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Wednesday,

November 15, 2017

Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois
(near East State Street and
Bell School Road)

**Dinner and social hour
at 6:00pm**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2017

I want to thank Lee Kindgren for so ably filling in for me in conducting the October meeting, my apologies for the unplanned and unannounced absence. November is now here and Indian summer days when we can enjoy some late top-down runs out and about are few and far between; in fact some of our LBC's are already winterized with dust covers applied. November has a couple of key and important dares; 11/5 is Daylight Saving so don't forget to turn those time pieces back an hour and 11/11 Veteran's Day is when we can all honor our veterans who are serving and have served in America's military forces; Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard; let me be the first to thank you for your service to our country.

December and our annual Cookie Exchange and Christmas Party are fast approaching, both events are a lot of fun when we can share some special moments reminiscing about this year's Club activities. We also have our final Dine this month and I hope to see you all there, 11/8 at Toni's in Winnebago. Please refer to the "Event's" section of this month's Chronicle.

A quick reminder that we need nominations for filling the Events Chair and Treasurer positions (both two year terms) we can poll membership at this month's meeting.

And a repeat from last month's message: At the August 2017 Board Meeting, Officers recommended that the BBB By-laws be amended to change the term limit for the Regalia Chairman, adding that position to those exempt from the maximum consecutive term stipulation. Current By-laws limit the Regalia position to a two year limit. The proposed language can be found in the November Chronicle. We will be voting on this change at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend the November meeting and would like to register your vote, please use the absentee ballot found in this month's Chronicle. Please complete and mail immediately so the Club Secretary has it two days prior to the November 15th meeting.

John



PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BBB BY-LAWS

Below you will find the proposed revision to the BBB by-laws. The board recommends that the motion to approve this change stipulates that this revision be effective January, 2018.

**By-Laws
BRITISH, BOOTS AND BONNETS
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**Proposed Revision
Adding Regalia Chairperson to the Exemption from the
maximum consecutive term limits stipulation.
*New items in Italic and underlined***

ARTICLE V - BOARD MEMBERS (OFFICERS) AND ELECTIONS

Section 3 - An individual can only be elected to the same office for not more than two (2) consecutive terms. The offices of Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson and Webmaster *and Regalia Chairperson* are exempt from the maximum consecutive term stipulation.

Absentee Ballot

British Boots & Bonnets

November 2017

Revision to Bylaws

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 2 of the Club Bylaws, the following ballot is published to allow for absentee voting. **If you are unable to attend the meeting on November 15, 2017 and wish to vote, please do so below.**

	<u>Vote of Member #1</u>	<u>Vote of Member #2</u>
I vote to approve the revision to the bylaws as printed in the October 2017 Chronicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I vote not to approve the revision to the bylaws as printed in the October 2017 Chronicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ballots must be received by the Club Secretary at least two days prior to the voting meeting which takes place on November 15, 2017.

Signed by Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Member #2: _____ Date: _____

Mail the completed ballot to BBB, PMB 254, 1643 North Alpine Road, Suite 104, Rockford, IL 61107.



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

Lino's Restaurant in Rockford on **December 13, 2017**
 6:00 for Cocktails - 6:45 for Dinner
 Gift Exchange to begin shortly after Dinner

Please send your reservation and check made out to British Boots and Bonnets by **Thursday, November 29th** to :

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
 1643 North Alpine Road Suite 104, PMB 254,
 Rockford, IL 61107

Please note this date is not the date of our normal BBB meeting. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form — Please return by November 29th!!!

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			\$ _____

OCT 18, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward - No Report

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Lee Kindgren, BBB Treasurer, filling in for John Ward, President, and Brian Kobischka , Vice-President. Thirty-one members were present. No new members or guests were present.

Lee Kindgren reviewed the raffle prizes for the meeting.

Vice President's Report - Brian Kobischka - No report

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Rich Cannistra to accept the September report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Treasurer's Report given by Lee Kindgren.

Larry Eils made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Roger Buck. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No report.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - No report.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek - No report.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

Ron Kuhnau is doing fine after a pacemaker was put in recently.

Steve Carter is doing well after cataract surgery.

Ginger Spaight is due to have some surgery on October 23rd.

Bruce Benezitz is doing fine after he had 8 stitches in his left index finger after an argument with a table saw.

Regalia - Jim Vickery -No Report

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz hosted the September Dine and Drive to Cucina di Rosa restaurant in Rockford. Thirty people enjoyed the food and especially the gelato!

Pizza by the Pond at Larry and Marsha Eils' was cancelled, due to weather.

