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Dinner and social hour at 6:00pm Meeting begins at 7:00pm

#### **President's Message**

#### September 2015

It's raining this morning. I know our garden needs the water, but not today. We have a club event today. An outside event. As I pour my first cup of coffee Roxann fills it right to the brim with gloom. "The forecast is for showers on and off all day" she announces. "If it's raining I prefer not to go."

At times like this I inevitably think about some other corners of the world where we have lived or visited. My second British car was an Austin Healey 3000. I was living in a Texas town that is so far south if you didn't turn at the last traffic light you needed to have your passport ready. And you think that YOUR British car is too hot to drive in the summertime?! Perhaps 100 degrees wasn't as hot when I was only 20 something, but I don't ever remember being rained out. A few years later we camped our way around Nova Scotia one spring. It rained every day and every night for two weeks. I remember sitting in a roadside rest area with our clothes and sleeping bags spread out over the guard rails trying to dry them a little during a rare moment of sunshine. (I recommend this as an easy way to meet interesting people, all of whom become stand up comedians upon surveying your situation.) We have always considered that to be one of our best vacations. Perhaps water also wasn't as wet when we were only 20 something.

More recently we endured the hot dry summer of 2012. After weeks and weeks of painfully hot weather without a drop of relief I vowed to never again complain about rain. So here I sit, confronted by my self imposed dilemma, realizing that you can't have your cake and eat it too. If we lived in Southern California we could drive our cars and enjoy this event 12 months of the year. When we get home we just wouldn't be able to wash the car or take a shower!

As I take another sip of coffee some of that gloom is beginning to drain from the cup as well. I announce to Roxann that the poncho which she bought to go to the Amazon rain forest will look quite fashionable under a Jaguar umbrella. Although I've never tried it I think that I can drive the car in rubber boots. I intend to empty the last bit of gloom out of that cup by proving that water still isn't too wet, even at 60 something. And when we get home we will even be able to take a shower.

Rich

### MARQUE ADVERTISING SLOGAN OF THE MONTH:

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#### **Boots and Bonnets Club Meeting - August 19, 2015**

#### <u>Presidents report – Rich Cannistra</u>

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Rich Cannistra, with 25 members present. He began the meeting by asking for stories from members about fun things that have happened in August, or any stories about going to area fairs. He also introduced new member, Peggy Schmidt.

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

Larry and Marsha are on vacation in Ann Arbor, Michigan, so there is no report tonight.

#### Secretary - Marna Grosenick

The secretary's report stands as printed in the Chronicle. Motion made to accept the report by Lyn Pond, Seconded by Archie Morey – motion passed.

#### <u>Treasurer – Brian Kobischka</u>

Brian gave the financial report. Ron Kuhnau made a motion to accept this report, and Don Grosenick seconded it – motion passed.

#### **Membership:** Bev Joyce

With our newest member, Peggy Schmidt, we now have 78 paid memberships.

#### Regalia: Bruce Beneditz

Bruce and Phyllis are not here tonight, so there is no report.

#### Chronicle/Newsletter: Lynda Vickery

Lynda would like to have the newsletter published by Sept. 3rd so that information goes out before the picnic at Ed & Luz Lehman's house. If you have any news to go in the Chronicle, please get it to Lynda by Sept. 2nd at the very latest.

#### Webmaster: Hal Zenisek

Hal reports that our new website is up and running now. It is up-to-date, and has many new pictures and events included. He has been getting e-mails from out of state (and even some foreign) places asking for information or sending information about their up-coming events. Hal also has a new e-mail address for the website: <a href="webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com">webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com</a>. Please check the site often for changes, and let Hal know what you think.

New to our website: It is now a mobile friendly site.

We are missing pictures of some of our members, so if yours is not included on the site, please send a picture to Hal, or let him know so he can take a picture for you. Also, if you would like to change your picture, just let him know, and give him the new picture.

Note from last meeting: Hal checked into the copyright question, and found there to be no problem with the way it is.

