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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2018

Welcome October 1st and all things Fall, it's cool outside and raining today with not much top down warm weather forecast ahead. If we're lucky and the weather holds, there's lots to do this month if you're thinking about taking a road trip or two; fall festivals, pumpkin patches and apple orchards, not to overlook the always fun cranberry harvest and festivals. We're working on two of our favorite day trip spots, Baumgartner's in Monroe and Lake Geneva. Edward's Apple Orchard is open and we've already been twice; we're looking forward to having lunch there a few more times before they close.

As I write my October President's message, the Cubs and Brewers are playing in Wrigley Field to see who will be the NL Central Division Champion and who will be the Wild Card. I've never checked but I believe there are as many Brewer fans in the State Line area as there are Packer fans so I must be careful not to disclose which team I'm rooting for. So far the score is 1 to 1, the way things should be. Not to be overlooked but football season is well under way and of all things the Chicago Bears are looking pretty good; they beat Tampa Bay 48 – 10 Sunday with Mitch Trubisky tossing 6 touchdown passes. By the way, does anyone know who that beautiful woman is seen in Lambeau Field VIP suites lately? It seems to me that Aaron Rogers now dating one of Roscoe's own, Danica Patrick; great looking couple.

Here's hoping the weather is good for this year's Pizza by The Pond scheduled for this Saturday; see you all there (it's my understanding that Sunday October 7th is the rain date). The Boots and Bonnetts Board of Directors will be holding a meeting at the Ward's home on Thursday October 18th from 7:30 to 9:30 to finalize business for CY 2018.

John

Next Meeting
Wednesday,

October 17, 2018

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

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



SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report – John Ward

Meeting was called to order by President, John Ward. Thirty-one members were present. There were no guests or new members present.

Vice President's Report – Brian Kobischka - No Report

Secretary's Report –Dee Gibson (Report submitted by Sandi Ward)

A motion was made by Don Grosenick to accept the August report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Connie Frazier. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Larry Eils

Larry Eils presented the financial report.

Motion made by Hal Zenisek to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Membership – Bev Joyce

Presently 70 members; it's down a bit now but varies from year to year and throughout the year.

Chronicle/Newsletter – Lynda Vickery – No Report

Webmaster – Hal Zenisek – No Report

Sunshine – Phyllis Beneditz

Eileen Meier is having lingering issues from her stroke; nerves are regenerating which is a good thing. Keep her in our prayers for continued recovery.

Regalia – Jim Vickery – No Report

Past Events –Rich Gibson (Report submitted by Larry Eils)

Thanks to Lynda & Jim Vickery who hosted the dine at Irish Rose Restaurant. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Future Events – Rich Gibson (Report submitted by Larry Eils)

September 28 – Old Farts' Lunch at Rydott's Corner Tavern on Hwy. 2 at 1:00.

September 28 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at Garretts on Bell School Rd. at 12:30

Future Events - Rich Gibson (Report submitted by Larry Eils)

October 6 – Pizza by the pond at the Eils home at 5:30; Bev will get an e-mail out in case of rain. Pray for no mosquitoes!

October 10 – Drive & Dine hosted by Mike & Brenda Moore, 615 Club, Beloit, WI.

November 14 Dine will be hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson.

Reminder, the club meeting is on November 28 because of Thanksgiving.

December 5 – Cookie exchange at Mary Jo Schoening's.

December 12 – Christmas party at Lino's

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Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Another board meeting is required for this year. A note will be sent out to board members for possible dates.

Burnt Piston Award – None

Good Wrench Award – Don Grosenick for all his work providing raffle prizes and selling tickets.

Raffle – Don Grosenick

1. Mum Plant - Solveig Maschke
2. Mum Plant - Sandy Hamaker
3. Mum Plant – Marna Grosenick
4. Mum Plant – Phyllis Beneditz
5. Mum Plant – Sandi Ward
6. Mum Plant – Connie Frazier
7. BBQ Grilling Skillet – Brian Kobischka
8. BBQ Grilling Skillet – Roger Buck
9. Pittsburgh Screwdriver Set – Leon Kitzmiller
10. Craftsman Screwdriver Set – Ron Kuhnau
11. Digital Multimeter – Bev Joyce
12. Thunder By Bucks – Carol Eggleston
13. Rolls Royce Puzzle – Larry Eils

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bev Joyce and seconded by Don Grosenick. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Sandi Ward for Dee Gibson, Secretary

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- OCT 6 - **BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND**
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- OCT 10 - **BBB 6:00 P.M. Dine at the 615 Club in Beloit**
Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
- OCT 17 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- OCT 18 - **7:30 P.M. BBB Officers Annual Meeting**
John and Sandi Ward's House
- NOV 14 - **BBB 6:00 P.M. Dine at Salamone's Italian Restaurant and Bar
103 S. Cherry St., Cherry Valley, Illinois**
Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
- NOV 28 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- DEC 5 - **BBB Cookie Exchange Party**
Host: Mary Jo Schoening
*Watch for more info in future emails
- DEC 12 - **BBB Christmas Party - Lino's**
5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL

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Welcome New Members!

