



British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

Please join us at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

December 16, 2015

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

Program and Gift Exchange

Special musical program with local blues performer,
Justin 'Boots' Gates .

Please have your reservation and check to Mary Jo Schoening by

Monday, November 30th

(Please see your roster for her address).

Checks should be made payable to British Boots and Bonnets.

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: _____	\$ _____
Salmon	\$11.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
New York Strip Steak	\$16.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
Baked Lasagna	\$7.00	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____





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Voice of the BBC

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Next Meeting
**Wed.,
November 18, 2015**

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 2015

Officially the BBB driving season is over. Unofficially we have had some really decent weather lingering late into fall, so I hope that you have taken the opportunity to enjoy your car a few more times before mothballing it for the winter.

This time of the year also brings up a few house keeping items which I anticipate that you will view as opportunities. While all of the officer positions are open to change, some of the officer positions must change due to the limit of two consecutive terms as prescribed in the by-laws. The must changes for this year are treasurer and events chair as Brian Kobischka and Jim Vickery have served the club in these positions for the last two years. If you were at the October club meeting you heard me remind you to start thinking of the fact that these offices need filled. This month nominations for officers for 2016 will be called for at the meeting. The way to keep the club vibrant and moving forward is to get new people with new ideas into the board positions. Please consider sharing your energy and ideas with your club.

Finally, with the warm weather behind us, two of our favorite club activities are just ahead in early December, the Cookie Exchange and Christmas Party. As usual both Mary Jo and Bev with her Elf committee have been hard at work on these two great events. Mark your BBB calendar now to wrap up the club year with these two enjoyable evenings.

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*Busier bee in her bonnet, Her windows wind
up, And down, More room in her
lockable boot, All new from stem to stern.*

- 1962 MGB

Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - October 21, 2015

President's Report – Rich Cannistra

President Rich Cannistra called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 33 members present. He introduced our newest member, Mike Grunewald. Mike is a British Antique Automobile Specialist who owns a Jaguar.

Don Grosenick came up and showcased the raffle prizes for this evening.

Vice President's report – Larry Eils

Larry announced that it is time to start thinking about a calendar for next year. A vote was taken to see how much interest there was in having a calendar again.

Secretary – Marna Grosenick

Motion- was made by Lee Kindgren to accept the minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Second- was made by Hal Zenisek – Motion passed.

Treasurer – Brian Kobischka

Brian reported on club finances. Motion made to accept the report by Larry Eils, and seconded by Nancy Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Membership: Bev Joyce

Bev reported that we now have 81 paid members (including our new member tonight). This is one member more than we had last year at the same time.

Regalia: Bruce Beneditz

No report, as Bruce is on vacation.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

No report, as Lynda is on vacation

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Hal reported that our new website is working well, and is up-to-date, including pictures and information about October events and travels. Please check it out to see what is happening in our club.

Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz

Jenny Plymale had a heart valve replaced. She is doing well, and was to come home today. She is not ready for visitors yet, but would enjoy cards.

Bernie Bowersock blew out his knee, and will need to have surgery.

Fran Cameron found she had some spots on her lungs. Fortunately they were not malignant. She is doing well.

Past Events: Jim Vickery

- We had three Jaguars represent our club at the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival.
 - Don and Trish Huebschen attended with their car.
 - Dave Brickman took second place in the Driver's Class.
 - Ron Kuhnau and Rich Cannistra took third place in the Concourse Class.
 - They said the highlight of the event was that they closed the track for an hour and let the entrants drive, with a pace car, around the track.
 - Congratulations to all of these members.
- Ed Nicholl showed his car in the Jefferson Car Show.
- Rick Hamaker gave an update on the four-day trip club members took to Eagle River. Highlights included a 2-hour cruise on a Pirate Ship, a trip to a cranberry bog, visit to Bond Falls, and watching the Eclipse of the Moon while sitting around a beautiful bonfire. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Rick and Sandy for showing us all such a good time.
- Larry Eils told us about the Fall Color Drive that was held earlier this month. It was a beautiful day to have the cars out, as we visited Holy Hill (the highest spot in Wisconsin), The Spectacular Sculpture Yard, The Elegant Farmer (where Rich and Ron were able to hop a Trolley for an impromptu ride), and ending with a delicious Italian dinner at Roma's in East Troy. Thank you Larry and Marcia for all your work in planning and leading this ride.

