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## President's Message

October 2015

A There was a splash of color in the North Woods last weekend, which had nothing to do with the leaves. It seemed to attract some attention most everywhere that we roamed. There was red and yellow, blue and green, even some silver. Of course it does not always get noticed, but the times that it does lead to interesting conversations, much reminiscing and more than a few compliments. We even had a couple join us at our eclipse watch camp fire to tell us about the MGs and Triumphs that they had owned.

When I think back to many of those conversations over the years there is usually a common theme: surprise that we still drive these old cars. Perhaps it's an illness of some kind that we can't seem to move on. Perhaps we are just contrarians. Either way it produces an interesting result: one day we look back and realize that the relationships are the important part and the cars are simply the excuse that we employ. We are a group of people from totally unrelated backgrounds united around an unlikely theme.

The 14 of us who went on the BBB North Woods Long Weekend spent four enjoyable days earning our stripes as "driving enthusiasts". We traveled beautiful roads, ate great food, had fun activities, and visited interesting places. But best of all we did it together, getting to know each other a little better and strengthening the relationships.

This coming Friday, October 9th, there will be a splash of color in the North Woods once again as the BBB Fall Drive takes to the road. Sure, it won't be as far north, and no we won't be staying overnight. But we will once again travel beautiful roads, eat great food and visit interesting places. Best of all we will enjoy sharing the experience with our friends in the club.

Is it an illness? Absolutely. Does it have a cure? I hope not! I'm having too much fun and I look forward to sharing it with you on Friday.

Rich

Next Meeting  
**Wed.,**  
October 21, 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

### MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

*"Nobody's pussycat!"*

-1974 Jaguar XKE

## **Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - September 16, 2015**

### **Presidents report – Rich Cannistra**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Rich Cannistra. There were 31 members present. There were no guests present this month. Rich asked for stories about member's Labor Day experiences. Then Don Grosenick came up and previewed the raffle prizes for the night, and gave members one last chance to buy their tickets.

### **Vice President's report – Larry Eils**

No report

### **Secretary – Marna Grosenick**

Motion was made by Ron Kuhnau to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. It was seconded by Hal Zenisek – Motion passed.

### **Treasurer – Brian Kobischka**

In Brian's absence tonight, Bev Joyce gave the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Larry Eils to accept this report, and seconded by Dave Brickman. Motion passed.

### **Membership: Bev Joyce**

We now have 78 paid memberships for this year. Bev is working on an updated roster, and hopes to have it sent out to members later this week. There will be a change in format, with all the officers being listed at the top of the roster, with their telephone numbers. Each officer's name will also be printed in BOLD in the body of the roster.

### **Regalia: Bruce Beneditz**

Bruce reports that he still has a small supply of jackets available in a variety of sizes. Otherwise, check the website to see what other products are available for purchase.

### **Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery**

Lynda requests that all articles for the Chronicle be sent to her by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the very latest. She is hoping to have the Chronicle sent out by the following Sunday evening.

### **Webmaster: Hal Zenisek**

Hal provided a "traffic report" for the new website over the first 3 months of operation. July through September saw an average of 230 visitors per month. On average, each visitor viewed 3.5 webpages each time they accessed the club's website, or an average of 840 page views/month. July had the largest traffic volume with so many members checking out the new site. Traffic was returning to normal in September and is on par with previous traffic levels. The home page, events page, newsletters and 2015 event photos led with the most popular page views. Web analytics from our hosting service reported that 80% of our visitors were using desktop computers and 20% were on mobile devices (smart phones and tablets).

## **Sunshine- Phyllis Beneditz**

Phyllis reported that Jeff Lathrup's father passed away. She sent a card, and received a thank-you from him.

Bruce Altman has had Rotator Cuff surgery. A card has also been sent to him.

## **Past Events: Jim Vickery**

**9/06** - Was our annual Labor Day Picnic at the home of Ed & Luz Lehman. It was a beautiful day, and the 36 people who attended had a wonderful time. Thank you Ed & Luz for your hospitality

Thank you to Bill Maschke, also, for serving as "Grill Chef" at the picnic. Super Job!

**9/09** - We had 15 people (8 cars) come to the Drive & Dine at the Duck Inn in Delavan. Thank you to Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz for hosting this event. The food was delicious, and we all had a wonderful time.

