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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPT, 2023

Hi All,

We know that summer is coming to a close when every commercial on television starts advertising for pumpkin spice.

I would like to thank Rich and Dee for another great time at the Popular Grove Airport fly-in, even though it was hot and uncomfortable out, a number of folks showed up to support this event.

This time of the year, everyone has projects lined up that need to be done. As for me, I have been working feverishly on getting the parts painted for my recently acquired MG K1, with lots of priming and wet sanding.

Next event coming up is Mike and Brenda's Drive and Dine event to Lake Geneva. Followed by the British Union car show in Palatine, Ill. Hoping to see you at these events.

Safety Fast,

Dennis



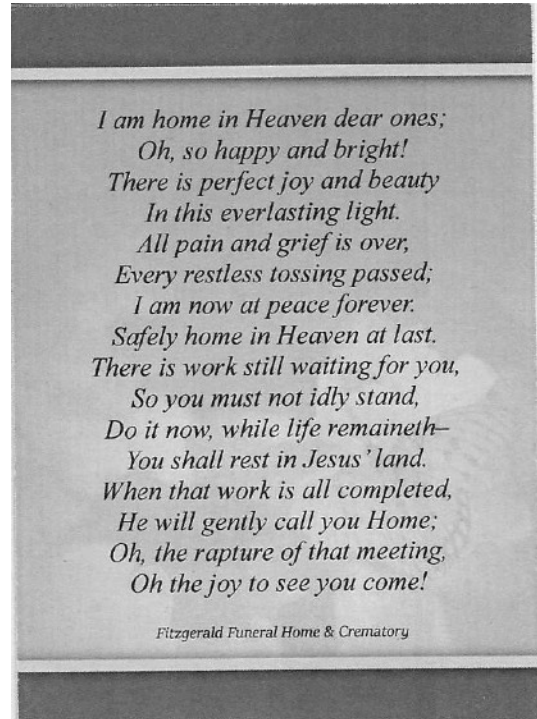
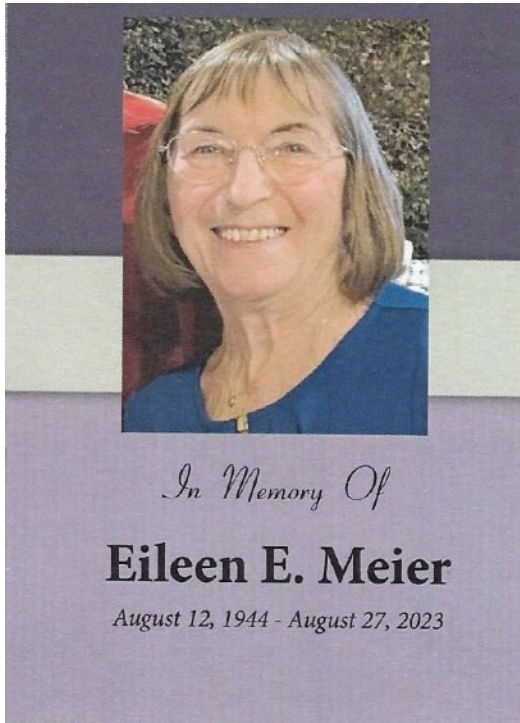
**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,**

**Sept 20, 2023**

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

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

**Meeting begins at 7:00pm**



Eileen E. Meier, 79, Rockford, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at SwedishAmerican Hospital. She was born in Rockford on August 12, 1944, the daughter of LaVerne and Margaret (Hoglund) Weyburg. Eileen graduated from Rockford East High School in 1962. She went on to attend Rock Valley College where she received a nursing degree. She spent her career as a labor and delivery nurse at SwedishAmerican Hospital. Upon retirement she moved to Mesa, Arizona where she generously volunteered her time at the community Lutheran Thrift Store.

Eileen spent much of her time tending to her yard and flower gardens at her home in Rockford as well as Mesa, AZ. She loved to travel as often as she could. She was known to be quite the fisherman on trips to Wisconsin and even Canada. Over the years Eileen took in more than one stray animal, gave them love and a home. She would never turn down an opportunity to go out to eat or go shopping. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Eileen was a member of British Boots & Bonnets and enjoyed many friendships at meetings and especially the monthly women's lunch. She will be missed.