- JoAnne Fleshman arranged for our October Dine to be held at Big Foot Inn. We had a huge turnout for the dinner, with well over 30 people attending. Thank you, JoAnne, for a really fun evening.
- Andy Bellis was showing his **1932 Rolls Royce Phantom II Continental** at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in Geneva, IL. He was interviewed for a segment of "My Car Story with Lou Costabile". The 16-minute show can be viewed on U-Tube. Congratulations Andy!

Future Events: Jim Vickery

Nov. 4- Dine only – 6:15 p.m. at Tavern on Clark (Bell School Road). RSVP to Barb Buckavekas

Dec. 2- Cookie Exchange at Mary Jo's house. Watch for further information (Date is 9th, not the 2nd)

Dec. 16 Christmas party at Lino's. Watch for sign-up in the November Chronicle. Reservations are due Dec. 4th.

(Reservations are due Nov. 30th)

Friday: Ladies Who Do Lunch – 12:30 at Olive Garden on State Street

Old Fart's Lunch - 1:00 at Backyard Bar & Grill in Cherry Valley

MARQUES:

MG , - March 25-29 - National MG trip to Australia

MG2016 will be in Kentucky next year. Check www.mg2016 for sign-up information.

Mini – Club meeting will be on Nov. 10th.

The Rolls Royce, jaguar, Healey, Lotus, Triumph, Morgan – No report

Unfinished Business –

None

New Business –

Rich reported that we have two open offices for next year – Treasurer and Regalia. If you would be interested in running for either of these offices, (or any other office), please let him know.

Classified –

None

Good Wrench Award –

Don Grosenick nominated Ron Kuhnau for helping him figure out what was wrong with his Jaguar, and getting it running again. He also nominated Rich Cannistra for helping him get the parts he needed to fix the car.

Bev Joyce nominated Rich Cannistra for being so dedicated to the club that he came for the meeting, even though he was leaving town at 2:00 the next morning.

The vote was unanimous to give raffle tickets to both members.

Burnt Piston Award –

None

Raffle: Don Grosenick

- Basket of Apples – Nancy Kuhnau
- Blanket – Ed Nicholl
- Cable Bag/Magnetic Tool Set/Drive Bit Set – Ginger Spaight
- 10" Crescent Wrench – Archie Morey
- Battery Charger Maintainer – Lew Moon
- Thunder Bay Bucks – Margaret Morey

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 18 **BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant

December 9 BBB Cookie Exchange
Host: Mary Jo Schoening
(NOTE DATE IS 9TH, NOT THE 2ND)

December 16 BBB Christmas Party
Host: Bev Joyce

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DENNIS JUUL

3/1/1942 - 10/24/15



My friend Dennis Juul, born March 1st 1942, died October 24th 2015.

I first met Dennis at a BCU car show, probably 25 years ago or more. From that time on he has been a great friend. At that time Dennis had a red 1962 Austin Healey 3000. Years later he bought a black 1967 Austin Healey and had it restored at Sports & Specialty; including air conditioning and speed control.

Dennis traveled several thousand miles in his Healey to events all over the United States and Canada. Dennis also had in his possession, 2 Porche's, a 1964 356 and a 1996 911. In his earlier years Corvette was his sports car of choice.

Dennis was a long time member of the BBB Car Club, Midwest Austin Healey Club and Porche Club of America.

Dennis had a wealth of friends and will be deeply missed by all.

Friend of Dennis's,
Dwain Plymale.

BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH

Your website is up-to-date and current. You can find details for upcoming events by clicking on any of the calendar items. This month, the club has also received several email inquiries from visitors to the website, and I'll share these with everyone at the next club meeting.

I have started working on the 2016 event calendars and need to hear your suggestions for local, state, regional, or national events that you feel are appropriate for our club members and visitors. Your recommendations are very helpful to me with so many marques represented by the club. I'll add the club hosted events next year once the chair and planning committee meets.

