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Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,**

**Sept. 18, 2019**

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

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September, 2019

Labor Day has passed, the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler. But the driving fun isn't over yet!

Larry and Marsha Eils will provide us with a unique opportunity to celebrate all things Lucas on September 21. Those of us who remember the first Lucas rally enjoyed navigating our way by following the clues, solving the riddles, and finding the lights. It was a fun, creative driving event, especially if your Lucas was working! We hope to see you at this year's rally.

Before we know it, 2020 will be here. With the coming of a new year also comes the election of officers. Current officers who are eligible to continue may offer to do so. Others will have served the maximum of two consecutive years in their positions, creating an opportunity for someone else to serve the club in that role. The first nominations will be made at the November meeting, so it's time to put on your thinking caps for the club. Just talk to an officer if you have any suggestions or would be interested in volunteering.

Enjoy the cooling weather and the opportunity for lovely September drives!

Safety fast,

*Connie Frazier*



## August 21, 2019 - BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

### President's Report - Connie Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Connie Frazier with 28 members present. Bob Kuczek's guest, Jere Forman, was introduced. No new members reported. A \$50 memorial contribution was made to Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon, in memory of Adele Buck. We need to start thinking about Club officers for 2020. At least two positions, Events Chair and Treasurer, will need new candidates for 2020.

Vice-President's Report - Solveig Maschke No report.

Secretary's Report - Charlie Gall Motion was made by Jim Vickery to accept the July 2019 minutes as printed in the *Chronicle*. Seconded by David Brickman, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier for Larry Eils

Motion was made by Bruce Beneditz to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Dee Gibson, motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce No Report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery No report

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

New Members from the website, Mark and Rhonda Johnson, own a '69 MG Roadster and live in Winnebago. Three cars are currently for sale: Mark Johnson's '69 MG, Char Thompson's '74 MG Midget, and Ed Moser's '80 Spitfire.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Ken Pacholski passed away July 19<sup>th</sup>, memorial service to be held later. Club will do a memorial gift.

Regalia - Jim Vickery Hats, badges and a clock are available, contact Jim Vickery.

Past Events - Rich Gibson

July 26<sup>th</sup> Old Farts met at Ridott Corners Tavern. 5 members attended, 1 guest.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Who Do Lunch met at The Olympic Tavern. 2 members attended.

July 27<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Drive was hosted by Solveig and Bill Maschke. 27 members attended.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Rich Gibson led members to Rochelle RR Park to see the "Big Boy" steam locomotive.

August 14<sup>th</sup> Drive and Dine at Benedetti's Supper Club, hosted by Ron and Nancy Kuhnau. 37 members attended.

August 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly-in/BBB Friends and Family Day at Poplar Grove Airport was a great day, followed by a drive to the Ice Cream Shoppe in Sharon, WI. Thanks Dee and Rich!

### Future Events

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Old Farts will meet at G5 Brewing, Beloit, at 1 PM.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Who Do Lunch will meet at Mary's Market on Perryville, at 12:30 PM.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Drive and Dine at Domenico's, Beloit, hosted by John and Sandi Ward. Meet at Schnuck's in Roscoe, at 5:15 PM.

September 21<sup>st</sup> Lucas Memorial Fun Rally hosted by Larry and Marsha Eils. 7:30 PM. Details TBD

October 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday Drive will be hosted by Crystal and Dennis Klemm. Details TBA.

### Marques

Austin Healey- Dwain and Jenny reported that the Conclave will be held in South Dakota, Sept 6-11.

Jaguar - Rich Cannistra shared that the Illinois Jaguar Club is 50 years old. Road Trip September 14-16.

Lotus - None

Mini - Don Grosenick reported that MINIs In the Ozarks will take place October 24-26.

Morgan-None

MG -None

Rolls Royce - Roger Buck attended the national meet in Detroit. Highlights included touring the Ford plant and the Henry Ford Museum.