Upcoming Events

October 27 - Old Farts lunch at MC Tap at 1:00 in Monroe Center

October 27 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at Ciao Bello at 12:30 in Loves Park (on Riverside)

November 8 - Dine (no drive) at Toni's Restaurant in Winnebago (508 N Elida Street)

December 6 - BBB Cookie Exchange, hosted by Mary Jo Schoening (Bring 4 dozen cookies and take home 4 dozen)

December 13 - BBB Christmas Party at Lino's Restaurant, Rockford

September 2018 British Invasion in Vermont, featuring the Jaguar mark.

Classified -

Lee and Delores Moon have their 1975 red MGB for sale (\$10,500).it has a fresh engine and fresh carburetor. Please share the info to help get the word out.

Carol,Eggleston has a 1966 Princess for sale (\$6,000)

Unfinished Business-

The ByLaws that were revised in August at the Board Meeting regarding term limits for the Regalia Chairperson will be presented to the membership for voting approval at the November meeting. If you will not be able to make the meeting and wish to vote, please use the ballot in the Chronicle newsletter to do so before November 15th.

Regarding the hat, it is still in Rockford, awaiting a response from an email sent out. (A suggestion was offered that the last BBB hat in inventory be given to Hal Zenisek to send to a young man from Oregon state doing a school project who found our website and complimented us the website presentation. Marv recounted a past Club response when a club T-Shirt was sent to an individual from Singapore who was interested and had contacted the Club.)

New Business -

The BBB Board position of Events Chairperson is open for nominations. Please consider helping out the club by volunteering to assist with this position. Rich Gibson is willing to be part of a committee to help out with club events.

Burnt Piston Award- None

Good Wrench Award - Roxann Cannistra nominated Lee Kindgren for filling in to run the October 2017 club meeting. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed. Lee Kindgren received 5 free raffle tickets.

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Fall Pumpkin - Eileen Meier
2. Turkey Bell - Carol Eggleston
3. Fall Leaf Wall Hanging - Roger Buck
4. Pumpkin Picture Frame - Diana Gibson
5. Candle - Larry Eils
6. Microfibre Auto Cloths - Luz Lehman
7. Sta-Bil Fuel Stabilizer - Lee Kindgren
8. LED Bit Ratcheting Driver - Hal Zenisek
9. GOJO Hand Cleaner - Lynda Vickery
10. Microfibre Wash Wand - Ron Kuhnau
11. Coasters Set - Kyle Cook
12. Thunder Bay Bucks - Leon Kitzmiller

Adjournment

Roger Buck told a story about a lady who broke her bra strap when her Morgan hit a bump during a road rally.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

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
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
leekrkfd@aol.com

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

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Nov 8	BBB Dine - Toni's Restaurant; Winnebago, IL. Host: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller
Nov 15	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec 6	BBB Cookie Exchange Party Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party Hostess: Bev Joyce

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BBB EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2017

As I am writing this it is a beautiful fall day with blue skies. It may be a bit cool but the sun is shining and the road beckons. However, the driving season has come to an end for those of us with Illinois Extended Antique Plates. My cars are safely tucked away for the winter. It's not British, but I will keep driving the Miata until they put salt on the road.

The weather in October did not cooperate with the scheduled BBB events. One of our favorite events, Friends Around the Campfire, hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils, was canceled due to rain. Poor weather also turned the last Drive and Dine of the season into just a Dine.

- October 11 - Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz hosted the Dine at Cucina di Rosa Italian restaurant in Rockford.

Just a few events remaining as the year is so quickly coming to an end.

- November 8 - Dine at Toni's in Winnebago hosted Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller.
- December 6 - BBB Cookie Exchange hosted by Mary Jo Schoening. This was the first event that Phyllis and I attended back when we joined BBB and it continues to be one of our favorites.
- December 13 - BBB Christmas Party. Bev Joyce and her team always put together a wonderful evening. Better start shopping for your exchange gift.
- There will be no Ladies Who Do Lunch or Retired British Touring Group Lunches in November and December.

This puts a wrap on another great year of events. I give a great big THANK YOU to all of you that volunteered to host an event this year. The willingness of members to host and the great number of members that participate in the events makes BBB an amazing car club.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz

NOVEMBER "DINE" TO BE HOSTED BY LEON & PEGGY KITZMILLER

Leon and Peggy have arranged a dinner at Toni's of Winnebago, meeting at the restaurant at 6:00 P.M.

Toni's is located at [508 North Elida Street, Winnebago, IL](#) and features a **Wednesday special of all you can eat ribs** for \$16.00.

