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Next Meeting  
**Wed., Jan 18, 2012**

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 Report

January 2012

Happy New Year!!!! Yes it is really 2012 and, so far, no snow or salt on the streets. I saw one of our members out yesterday with his yellow MGB. Mine is on blocks being worked on for next spring and not drivable. I wish I would have kept driving longer and taken advantage of the nice weather. Oh well, if I would have done that it probably would have snowed in November. Such is life.

Well enough about feeling sorry for myself, 2012 will be a great year for BBB. I am sure that all the traditions that we established last year will be continued with some surprises to keep us busy. But, I should not get ahead of myself. We have an important meeting coming up in January. We have to elect a new board. The Absentee Ballot is attached in the newsletter so if you cannot attend the meeting on January 18th, you can still vote. Another important thought, you can nominate someone, with their permission, or yourself for any of the offices on the ballot. The current board always presents a list of candidates but we like to have nominations from the members, either with the absentee ballot or from the floor at the January meeting. Remember, one way to keep our club vibrant is to have new ideas from new people. I encourage all of you to get involved and shape the activities of our club.

Looking forward, we have our first Dine of the new year. We will be Dining at the Liberty Inn in Beloit along with our hosts, Ginger Spaight and Marna Grosenick. The food is always great and of course, they have special items to warm you up if the weather takes a turn for the worse. And don't forget our January Membership Meeting on Wednesday the 18th at Thunder Bay.

I think this is true from working on my MG, ***"When you think you know it all, it's a sure sign you don't"***  
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Safety Fast and keep the rubber side down,

*Lee Kindgren*



## British Boots & Bonnets – November 16, 2011 - Membership Meeting Minutes

**President's Report:** Lee Kindgren opened the meeting at 7:00. There were 46 members in attendance. We welcomed new member, Rose Frain, who has a 2002 Mini Cooper, and new members, Jay & Jackie Coffey, who have a 1967 Austin Healey.

**2012 Calendar:** Lew Moon presented a proof copy of the BBB calendar for 2012. He is taking orders for \$14 each, assuming we would order more than 25, with delivery at the Christmas Party. He thanked Hal Zenisek for his help with photos. John Fleshman asked if we wanted to consider sending calendars to our advertisers, and Bev Joyce said she sent the calendar email to advertisers and interested parties.

**Additional President's Report:** Lee gave a report on the board meeting held Saturday, Nov. 12: Reviewed 2011 Budget, discussed slate for 2012 Officers, yearly membership numbers, calling members who haven't paid dues will be done in February, by-law changes, updating waivers, and creating a calendar committee.

**Vice President:** No report

**Secretary's Report:** Miki is vacationing in England; Lynda Vickery is taking minutes tonight. Ron Kuhnau moved to approve the minutes as published in the Chronicle. Ginger Spaight seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balances given. We have 87 paid members and 5 advertisers.

**Regalia:** Jake Jaquet & Marv Proctor found a company to make a clock with the BBB logo in the middle. If there are more than 12 orders, the price will be \$20. Store was open.

**Newsletter:** Lynda Vickery thanked members for all the articles, encouragement, and support given to her this year. Next issue will be January, 2012.

**Webmaster:** Hal Zenisek would like to start the 2012 Calendar on the website and asked members to let him know of regional show and event dates.

**Sunshine:** Sunny and Happy!

**Welcoming Committee:** No report

**Mileage Awards:** Larry Eils presented \$20 gas cards to Bill & Solveig Maschke for over 300 miles in their 1957 MGA; Dwain & Jenny Plymale for 4,460 miles in their 1966 AH 3000; Marsha Eils for 6,136 miles in her "Pumpkin"; and Carol Eggleston for her Mini Cooper.

**Past Events:** **Old Farts** Held at Fib's in Rockton on October 12th. Good turnout and good food. **Ladies Who Do Lunch** met at Egg Harbor Oct 28th. **Drive and Dine** was held at Hope and Anchor in Loves Park for great food, beverage, and conversation on Nov 9th with over 30 present.

**Future Events:** **Old Farts** will meet at Garrett's at 1:00 on November 18th. **Ladies Who Do Lunch** will not meet in Nov or Dec. The **Cookie Exchange** will be held on December 7th at Mary Jo Schoening's home. Please bring 4 dozen cookies and the beverage of your choice. All are welcome. Our **BBB Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 14th at Lino's. Our theme is Snowmen. Reservations need to be received by November 30th. The first **Dine** in 2012 will be January 12th at Liberty Inn. In February, we will meet at the Roscoe Gun Club, and in March, Hope & Anchor.

