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Wednesday,

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2017

On Sunday evening October 1st, 58 of our fellow Americans were murdered in cold blood while attending a country and western concert in Las Vegas, NV; another 480 were wounded and some of the critically wounded may not survive. This unspeakable act of mayhem and murder is very difficult for us to understand, especially with today's technology we were watching it happen in real time. We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth and many heroes dwell amongst us and touch our lives each and every day; it was amazing to watch our uniformed first responders and those in civilian clothes rush towards the danger to protect and save lives in any way they could; God Bless them all and thank God they have the courage to do what most of us cannot. We have no idea when and where this kind of danger will touch us in the future but we can and must be aware that it is our new reality.

This has been another great year for our little BMC club and as the year spins to a close we hope to see you all at our "last" events of the year; Sandi and I are especially looking forward to attending our first event at Larry and Marsha Eils "Pizza by The Pond". Of course we are looking forward to the annual Christmas party and Cookie Exchange, please refer to this month's Chronicle for details of upcoming events.

Please be reminded that we will be looking for nominations and volunteers for those Officer positions with two year term limits; Treasurer and Events Chair. Elections will be held in January 2018.

At the August 2017 Board Meeting, Officers recommended that the BBB Bi-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 Bi-laws limit the Regalia position to a two year limit. The proposed language can be found in this month's Chronicle along with an absentee ballot if you are unable to attend the November 2017 meeting and would like to register your vote.

John

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"I am old; I recognize it but I don't realize it. I wonder if a person ever really ceases to feel young -- I mean, for a whole day at a time."

Mark Twain

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
A State of Illinois Corporation**

**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			\$ _____

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - John Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Ward, BBB President. Twenty-seven members were present. No new members or guests were present.

John Ward 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 Lynda Vickery to accept the August report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Lee Kindgren. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Lee Kindgren presented the Club's financial report.

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

Membership - Bev Joyce - The BBB Club has 73 members.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - Paper copies of newsletters are available.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

An email was received through the BBB website, offering a 1976 Triumph TR-6 for sale. There is also a 1974 TR-6 (one owner) for sale out of Highland Park and a 1976 Spitfire for sale in the Schaumburg/ St. Charles area. Contact Hal for more info if interested.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - No report.

Regalia - Jim Vickery -No Report

Past Events - Bruce Beneditz

The Crossroads Blues Festival was attended by 8 club members. Music was good from beginning to end. The festival had sprayed for mosquitoes and the weather was perfect!

The BBB Long Weekend drive to Hannibal, hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson was enjoyed by 18 club members in 9 British cars! The weather was absolutely wonderful for the 4-day outing. The Sunday drive through the rolling hills around Hannibal was spectacular.

The September 12th Drive and Dine to Copper Falls in Clinton, Wisconsin was attended by 30 club members. Some met at the restaurant but most enjoyed the drive through tree-lined roads. The food was very good.

Upcoming Events

September 22 - Old Farts lunch at Shopiere Tap at 1:00

September 22 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at Mexico Classico at 12:30

September 29-Oct 1 - Newport, Indiana Antique Vehicle Hill Climb in Newport, Indiana, 50th Anniversary. Rich and Dee Gibson plan to go and welcome BBB club members.

October 7 - Pizza by the Pond at Larry and Marsha Eils's home, with rain date on Sunday. Pizza will be ordered and cheese garlic bread will be offered by the Eils's. Please bring a dessert, lawn chairs, and whatever you prefer to drink. Please call or text Larry Eils if you need directions.

October 11 - Drive and Dine -Cucina Del Rosa, hosted by Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz.

October 21 - For those interested, the Savannah, IL/Sabula, Iowa bridge crossing the Mississippi River will be taken out of commission. The current bridge is 20' wide, and the new bridge will be 40' wide to permit 2 lanes of traffic.

Classified - Please see Hal Zenisek's remarks from the website emails he received.

Unfinished Business- The ByLaws that were revised in August at the Board Meeting regarding term limits for the Events Chairperson need to be presented to the membership for voting approval.

New Business -

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. Marv Proctor made a motion that the hat be given to Hal. Seconded by Sandy Haymaker. Motion passed.

Andrew Bellis sent info that his Rolls Royce was featured on the cover of the Lake Michigan Summer Newsletter.

Burnt Piston Award- None

Good Wrench Award - John Ward nominated Rich and Dee Gibson for their work putting together the long weekend in Hannibal. Seconded by Jim Vickery. Motion passed. They received 5 free raffle tickets.

