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Next Meeting Wednesday, September 21, 2016

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

President's Message

Sept 2016

Roxann and I have been traveling for the last several weeks, and of course wherever our wandering takes us we notice the British cars which cross our path. Jaguar, Land Rover, and Mini are certainly the most prolific, which I attribute to the fact that they are still rolling out of the factory. Among the other more classic examples were several Morris Minors, a Morris Traveller, a Triumph Spitfire and a Jaguar E-Type. The two highlights however were identical red MGBs.

In Denmark a bride and groom were on the way, from their wedding on a beautiful day, with the top down. Upon arriving at the reception they drove right up the sidewalk and parked at the front door of the hotel in downtown Copenhagen. Staff and spectators alike surrounded the car and toasted the blissful couple who sat there soaking it all in for many long and glorious moments.

Our other experience was even more up close and personal. Friends who live in Sweden have a beautiful, unrestored 1965 B which they keep at their summer house on the coast. We spent several lovely days with them there and both of us had the honor of getting behind the wheel of this pristine car to drive through the back roads of rural Sweden.

The trust and companionship of these friends reminded us so much of our BBB relationships that the similarity couldn't be missed. Is it the British cars or the type of people who are attracted to them? We not only thumb our nose at Lucas, the Prince of Darkness, but also at conventionality. We come together from diverse backgrounds to cherish an old piece of machinery which regularly tests our mettle. The adventure is in the journey with like minded friends. And as anyone who has been around for even a short while can tell you, on any given day this can be quite an adventure!

Rich

MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH

"The frisky Morris 1000 is not only truly compact in size but sells for a surprisingly compact price."

1960 Morris 1000

AUG. 17, 2016 BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

Presidents report - Rich Cannistra

Vice President Larry Eils called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Rich's absence. There were 39 members present. We had one new (returning after a several year absence) member to introduce – Curt Gustafson. He is the proud owner of a 1979 MGB.

<u>Vice President's report – Larry Eils</u>

No report.

<u>Secretary – Marna Grosenick</u>

Motion – Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Chronicle.

Second – by Don Grosenick – motion passed

<u>Treasurer – Lee Kindgren</u>

Lee presented the treasurer's report.

Motion: Brian Kobischka

Second: Bruce Beneditz Motion passed

Membership: Bev Joyce

With our newest member, Curt Gustafson, we now have 74 paid memberships.

Regalia: Jim Vickery

No report, other than, if you would like to know what regalia is left from our old stock, please check our website.

Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

Lynda asks that you keep the articles and pictures coming for the next newsletter.

Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Hal reported that we have just completed our first year with our new website, and it has been a huge success. We had 2,147 visitors to the site in the last year. Our busiest months were January, April, and September. The website has held up very well with all that activity. Great Job Hal! Thank you for your hard work.

Sunshine-Phyllis Beneditz

We received a thank-you note from the Boy Scouts for our donation in Bob Tilson's name.

Joyce Pond is now home from the hospital.

Jim Vickery is also home from the hospital and is at the meeting tonight. It's great to see you back again, Jim!

Past Events: Bruce Beneditz

- Ron Kuhnau told a little about the club trip to Green Bay for the Tall Ships Festival. While there, we also had a private tour of Lambeau Field, The National Railroad Museum, The Peshtigo Fire Museum, and a variety of other activities. The group had a wonderful time – and no major breakdowns.
- 2. The August Drive & Dine was held at Benedetti's Restaurant in Beloit, WI, and was hosted by Ron & Nancy Kuhnau. We had 34 members attend this dinner. Thank you Ron & Nancy for a wonderful evening.
- 3. Botham Vineyard's had their annual car show. We had five cars attend this event.