**Marques:** Contact the following people for information on events: MG-Rick Hamaker; Triumph-Jeff Lathrop, Mark Moore or Jake Jaquet; Jaguar-Jim Dunkel, Bob Tilson, or Rich Cannistra; Austin Healey-Bill Naretta, Dwain Plymale, or Ken Olendzki; Lotus-Jeff Plummer; Rolls Royce-Roger Buck; Minis-Yves Boode. **MG:** 2012 gathering will be the first week in June in Dillard, GA. **Triumph:** Plans being made for annual party in January. **Jaguar:** Bryan Kobischka is the proud new owner of a Jaguar 2007 XJ. **Austin Healey:** Christmas Gift Exchange will be held Dec 18th at Ken & Barb Olenski's. **Lotus:** No report. **Rolls Royce:** No Report. **Mini:** Chicagoland Mini Club have 35 preregistered for a trip to Starved Rock.

**Classified:** None

**New Business:** Carol Eggleston asked about the club doing something to help the area homeless kids. Lee and Lyn Pond reported back on the discussion the board had on this – that using personal money, not the club's is fine. (Taking up a special collection.) Our club isn't a charity organization. John Fleshman asked about giving scholarships for tech school students. The board would like to draft some guidelines for gifting. Bev reported the club has seen a big savings over the last 3 years because the newsletter is now electronically mailed. Before that funds were not as healthy. Several ideas were brought forth, and the board will discuss and bring forth a recommendation next year.

**Good Wrench Award:** Hal Zenisek for helping Lew with the calendars.

**Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award:** No nominations

**Raffle Winners:** Connie Frazier, Barb Buckavekas, Solveig Maschke, Jake Jaquet, Jay Coffey, Don Grosenick, Hal Zenisek, & Jim Vickery

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Vickery

## British Boots and Bonnets

### 2012 Calendar of Events

- January 11 **BBB Dine** - Liberty Inn, Beloit, WI  
Host: Ginger Spaight and Marna Grosenick
- January 18 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- February 8 **BBB Dine** - Gun Club of Roscoe, Roscoe, IL  
Host: Del and Kathy Lewis
- February 15 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- February 26 **British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble**  
DuPage County Fair Grounds, Wheaton, IL  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm; Admission: \$5.00
- March 14 **BBB Dine** - Hope and Anchor, Loves Park, IL  
Host: Richard and Roxann Cannistra
- March 21 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- April 11 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- April 18 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- May 9 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- May 16 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- June 6 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- June 6-10 **MG 2012: NAMGB National Convention**  
Dillard, Georgia
- June 20 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- July 11 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- July 18 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- August 8 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- August 15 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- September 12 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed
- September 19 **BBB Club Meeting**  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford
- October 10 **BBB Drive and Dine** - Location needed  
Host: Volunteer needed

October 17 **BBB** Club Meeting  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford  
November 14 **BBB Dine** - Hope and Anchor, Loves Park, IL  
Host: Richard and Roxann Cannistra  
November 21 **BBB** Club Meeting  
Thunder Bay Restaurant, Rockford  
December 12 **BBB** BBB Christmas Party

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## **Cookie Exchange - Good Enough To Eat!**

By Larry Eils

On a cloudy starry night 40 club members gathered at Mary Jo Shoening's house in Caledonia to enjoy snacks, beverages and conversation before the big event. The dining room table, with all its extensions in place, was overflowing with Christmas cookies, fudge and candy. At the appointed hour folks began circling the table filling their containers with a assortment of Christmas goodies. When the powdered sugar settled all the cookies, etc. were on their way to bring a Merry Christmas at a member's home. Thank you MJ for a wonderful evening.

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## **BBB Christmas Party Enjoyed By All**

By Larry Eils

A jolly, full size Snowman greeted the BBB club members as they arrived at Lino's for our Christmas Party. The theme for this year's party was "Snowmen." A beautifully decorated Snowman cookie was present at each place setting thanks to Ginger Spaight, Marna Grosenick, Bev Joyce, Connie Frazer and Marsha Eils.

The table centerpieces, a sleigh driven by Santa Claus carrying a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, were assembled by Nancy Kuhnau, Lynda Vickery, Connie Frazier and Marsha Eils.

