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at 6:00pm**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2017

2017 has been quite the year so far what with cooler and rainy weather and somewhat limited LBC driving days afforded to our Club's members, but September should be an excellent time to rev up those hot little British roadsters. This month's events (Long Weekend at Hannibal Missouri on 9/8 - 9/11 hosted by Dee & Rich Gibson) followed immediately by this month's Drive & Dine (Copper Falls, Clinton. WI hosted by Lynda and Jim Vickery) indeed offer some very good top down driving opportunities. Hope to see you all there.

Sandi, our daughter Brooke and I spent a wonderful week up in Portsmouth, RI almost at the top of Narragansett Bay; our summer bungalow was a water front right on the upper reaches of Sekonnet River Bay offering us daily spectacular views. We spent lots of time venturing out from our perfect little hideaway; one of our most exciting days was traveling to Beavertail Lighthouse at the tip of Jamestown Island where we had a bird's eye view of the classic and historic America's Cub J-Boat Class racers as they competed on the original America's Cup course on Rhode Island Sound. WOW!! FYI, I grew up on Narragansett Bay in a small town named Wickford (established in 1641 and named after Wickford in Essex England). September is also a very exciting month for Ward Family members; our twin granddaughters Josephine and Riley Ward turn 4 today and our daughter Brooke's birthday is September 22. Party time!!

We are fast approaching that time again when we must offer up nominations for CY2018 officers; we will review those current officers that are completing their mandatory 2 year time in office at this month's meeting and I want to commend each one of them on a superb job in discharging their duties. Our club is very healthy with a strong membership and I encourage each of you to step up and volunteer for one of our officer positions; it is the continuous willingness of our club members to come forward and volunteer for these very important duties that make our club so great.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I must tell you that our TF is not venturing too far from the barn these days; when we do take her out we're very careful on where we go and never park her where she can be chipped, scraped or scratched. We're thinking of the Clinton Drive & Dine as our inaugural event, we'll see just how brave the old Col. is!

John

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August 16, 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-nine members were present. No new members were present.

Marna Grosenick introduced her grandson, Austin, who is going into 4th grade.

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 Barb Buckavekas to accept the July report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Don Grosenick. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren

Lee Kindgren presented the treasurer's report.

Jim Vickery made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No Report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Please keep the emails coming about news articles to include in the newsletter.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

New Member was recruited through the website: Mike and Dawn Ackerman of West Allis, Wisconsin who own a "1972 MG Midget. Hearty welcome to both of them!

The Fontana Village Resort in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains has invited club members to stay at the resort while visiting and touring around the U.S. 129 "Tail of the Dragon" in North Carolina. There are 90 cabins, 100-Hotel rooms, multiple restaurants, an events hall and a ball field perfect for hosting car or motorcycle shows. The website is: www.fontanavillage.com

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Per Bruce, Phyllis and Bruce are soon-to-be grandparents!

Regalia - Jim Vickery

One BBB hat is left in club inventory (\$15). There are still some British car flags (\$5) and a few BBB car badges left. Contact Jim and he will bring to the next meeting.

Events - Bruce Beneditz

John and Sandy Ward hosted the August Drive and Dine around the Roscoe area, winding up at Sam's Pizza Restaurant for dinner. A huge thank you shout out to John and Sandy for this well-attended event!

August 13th saw 18 members (9 cars) travel to Dubuque on a very enjoyable ride with lunch on the American Lady yacht. The ride was smooth, the views splendid, and everything well-organized. Rich Gibson had a chance to pilot the yacht for a short time as well. A steep ride down the elevator there was enjoyed, followed by ice cream at the bottom. Then it was back up the elevator and a ride home, interrupted by dinner in Lena. Thank you to Don and Marna Grosenick and Larry and Marsha Eils for organizing this superb day.

Also on August 13th, the club was represented by Jim and Lynda Vickery at the 22nd Annual Botham's Vintage Celebration Car Show. Chevies were the featured car, although an amazing number of British cars were present as well, and surprising considering it was not advertised as a British Car Show.