Future Events: Bruce Beneditz

- 1. 8/26Old Farts Lunch 1:00 p.m. at <u>The Rock</u> in Beloit. In the future, Don Grosenick, Rick Hamaker, and Lee Kindgren will be taking this event over. Thank you Jim for all the time and work you have put in on this over the years.
- 2. 8/26 Ladies Who Do Lunch 12:30 p.m. at Garrets Restaurant in Rockford
- 3. 8/27Crossroads Blues Festival (hosted by Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka) runs 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m. Meet at Kegels at 11:15 if you would like to tailgate to the festival grounds. If you choose to go on your own, DO NOT USE MAP QUEST it will throw you off. Use some other map to guide you. Be sure to bring chairs or blankets. Food is available at the festival.
- 4. 9/04Picnic at Ed & Luz Lehman's farm. You can start arriving at 1:00 we will eat at 2:00. Bring a dish to pass. Coffee and soda will be provided any other beverage you should bring with you.
- 5. 9/14 John & Sandy Ward will lead the September Drive & Dine. Watch your e-mail for further details.
- 10/01Friends Around The Campfire hosted by Larry & Marsha Eils 6:00 p.m. hot dogs will be provided – bring a dish to pass.
- 7. We still need a host for the October Drive & Dine contact Bruce Beneditz if you would be willing to host this event.

New Business -

Please remember to renew your membership to the North American MGB Register.

Classified -

Please check our website for any updated classified ads.

Lew Moon has a dust cover for a MGB for sale. Please see him if you are interested.

Good Wrench Award -

None

Burnt Piston Award -

None

Raffle: Don Grosenick

- 1. Non-stick Silicone Baking Mat & 13 inch oven mitts -Archie Morey
- 2. Multi-tool –Lee Kindgren
- 3. British Flag Door Mat-Luz Lehman
- 4. Magnetic Screwdriver Holder-Lynda Vickery
- 5. 4 piece Expresso/Cappccino Cups –Barb Buckavekas
- 6. Wine accessories gift set -Nancy Kuhnau
- 7. Tire Pressure Gage-Roger Buck
- 8. 3 tiered stainless steel dessert stand-Luz Lehman
- 9. LED Lantern Larry Eils
- 10. Natural Waterproofing Leather Cream –Bev Joyce
- 11. Thunder Bay Bucks Solveig Maschke

Adjournment:

Larry ended the meeting with a cute story. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marna Grosenick, 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.

Rich and Roxann saw the loveliest site in Denmark! This is a Danish bride and groom driving down a Copenhagen avenue in route to their reception. See the details in The President's Message.

Aren't the flowers a nice addition?



BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS

2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept 14 BBB *Drive and Dine* – Butterfly Club; Beloit, WI

Hosts: John and Sandy Ward

Sept 16-18 VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America,

Featured Margue Volvo; Plymouth, WI

Sept 21 BBB CLUB MEETING

Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

Sept 23-25 Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet

Jefferson, WI

Oct 1** BBB Friends Around the Campfire

Hosts: Larry and Marsha Eils

**NOTE DATE CHANGE!

October 12 BBB Drive and Dine -Location needed

Host: Volunteer needed

October 19 BBB CLUB MEETING

Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL

November 9 **BBB** *Dine* –Location needed

Host: Volunteer needed

November 16 BBB CLUB MEETING

Thunder Bay Restaurant

December 7 BBB Cookie Exchange

Host: Mary Jo Schoening

December 14 BBB Christmas Party

WEBMASTER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Greetings,

If you haven't looked at the car club website lately, there is a new car listed on the For Sale page under the Resources tab. Former club members Orie & Jan Nelson reconnected with us through the website recently, and shared their decision to sell Orie's 1951 MGTD. You can see a complete listing at www.Britishbootsandbonnets.com as well as contact information for the Nelsons. You'll also see another listing from former BBB members Doug and Fran Cameron's who have a restored 1969 Jaguar Series II XKE fixed head coupe on the market. Please pass on these opportunities if you know anyone who's car shopping!

Thanks to those who've shared new and updated photos or your cars, awards, or favorite memories from various club events. These really add a lot, and helps others know who we are and what we do. New members are encouraged to share a car/owner picture to help us all connect with each other more effectively.

Let me know if I can answer any questions about the BBB website, Hal Zenisek, Webmaster

MARGUERITE M. MOSER (1922 - 2016)



Longtime friend and member of British Boots and Bonnets, Marguerite Moser recently passed away. Her obituary, published in the Rockford Register Star is printed below. Our thoughts are with her husband, Ed, her family and friends.