#### **Sunshine-Phyllis Beneditz**

No report

#### **Past Events: Jim Vickery**

On Aug. 9th, 9 cars made the trip to Bothum Vineyards for the annual car show.
On Aug. 12th, 32 people attended the Drive & Dine, led by Rich & Roxann Cannistra, at the "Second Salem Restaurant" in Whitewater, WI. We had a delicious dinner, and then were treated to a short program by the restaurant owner about how the restaurant got it's name, and why they chose the names

for each of their craft beers. We learned quite a bit about the interesting history of Whitewater.

#### **Future Events: Jim Vickery**

Aug. 26th – Friends Around the Campfire at Larry and Marsha Eils home. Meet at 7:00, and bring chairs, snacks, and beverage of choice. Water and soda will be provided. If the weather turns bad, watch your email for possible cancellation.

Aug. 28th – Ladies Who Do Lunch – Olympic Restaurant – 12:30

- Old Fart's Lunch - The Pearl Bistro - 1:00

Aug. 29th – Crossroads Blues Festival – Meet at Kegels Motorcycle at 11:15 for an 11:30 departure. Starts at noon. There will be a harmonica workshop, for anyone interested. Special parking for BBB vehicles. Bring your own chairs. Food will be available – no carry-ins allowed.

Sept. 6th – Picnic at Ed & Luz Lehman's farm, 12:00. Watch e-mail for more details.

Sept. 9th – Drive & Dine at the Duck Inn in Delayan. Watch e-mail for more details.

#### **MARQUES:**

- MG, Our website now has a link to the MG site ring. We are not currently a member. Please look at the site and let Hal know what to do with it. If we want to join, we need someone willing to monitor the site
- Healey, Lotus, Triumph, Morgan, Mini, Rolls Royce: No report
- Jaguar: Club & Challenge championship @ Road America

#### <u>Unfinished Business –</u>

No report

#### New Business -

In the Aug. issue of the "British Marque Car Club News" there is an article with a picture of our own Ron & Nancy Kuhnau. The article tells about their trip to MG2015 in Niagara Falls, Canada, and how they won first place trophy in their class in the car show. Congratulations Ron & Nancy!

#### Classified -

Jim Wyler has a 1977 MGB for sale in the Springfield/Auburn area. He says it is a nice car and it runs good.

#### Good Wrench Award -

Rich Cannistra nominated Hal Zenisek for all the time and work he has put in on our new website. The vote was unanimous. Hal received 5 raffle tickets.

#### **Burnt Piston Award -**

Mike Moore was nominated for asking the owner of Second Salem about the reason for the restaurant's name – and prompting a very long answer. He also received 5 raffle tickets.

#### **Raffle:** Don Grosenick

- 1. LED Sidekick Pick-up tool Lynda Vickery
- 2. Stanley 12 in 1 Multi-tool Ed Lehman
- 3. DeWalt 4 piece Screwdriver set Ed Lehman
- 4. Scarecrow Marna Grosenick
- 5. Fall Welcome Sign Hal Zenisek
- 6. Thunder Bay Bucks Leon Kitzmiller

#### <u> Adjournment:</u>

Respectfully Submitted: Marna Grosenick, Secretary

#### **2015 CALENDAR of EVENTS**

Sept 6	BBB Club Picnic - Liberty Farm; Woodstock, IL Hosts: Ed & Luz Lehman		
Sept 9	BBB <i>Drive and Dine</i> - Duck Inn; Delavan, WI		
	Hosts: Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz		
Sept 13	29th Annual Chicagoland British Car Festival		
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Sept 16	BBB CLUB MEETING Thunder Pay Destrument, Deskford, II		
Cont 17 20	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL		
Sept 17-20	VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival Road America; Plymouth, WI		
Sept 25-27	Fall Jefferson Car Show and Swap Meet		
3ept 23-27	Jefferson, WI		
Sept 25-28	BBB Northwoods Long Weekend; Eagle River, WI		
3cpt 23 20	Hosts: Mary Jo Schoening, Rick & Sandy Hamaker		
October 9	BBB Fall Drive		
	Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils		
October 14	BBB <i>Dine</i> –Bigfoot Inn; Harvard, IL		
	Host: JoAnne Fleshman		
October 21	BBB CLUB MEETING		
	Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL		
November 11	BBB <i>Dine</i> –Location needed		
	Host: Volunteer needed		
November 18	BBB CLUB MEETING		
D 1 2	Thunder Bay Restaurant		
December 2	BBB Cookie Exchange		
December 16	Host: Mary Jo Schoening		
December 10	BBB Christmas Party Host: Bay lovce		
	Host: Bev Joyce		