Triumph - None

Classified - '91 Morgan Plus 8, 23K miles, 5 speed trans, original paint. Joan, in Fort Meyers, FL.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -None

Good Wrench Award - No nominations in August.

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award - No nominations in August.

### Raffle August 2019

1. Mum Plant-Jenny Plymale
2. Mum Plant-Roxann Cannistra
3. Mum Plant-Charlie Gall
4. Mum Plant-Solveig Maschke
5. Mum Plant-Don Grosenick
6. Lantern-Lynda Vickery
7. Elastic Tie-Downs-Roger Buck
8. Magnetic Parts Holder-Crystal Klemm
9. Digital Multimeter-Bruce Beneditz
10. Tow Strap-Rich Gibson
11. High Speed Steel Drill Bits-Rick Hamaker
13. Thunder Bay Bucks-Hal Zenisek

Joke -Connie told a joke about several BBB club men, visiting a restaurant every 10 years for 50 years. They returned for the good food, good service, smoke-free, accessibility, and a great place to visit for the first time.

### Adjournment

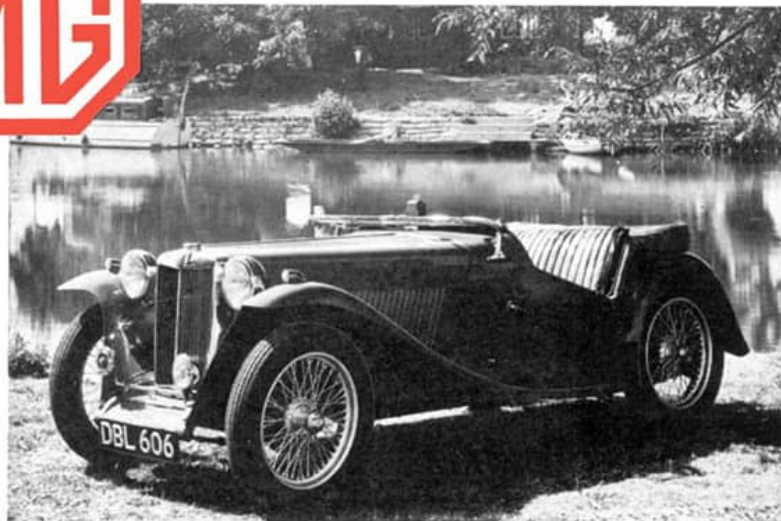
Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlie Gall, Secretary



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## BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEP 11 - **5:15 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine:** Domenico's, Beloit, WI  
Hosts: John & Sandi Ward
- SEP 13-15 British Invasion, Stowe, VT
- SEP 18 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- SEP 21 - **7:30 P.M. BBB** Lucas Memorial Fun Rally  
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- SEP 27-29 Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, Jefferson  
County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave, Jefferson, WI
- SEP 28 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;  
Downtown, Janesville, WI.
- OCT 9 - **5:30 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine:** Trio Grille; Marengo, IL  
Hosts: Hal Zenisek & Connie Frazier
- OCT 16 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- OCT 19 - **BBB Saturday Drive:** Lunch & Garage Tour @ Abington Tews  
Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
- OCT 26 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;  
Downtown, Janesville, WI
- NOV 13 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine: TBD**  
Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
- NOV 20 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- DEC 4 - **BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE**  
Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
- DEC 11 - **BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