**9/13** - British Car Fest in Palentine. Rich Cannistra showed his car, and came home with the "People's Choice Award" for the Silver E-Type Jaguar. Congratulations Rich!

## **Future Events: Jim Vickery**

**9/25** - Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet (Jefferson, Wi)

**9/25 - 9/28** - Long weekend trip to Eagle River, WI (or better known as "Up North"). This event is hosted by Rick & Sandy Hamaker and Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz. If you are planning on attending, please watch your e-mail for details.

**10/09** - Fall Color Drive, led by Larry & Marsha Eils. Please note that this date is a **FRIDAY**. We will leave at 9:00.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> stop - a spectacular sculpture yard
2. Holy Hill - Rustic Roads
3. Hill Café for lunch
4. Lake Oconomowoc drive
5. Elegant Farmer (for shopping)
6. Romas in East Troy for an Italian dinner

**10/14** - October Dine (only), hosted by JoAnne Fleshman, will be at the Big Foot Inn. Again, watch your e-mail for further details.

No Ladies lunch or Old Farts Lunch this month because so many people are going to be gone.

## **Marques:**

- **MG** , - The Chicago MG Club is planning a wine & cheese tour. They will start in Rockford on Friday night. On Saturday they will travel to Eagle, WI, to Old World Wisconsin. They will spend Saturday night in Whitewater, WI, then go on to New Glarus, WI on Sunday.

- **Mini** – Over 1300 cars participated in the “Minis across the Mackinac Bridge” event. There will also be a Summer Picnic the last weekend in September.
- **The Rolls Royce Club** visited the Adlai Stevenson home.
- **Jaguar** – Dave Brickman won 2nd place, and the People’s Choice Award at the Milwaukee Masterpiece Car Show. Congratulations Dave!
- **Healey, Lotus, Triumph, Morgan,** - No report

**Unfinished Business –**

No report

**New Business –**

Bev Joyce reported that plans have started for our annual Christmas party. It will be Dec. 16th at Lino’s Restaurant in Rockford. The Board has agreed to again pay \$10.00 towards each person’s dinner who attends the party.

**Classified –**

None

**Good Wrench Award –**

Nancy Kuhnau nominated Ed & Luz Lehman for hosting the Labor Day Picnic. The vote was unanimous – they received 5 raffle tickets. Thank you Ed & Luz!

**Burnt Piston Award –**

None

**Raffle:** Don Grosenick

1. Compact Air Compressor – Luz Lehman
2. Dead Blow Hammer – Lew Moon
3. British Mug & flag – Bev Joyce
4. Garden Mum – Connie Frazier
5. Garden Mum – Lynda Vickery
6. Thunder Bay Bucks – Solveig Maschke

**Adjournment:**

Rich closed the meeting with a few jokes honoring “Lucus Wiring”. He adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

# BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

## 2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS

October 9	<b>BBB Fall Drive</b> Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
October 14	<b>BBB Dine</b> –Bigfoot Inn; Harvard, IL Host: JoAnne Fleshman
October 21	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
November 11	<b>BBB Dine</b> – Tavern on Clark; Rockford, IL Hosts: Barb & Bob Buckavekus and Ron & Nancy Kuhnau
November 18	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant
December 2	<b>BBB Cookie Exchange</b> Host: Mary Jo Schoening
December 16	<b>BBB Christmas Party</b> Host: Bev Joyce

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**Save the Date !!!**

***December 16, 2015***

**Please come to eat, drink and be merry while celebrating the holiday season with the British Boots and Bonnets Car Club at our annual Christmas Party.**

**Lino's Restaurant in Rockford**

**6:00 pm - Registration and Cocktails**

**6:45 pm - Dinner, Program, Gift Exchange**

**More details and registration form in the**

**November Chronicle.**

***(Reservations will be due December 4th)***



## BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH

Your website is up-to-date and current. Pictures from recent events are posted along with a couple new member pics. You can also find details for upcoming events by clicking on the calendar item of interest. If you wish, click on the map link and you can even get driving directions to that event from Google maps - not that any of us need directions!