#### **Special News Flash:**

Two Woolly Bear caterpillars have been already sited in Harvard. Both had a large brown strip on its head, a large black strip in the middle and another large brown strip on its end. All the strips were the same size. The strips are suppose to predict the kind of winter we are going to have. Does anyone know what kind of winter these strips indicate? Let's us know at the next club meeting.

#### **WEBMASTER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015**

I'm happy to report to the BBB membership that the project to redesign the club's website is complete and finished. Thanks to all for your support, input and patience during the project. The person hired to help us with the project has finished his work and handed off the site to yours truly. Check out <a href="https://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com">www.britishbootsandbonnets.com</a> if you haven't checked out the club's website in the last couple weeks.

The site has several new features. For example, on the home page, the next 5 upcoming club events will always appear, visitors may view a car logo/grille badge slide show of our pictures, and read a welcome message from the club's present. The new site is mobile friendly for smartphones, tablets, and other mobile computing devices although the pages will display differently on each type of device. The new calendar provides an event details feature so you can look up information about where to go and when to be there, and other details on every club event in the future. Our site also provides a web form for visitors and potential members to contact us and even apply for membership.

The new site also retains many of the features from the old site which you said were important on the survey. For example, the members and cars page helps remind you about who drives what types of cars and introduces you to new members who have recently joined the group. Not all members appear but everyone is welcome to be included on the members page. Email me at <a href="webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com">webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com</a> and attach a picture if you do not currently appear on the members page and have a picture you'd like to share with others. Also, if there is a picture posted on the website that you would like me to remove, simply email your request to me.

You'll note other features from the old site are updated as well - club officers, driving guidelines, favorite links to other car clubs, for sale items, current and past newsletters, event photos, regalia information, and both new member and renewing member application forms. As in the past, information posted on the website will be coordinated with each of the officers providing leadership for their respective areas. Club information, membership, events, regalia, newsletters, and so on will be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. No BBB club member email, phone or address will appear on our site.

I welcome your review and feedback as we transition the new website from the developer's work to our own. Please email if you have questions. Sending me pictures from events and members with cars will be greatly appreciated going forward.

Yours truly,

Hal Zenisek,

webmaster@britishbootsandbonnets.com

#### **BOTHAM VINEYARDS - 2015**

by Lynda Vickery

The 20th annual vintage celebration lived up to it's excellent reputation as 19 BBB members and 2 guests enjoyed an afternoon viewing many beautifully restored cars and a few cars in process, visiting, enjoying music, food, and Botham wines. The setting under old oak trees in the rolling hills around Barneveld, WI makes this a unique car show; one that people return to year after year.



The featured cars this year were survivors, all styles, models and marques. There were some beautiful cars in this category. Check out the photo of the winner, a early 1900's woody. Because it is a multi-marque show there are always unique vehicles - like the 1931 MG (another photo). Botham encourages participants to wear vintage attire. And there always a few who are dressed to the "nines". Take a look at the couple with a replica Porsche race car.







Our BBB members enjoyed looking over the cars in both paddocks, and then relaxed for the afternoon with picnic lunches and a beverage. It looked like rain from the time we left Roscoe until well into the afternoon. But, other than a few scattered drops, the day was perfect as the cloud cover protected us from the hot sun. In order to be checked in and parked by 10 AM, we had to leave at a very early 7:30 AM. But it was worth it! Six cars started out from Roscoe, joined by 3 more in Monroe, and 2 other cars met us there. A great showing for British Boots & Bonnets.







#### Botham Vineyards cont...

Enjoy the photos, and any of us who attended will be happy to answer any questions. (The photos will show you who was there!)