New membership applications are available on the club's website.
Register by sending your completed application to:

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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
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Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.

EVENTS REPORT

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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That's all for now 😊 - Rich Gibson

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

OCTOBER 10TH "DINE"

WHERE: THE 615 CLUB, 615 BROAD ST, BELOIT, WI

WHEN: 6 PM

The October 'Dine' will take place at the 615 Club at 615 Broad St., Beloit, on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. We will order from their regular menu. Please let Mike or Brenda you will be attending so they may let the restaurant how many of us are coming. Contact info is 815-218-3560 or mbmjjs6@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER BBB "DINE"



September's second Wednesday BBB event was a Dine Only at the Irish Rose Saloon in downtown Rockford. Twenty-nine BBB Enthusiasts converged on the Rose for an evening of fun, refreshments, and great food. We were able to sit in their back room which made visiting easier even though we were seated at several different tables. One of their unique features is their Fresh Board menu - fresh not frozen meats and fish. Our servers, Taylor and Anna were attentive and we were treated very well.





STOWE AND THE BRITISH INVASION

by Rich Cannistra

On September 11th Mike Ackerman, the Bartletts, Gibsons, and Cannistras departed for Stowe VT and The British Invasion. After spending the first night in Ohio we arrived in Titusville PA the second day in time to tour the site of the world's first oil well. We enjoyed the very interesting historic site then retired to The Caboose Motel where we were each treated to our own caboose for the night. Day three took us to Amsterdam NY and a night in the Amsterdam Castle. Rich and Jackie Bartlett, our castle experts, considered the accommodations reasonably authentic, and a royal evening was had by all.



When we got to Stowe on Friday, events kicked off with a Friday night street party showcasing many beautiful cars. Saturday dawned clear and warm and as forecast, some 600 British rides were on display at the events field. Roxann Cannistra was pleased to be awarded third in class for her 1970 Jaguar E-Type. Sunday provided more opportunities to enjoy the cars, both on display and with driving opportunities through the Vermont countryside. Following the weekend festivities we all went our separate ways, and by the time we reached home a week later Roxann and I had logged 3000 miles.









MORGAN 3/4 AUTUMN GATHERING

by Rich & Dee Gibson

After saying goodbye to our fellow travelers in Stowe, we (Rich and Dee Gibson) headed to the Morgan 3/4 Autumn gathering in Hancock, Massachusetts. A fine hospitality room and a car wash station was conveniently set up for all.

Owners had the opportunity to take several turns running the Autocross set up in an abandoned shopping mall parking lot. An electronic start clock was utilized on the twisting course where cones had been set up to mark the course. A walk-through of the course then a drive-through with your car was held prior to the first car's run. It was amazing to see these fine machines racing with wheels screeching to a stop at the end cone! Rich was awarded the "Rookie Autocross Driver" award!



We took part in the Road Rally Challenge (first time ever) and ended up winning first place. How this happened, we're not quite sure ourselves as we were one of the last cars to return!

The Concourse involved 40 beautiful Morgans and was divided into 8 classes. Our little 3-Wheeler wound up winner of its Class (Newer Morgans).

Then, the 8 Class winners were judged for technical merit. We had to pick our jaws up off the floor when it was announced that we had won the Grand Champion trophy. Maybe no one else wanted to haul the 3-foot tall, 30-pound trophy home themselves! But what a club recruitment tool this was as we now joined the Northeast Morgan 3/4 Club!



The members were welcoming, active, and loved driving their cars! And that's what it's all about, isn't it? We're supposed to bring the trophy back next year for the next year's winner so perhaps another jaunt to the east coast next fall might be on the schedule?



WEBMASTER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018

Have you heard about any plans for car related shows and events next year? Have folks involved with your marque sent you information yet about meetings or get togethers planned for 2019? If so, please let me know and I will start building the website calendar for 2019. All I need is the event name, location and if possible contact information.

Second, photos from recent events were uploaded to the website last week. If you haven't looked at the website recently, you might want to review the photo gallery from 2018 events. I encourage you to send any of your favorite pics as well and they can be added to the website for all the enjoy.

Thanks,

Hal Zenisek, BBB Webmaster

...from **THE ETIQUETTE OF MOTORING** first published in 1907

THE FIRST-RATE DRIVER

Quick to observe...quick to act

Almost anybody can learn the elementary part of motor driving, but few attain the perfection of competence which implies an acute sympathy with the vehicle being controlled.

What is required is a vision quick to observe, a mind quick to notice, hands quick to act, in essence the perfect ear and touch.

The first-rate driver of a motor-car anticipates every variation of the mechanism under his control, preventing, rather than waiting to correct its aberrations, foreseeing and avoiding difficulties of traffic rather than extricating himself from them!