As reported at last month's club meeting, the new website continues to see good traffic from visitors far and near. Our hosting service reports we've averaged around 230 visitors each month during the first 3 months of operation. Each visitor viewed an average of 3.5 pages per visit and so that's over 840 page views per month. July had the largest traffic volume due to so many members checking out the new site. Traffic was returning to normal in September and is on par with previous traffic levels - over 100 visits monthly. The home page, events page, newsletters and 2015 event photos led the list of most popular content. The Web analytics report from our hosting service indicated that 80% of our website visitors were using desktop computers and 20% were on mobile devices (smart phones and tablets). The club also joined the MG Site Ring in September and folks can now find us from that resource. If interested, go to [www.mg-cars.org.uk/webring](http://www.mg-cars.org.uk/webring) for more information, I think we are the 137th member of that MG focused web ring.

Looking forward, work will start on the 2016 event calendars in the next few weeks. I would appreciate your suggestions for local, state, regional, or national events that you feel are appropriate for our club members and visitors. This is 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 committee members do some planning.

As always, member and car pictures are most appreciated and helpful; we have many members represented on the website already but not all. You can help by emailing me a digital picture of your British car with owner(s). This page helps members connect cars to families and also communicates who we are to potential future members. Your ideas, feedback and suggestions for the website are always welcome. You can email me at [webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com](mailto:webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com)

Thanks for all your support, Hal Zenisek

### 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](mailto:brian.kobi@yahoo.com)

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

# LIBERTY FARM PICNIC A CLUB FAVORITE

by Lynda Vickery



Our annual Labor Day Picnic at Liberty Farm was once again a ringing success. The weather agreed with us, and, even though it was warm, there was a gentle breeze that made sitting under the trees a relaxing experience. Ed and Luz Lehman opened up their farm to everyone and outdid themselves to insure that everything was set up just right, and that everyone had a good time.



Once again, Bil Maschke manned the grills and perfectly cooked the meat provided by Ed and Luz. Club members brought dishes to pass. There was more than enough to eat, from appetizers to dessert, including ice cream. Surely no one went away hungry!





As a special surprise, Ed had asked a friend to bring over two of his vintage cars for us to see and even ride in. Mike Grunewald, who lives near Harvard, came with a rare Dayton Stoddard and a Franklin. The Dayton Stoddard was, of course, made in Dayton, Ohio, by John & Charles Stoddard in the early 1900s. Franklins were made from 1902 to 1934 by Herbert Franklin and his partner, John Wilkenson. Mike graciously answered our many questions, and then offered rides around Ed's pond in the Franklin. They have been beautifully restored and were a treat to see. Ed also brought out his wagon, attached to his ATV, and took many members for a ride down and around his pond.



For the last several years Ed has donated some of his woodworking projects for door prizes. This year was no exception. Joyce Pond won one of Ed's coveted multi-wood bowls; Yves Boode won a rocking horse with moving legs; and Solveig Maschke won a wooden pizza board. This, too, is always an event everyone looks forward to.

Enjoy the pictures taken by Rich Cannistra. If you weren't able to make the picnic this year, you missed a great day. And be sure to mark your calendars early for next year.

Ed and Luz, thank you so much for your gracious hospitality!



# DUCK INN SEPTEMBER DRIVE & DINE DESTINATION

by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz

September's Dine and Drive, hosted by Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz, was everything it was quacked up to be.

Weather can be iffy this time of year but we were fortunate to have a beautiful evening for a top down drive on back roads into southern Wisconsin. After a 45 minute leisurely drive we arrived at the Duck Inn Supper Club near Delavan, Wi.





There we were greeted by the friendly staff to enjoy fine food in a classic Wisconsin Supper Club atmosphere. The Duck Inn is one of fifty restaurants included in the book “Wisconsin Supper Clubs, an Old-Fashioned Experience” published in 2013.

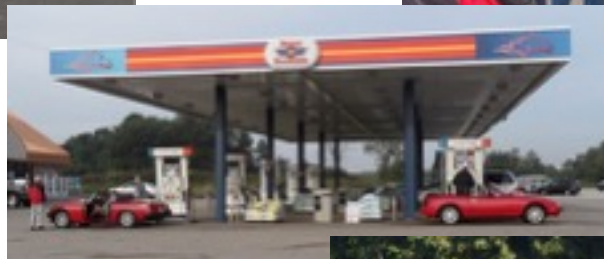
Seventeen club members made the trip. As always is the case with club events, everyone had a good time with lively conversations around the tables. Many stories were shared, both new and old.