Survived by her life partner, Marvin Proctor; her son, Bruce Brazis; her daughter, Susan (Tom) Busse; her grandchildren, Seth Busse, Nicole (Austyn) Chervenka, Anthony (Kirstin) Busse and Fayelee Brazis-Pfeiff; Marvin's sons, Cristopher Proctor and Keith Proctor.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Memorials may be made to the Rockford Rescue Mission or Noah's Ark in her name. Share online condolences at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com)

**August 16, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting**

**President's Report - Dennis Klemm -**

Meeting called to order @ \_7:02\_\_\_ pm

Number of members present \_\_ 31\_\_\_\_\_

**New members -** Altair Lane - late model Jaguar

**Guests -** none

**Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm -** no report

**Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes**

**August 16, 2023** Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by \_\_\_\_Dee Gibson \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_Bruce Beneditz \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved**

Corrections to the **July 19, 2023** minutes - none

**Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka -**

Activity for the period of **ending August 16, 2023**

**Cash and Bank Accounts**

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 3023.00
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3059.45
<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 6082.45</b>
<b>Total Liabilities / Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$ 6082.45</b>

**Income**

Dues 2023	\$ 20.00
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$
Raffle Income	\$ 98.00
Regalia -	\$
Nametags	\$
<b>Total Regalia income</b>	<b>\$</b>
interest	\$ .03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 118.03</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Fees	\$
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Corporation File/ annual report	\$	
Newsletter	\$	43.80
Raffle Expense	\$	66.37
Regalia - Name Tags	\$	
Total Regalia Expenses	\$	
Yearly Maintenance	\$	
Overall Total Expenses	\$	110.17
Overall Total Income	\$	7.86
Motion to accept: Connie Frazer	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Ron Kuhnau	Approved

**Membership - Beverly Joyce** - 76 members including the new member

**Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery** no report

**Webmaster - Hal Zenisek**

Annual Website Report: visits up 4.4%, 3324 visits, average 285 per month over the past 12 months; almost 600 during the summer

August & September: busiest months in 2022, due to regional shows linked to our site

May, June & July: busiest months so far in 2023

Square Space has been the host for the website since 2015

Almost half of the visitors did a google search to find us, 43% came directly to the website

Mobile device use grew at a faster pace than desktop or laptops

**Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz** -

Marna Grosnick had a knee replacement, she is doing well at home

Don Grosnick had back surgery, this was more complicated than expected, he is home recovering

Their daughter burnt her hand and wrist - she is doing ok

**Events - Ron Kuhnau**

**Past Events**

**July 23: Brits in the Garden:** Janesville Rotary Gardens - noon - 4 pm - hosted by Cannistra's

28 cars on display - 6 Triumphs

**August 9: Drive & Dine** - Rescheduled from July : Cherry Valley to the Harry Cow in Byron- hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet 28 people participated

**August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In** - Gibson's making the arrangements - will be food trucks,

Arrive around 9 am, Show is 10 am - 3 pm, Near the Museum , Myrtle's Ice Cream drive in Sharon WI after the show - bring a chair, sun hat, sunscreen, water

**August 28: Roscoe Methodist Church Car, Truck, Tractor Show** - 10 am - 2 pm

**September 13<sup>th</sup>: Drive & Dine:** Mike & Brenda Moore - details to follow

#### **Club Events.... Upcoming**

**October 7: Friends around the campfire** - Larry & Marsha Eils - details to follow

**Drive and Dine dates are still available** - Please consider hosting an event

#### **Regional Events ...**

**September 15 -17:** British Invasion, Stowe VT

**September 19 -21:** Put-in-The- Bay - S. Bass Island Ohio

**September 22 -24:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet - Jefferson, WI

**September 29:** Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb - Newport, IN

**Regalia** - Bruce Beneditz - none

**Classified** - none

**New Business** - none

**Unfinished business** - none

**Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award** - none

**Burnt Piston Award** - one

#### **Marques**

**Jaguar** - none

**Mini** - Larry Eils, Mini on the Mac -  
1614 UK cars = the record 2019: 1300 cars

2023: 1124 cars: 8 Classic Minis, 3 were driven in

**MG** none

**Morgan** none

**Healey** none

**Rolls Royce** none

**Triumph** none

**Lotus** none

**Alfa Romero** - none

**Bentley** none

#### **Raffle - Connie Frazer and Solveig Maschke**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
1. Egg timer, temperature sensitive	Jim Roberts

