factory with faults than were being produced. As a result, Bean Car production ended in 1929 and the company went into liquidation in 1931.

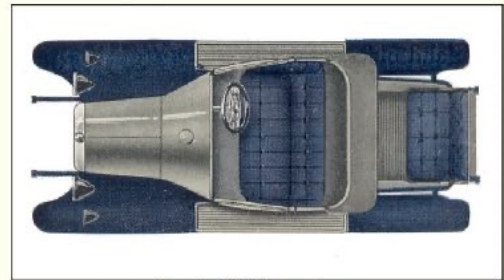


From the 1919 Bean catalogue.

A side view of the Bean two seater coupé showing the dickey seat.



A plan view of the Bean two seater coupé showing the seating arrangements.



From the 1919 Bean catalogue.

A new chapter was started in 1933 when Bean Industries was launched to produce castings for the motor industry. This proved to be a very lucrative decision and what started as A. Harper, Sons & Bean in 1919 survived 86 years including ownership by Standard Triumph, Leyland Motors, British Leyland, and finally Ferrotech. They produced their final casting on September 30th, 2005 and the business was finally wound up. As for that land speed record car, it was called Thunderbolt, but that's a story for another time.

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Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me "what sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently "fresh eggs for sale" wasn't the answer.



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A Car's weakest part is the nut holding the steering wheel.



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Cop: You were going fast.

Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.

Cop: There isn't any.

Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.



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**BBB REGALIA ONLINE
NOVEMBER
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.

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 Embroid This (no charge)

Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

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Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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(near East State Street and Bell School Road),

Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.

Meeting begins at 7:00pm.