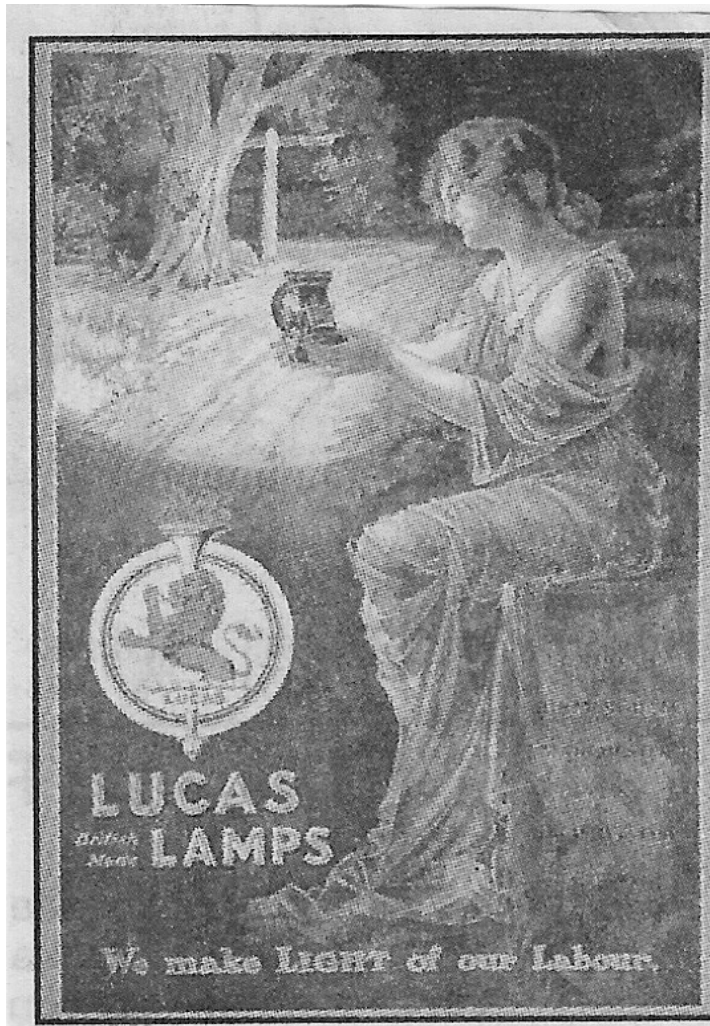
### AS FALL APPROACHES ENJOY A DRIVE; THEN DINE AT DOMENICO'S

The September 11th Drive & Dine will be held at Domenico's, 547 E. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI. The reservation is for 6:30.

For those wishing to do a drive, we will meet at Schnuck's parking lot at 5:15 and depart at 5:30.

Please call or text John - 815-222-0405 or Sandi 815-520-4647 or e-mail [Sanderay7@hotmail.com](mailto:Sanderay7@hotmail.com) let us know if you're attending, and whether you will driving with us or meeting at Domenico's.

## Lucas Memorial Night Rally



The night shift at the Lucas Electric Company, on behalf of Lucas, the Price of Darkness, is inviting all the members of the British Boots and Bonnets Car Club to a Night Rally in his honor on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The rally will begin at the front parking lot of the Northwest Bank in Machesney Park. The bank is located on the northwest corner of Hwy. 251 and Hwy. 173 next to the Fas Fuel Station.

We will gather at the Bank at 7:30 p.m. Cars will begin the rally at 8:00 p.m. The course will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Detailed driving instructions will be provided to make the drive easy. **HOWEVER**, each car will also be given a list of questions to

answer as you drive that relate to lighted signs you will pass along the way. The signs may be on the right or left side of the road. Please note, the rally will be held rain or moon shine.

So bring your torches to read the driving directions and pens to answer the questions. The rally will end where dessert and refreshments can be enjoyed by all, as the Night Shift tally's your answers.

The Lucas Night Shift is looking forward to seeing you at the Rally.

Marsha Eils, Supervisor and Larry Eils, Foreman - Lucas Electric Company

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DRIVE AND DINE ON OCTOBER 9, 2019.

Your Hosts are Hal Zenisek & Connie Frazier

Dinner destination will be at the Trio Grille in Marengo. Their address is 101 Franks Road Marengo, Illinois (right off Rte. 20).

We plan to lead a car caravan for interested members that will leave from Westminster Presbyterian Church (corner of Bell School and Spring Creek Roads in Rockford).