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# AUGUST DRIVE AND DINE: A MYSTERIOUS DESTINATION

by Rich Cannistra



Fair weather and the thought of a new eatery lured 32 club members out for the August Drive and Dine. After meeting at the Roscoe Middle School, hosts Rich and Roxann Cannistra led the group down a variety of country roads to Whitewater, Wisconsin and the Second Salem Brewing Company.



The brewery proved to have a wide variety of very fairly priced offerings leaving our crowd quite satisfied and looking forward to a possible return visit.



Chris, owner of the pub, explained that the establishment's name came from a time more than 100 years ago when Whitewater was plagued by a series of mysterious events. These gave rise to the town receiving the nickname Second Salem.



#### August Drive and Dine cont...

The Beasts and other unworldly creatures of legend all seemed to be on good behavior for the evening as no unusual events or sighting were reported. When club members departed it was well after nightfall yet even Mr. Lucas was a perfect gentleman and provided everyone with an illuminated trip home.













#### FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - FUN FOR ALL

by Larry and Marsha Eils



At 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 26th the clouds parted and the sun shone through, setting the scene for Friends Around the Campfire in the Eils backyard. Fireman Ron Kuhnau built and kept the campfire going all evening during the festivities. Twenty nine club members arrived in many different types of vehicles proudly displaying them on the front lawn.



The tables overflowed with snacks and beverages. As the evening turned cooler the fire felt nice and warm against the chill. And much to our surprise an almost full moon appeared in a sky full of stars.

It was a wonderful night for a campfire enjoyed by all who attended. Even most of the bugs stayed away.



#### Friends Around the Campfire cont...





Rich goes the extra mile to get the perfect picture! And he got it!!



# BBB ATTENDS THE CROSSROADS BLUES FESTIVAL GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL!

by Bev Joyce



The Kishwaukee River as the back drop, good food and drinks, and great music provided for a great event, which ran until 9:30 pm.

On Saturday, August 29, Eighteen BBB members and their guests braved the weather and attended the **Crossroads Blues Society Annual Blues Festival** at Lyran Park in Rockford. The rain ended and the park was dried out before the live music started at noon.





#### Blues Festival cont.

Three of our members were found taking part in the harmonica workshop, and all went home enthusiastic about their new- found talent.



## LABOR DAY PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

by Lynda Vickery

Our annual "Labor Day Picnic" will be held on Sunday, September 6; this year the day before Labor Day Monday. Ed and Luz Leman are again hosting at their Liberty Farm estate. This is a great day - one you should not miss!

Hamburgers, brats and soft drinks will be provided along with all the fixings. The club requests that you bring a dish to pass. For beverages other than soft drinks please bring your own. A corkscrew and glasses will be provided.

Plan to arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. for lunch beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please help us to plan the food for this event by sending an RSVP to Lynda Vickery at <a href="mailto:jim.vickery@yahoo.com">jim.vickery@yahoo.com</a> or phone 815-623-5611 as soon as you can.

On the day of the picnic, please bring lawn chairs to add to the picnic tables that Ed and Luz have. And, if you have a lawn game you would like to share, be sure to bring that along. (Those bean bag toss games seem to be all the rage.)

The weather will be beautiful! And we will all admire our British cars parked along the driveway and enjoy a great day in the country!

#### SEPT. DRIVE & DINE THE DUCK INN

by Bruce Beneditz

It is time to revisit a club favorite and take a relaxing drive to The Duck Inn in Delavan, WI. The Duck Inn is a classic supper club and is chronicled in the book "Wisconsin Supper Clubs, an Old-Fashioned Experience" published in 2013.

On September 9th we will meet at Roscoe Middle School on Elevator Road, Roscoe, at 5:30 for a departure at 5:45. Reservations are at 6:30 if you wish to meet us there. Please contact Bruce Beneditz if you are planning to attend so that we can have an accurate count for the people at The Duck Inn.

Email <u>bruce.beneditz@charter.net</u> or call 815-543-0026.

# BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

The annual British Car Festival, will be held at Harper College, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL starting at 9AM with awards presented at 3PM.