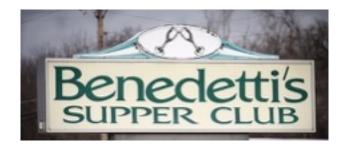
Marguerite M. Moser, 94 of Rockford died Thursday, July 28, 2016, surrounded by family. Born July 14, 1922, in Elkader, lowa, the daughter of Charles and Alice (Finnegan) Wagner. Valedictorian of St. Joseph High School, she met and married Edwin Moser, worked as an x-ray technician for several years, and then devoted her time to her children and numerous organizations.

Marguerite was an avid golfer, a member of Macktown and Spring Run Golf leagues, bridge player, and volunteer to St. Anthony Hospital, St. Elizabeth Center, Catholic Women's League, Holy Family Church and British Boots and Bonnets Club. Her love and generosity will be missed by many friends and family. The family extends a special thank you to Marguerite's compassionate caregivers, April, Augusta, Carolina, Angie, Tiara and Heartland Hospice. Survivors include her husband, Ed; children, Tom Moser, Karen Cantrell, Jack Moser, Nancy (Ned) Friel, Jim (MaryBeth) Moser and Carol(Mark) Schaal; grandchildren, Chris Cantrell, John Moser, Jenny Moser, Jessie Moser, Blake Moser, Carley Moser, Sarah Friel, Michael Friel, Alex Schaal, Maddie Schaal, James Schaal; great-granddaughter, Bethany Moser. Preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Eulberg.

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THE BBB AUGUST DRIVE & DINE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING!

by Nancy Kuhnau & Lynda Vickery

The August Drive & Dine restaurant of choice was Benedetti's Supper Club, a long time Wisconsin-style restaurant located on north Riverside Drive (Rte 51) in Beloit. Thirty-two members enjoyed the Wednesday night fish fry offerings, along with our usual visiting and catch up conversations. See those photos (complements of Phyllis Beneditz) with the ice cream dessert/drink? A wonderful concoction that Benedetti's is known for. Many members met in Roscoe and took a short drive in the country before arriving at Benedetti's. Thank you Nancy and Ron Kuhnau for an excellent choice and drive.



BBB MEMBERS ENJOY BOTHAM VINEYARDS CARSHOW

by Lynda Vickery

The weather could not have been more perfect for the Botham Vineyards 21st Vintage Celebration. On Sunday, August 14, 5 couples from the club took a scenic drive to Botham and there enjoyed the car show, the live entertainment, and of course the great setting. The Botham Family always puts together a great day, and all proceeds are donated to selected charities.











BBB MEMBERS ENJOY ONE LAST ALTAMORE ITALIAN CELEBRATION

by Nancy Kuhnau & Lynda Vickery



When Alberto Altamore announced that they were closing their family-run Altamore Ristorante after 44 years of business, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau contacted Alberto right away to see if they could reserve a dinner date for the club before the restaurant closed. And as a result 33 BBB club members were able to enjoy one last famous Altamore's private dinner on the evening of Monday, August 22nd. It was an evening of laughter, stories from Alberto and, of course, great food! Everyone is sad to see this Rockford tradition end, but we wish Alberto, Ann Marie, and their family all the best.



















BBB MEMBERS ATTEND CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY FESTIVAL!

by Bev Joyce

On Saturday, August 29, BBB members enjoyed live Blues Music presented by the Crossroads Blues Society Annual Blues Festival while enjoying the backdrop of Lyran Park and the Kishwaukee River in Rockford. Good music, food and weather was enjoyed by all.





LABOR DAY PICNIC HOSTED AT LIBERTY FARMS

by Lynda Vickery

Sunday, September 4th was a bluebird day for the annual BBB Labor Day Picnic. Ed and Luz Lehman have been hosting this event since at least 2010. (I couldn't find earlier copies of our Chronicle to see if that date might be even earlier.) They did a superb job of getting ready for a group of over 40 BBB members and guests to invade their Liberty Farm for an afternoon of fun. Of course most everyone drove their favorite LBC and the Lehman's long drive was the perfect place to show them off.