- Members should arrive at 5:30 for driver's meeting and prompt departure at 5:45. Reservation is for 6:30 in Marengo.
- Drive portion will be rain or shine, and folks can decide whether or not to drive LBC's, and whether or not to join the caravan.

Club members may go direct and simply meet us at the restaurant. Being October, it will be dark for the trip home, and folks can either go their own way, or we can caravan back to Rockford as a group.

For details and menu, use the following link (or go to the BBB events calendar on our website). Anyone can also search for Trio Grille in Marengo on Google. Click on <https://bestfoodinthearea.com/> for more info.

Please RSVP by Monday, 10/7. Call or text Hal at (815) 978-4205 or Connie at (815) 979-4001.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS REPORT

by Rich Gibson

PAST EVENTS - See next several pages for reports and photos of events that happened in August. A great month!

### UPCOMING EVENTS -

- \* SEPT? LONG WEEKEND \_\_\_\_\_ **DOES NOT HAVE TO BE IN SEPT**
- \* 22 Sept - 3rd Annual Budget Truck & Auto Car Show  
2027 W Avalon Rd, Janesville, WI  
9AM > 3PM \$10  
<https://www.budgettruckandauto.com/events>
- \* OCTOBER SAT DRIVE - 19 Oct - Dennis & Chrystal Klemn  
Lunch & Garage Tour at Abington Tews  
Details TBD



## AUGUST DRIVE & DINE SHOWCASED A GREAT WISCONSIN STEAK HOUSE

by Rich Gibson

Ron and Nancy Kuhnau led 6 LBC and 2 US cars on a beautiful ride on picture perfect Illinois and Wisconsin back roads for this month's Drive and Dine. The groups zipped and zagged past beautiful country homes and tall cornfields, ending up at Benedetti's restaurant. There, they met up with another 21 club members who got a head start on the sumptuous dinners they offer. What a menu! From steaks to scallops to shrimp to pasta - they have it all! But wait!! Dinner was not over! There was Brandy Alexanders! And Grasshoppers! And Mudslides! This was no ordinary ice cream joint! Of course not! These calorific delicacies come to you 12 inches high. It is quite possible for ice cream lovers to hoard and eat the whole glob of course but more fun to share it with the group. The table nearest the door won the prize with 3 of these monsters on the table. You may know who they are. With 37 club members at the dinner there was little difficulty in getting to the bottom of the bowls. Again, thank you to Ron and Nancy for the perfect drive to a most perfect restaurant. My ice cream spoon salutes you! It was spectacular. Thank you Ron & Nancy.







## BBB FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY AT POPULAR GROVE AIRPORT

by Rich Gibson

A fantastic breakfast at the Poplar Grove Airport- and a car show - and airplanes! Yes, the rain squashed several plans but it disappeared by mid morning. Thirteen British cars drew a crowd, both outside the breakfast hangar and at the Wings and Wheels Museum. The Museum was open to the public for free. The Curtis Jenny project in its own hangar was also open for viewing. The amount of detail involved in building a project of this size s just amazing. With the weather clearing, more and more people arrived. Several children got a chance to sit in a British car and have their picture taken. Hundreds of questions were asked about the British cars. Airplanes took to the air with improving skies and the opportunity to test drive a Lincoln car was seized by many. For each test drive, the Lincoln company donated \$20 to the Wings and Wheels Museum, and the test drivers walked away with a water bottle and/or a nice notebook. Dee Gibson had the opportunity to sit in Car 54 and have her photo taken - in the front seat, NOT the back! A huge shout out to all who helped take the two club tents and signage down - especially to Nora (the Cannistra's granddaughter) who gathered up the pool noodle tent stake protectors. "Many hands make short work!" This event was an opportunity also to use and see some of the Club's equipment. Thank you to Poplar Grove Airport and Wings & Wheels Museum for hosting us.

Of course the day would not have been complete ice cream, so once all the club equipment was packed up and secure, about 7 LBC's led by Ron & Nancy Kuhnau made a bee line to Sharon, WI.