Upcoming Events

August 25 - Old Farts Lunch at 1:00 at "The Rock" in Beloit.

August 25 - Ladies Who Do Lunch at 12:30 at Garrett's in Rockford.

August 26 - Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park, hosted by Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka.

September 8-11 Long Weekend - Hannibal, Missouri, hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson
Travel packets with directions, daily agendas, and info were handed out to those signed up. The Gibson's and Cannistra's took a dry run trip to the city and area to explore the town and routes. The drive back home will include a stop in LeClaire, Iowa to visit Antique Archaeology, home of the TV Series "The Pickers".

If anyone is still interested in going, please contact Rich or Dee Gibson.

September Drive and Dine will be hosted by Jim and Lynda Vickery. We will be going to Copper Falls in Clinton, Wisconsin. Look for more info in The Chronicle newsletter.

October Drive and Dine - Looking for a host/hostess and venue. Please step up to the plate!

October 7 - Pizza by the Pond at Larry and Marsha Eils's home, with rain date TBD. More info will be forthcoming in the newsletter.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business- Free 2017 calendar for each club member. Contact Rich Cannistra.

New Business - 2017 Board Meeting held Aug. 3rd at the Ward's residence. 2017 Budget was approved, a review of officer duties was conducted and the By-Laws were updated.

Burnt Piston Award- None

Good Wrench Award - Rich & Roxann Cannistra for driving to scout out the Hannibal trip and paying for gas along the way. They received 5 free raffle tickets.

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Automatic Battery Float Charger - Hal Zenisek
2. 32-Piece Screwdriver Set - Sandy Ward
3. 1-Pound Assorted Microfiber Towels - Leon Kitzmiller
4. PVA Quick-Dry Sponge Cloth - Larry Eils
5. Rain.X Washer Fluid Additive - Ron Kuhnau
6. 12-Inch British Style Vintage Silent Round Wall Clock - Barb Buckavekas
7. 3-Piece Bamboo Cutting Board Set - Polly Carter
8. Bamboo Salad Bowl with Serving Hands - Rich Cannistra
9. 25-Ounce Stainless Steel Water Bottle - Lynda Vickery
10. Thunder Bay Bucks - Solveig Maschke

Adjournment

President, John Ward, told a story about a priest, an engineer, and a doctor playing golf.
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
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Rockford, IL 61107
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Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.

BBB WEBMASTER REPORT

If you weren't able to attend the August driving events, or perhaps other club events for 2017, you can view a gallery of photos on our website - just click here to open the home page - www.britishbootsandbonnets.com.and then navigate to the Photos tab and then 2017 event photos folder.

Also, from the Webmaster's inbox:

We've received emails recently from two Chicago area Triumph owners who have decided to sell their cars this fall. One is a 1974 TR6 which has been fully restored and one owner with low miles. The second is a 1976 TR6 with more details pending. I'll share more details on both if they come in before the next club meeting, or feel to contact me directly if you would like to contact the sellers directly.

Hal Zenisek
webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept 8-11	BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
Sept 13	BBB <i>Drive & Dine</i> - Copper Falls; Clinton, WI Host: Jim & Lynda Vickery
Sept 20	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 22-24	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 7	BBB Pizza by the Pond & Friends Around the Campfire Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 11	BBB <i>Drive & Dine</i> - TBD Host: TBD
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 ??	BBB Cookie Exchange Party Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
Dec 13	BBB Christmas Party Hostess: Bev Joyce

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BBB EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2017

I can't believe it is September already and is beginning to feel like fall. Phyllis and I just returned from 10 days in Eagle River and they are already having frost warnings at night. We need to take every opportunity left to enjoy our LBCs. So, if the sun is shining, think twice before driving the sedan or SUV and take the convertible while we still can.

We had some great events in August and good weather to enjoy them.