- |                                                         |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Oil Sprayer for Cooking, Stainless Steel             | Solveig Maschke   |
| 2. Floral Notebook                                      | Sue Lindsay Jones |
| 3. Suede wrapped candle                                 | Barb Simp         |
| 4. Compartment storage container                        | Greg Oakes        |
| 5. Chenille Wash Mitt                                   | Tommy Leese       |
| 6. 10 in 1 Multi Bit Screwdriver                        | Dee Gibson        |
| 7. Book: How to Restore British Cars (Lynda Vickery)    | Crystal Klemm     |
| 8. Bag of Fresh Vegetables (Solveig Maschke's neighbor) | Nancy Kuhnau      |
| 9. Bag of Fresh Vegetables (Solveig Maschke's neighbor) | Phyllis Beneditz  |
| 10. Book: Aspects of Abingdon by John Pullman           | Mike Moore        |

**Adjournment**

Motion made by \_\_\_Ron Kuhnau \_\_\_\_\_

Second by \_\_\_Jim Roberts \_\_\_\_\_

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at \_7:44\_ pm

**Submitted by: Chris Oakes** ( Greg Oakes was acting secretary)

**DRIVING TO WISCONSIN FOR DINNER!**

Plan to attend our first drive and dine of the fall season on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be touring the southeastern Wisconsin lake country ending at The Getaway Restaurant on beautiful Lake Como.

The Getaway Restaurant has been around for over one hundred years. During Prohibition, The Getaway served as a speakeasy (didn't all Wisconsin restaurants?) with a secret basement room for serving alcohol. Drinks are easier to come by now in the spacious bar area. The menu offers fine dining entrée's but also includes a selection of "handhelds" as a lighter fare.

We plan on meeting at the Poplar Grove airport museum center just off Orth Road. If you missed it in June, this will be your second chance this summer to see the "rock solid elephant"! We will head north at 5PM sharp so don't be late. For those that cannot do the drive but would like to join us at the restaurant (4190 West End Road, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin), please let us know ahead of time so we have an accurate head count for dinner. We should arrive at The Getaway Restaurant around 6:15.

*See you in September!*

Mike & Brenda Moore

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# Save the Date!!

For the British Boots and Bonnets

Annual Christmas Party

December 13th, 2023

Lino's Restaurant—Rockford

More details and reservation form will be in the  
October Chronicle.







# 2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Sep 13      BBB September Drive & Dine; The Getaway Restaurant at Lake Como, 4190 West End Road, Lake Geneva, WI. Meet at the Poplar Grove Airport Museum, 5151 Orth Rd  
                 Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
- Sep 16      BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
- Sep 20      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 7        BBB Friends Around the Campfire, 6:00pm  
                 Hosts: Larry & Marcia Eils
- Oct 11      BBB October Drive & Dine                    OPEN
- Oct 18      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 21      BBB October Saturday Drive                OPEN
- Nov 15      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 13      BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

- Sep 10      British Car Festival, 9AM-3PM  
                 Harper College, 1200 W. Algonquin Rd, Palatine, IL  
                 <https://www.britishcarunion.com/>
- Sep 15-17    British Invasion (Featuring Jaguar, Land Rover & Morgan)  
                 Stowe, VT      <https://WWW.BRITISHINVASION.COM/>
- Sep 19-21    2023 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,  
                 Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH (Featuring Datsun/Nissan,  
                 Honda, Mazda & Toyota)  
                 [https:// www.pibroadrace.com/](https://www.pibroadrace.com/)
- Sep 22-24    46th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,  
                 Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,  
                 Jefferson, WI      <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- Sep 27-Oct 1    VTR Nationals 2023,    The Dillard House, Dillard, GA  
                 <https://www.vtr2023.org>
- Sep 29      Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
- Oct 6-8      MG Jamboree, Bethany Center, Lutz, FL  
                 Florida Suncoast MG Car Club; [mgbguy80@gmail.com](mailto:mgbguy80@gmail.com)



## DRIVE & DINE WORTH THE WAIT

The Drive & Dine was canceled in July due to weather issues. Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, and Lynda Vickery decided to try again in August, and it all came together! Twenty-eight members met at The Hairy Cow in Byron, Illinois for craft beer, pizza, wings, and cheesecake. Some traveled as a caravan from the park in Cherry Valley and others met there. The drive down followed the Kishwaukee River for a few miles - not a lot of views of the River, but still pretty.