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Multi-Function Mini Lantern - Sandy Ward
2. Mini Flashlight - Larry Eils
3. Magnetic Parts Holder - Rich Gibson
4. Micro-fiber Auto Cloths - Luz Lehman
5. Gallon of Car Wash - Ed Nichols
6. Silicone Bowl Microwave Popcorn Popper - Solveig Maschke
7. Kitchen Scissors - Ken Pocholski
8. Bamboo Cutting Board - Lynda Vickery
9. Umbrella - Roger Buck
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Sandy Hamaker
11. Large Pumpkin - Eileen Meier
12. Pink Cinderella Pumpkin - Connie Frazier
13. Blue Cinderella Pumpkin - Beverly Joyce
14. "Warty" Pumpkin - Lee Kindgren
15. Apple-Shaped Gourd - Nancy Kuhnau

Adjournment

President, John Ward, told a story about a lady who got pulled over for speeding. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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

Oct 7	BBB Pizza by the Pond & Friends Around the Campfire Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 11	BBB <i>Drive & Dine</i> - Cucina di Rosa; Rockford, IL Host: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
Oct 18	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 8	BBB <i>Dine</i> - TBD Host: TBD
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 - OCTOBER 2017

The weather and license plate restrictions will soon bring us to the end of the driving season. But that doesn't mean that BBB goes into hibernation. Some of the best events of the year are still to come.

We had some great events in September and some of the best weather of the year to enjoy them.

- September 8-11 - BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson. This was a great trip and the weather in Hannibal was perfect.
- September 13 - Drive and Dine - Jim and Lynda Vickery led us on a drive to the Copper Falls Restaurant in Clinton, WI.

As the year is winding down it will be finished in style.

- October 7 - Pizza by the Pond and Friends Around the Campfire hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils.
- October 11 - Drive and Dine, Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz will lead a drive to Cucina di Rosa Italian restaurant in Rockford. We kept it local in case the weather takes a turn for the worse.
- October 27 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunches.
- November 8 - Dine, this is the last dine of the year and a host is needed.
- 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.

Check out the calendar to see all the events that are planned for rest of the year.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz



**OCTOBER DRIVE & DINE STARTS
WITH A DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY
AND ENDS WITH DINING AT CUCINA DI ROSA**

The last Drive and Dine of the season will be to Cucina di Rosa, 1620 N Bell School Rd, Rockford on Wednesday, October 11. Cucina di Rosa is a neighborhood Italian restaurant that has been open for just over a year. It features Italian Style Panini sandwiches as well as more traditional Italian restaurant fare. We will be seated in a private dining room. Meet for the drive at 5:30 at Lyn and Ron's 3MG Shop in Roscoe. The address is 9026 Swanson Drive which is just east of the intersection of Hwy 251 and Swanson Road. Departure will be at 5:45 for a short 30 minute casual drive through the country side before heading back into Rockford for dinner. Dinner reservations are for 6:30 if you would like to meet us there.

Contact Bruce Beneditz if you plan to attend and let him know if you will be driving or meeting at the restaurant.

Phone 815-543-0026; Email bruce.beneditz@charter.net



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
IS THE DATE FOR THE
ANNUAL BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE**

by Mary Jo Schoening & Lynda Vickery

Once again, Mary Jo Schoening has invited club members to her home to participate in the annual cookie exchange and party. Starting time is 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.

So, get those cookbooks out; your recipe file box; the internet; whatever - find that perfect cookie recipe and start baking! And, guys can make cookies (or candy), too, you know. Either way we will enjoy the many appetizers while visiting with friends and reliving the many fun activities the Club had over this year. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

THE LONG AWAITED TRIP TO HANNIBAL WAS A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER!

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the BBB Annual Long Weekend - this year to Hannibal, Missouri. Eighteen club members in 9 British cars traveled the highways and byways of Illinois, southwest to Hannibal on a 300-mile route through small towns and river lands.



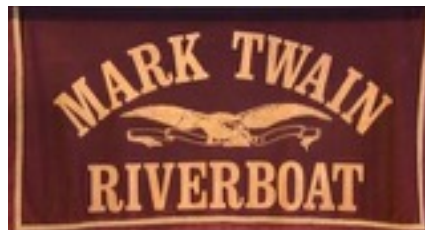
The group had a chance to explore the historic and quaint town of Hannibal, home to Tom Sawyer and Hick Finn's adventures. The hotel location offered the luxury of walking to the many attractive shops, attractions, and places of historical significance.



The Mark Twain Caves complex hosted a rib fest with live music that we enjoyed, along with a tour of the caves and a side visit to the winery on site.