- August 9 - Drive and Dine to Sam's Pizza in Rockton. Hosted by John and Sandy Ward.
- August 13 - The 22nd Annual Vintage Celebration at Botham Vineyards and Winery near Barneveld.
- August 13 - Sunday Drive to the Mississippi River for lunch on a River Boat. Hosted by Grosenick's and Eils'. What a wonderful drive and a cruise with lunch on a river boat.
- August 26 - Crossroads Blues Festival. According to Bev this may have been one of the best ones yet.

The year is winding down. These events are coming up in the near future.

- September 8-11 - BBB Long Weekend to Hannibal, MO hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson. This should be a great trip and the weather in Hannibal looks perfect.
- September 13 - Drive and Dine - This event will be hosted by Jim and Lynda Vickery and will be to the Copper Falls Restaurant in Clinton, WI.
- October 7 - Pizza by the Pond and Friends Around the Campfire hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils. See the details elsewhere in the Chronicle.
- September 27 - Ladies Who Do Lunch and the Retired British Touring Group Lunches.
- October 11 - Drive and Dine, this event is still in need of a host.

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

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz



"With a classic British sports car it's the only way you're guaranteed the wind in your hair."

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

I am sorry I did not get the September Chronicle in the mail last week prior to the September Drive and Dine. Time constraints finally caught up with me. This means that articles and photos for the Long Weekend Drive to Hannibal as well as the September Drive and Dine will be included in the October issue of the Chronicle. Thank you for your patience!

Lynda Vickery



**THE BBB ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY
WILL BE HERE BEFORE
WE KNOW IT!**

STAY TUNED!

**SAVE THE DATE!!
(DECEMBER 13TH)**

VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

**INVITATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED
IN THE OCTOBER CHRONICLE.**

THE CHOICE FOR OUR SEPTEMBER DRIVE & DINE: COPPER FALLS

The September Drive and Dine will start at the Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road in Roscoe. Members will join in a short but pretty drive to Clinton, Wisconsin where we will dine at Copper Falls, a fine dining gem just inside the Wisconsin border.

Here's the need to know stuff:

Drive and Dine will be held on Wednesday, September 13th.
Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:30, and we will be leaving there at 5:45 pm.

Copper Falls is located at 102 Allen St, Clinton, WI. They have asked us to select 3 menu entrees so that they will be better able to prepare and serve our dinners. Choices are fried chicken, alfredo pasta with vegetables, or prime top sirloin.

Please let us know by Monday night, Sept. 11th, if you are planning to attend and whether you will be traveling up with the caravan or meeting us at the restaurant. Our email is jvickery.jv@gmail.com or phone (851)623-5611.

We're looking forward to seeing you!
Jim & Lynda Vickery

“PIZZA BY THE POND” AND FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE LAST “OFFICIAL” DRIVE OF THE YEAR

By Larry Eils

The British Boots & Bonnets Car Club is having a party on Saturday, October 7, 2017 to celebrate the end of the driving season. All club members are invited for an evening of complimentary food, beverages and a campfire.

The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and is being held at Larry and Marsha Eils home outside of Harvard. A large selection of pizzas accompanied with garlic and cheese breads, soft drinks, and coffee will be waiting. For beverages **other** than soft drinks, please bring your own, a corkscrew and glasses will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. The campfire will be blazing when you arrive to keep you warm. However, you may want to bring chairs, blankets and a warm jacket. Even with our blazing fire it can be chilly.

So, come join us for an evening of food, fun and enjoy the peaceful sound of the waterfall. See you there.

Please RSVP to Larry by emailing rpeonygarden@gmail.com or send a text to 815-382-3547 by Monday, October 2nd that you are coming so there will be plenty of food on hand.

PS. In case of rain or snow, the party moves to Sunday, October 8th. Same start time. If it's raining or snowing in Harvard at 3:00 pm an email will be sent to all members, so check your email before leaving for the party if you have any doubts about the weather.