In the early 1920s the Austin Motor Company was basking in the success of one of the most popular economy cars the British market has ever known, the Austin Seven. (DUK2014/9) Fueled by this accomplishment Herbert Austin licensed the car for manufacture in several other countries including the United States. Investors stepped forward and the American Austin Car Company was founded in Butler, Pennsylvania in 1929.

The car was first shown to the public at the 1930 National Automobile Show in New York. Within a week an incredible 52,000 orders had been received. The tiny manufacturing plant in Pennsylvania was incapable of production anywhere approaching that number, but did build 8,500 cars in 1930. Unfortunately the backlog of orders soon became a moot point as the Great Depression cast a pall over the nation. By 1932 the factory was closed. That should have been the end, but automobile dealer Roy Evans organized several investors and acquired the factory. Production resumed but the depression was far too widespread and demand stayed soft. By the end of 1934 dwindling sales caused the investors to pull out and once again the factory was shuttered. In five years of operation less than 20,000 cars had been built.



1932 Austin Cabriolet

Ever optimistic, Evans reorganized in 1936 as the American Bantam Car Company. Production again resumed, but optimism is hard to take to the bank. During the next two years Bantam produced 6,700 cars and lost \$75 on every vehicle they made! Again they were on the brink of closure. For Roy Evans luck was about to change however, and in a very unexpected way.

Early in 1940 the U.S. Army was looking for a ¼ ton, four-wheel-drive military vehicle. The army solicited bids from 135 automakers but only three responded: Bantam, Ford, and Willys. Bantam was



the first to deliver a prototype in September of 1940, a vehicle they called the Bantam Ford. Car (BRC). The army was pleased with this design and Bantam was awarded a contract for the first 2,675 vehicles, with more than half of that production going to the



1941 Bantam Reconnaissance Car

British Army. Ultimately, as world events intensified the government felt Bantam did not have the facilities to build vehicles in the quantity required so subsequent production went to Willys and Ford.

In 1943 when Willys advertised they had created the Jeep, the fair trade commission found them guilty of false advertising stating: “The Jeep was fostered and conceived in Butler Pennsylvania by the American Bantam Car Company.”

Today’s four-wheel-drive vehicles are recognized as direct descendants of that BRC “Jeep”.

## HAVE YOU HEAR THESE??

Stealing someone’s coffee is called **MUGGING**.

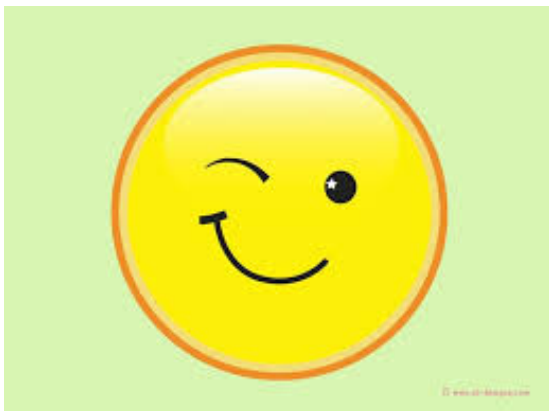
**PASTEURIZE** - too far to see.

Whoever invented “knock-knock” jokes should get a **NO-BELL PRIZE**.

I put my grandma on speed dial. I call that **INSTAGRAM**.

Energizer bunny arrested and charged with **BATTERY**.

No matter how much you push envelope it’ll still be **STATIONERY**.





## GREETINGS FROM THE WEBMASTER

This month's report includes a couple updates regarding the club's website:

- 1) The club currently has 3 member families who have cars for sale on our website. Check out the listings under the Resources tab and For Sale page on the navigation menu if interested. The ads include an MGB, Triumph Spitfire, and MG Midget.
- 2) From the webmaster's email, we received another invitation from Europe for an MG driving event thru northern Italy in 2020. See more details at their website - <http://www.cabrio850.com/>. Registration deadline is in January.
- 3) I will appreciate your help with pictures of you and your car for the members page, a favorite picture or two from the past for our archive page, and articles with tech tips for LBC owners.