There was a potluck including burgers and brats cooked up by Larry Eils and Bruce Beneditz. There was the annual raffle of woodworking products made by Ed and honey from Larry and Marsha's bee hives. There were rides through the meadow to the Lehman's pond in a wagon, a 1924 Ford and an early 1900's Franklin.









The raffle prizes and winners were: honey - Joan Tilson, candy dish - Joanne Fleshman, cutting boards - Bev Joyce & Barb Buckavekas, pizza board - Nancy Kuhnau, rocking horse - Mike Grunewald, bowl - Marsha Eils. These are coveted by all our BBB members and always a highlight of the day. The Ford and Franklin are owned by member Mike Grunewald and were quite a hit.

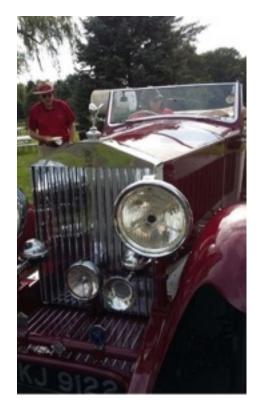












Many thanks to Ed and Luz for opening their Liberty Farm to host this picnic. The Club always looks forward to this event because they go out of their way to be sure everyone has a good time. And thanks to Mike Grunewald for bringing his special cars to share with us. And thanks to Larry Eils, Ron Kuhnau and Bruce Beneditz for their helping hands!



EVENTS – SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER

August was another busy month for those of us who like spending time behind the wheel of their British Cars.

The month started with the BBB Long Weekend trip to Green Bay to see Lambeau Field, oops, I mean the Tall Ships hosted by the Cannistra's and Gibson's. Everything I have heard confirms that it was a delightful trip. The August Drive and Dine was to Benedetti's Supper Cub hosted by Ron and Nancy Kuhnau. On Sunday, August 14, 5 couples from the club made the drive to Botham Vineyards for the 21st Vintage Celebration. On August 22nd, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau again hosted a dine as we said farewell to Alberto at Altamore Ristorante. A club favorite, it is sad to see it closing after all these years. The month closed out with a music event at the Crossroads Blues Festival hosted by Bev Joyce and Brian Kobischka. The activities in August prove again that we are an active club with a variety of interests and that we have a membership that steps up to make it all happen.

As the driving season starts to wind down in September there are still opportunities to exercise your LBCs. The Club Picnic at Ed and Luz Lehman's farm will have already taken place by the time you read this. The September Drive and Dine will be hosted by John and Sandi Ward and will be to the Butterfly Supper Club. Look for details in your email. Of course there is always the BBB Meeting, Ladies Who Do Lunch, and the Retired British Touring Group Lunch. Look for email reminders and details for the two lunches.

The last scheduled driving event of the year will be combination Fall Drive and Friends Around the Campfire to be held at Larry and Marsha Eils' house. The campfire, in previous years, has been held in August but this year will serve as a fitting end to the driving season. It is an event you don't want to miss.

As the events season comes to an end I would like to thank everyone who has organized an event and all those who have participated. Our varied activities are a major part of what makes British Boots and Bonnets such a special organization. It is not too soon to begin thinking of next year. If you have an idea please let me know.

Safety Fast,

Bruce Beneditz



NEXT DRIVE & DINE SCHEDULED!

The September Drive & Dine is set for Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM at the Butterfly Club on County X in Turtle WI. We will meet at Schnucks parking lot at 5:30 PM if you're joining us for the drive. Those going should reply to Sandy and me by September 10. My email is f16glo@aol.com and my cell number is 815-222-0405. Thanks - looking forward to a fun time.

John & Sandi Ward

DO YOU REMEMBER BURMA SHAVE?

Editor's Note: This was printed in the Sundstrand retirees newsletter. Enjoy! (And look for more in the next issue.)