Please call or text Leon at [815-978-5231](tel:815-978-5231) with your reservation by November 4th. He will need to let Toni's know how many of us to expect.

Leon's e-mail account is not working at this time, so please don't e-mail him your reservation.



ANNUAL BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE WEBNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

by Mary Jo Schoening & Lynda Vickery

Mary Jo will be hosting the annual cookie exchange and party with a starting time of 7 PM. Please bring your favorite cookies along with copies of 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.

We look forward to another wonderful Holiday gathering!



2017 BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2017



Don't forget to complete your reservation form (see the form attached to this Chronicle) to attend the BBB Christmas Party!

Please return to: British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
1643 North Alpine Road, Suite 104, PMB 254
Rockford, IL 61107

Plan to have a great meal at Lino's plus a wonderful evening of fun with your BBB friends! If you enjoy gift exchanges, our gift exchange is tons of fun - unlike any other! This is the highlight of our Club year.

If you can help please contact Bev Joyce, andsewon53@concast.net.

BBB YEAR IN REVIEW

As I am coming to the end of my two year stint as the BBB Events Chairman I have been reflecting on all this club does each year. Prior to being the Events Chair I knew we were active but never realized how active and how important all of the volunteers are. Below is a summary of a typical year for BBB.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Volunteers/year</u>
• 4 Saturday Drives/Events	8 (typically 4 couples)
• Garage Tour	1
• Tune-up Picnic	2
• Ladies Tea	1 w/ help
• Club Picnic	2 w/ lots of help
• British Car Swap Meet	1
• Friends Around the Campfire	2
• Long Weekend Trip	4 (typically 2 couples)
• Cookie Exchange	1 w/ help
• Christmas Party	1 w/ help

That totals 24 events and at least 45 volunteers. Not bad for a club of 73 members!

Then there are the unofficial BBB events and events not requiring much planning.

- 10 Old Farts lunches
- 10 Ladies Who do Lunch lunches
- NAMGBR Annual Meeting trip
- Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration
- Crossroads Blues Festival

When you add in the 11 monthly meetings there are typically 58 opportunities per year for club members to gather. That is incredible for any organization. We should all be proud of what we do as a group.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or volunteered in some way to make all of this happen. You are what makes BBB work and make it a fun and exciting organization to be a part of.

Bruce Beneditz

OCTOBER DRIVE & DINE TURNS TO A GREAT “DINE” EVENT

In spite of a cool and somewhat dreary evening, nine hearty souls gathered at the Three MG Shop in Roscoe for an extended country drive east of town that would take us to dinner at Cucina di Rosa in Rockford. At the drivers meeting we discussed if we should do the drive as planned or take a more expedited path to the restaurant. By unanimous vote it was decided to drive directly to the restaurant, arrive early, and have more bar time. So off we went.

By dinner time nearly 30 of us had gathered to enjoy an Italian dinner. This was a new restaurant for us so we didn't know quite what to expect. Simply stated, we were not disappointed. Rose and her staff were friendly and served us wonderful home cooked Italian meals. Dessert was a special treat with many flavors of homemade gelato and Italian cookies. Cucina di Rosa is not far from Thunder Bay and may be a great place to go after a BBB meeting on a warm summer night for treats. ☺

The conversation was fun and lively as it always is when a group of friends share a meal together. Thanks to all who attended and to Rose and her staff (family) for a wonderful evening.

Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz



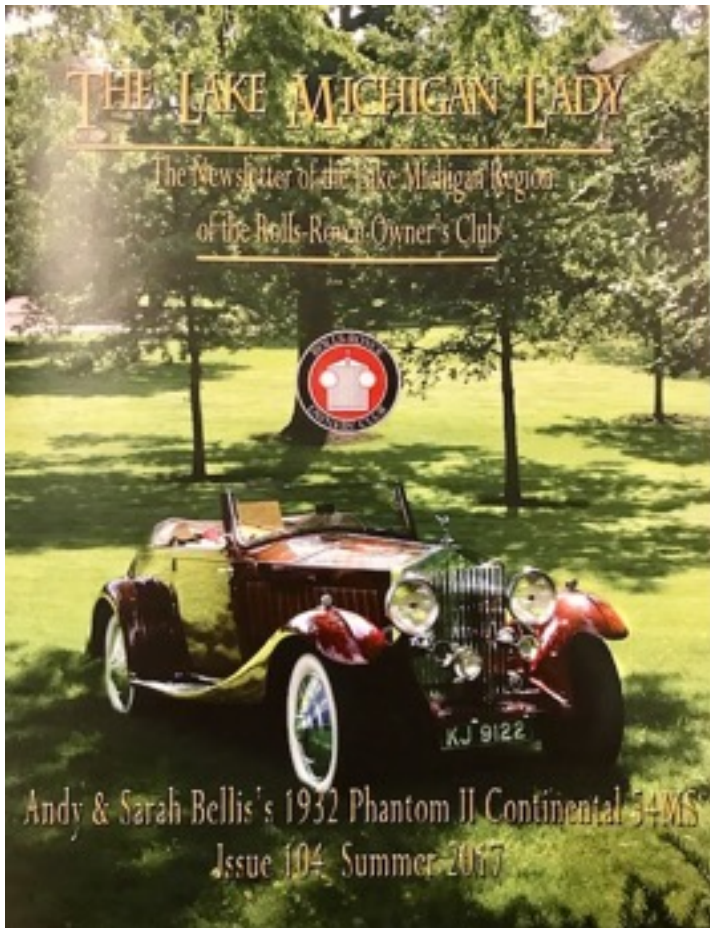
WEBMASTER REPORT

by Hal Zenisek

2018 is my theme for this month's newsletter. I can hardly believe 2018 is just around the corner. For the club's website, that means it is time to start building a calendar of activities for next year. And, you can help! If you hear of a British car related event that you feel would be of interest to our members and visitors, please send me the announcement and I'll try to add it to our 2018 calendar. Many of you are affiliated with other car clubs, various marques, and assorted car related organizations, and your contributions for our website will be appreciated and add much. While the BBB hosted events will be added later, it is not too early to start building the calendar of events for 2018 and listing links to regional or national events of interest to our members and website visitors. Thanks in advance for your ideas!

Hal Zenisek

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BBB Club Members, Andy and Sarah Bellis had their 1932 Phantom II Continental featured on the summer issue of "The Lake Michigan Lady". This is the newsletter of the Lake Michigan Region of the Rolls Royce Owner's Club.

Congratulations Andy and Sarah!

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Scottish marine engineer Alexander Wilson began business in 1857 as Alexander Wilson & Co. Engineers, manufacturers of marine pumps and other mechanical items. In 1897 the company name changed to Vauxhall Iron Works Co. LTD, and production soon expanded to include a one cylinder petrol marine engine. In 1902 this engine also became the basis for their first motor car. By 1905 larger premises were needed so the Vauxhall suburb of London was abandoned for a larger location at Luton and the name changed once again, becoming Vauxhall Motors.

Fortune smiled upon the young company in 1908 when a 24 year old draughtsman named Laurence Pomeroy designed an engine which was so successful it gave Vauxhall's superior performance to everything in their class. Sporting models became known for their racing success and posh saloons were favorites of the wealthy and famous. Production continued during WWI with staff cars for British forces.

After the armistice in 1918 Vauxhall found the landscape had changed. The expensive pre-war cars were no longer in demand causing profits to dwindle. Finally in 1925 Vauxhall was acquired by General Motors Corp. Slowly over the next several years, production was shifted from luxury and sports cars to small family cars, lorries, buses, and even tanks during WWII. This successful formula continued after the war, expanding into Germany in the 1960s with the Opel Kadett.

In 1967 Vauxhall became a Royal Warrant Holder, a motor vehicle manufacturer to HM The Queen. Continuing success then brought expansion into the United States with Chevette and Cavalier. In 1994 the company was once again honored with the warrant of HRH The Prince of Wales.

Now, more than 100 years on, Vauxhall is the second largest selling brand in the UK and has been for the last two decades. The philosophy of providing a quality product at a fair price has obviously stood the test of time. Perhaps they took their cue early on from another giant in the auto industry, William Lyons. His success at the helm of Jaguar was centered around the philosophy that: "For every person who will open their purse to buy a sporting car, 99 will open their purse to buy a saloon."



BBB REGALIA ONLINE

NOVEMBER 2017

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery. This includes:

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

one BBB visor - \$10

British flags for cars - \$5

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 EmbroidThis (no charge)

Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

*I will be happy to stop by EmbroidThis and pick up your order. It is right on the way to our meeting location. Just let me know!

Jim Vickery



Here are samples of BBB regalia that can be found on the Club's website, BBB Regalia Page. There is a nice selection of clothing. Even when winter is here and we tuck our LBCs away, there are several winter sweaters and jackets available. Ace will be happy to help you!

Jim Vickery



Wine Carrier



NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! Order that special Christmas present NOW - vests, sweaters, shirts, and other items with our BBB logo added by EmbroidThis makes the perfect gift!

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