Let me know if you have any questions, comments or ideas for our presence on the Web. And thanks to all who have contributed photos, car related events, and other content, this is a group effort!

Your Webmaster, Hal Zenisek

### Welcome New Members!

New membership applications are available on the club's website. Register by sending your completed application to:

Larry Eils, Treasurer  
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club  
PMB 254  
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104  
Rockford, IL 61107  
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

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

### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A CLUB EVENT? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAN SOMETHING?

Here are some suggestions - think it over, add to the list, and talk to our Events

Chair, **Rich Gibson**

\*\*HOUSE ON THE ROCK <https://www.thehouseontherock.com>

\*\*HOLY HILL <https://www.holyhill.com>

\*\*START UP "SHOW & GO"

\*\*OREGON PADDLE BOAT AT MAXON MANOR

\*\*HISTORIC ROUTE 66 FROM ODELL TO FUNKS GROVE IN ILLINOIS

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

Answers are on Page 17.

**Sudoku #565 (Easy)**

	2				6			
			4				7	
	1		3	8	5			6
6	4							
		7						
5	9	8	2			7		
3			7			1	6	
		2				4		8
9	8			3				

**Sudoku #566 (Easy)**

8				5				
	3				1		6	
				4	7	6	1	
5		4	8					2
9	1	7						
7					3			
4	2							8
		3	6	4		7		



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Answers to Puzzles found on page 16.

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4	2	3	9	7	6	8	5	1
8	6	5	4	1	2	9	7	3
7	1	9	3	8	5	2	4	6
6	4	1	5	9	7	3	8	2
2	3	7	8	4	1	6	9	5
5	9	8	2	6	3	7	1	4
3	5	4	7	2	8	1	6	9
1	7	2	6	5	9	4	3	8
9	8	6	1	3	4	5	2	7

**Sudoku #566 (Easy)**

6	7	9	2	3	8	4	5	1
8	4	1	7	5	6	9	2	3
2	3	5	4	9	1	8	6	7
3	8	2	5	4	7	6	1	9
5	6	4	8	1	9	7	3	2
9	1	7	3	6	2	5	8	4
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4	2	6	1	7	5	3	9	8
1	9	3	6	8	4	2	7	5



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## TECH TIP - REPRINT FROM 2008

by Jim Vickery

This tech tip probably is not as useful for our LBCs as it is for our daily drivers. This tip I read about several years ago in the column “Car Talk” with Click & Clack, the Tappet Brothers.

There is always a blind spot toward the rear of your car when you drive, and some fool is generally driving in it. The way you adjust your side view mirror can greatly reduce that blind spot. Most of us, when we were taught to drive, adjusted the mirror so that we could see the rear corners of our car. In the article one of the brothers mentioned that he had been driving about 50 years and the corner of his car had never moved. (Mine hasn't either!) So he really didn't need to keep his mirror trained there. Here is the suggestion that they had.

You adjust your left side view mirror while driving in the right hand lane by moving the outside edge out so that as a car in the other lane disappears from your rear view mirror, you look in your left side view mirror and see the vehicle. It will remain visible in that mirror until you see it in your peripheral vision beside your car. You then drive in the left lane and adjust the right side view mirror so that the cars driving in the right lane are seen similarly. This effectively gives you 180 degrees of vision to the rear and sides of your car.

After you have adjusted your mirrors it takes a little while to get used to not seeing the side of your car in your side view mirrors. However, removing that blind spot makes changing lanes much more comfortable and safer. So hang in there until you get used to it.





**BBB REGALIA ONLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019**

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 (2 left)
- BBB visors - \$10 (1 left)
- 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:

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- Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)
- Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)\*

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Jim Vickery

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**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

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**