AUGUST DRIVE & DINE HOSTED BY JOHN & SANDI WARD

John and Sandi Ward lead a leisurely drive through northwest Winnebago County on Wednesday, August 9th, and ended in Rockton, Illinois at Sams Pizza Restaurant. Sams makes excellent local Italian food including their own Italian sausage.



A nice British Boots and Bonnets evening was enjoyed by all.



Thank you John & Sandi!





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BBB AT THE 2017 CROSSROADS BLUE SOCIETY FESTIVAL

by Bev Joyce

On Saturday, August 26th, BBB members met at Kegels Harley-Davidson Dealership and drove to Lyran Park. Live music started at noon and went through 9:30 pm. Performers played on stage right along the Kishwaukee River, and in the Pavilion. Weather was perfect and mosquito-free, and in this writer's humble opinion we heard some of the best blues music in a long time.



The Jimmys, among other bands, provided great dance music and Polly brought her harmonica and took advantage of the workshop at the pavilion. Pictured above are Rick and Sandy Hamaker, Polly and Steve Carter and Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka. Missing from the picture are Leon Kitzmiller and Dana Daubert.

BEAUTIFUL NORTHWEST ILLINOIS ROADS, LUNCH AND CRUISE ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI! - A GREAT DAY!

Early in the morning on Sunday, Aug. 13th, 16 club members gathered at the Caffiend Coffee House in Roscoe in preparation for our trip to Dubuque. We followed some beautiful twisty, hilly roads until we arrived at our destination, the beautiful, two story American Lady Yacht moored in Dubuque, Iowa.



The American Lady was completely refurbished in 2005, and seats 128 guests. The first deck is enclosed and completely climate controlled, and the second deck is an open air deck. We were served a delicious meal of fried chicken, roast beef, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, and chocolate chip cookies, which we enjoyed while watching the beautiful scenery.





After leaving the yacht, we traveled through the city of Dubuque to the Fenelon Place Elevator. This attraction is described as the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway. It is 296 feet in length, elevating passengers 189 feet from Fourth Street to Fenelon Place. At the top of the cliff there is a magnificent view of the historic Dubuque business district, the Mississippi River, and three states. At the bottom, there just happens to be a wonderful, hand-dipped ice cream parlor, the "Sweet Memories Shop" - which we, of course, took advantage of.



Now it was time to start our journey home - again on the best twisty, hilly roads we could find. We stopped one last time in Lena, IL for dinner at Mulligan's Bar and Grill. Then everyone headed off for home.



Larry & Marsha and Don & Marna would like to thank everyone who came on this trip with us for helping make it such a great adventure and good time.

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

Although the three wheel Morgan may seem like a novelty today, it was actually this unique design which allowed the company to establish its roots. Only after 26 successful years of the tricycle did a four wheel addition arrive.

Henry Frederick Stanley Morgan fabricated his first single seat three wheeled runabout in 1908. Powered by a 7 hp Peugeot motorcycle engine the cyclecar had chain drive, tiller steering, and a two speed transmission. Putting it into production in 1910 he founded the Morgan Motor Company. Although some interest was shown, sales were slow and Morgan realized a two seater was needed to meet consumer needs. Built in 1911 the two seat design included a windscreen, bonnet, and steering wheel. The vehicle proved very popular and was even displayed in the window of Harrods. Morgan then solidified its reputation with racing success during the years leading up to WWI.

Following the war, Morgan continued to introduce technical improvements including a dynamo, electric headlamps and hooter, and front wheel brakes. Perhaps the largest change however was the addition of two children's seats behind the front bench creating a 2 + 2 model.

In 1936 Morgan succumbed to changing times and conventional wisdom by introducing their first four wheel car, the Morgan 4/4. Three wheel production finally wound up its 42 year run in 1952, although it has since been reintroduced. Although Morgan four wheel production continues, it was the extremely successful three wheeled models which established the proud automaker. To this day a Morgan three wheeler is the only car ever displayed in the window of London's iconic department store: Harrods.



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 cap & one visor - \$15/\$10
- British flags for cars - \$5

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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



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