As always, your member & car pictures are always appreciated; we still have club members and cars NOT represented on the website. This page helps members connect with each other, and also communicates who we are to potential future members. You can help by emailing a favorite digital picture of your British car with owner(s) & my address is below. The site has some good examples if you need ideas for photos.

Your ideas, feedback and suggestions for the website are always welcome. Simply email me from the website or use webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com and share your ideas.

Finally, as this is the last newsletter for 2015, I do want to say thank-you for all your support during the new website project this year! The club's new site is ready for the future and better supports the growing number of mobile users! Check out the new site from a smartphone or tablet sometime soon.

Hal Zenisek
Webmaster

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
brian.kobi@yahoo.com

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

FALL DRIVE

by Larry and Marsha Eils

The day started as overcast and cool as 10 couples from the car club gathered in Roscoe for the start of the Fall Drive. Sporadic fall color was seen as the group ventured into Wisconsin. We were greeted along the way by a very brief shower (no rain in the forecast) and within minutes drove right out of it. The group enjoyed several interesting roads as we drove further north and much to our surprise, the clouds broke and the sun shone through, warming it up as we arrived at our first stop - The Spectacular Sculpture Yard.



Mr. Bobrowitz's yard is full of metal sculptures of all sizes and shapes in any direction you look. Metals of all types have been used to create animals, people, things, creatures and who knows what. Everywhere you turned was another grouping of sculptures. It was amazing to see what one person could create from someone's junk metal pile.





With the sun shining through the broken clouds, we were treated with a beautiful view of our next stop "Holy Hill", The Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary. The Basilica sits on the highest point in southeastern Wisconsin. The first church on this hill was built in 1863. A second larger church followed in 1879.



The current church, with twin bell towers, was built in 1931. The view of the countryside from the front doors of the church is breathtaking. You can see for miles and with the sun shining the fall colors around the church were amazing.

Four club members, 2 women and 2 men, did climb the 178 stairs to the top of the bell tower for incredible views of the fall color.



A hardy lunch was enjoyed by all at the Holy Hill Café. Of course, no visit would be complete without a visit to the gift shop.



Heading south we drove around a portion of Lake Oconomowoc where many of the original large estate homes are still present and being lived in. From there the group experienced a number of Wisconsin Rustic Roads which have never seen a British car. Our rest stop was at the Elegant Farmer, a unique food store specializing in apple pie baked in a bag. A number of club members came out of the store with some food items not found in our local stores.



The Elegant Farmer is one of the stops on the East Troy Trolley Line. It just so happened a railroad crew were repairing some track and two members from the group went to watch and were kidnapped and taken for a train ride back to the car shed in East Troy, about 5 miles from the Elegant Farmer. With lightning speed we drove our British cars and were able to rescue them as they arrived at the car shed.



Our final stop of the day was Roma's Ristorante in East Troy, WI. After enjoying one of their delicious Italian dinners or their famous Friday night fish dinners, the group departed for home. The setting sun provided a beautiful background after an enjoyable day of driving our British cars.



BIG FOOT INN BIG OCTOBER DRIVE & DINE SUCCESS

by Lynda Vickery

JoAnne Fleshman volunteered to host the October Drive and Dine. She decided on the Big Foot Inn on Highway 14, north of Harvard. The club has been there before, but it has been quite awhile, and reconnecting with Big Foot was great. The turnout was well over 30, and everyone enjoyed their meals and camaraderie with club members. Waitresses did an excellent job of watching over the group with timely service and tasty meals.

Several cars joined up at Roscoe Middle School to caravan over to the restaurant, while several others met the group there. Good weather was again with us, and a few hardy souls still had their tops down.



This evening was a fitting end to our Drive and Dine events for 2015. Thank you, Joanne, for making the arrangements.





Big Foot Inn

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NOVEMBER DINE AT TAVERN ON CLARK

The British Boots and Bonnets dine on November 4th was a huge success. There were 26 members dining at Tavern on Clark, Rockford. Everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious food, atmosphere and great service.

This was the last dine for the year and it ended on a good note. Thank you to everyone who came and helped make this dine a hit.