And the Hairy Cow handled our group very nicely considering they don't take reservations. We were able to set at one long table on their covered veranda. It was a beautiful evening right on the Rock River. The food was good and the conversation relaxing. One couple eating at the restaurant came over and enjoyed talking with us. He is a Brit - been in the States for a few years, but he especially enjoyed talking to our British members and catching up on all things British.

A special thanks to Leon Kitzmiller for helping Donna get organized at the Cow and help get our LBCs safely parked.



Sandy, Donna & Lynda





## DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

*While contraptions loosely called bicycles can be traced back to the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it took until 1885 for John Starly to perfect the "safety bicycle". His bicycle overcame the shortcomings of most previous designs and was not unlike what we call a bicycle today. As fate would have it this was the same time the automobile was invented. Carl Benz patented his Motor Car No. 1 in January of 1886. With bicycles rapidly becoming all the rage, and powered transportation taking shape it was inevitable someone would put the two ideas together and come up with the motorcycle. Credit this time goes to Gottlieb Daimler for the "Daimler Reitwagen" which his son rode for the first time in, you guessed it, 1885.*

*It would seem with these three conveyances the field was complete, but then two Englishmen stepped up to the plate. Edwin Perks and Frank Birch decided to put the engine inside the bicycle wheel. They called their invention the "Motor-Wheel", and although unconventional it was actually quite successful. The entire 208cc 4 stroke engine and petrol tank were placed inside an 8 spoke aluminium wheel. The beauty of it was this wheel could replace a wheel on most any bicycle or tricycle turning it into a powered conveyance. The Singer Cycle Company was so impressed they began motor vehicle production in 1901 by purchasing the manufacturing rights to the Perks & Birch Motor-Wheel. Singer even added an additional fuel tank to increase range.*



*Although the motor-wheel remained popular for a relatively short time the British had one more go at it some 50 years later. Following WWII Brits were eager to get motorized, but petrol was still rationed and wages were low. BSA was selling conventional bicycles, but took note of what the competition was doing and decided to move into the motorized bicycle business. Debuting in 1953 the BSA "Winged Wheel" was a 35cc, 2 stroke, one horsepower engine which was an integral part of the rear wheel. The engine sat outside of the wheel this time but as before this wheel could replace the rear wheel on most standard bicycles. In production from 1953-1957 BSA produced more than 29,000 Winged Wheels although only a few hundred are known to survive today.*

*DUK2023/9*



## POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN

20 August 2023

It was a scorching hot day, but that didn't keep 13 LBC's from showing up. One of them was a really nice Rolls Royce with a beautiful couple that we didn't know, who had somehow heard about BB&B coming to the Poplar Grove Fly-In and wanted to join us there. Hope they join our club.

And it was hot! The cars made a bonny lineup near the old Sunoco petrol station and many visitors came to see them while we gathered under the shade of a tree. Thank goodness for that shade, as it was well into the 90 degree temps!

It was absolutely fantastic to have a chance to sit and talk together with other club members and the general public that were interested in our LBC's. The ladies with their hats were an attractive sight. Several members braved the heat and visited the Museum and a couple took the tractor shuttle wagon over to see airplanes and attractions on the other side of the field.

Did I say it was hot? At the end of the day it was just three club cars with four drivers who rolled over to get ice cream in Sharon. 🍷🍦🍦🍦 This is the best ice cream around, and it was the perfect end to a scorching hot day.

Thank you to everyone who came out!  
Rich & Diana Gibson









## 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  
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Please include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$18 for name tags.



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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. This includes:

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