Sadly the driving season is quickly coming to an end as this almost the last Drive & Dine of the year.



## 2015 CLUB WEEKEND, OUR TRIP "UP NORTH"

After months of planning and much anticipation 14 club members rolled into the Road Ranger in South Beloit, IL on Friday, September 25th. Eager to head north, a little morning fog did nothing to dampen the spirits and the lively chatter as coffee was refilled and last minute information distributed. By 9 a.m. the caravan was on the road and with the fog melting away it became apparent that we were set for a very pleasant day's drive.



Just as we were settling in on some beautiful two lane roads north of Madison, WI some unexpected construction related detours appeared ahead. In typical BBB heads up style, new plans were formulated and the detour quickly disappeared in the rear view mirror. Following a pleasant lunch at Culver's, everyone was eager to continue on as the beautiful fall color was now becoming more widespread. By 5 p.m. we were closing in on our destination and it was obvious that we had managed to corner some of the best weather of the entire summer. Pulling into the Eagle Waters Resort was icing on the cake. A beautiful facility in a gorgeous location and all arrangements in perfect order.



As fish fries are a tradition in Wisconsin, we decided to stay right at Eagle Waters Resort for their Friday night fish fry. We were not disappointed. The fish was excellent and came with the usual coleslaw and potatoes.



Avast, ye mateys! That was our welcome to Pirates Hideaway and a cruise around the Eagle River chain of lakes. Captain Steve, in full pirate garb, was ready and, after push off, took us through many lakes and regaled us with fun info of our surroundings! We even saw some Eagles, and we think we got a glimpse of Mary Jo's former home. We all behaved and no one had to walk the plank! Great weather for sailing with good friends.



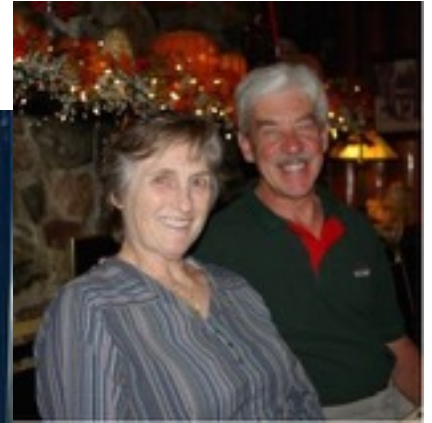
Saturday for lunch found us at Sweetwater Spirits & Resorts which just happened to be right next door to the Pirate ship. The sandwiches and salads were very good and the weather was such that we could sit outside on their deck.

Bruce and Phyllis then hosted an open house at their cabin where we all enjoyed their dock and cocktails on their deck - both offer beautiful views of Deerskin Lake. They have truly made their cabin their second home and we appreciated their hospitality.



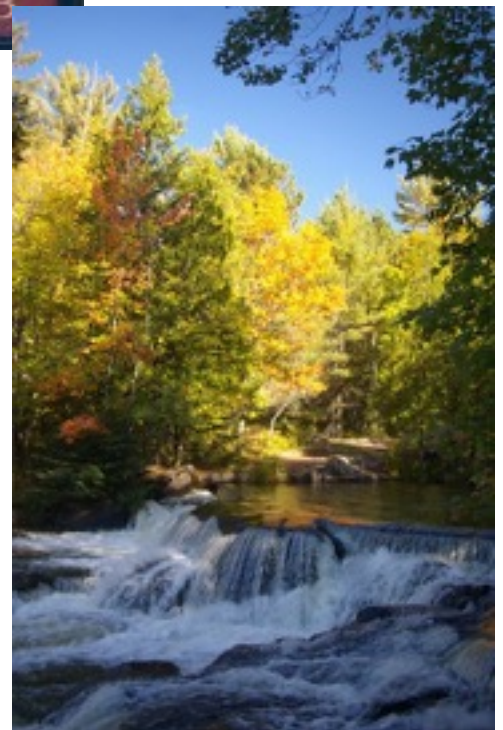
After our relaxing afternoon, we headed over to St. Germain for dinner. Driving through the woods and around lakes, we found our way to Clearview Supper Club on Big St. Germain Lake. This was a classic Northwoods supper club with all knotty pine interior. Most of us had Prime Rib which was their special for the evening. Everything was very good and the wait staff was very accommodating as they split the meals onto separate plates in the kitchen!! And after the meal we took the main roads back to the Resort.