The driver should note the hundred and one trifling incidents in the behavior of the motor-car that go to make up its life and idiosyncrasies.

PIZZA, BONFIRE AND RAIN

by Larry and Marsha Eils

Well, for the second year in a row the Pizza by the Pond and Bonfire Party was canceled because of rain. We had over 3 inches of rain which just flooded our backyard, see picture of the yard, and soaked the bonfire pit, again.

Only the Koi and goldfish enjoyed the rain. Of course, the pond also overflowed.

We want to thank everyone who had planned to attend. Perhaps we will explore another time of the year to hold Pizza by the Pond and Bonfire where the weather may be more cooperative.



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Labor Day Picnic

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by Facia Nearside

Great Britain has an everlasting love affair with motorsport. This not only led to competition on every imaginable level but to an amazing array of manufacturers. While some never get a car into production others soldier along for many years with successful products but never become face cards in the British deck. Marcos is an example of the latter.

Founded in 1959 by Jim Marsh and Frank Costin, Marcos derived the company name from the first three letters of each surname. Having worked in the aircraft industry, Costin was an advocate of using marine plywood to form a rigid lightweight structure, thus Marcos racing cars were constructed in this manner. Within a year Marcos GT cars were achieving considerable success, with some noted drivers like Jackie Stewart behind the wheel.

In 1964 the Marcos GT 1800 road car was launched. It had a Volvo 1800cc engine and a sleek glass fibre body that resembled a Ferrari GT0. A unique feature of the car was the fixed seat but adjustable pedals to suit the driver. In 1965 the Mini Marcos debuted, a kit car based on Mini Cooper mechanicals. Laugh if you want but it was the only British car to finish LeMans in 1966! Then in 1968 the Marcos Mantis M70 arrived using a Triumph TR6 engine for its power.

,From there the list of successful models could easily fill a tome. Marcos were experts at securing the services of brilliant engineering minds and borrowing the best mechanicals from throughout the world. As late as 1997 The Autocar tested the new Marcos Mantis and reported: "How a company that builds just 70 cars a year can design, engineer, and produce a car as good as the Mantis is beyond comprehension." However, that small production number in today's hi-tech automated world might have finally been the straw that broke the camel's back. Marcos became insolvent in 2000 but was resurrected by Canadian Tony Stelliga as Marcos Engineering Ltd in 2002. This apparently only forestalled the inevitable. After 48 years Marcos finally wound up production in 2007 and went into voluntary liquidation.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME OF CRICKET

While on our trip to Stowe Vermont, Rich Cannistra brought up the game of CRICKET, mainly played in Britain, Australia, India, Africa. He inquired as to the rules.

As in baseball, Who's on deck, Who's on first, etc, following is an explanation of the game of Cricket as explained to foreigners!



You have two sides; 11 players each side, one out in the field and one in (to bat). Two players at a time.

Each man that's on the side that's in goes out, and when he's out, he comes in and the next man goes in (to bat) until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in (Tea Time) and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When both sides have been in and out, including the not outs, THAT'S THE END OF THE GAME!

The winner is the side that has the most runs after all the in's and out's.

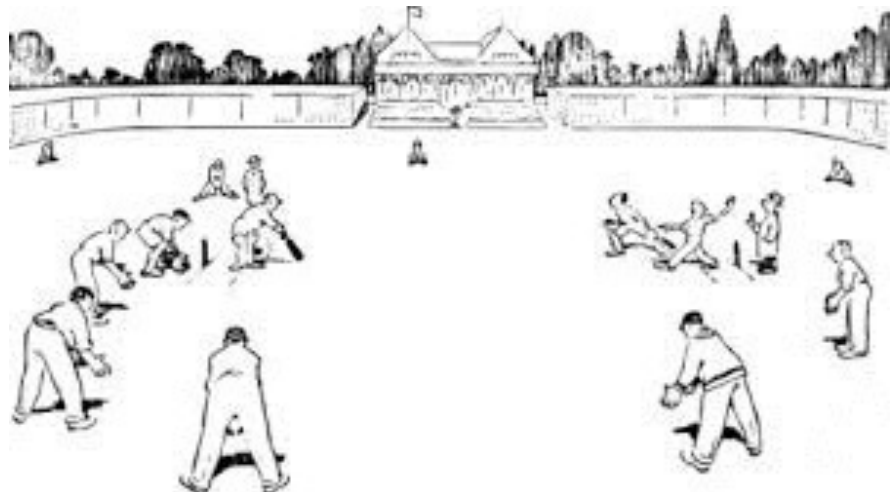
In an INTERNATIONAL match, they do it all again (second innings).

The winner is the side with the most total runs.

This game can take up to FIVE days!

HOWZAT?

Rich Bartlett





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OCTOBER 2018

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
- two BBB visors - \$10
- British flags for cars - \$5

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

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