Hosted by Nancy Kuhnau and Barb Buckavekas.

**COOKIE EXCHANGE DATE IS
DECEMBER 9TH!**

**PLEASE NOTE THE
DATE IS DECEMBER
9TH, NOT THE 2ND**

by Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo Schoening is continuing her annual tradition of hostessing the BBB Cookie Exchange, which is an event that everyone looks forward to. The festivities begin at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 9th. 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.

Everyone knows by now that this is a co-ed cookie exchange. The guys have as much fun as the gals. See you there!

EDITOR'S NOTE!

Remember there will be no Chronicle published in December. Look forward to our January 2016 issue with plenty of pictures from our cookie exchange and Christmas Party!

**DON'T FORGET OUR BBB
CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER
16TH!**

Your invitation is included with this newsletter. Be sure to make your dinner selection and return the invitation with your check to Mary Jo Schoening by November 30, 2015.

If you don't make this final BBB event of the year, you will really miss out on a fun evening!

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS LOGO RECOGNITION

by Lynda Vickery

If you are a member of the North American MGB Register, you recently received their November/December 2015 Journal.

Bruce Wycoff wrote an article about all of the member chapter logos and highlighted some that he thought are outstanding. Several chapters use the Union Jack as part of their logo, as we do. Our BBB logo was illustrated as being an exceptional example.

The BBB logo was created very early in our club's history, and it has always been a source of pride by our members. It's very nice to see that it is admired outside our club membership also.



REGALIA NOVEMBER 2015

BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE

Non-clothing related club merchandise is available directly through the BBB Regalia Page. These items can be purchased online or by contacting Bruce Beneditz.

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page. You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

Shipped directly to you (additional charge)

Pick up at EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up a Club Meeting (no charge)

EmbroidThis has moved to a new location at 8018 N 2nd St

Machesney Park , IL 61115. Next to Al's Carpet at 251 and Harlem Rd.

Bruce

TYRES part 2

by Facia Nearside

Scotsman Robert William Thomson, a prolific inventor with a keen sense for innovation, patented the first pneumatic (inflatable) tyre in 1847 at the age of 23. He designed a rubberized canvas tube enclosed in an outer leather casing which bolted to a wooden wheel. He called them "aerial wheels" and several were fitted to horse-drawn carriages in London greatly improving the ride and reducing noise. Despite this the idea did not catch on, as the materials were crude and there was no real need for this product.

Another Scotsman, John Boyd Dunlop (yes, that Dunlop), reinvented the pneumatic tyre 40 years later in 1887. A veterinary surgeon who had knowledge and experience with rubber, Dunlop was looking for a way to make his young son's tricycle roll along more easily. He designed an inflatable tube of sheet rubber and enclosed it in an outer rubber casing producing the first practical pneumatic tyre. Having no knowledge of Thomson's previous work, Dunlop also patented the concept.

This time other events conspired to catapult the pneumatic tyre into the limelight. The "safety bicycle", or first practical bicycle as we know it today, had just been invented in 1885 and bicycle racing was becoming all the rage. Dunlop made the connection that if his tyres were good on a tricycle they'd be great on a bicycle. Soon the cyclists winning races were the ones using Dunlop's pneumatic tyres. To Dunlop the veterinarian, this was all just a distraction from his primary interests, so he sold the right to his idea for some cash and a small share in the pneumatic tyre business. Within two years Dunlop's patent was also declared invalid because of the earlier filing by Thomson.

Despite these setbacks for Dunlop, the pneumatic tyre was here to stay. The world was becoming enamored with a new contraption called the automobile. Early examples rode on little more than glorified bicycle tyres, so the transition of this concept was a natural. The first use of pneumatic tyres for automobiles occurred when the Michelin brothers equipped a racecar with them in 1895. Although the car didn't win the race it generated considerable interest and soon Michelin became the leading producer of tyres in Europe.

To arrive at the product that we take for granted in today's world, three more major improvements were necessary, two made by the very recognizable names of Goodyear and Goodrich. We will pick this story up again in part three.

MG MORGAN TRIUMPH




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