After a free Sunday morning we took a short drive for lunch at Braywood, located on Catfish Lake. The weather was again warm and sunny so we sat on their deck, enjoying both their view and the lake.

Sunday afternoon we made the journey into Michigan to visit the beautiful Bond Falls. Located near Paulding, Michigan, it is the best single waterfall in the Western U.P. The main drop of this falls is approximately 40 feet, and it is over 100 feet wide. This allows the water to tumble over a thick belt of fractured rock, dividing it into many small cascades. There are several trails that wind around the falls, for those of us that were adventurous enough to hike them. The rest of us viewed the falls from the wooden walkway that runs in front of the falls. Bond Falls is a natural waterfall, but it has been enhanced by a nearby dam built by the Upper Peninsula Power Company.







No BBB Drive is complete without a stop for ice cream, which we did on our return from the Falls!



On our last evening, we went to another 'Wisconsin Supper Club,' on the north Shore of the Eagle River, the White Spruce Inn for dinner. This log building was built in 1884 by George Dickinson as a home for his family. Over the years, before becoming a restaurant, it served many purposes, including as a school house. After dinner we returned to the Eagle Waters Resort and built a campfire using paper and cereal boxes as kindling to get the flame started. As luck would have it, it was the night of the full moon eclipse, and skies were beautifully clear for viewing. Another evening of fun and camaraderie before heading home the next morning.

Both the trip up and the return were made with no car issues! But after a full 4 days of eating, everyone is probably thinking diet and exercise now! But it was worth every mile and every calorie!



# **GO'IN UP NORTH - EPILOG BY OUR HOSTS, RICK AND SANDY HAMAKER**

The reward for the time and energy spent on planning an event is, for us, seeing people enjoy the results of that planning. We would like to thank all the participants for joining us for the Go'in Up North weekend. They are: Jim and Lynda Vickery, Don and Marna Grosenick, Rich and Roxanne Cannistra, Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka, Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz, and Candy and Rip Pelkey. These people were a perfect fit for the weekend activities, and one could not ask for a more harmonious group. Wonderful people, great weather, good food, and fun activities; who could ask for more?



## **MINIS ON THE MACK**

by Larry Eils

The English hold the record for having the largest parade of Mini's, 1,450. On August 1, 2015 the North American Mini owners attempted to break that record by crossing the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan. Unfortunately, there were only 1,319 Mini's present so the record remains. However, plans are already underway to try and break the record in 2017. Marsha and I were unable to attend this year's event but we are definitely going to try and attend the next attempt.

## **THE CAT DAYS OF SUMMER**

by Roxann Cannistra

No doubt you have heard of the dog days of summer, but two club members are thinking a change to feline might be in order as two of the club's Jaguars have recently captured four awards in competition.

On August 24th, Dave Brickman's 1971 Jaguar E-Type was awarded 2nd place People's Choice at the Milwaukee Masterpiece. His beautiful car was again honored at the VSCDA Vintage Festival at Elkhart Lake, WI by winning 2nd place in driven class concours against very stiff competition.

On September 13th, Rich Cannistra's 1973 E-Type received the People's Choice award for Jaguar XKE at the British Car Festival at Harper College. The car also received 3rd place in concours competition at the VSCDA Vintage Festival on September 18th.

Congratulations to both of these beautiful cars for putting their best paws forward in representing BBB!

## Time for the Fall Drive

by Larry and Marsha Eils

Our last official driving event of the year is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015. We will meet at the Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road at 8:45 am for a short driver's meeting and then head out at 9:00 am.

With the recent temperature change we may just begin to see some color in the hillsides as we drive through the Wisconsin countryside. Our first stop will be the "Spectacular Sculptures" of Paul Bobrowitz ( he does have a website). From there we visit "Holy Hill" to enjoy the beautiful view from the top of the hill. A light lunch is available at the Hill Café. Let's hope the observation tower is open so the more adventurous of us can climb the 178 steps to the top. We then head back driving through some interesting Wisconsin Rustic Roads which have not seen a British car. There will be a short stop at the Little Farmer, famous for apple pie in the bag, before reaching our dinner location, the Roma Restaurant for a nice Italian dinner. With a satisfied appetite we head for home.