Long weekenders dined onboard the Mark Twain Paddlewheel Boat while cruising the Mississippi, then cruised their British cars on a Sunday drive through the rolling hills around Hannibal.





The original game plan included a visit to Quincy’s All Wars Museum which was also hosting a car show. But flexible as we are, we nixed this plan in favor of remaining in Hannibal to tour the Rockcliffe Mansion, explore Becky Thatcher’s house, explore the parks, visit the Karlock’s Kars and Pop Culture Museum, and ride the very informative and fun trolley around this beautiful town. There was more to do in Hannibal than we had thought! Some of us even climbed the long staircase to the top of the hill to check out the lighthouse.



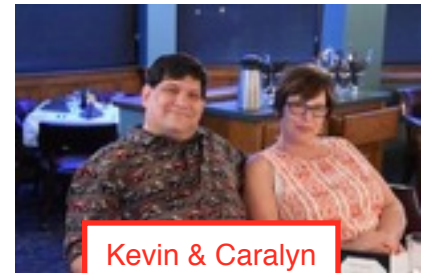
Fortunately for us, the American Duchess Steamship was making her maiden voyage on the Mississippi and was docked at Hannibal for us to enjoy as well.



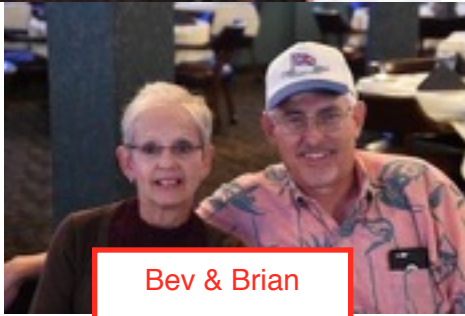
Our final dinner together was celebrated in style at The Pier Restaurant, overhanging the Mississippi River in Quincy.



Dee & Rich



Kevin & Caralyn



Bev & Brian



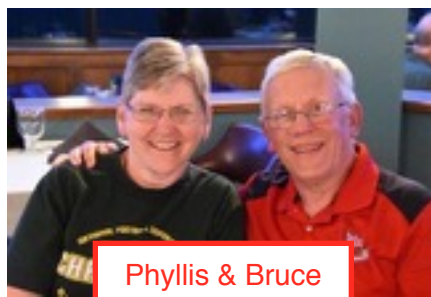
Marsha & Larry



Don & Marna



Del & Kathie



Phyllis & Bruce



Roxann & Rich

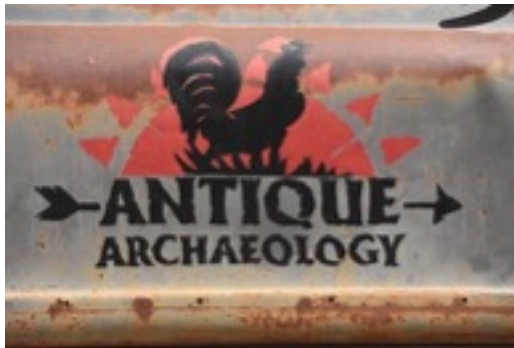


Jim & Lynda

No BBB Long Weekend would be complete without the camaraderie, adult beverages, and snacks at the hotel after a long day of recreation and amusements.



Several members renewed their interest in Samuel Clemen's work and packed their new copies of his old works with their other purchases and belongings and headed north to LeClaire to add their names to the long list of visitors of Antique Archaeology, home of The Pickers TV series. Danielle, Mike, and Frank didn't meet up with us, however.



Rich and Dee would like to thank Rich and Roxann Cannistra along with Bruce Beneditz for their assistance with planning the trip and all the BBB members who joined the Hannibal gang and made the trip such a fun time together.

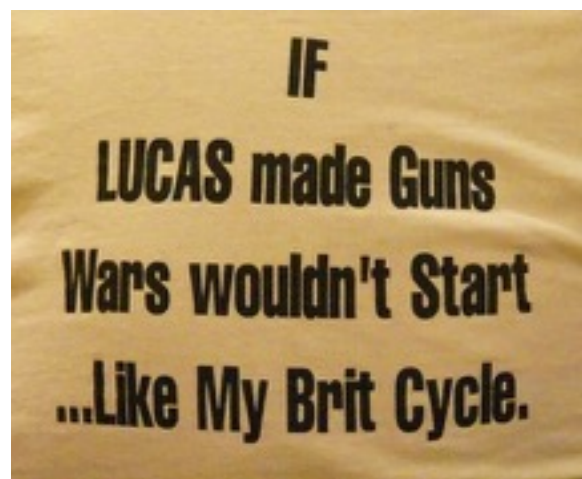
COPPER FALLS WAS THE DESTINATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER DRIVE AND DINE

by Lynda Vickery

Drive and dines have proven to be a popular Club event over the years, and September's drive to Clinton, WI, to dine at Copper Falls was no exception. Ten cars met at Roscoe Middle School to join us in a short, but pleasant drive along pretty country roads lined with trees just beginning to turn. Jim noted the nice variety of British Marques: Jaguars, MGs, our Austin Healey.



Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller have a wonderful travel case in the trunk of their Jaguar complete with a stuffed jaguar! And everyone appreciated his shirt with a timely Lucas comment.





Several more members met us at Copper Falls to bring the total count to 30. We enjoyed the atmosphere of the restored building in downtown Clinton, and the menu offered up great meals. A popular choice was the night's special of ribs. The waitresses did a good job of looking after us. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



WEBMASTER REPORT

by Hal Zenisek

As shared with those attending the September club meeting, the club got an interesting and unique email via the website last month, and I wanted to share it with everyone via the newsletter as well. Also, at last months club meeting, and in reply to the message below, the membership approved sending one of our baseball caps with the club's logo embroidered on the front to Alex.

Be sure to check-out the recent updates at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com.

Subject: my son really enjoyed your British Car page (thanks!)

Message: Hello,

My name is Erica Jacobs, I am from Portland, Oregon. My son Alex is really into cars and trucks. One of his teachers for the upcoming school year (how is it here already?) had the kids do a fun project to get them back in the school mindset, and had them come up with a project on a topic that they are interested in, and come up with an idea how they might do an educational project on it. I thought this was such a cool way to engage students and get them back into learning mode! We are putting together an outline of a project he chose on automobile history. I've been helping him out with his research online, and we really enjoyed your page, <https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com/favorite-links/> . It had a lot of great information, and I know Alex also really enjoyed checking out your pictures of all the different cars you have on the page. We are going to the World of Speed USA this weekend, which is just south of Portland!

Alex is always looking online and learning more about different cars, and he showed me this article he found on the early history of the automobile, http://www.partsgeek.com/mmparts/automobiles_of_the_early_20th_century.html . I thought it was a great article, and I think it is great that he is taking something that he loves learning about and translating that into an educational pursuit. I was hoping you could add it to your page, I would love to show Alex. I think he'd be really excited to have been able to contribute a fun and helpful article to your page.

Thanks again for the awesome page and help encouraging Alex interest in automobiles! If you're able to add the auto history article to your page, please let me know, I'd love to show him! Have a great day and hope to speak to you soon.

Best Wishes,

Erica Jacobs
Portland, Oregon

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

If you have ever done refurbishing work on your British ride you might have noticed the name Wilmot-Breeden. Although never a name on the front side of the brightwork, the firm was a major player in the automotive industry for many years.

Carl Breeden was born in Birmingham in 1891. About 1922 he went to work for Wilmot, makers of the calometer, those ornate radiator-top temperature gauges. Carl Breeden must have been a highly motivated and ambitious employee because within five years he had become a partner and the firm's name was changed to Wilmot-Breeden.

Capitalizing upon the very successful calometer, Wilmot-Breeden grew along with the British auto industry. Soon company products included bumpers and over riders, steering wheels, boot latches, door handles, ash trays, window regulators, and "Union" ignition locks just to name a few. Expansion then continued into the railroad and aircraft industries positioning the company well to support the military buildup during WWII.

When the British auto industry prospered after the war, Wilmot-Breeden's fortunes followed. From 200 employees in 1920 the workforce numbered over 9000 in 1960. Virtually every British auto manufacturer used at least one line of Wilmot-Breeden products if not several. By the early 70's however, the British motor industry was in chaos and falling flat on its face. Once again Wilmot-Breeden found its fortunes tied to that situation. Even selling off parts of the business could not stem the blood flow. The company was about to be wound up in 1979 when Rockwell International stepped in and bought what remained of the once proud business.

Today as we sort and restore our much loved British classics, a Union key or the Wilmot-Breeden name on the back of a window regulator is a reminder of the very successful times for one of the largest suppliers to the British auto industry.



BBB REGALIA ONLINE

SEPTEMBER 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 ball 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



Now's the time to think about that special Christmas present - vests, sweaters, shirts, and other items with our BBB logo added by Embroid This makes the perfect gift! Don't wait too long to place an order.

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