This is an opportunity to see Aston Martins, Austins, Austin-Healeys, Bentleys, Triumphs, MGs, Lotus, Morris, Morgan, Jaquars, Jensen Healey, Mini Coopers, Sunbeam, English Fords, Deloreans, Metropolitans, Land Rovers, Rileys, Rolls Royces, and TVRs at one of the area's largest British car shows.

There is also British style food as well as American, plus vendor booths. A perfect day to immerse in all things British.

Many BBB members have made the trip to be part of this event. Don't pass up the opportunity!

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Later in September take in The Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road American; the Jefferson car show and swap meet; and finally our Northwoods Long Weekend in Eagle River. (Hope you have made your reservations!)

Read the following Fall Drive article to see the delightful day Larry and Marsha Eils have planned for you on Saturday, Oct. 9th.

The BBB Dine on October 14th at Bigfoot Inn on the north side of Harvard, is being planned by JoAnne Fleshman.

Watch for special emails and check your copy of the October Chronicle.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Cormariae Center, 3330 Maria Linden Dr, Rockford, will be hosting a Fall Festival Saturday, Sept. 12th from 12-4. We had been asked if we would like to use their venue for a showing of our LBCs, but there just wasn't time to put anything together this year. - LV

#### **FALL DRIVE PLANNING UNDERWAY**

by Larry and Marsha Eils

With summer almost gone and schools open, fall can't be far behind. Even the weather lately feels like fall. With that in mind, the planning for the BBB Fall Drive is underway.

The drive is planned for Friday, October 9, 2015. We will be heading north into Wisconsin to visit the Kettle Moraine and hopefully see plenty of fall color. One of our destinations is "Holy Hill", The Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary in the heart of the Kettle Moraine. Why here? The church sits on top of the highest point in southern Wisconsin, and you can see the countryside for miles from the entrance to the church. For the more adventurous club member, you can climb the 178 steps to the top of the observation tower inside one of the church spires. The view was spectacular in the summer (see picture), we can't wait to see it in the fall.



On the way to "Holy Hill" there will be a brief stop to view the "Spectacular Sculpture" of Paul Bobrowitz. Paul has lined his long driveway with all kinds of sculptures in different shapes and forms made with what ever material you can think of. A picture from Paul's yard shows one of his unique works of art.



After lunch there will be a leisurely drive through the Wisconsin countryside to dinner before we return home.

Final details will be published in the October Chronicle. So mark you calendar and join us for the last official club drive of the year.

#### Wish the Mini Happy Birthday

Production of the Mini began on August 26, 1959. Production stopped in 2000. In that time the factory produced 5.3 million cars.



# SEPTEMBER 2015 BBB REGALIA ONLINE STORE

Sadly the weather is beginning to cool off. Check out the website for warm club wear to help you extend the season while still wearing your BBB Logo regalia proudly.

Non-clothing related club merchandise is also for sale directly through the BBB Regalia Page. These items can be purchased online or by contacting Bruce Beneditz.

BBB Grill Badge - \$30 BBB Hat Pin - \$1 BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15

We have a number of New Old Stock (NOS) regalia items that we are liquidating at reduced prices. The following three items are available by contacting Bruce Beneditz.

Insulated Red Hooded Embroidered Jacket sizes L(1), 2XL(2), 3XL(2) - \$40 White mesh ball cap with BBB Logo (1) - \$10 Tan visor with BBB Logo (1) - \$10

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page. 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 EmbriodThis (no charge) Pick up a Club Meeting (no charge)

EmbroidThis has moved to a new location south on Rte 251, just north of Harlem Road. (The same plaza as Michalsen Furniture and Good Will.)

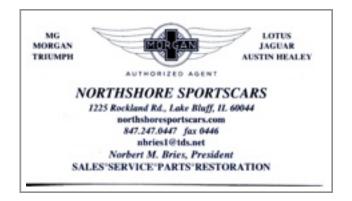
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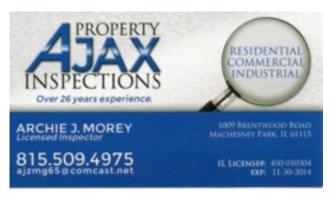
#### Welcome New Members!

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

Brian Kobischka, Treasurer
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