Looking forward to seeing you on our last drive.

## Big Foot Dining Just Around the Corner

by JoAnne Fleshman & Lynda Vickery

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 will be our final "drive & dine" for the year. There will be no formal touring drive. If you would like to caravan, meet Jim & Lynda Vickery at 5:15 at the Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road and the group will leave at 5:30 pm.

JoAnne has arranged for 6:45 pm reservations at Big Foot Inn, 11508 N US Highway 14, Harvard, IL 60033. Our club has been there before, but it's been awhile. It's near the intersection of N US Highway 14 and State Line Rd. Please let JoAnne know if you plan to attend - and whether you will caravan or meet at the restaurant. Her email is [jf946@hughes.net](mailto:jf946@hughes.net).

We'll see you there!

## "Dine" in November Will Be Held at Tavern on Clark

by Lynda Vickery

Barb & Bob Buckavekas and Nancy & Ron Kuhnau have volunteered to host the final Dine for 2015. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 11th, and plan to join fellow BBBers at Tavern on Clark, 755 Clark, St, Rockford, IL . The Tavern is north of State Street, east of Bell School Rd.

Reservations have been made for 6:15 PM. Please let Barb know if you plan to attend so that they can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect. Her email is [barbb20@hotmail.com](mailto:barbb20@hotmail.com).

## Annual Cookie Exchange

December is fast approaching and that means the annual cookie exchange! Mark Wednesday, December 2nd on your calendar, and start looking for that special cookie or candy recipe.

Details will follow in the November Chronicle.

## Annual Christmas Party

You have already seen the announcement with details for our annual Christmas Party at Lino's on Wednesday, December 16th.

See everyone there for another wonderful gathering and fun evening!

## EDITOR'S NOTE!

Many, many thanks to the BBB members who traveled "Up North" to Eagle River. They all contributed to the preceding article with photos and articles making it much easier for me to fold everything together for the Chronicle. Please visit the club website to see all the photos! There was no way I could put all of them into print!

- Lynda Vickery

## REGALIA OCTOBER 2015



**FINAL CLEARANCE SALE** of all remaining New Old Stock clothing items. The prices have been slashed and this is the last opportunity to purchase these items at any price. Contact Bruce Beneditz if you are interested in purchasing a jacket or visor.

Insulated Red Hooded Embroidered Jacket sizes:

L(1 left), 2XL(1 left), 3XL(2 left) - \$20

Tan visor with BBB Logo (1 left) - \$5

### 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

## DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

When looking at the technology that goes into an automobile it's easy to be distracted by all the glamour and polish, missing one of the lowly but most important parts. If the words bias, sipe or bead mean anything to you then you know that we are talking about the tyres.

Historians offer several ideas of how the word tire originated. In French the word "tirer" means to pull. Iron hoops or thick wires were drawn or pulled around carriage wheels. As this process became more advanced the iron (later steel) bands were heated in a forge, placed over the wooden wheel, then quenched. This caused the metal to shrink and fit tightly on the wheel which would "tie" the wheel segments together and provide a wear resistant surface. One additional explanation is that the word is a short version of the word "attire", since a wheel with a tire is a dressed wheel. The spelling "tyre" appeared in England in the 1840s when railroads adopted the above process of heating a band of malleable iron then shrink fitting it onto the wheel of a train. To this day the accepted spelling for us limeys remains "tyre".

The earliest tyres were bands of leather, followed by iron, then steel. They were placed over wooden wheels to increase integrity and provide wear resistance. Next tyres were made out of solid rubber, a design which is still in use for various non-automotive applications. The majority of tyres in the world today however are pneumatic or contain air. Credit for inventing this concept goes to Scotsman Robert William Thomson. He received a patent for the idea in 1845, and it would seem like the stage was set for producing the product as we know it today. But alas, for a variety of reasons, that did not happen. It was many more years before a practical pneumatic tyre was to appear on the scene and that will be a story for next time.

MG MORGAN TRIUMPH




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