As we take to the roads for summer holidays, Bob Wood reminds us of the Burma Shave signs of old:

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old two-lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet.....and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW OUT SO FAR IT MAY GO HOME IN ANOTHER CAR. Burma Shave

TRAINS DON'T WANDER ALL OVER THE MAP 'CAUSE NOBODY SITS IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP Burma Shave

FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - THE LAST OFFICIAL DRIVE OF THE SEASON

by Larry and Marsha Eils

As the driving season slowly comes to an end and fall approaches, it's time to drive our Little British Cars to Harvard for Friends Around the Campfire. Please join us on Saturday, October 1, 2016, beginning at 6:00 pm, for a campfire and a whole lot of stories telling about the wonderful events the club experienced this year. Who knows, we may even hear some stories deserving of the "Burnt Piston" Award.

The campfire will be the club's last driving event of the year. The weather should be more favorable for a campfire than late August. You will see plenty of fall color on your drive to Harvard as some of the trees are starting to turn already. Please bring comfortable chairs, warm jackets and blankets. The fire will be warm but there will be a chill in the air.

The club will provide hot dogs, baked beans, coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks. Please bring a dish to pass or campfire snacks to be shared with the group. If you wish a different beverage, please bring it.

We are looking forward to seeing you around the campfire. Just in case of rain or snow, the campfire will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm. Should you need directions to our place, please call or email us.

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH BY MISTAKE SHE THOUGHT IT WAS HER HUSBAND JAKE Burma Shave

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE TAKE IT SLOW LET OUR LITTLE SHAVERS GROW Burma Shave



Even though it is 80+° outside now, the holidays begin in just over two months. Please save this date for our Christmas Party at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford. Remember this evening replaces our normal meeting night for December where we will eat, drink and be merry with our BBB friends.

Planning is just getting started for this party. If you would like to help and at the same time get to know some other members, I invite you to please give Bev a call at 815-975-0857 or e-mail at andsewon53@comcast.net. Help with decorating, program for the evening, party set-up and other planning will be done over the next couple of months.



DID - U - KNOW by Facia Nearside

Although Velar is not a name that rolls right off the tongue it should be. In today's world of upscale all wheel drive vehicles, "SUVs" seem to dominate the market, especially across the pond in the USA. But where did the Yanks find this vehicle that seems to fill American driveways? Right here in Solihull! As you probably remember, the Rover Company produced a two wheel drive estate car in the 1950s called Road Rover. By the mid 50s Rover was experimenting with the idea of enlarging and expanding the capability of this vehicle. Other projects caused this to be shelved in 1958 however. When it was resurrected by two Rover engineers in 1966 they knew they were on to something. But in the highly competitive automobile industry it must be kept a secret, so they code named it Velar. Six hand built prototypes were finished by August 1969, a pre launch vehicle rolled out in June of 1970 and the public debut occurred in September 1970. The world's first SUV, the Land Rover had been born!

And what about that name Velar? It comes from the Italian "velare" meaning to veil or cover. Perhaps our Rover Company will still have the last laugh as today the Land Rover series of vehicles virtually covers the world.

REGALIA

SEPTEMBER 2016

BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE



Non-clothing related club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery.

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 found on our Club's website.

Bruce Beneditz and I both have new clothing embroidered with our club logo. We're ready for Fall!

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 at Club Meeting (no charge)*

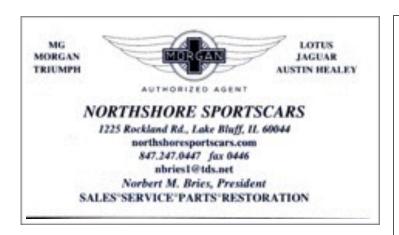
*I will be happy to stop by EmbroidThis and pick up your order. It is right on the way to our meeting location. Just let me know!

EmbroidThis is now located at 8018 N 2nd St, Machesney Park, IL 61115. Next to Al's Carpet at 251 and Harlem Rd.

I welcome your ideas and thoughts!

Jim Vickery







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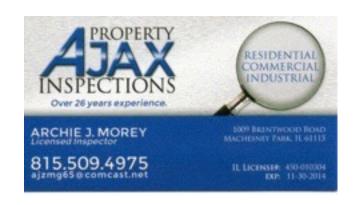
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