Archie Morey served as a Master of Ceremonies for the evening festivities. A special treat this year was the raffle of eight (8) \$25 cash door prizes. Prior to dinner John Fleshman lead the group in his rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" based on owning a British car. Everyone did a terrific job of remembering the verses.

After enjoying a delicious Lino's dinner consisting of soup, salad, pasta, entrée of your choice and dessert the fun began. Archie, in his Santa hat, and his Elf helper, Larry Eils, conducted the world famous BBB British Gift Exchange. It took a little while but soon many gifts were being exchanged; just ask Bob T. and Barb O.

Before leaving Archie treated us with another wonderful Christmas poem he had written.

Bev Joyce would like to thank her committee members, Ginger Spaight, Marna Grosenick, Bev Joyce, Connie Frazer, Marsha Eils, Nancy Kuhnau, and Lynda Vickery, for all the work they did to put this Christmas Party together.

I would also like to thank Bev for chairing this event. The time and effort she put in helped make this Christmas Party the success it was.

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### British Cars and Christmas Cards

British cars and Christmas cards is the name of this poem,  
And to see either one you would surely know'em.  
British cars are shiny and show a lot of chrome,  
Christmas cards bring season's greetings to your humble home.  
Cars can be adorned red, green, blue and yellow,  
a good amount of Christmas cards with a certain jolly fellow.  
British cars can be found in garages, barns and sheds,  
Christmas cards with reindeer and jingle bells on their heads.  
Cards can be bought, homemade, or even printed,  
British tools and performance parts, surely should be hinted.  
Cards have pictures with kids, pets or "family",  
British cars have, you know, Jaguar, Healey and Bentley.  
British cars have the high end Aston and Rolls-Royce,  
Christmas cards have ones that can record your own voice.  
Christmas cards can have a delicate tissue facing.  
British cars can be used for showing, touring and racing.  
Christmas cards can bring a solemn, heartfelt tear,  
as does a British car sitting several months of the year.  
British cars are special and quirky on their own,  
today I got a Christmas card at my humble home.  
When I get it open, I laugh at what I see:  
some jingle bells, antlers and a red MGB.  
So I made a card at home for this main reason,  
to wish you all a Merry Christmas season.



*Cookies!  
Cookies!  
Cookies!*





2011  
*Christmas Party!*



## Webmaster Report – January 2012

At a recent club meeting, members expressed interest in hearing where visitors to our website come from. From the latest report from the site meter, our most recent visitors (whose locations were provided) are listed below for your reading enjoyment.

- Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
- Poughkeepsie, New York
- Buffalo Grove, Illinois
  - Madrid, Spain
- Madison, Wisconsin
- Portland, Oregon
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  - Bremen Germany
  - Springdale, Arkansas
  - Belvidere, Illinois
  - Council Bluffs, Iowa
  - Nashville, Tennessee
  - Sycamore, Illinois
  - San Antonio, Texas
  - Topeka, Kansas
  - Berlin, Germany
- Unknown Location, Egypt
- Saint Helena, California

Many more do not have locations disclosed of course. Be sure to check out [www.britishbootsandbonnets.com](http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com) when you need club related information. Please let me know how the website can better support your needs and promote the club.

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## Happy 2012 - Our "Dine" is Underway

By Larry Eils

Climb into your warm alternative "English car" on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and drive to the Liberty Inn, 1901 Liberty Ave, Beloit, WI for our first *Dine* in 2012. Our hosts, Ginger Spaight and Marna Grosenick will greet us at 6:00 pm. Because of the economy, there will be a limited menu to choose from. Our choices are Breast of Chicken Picatta, Prime Rib, Hand Battered Shrimp and Broiled Orange Roughy.

Next month Kathy and Del Lewis are hosting *Dine* at The Gun Club of Roscoe, 5506 Clayton Circle, Roscoe.

\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\* This *Dine* event and others to follow in the winter months will take place regardless of the weather. There will be no cancellations unless we have a blizzard. So let's hope the weather cooperates.

## A Year In Review

By Larry Eils

Our 2011 dining and driving year is now history. So it's time to look back at the activities we enjoyed in 2011. A short video presentation will be made at the January meeting highlighting our 2010 activities.

### FOR SALE

1952 Triumph parts for sale.  
Radiator and Transmission.  
All for \$75.00.  
Contact Doug Aken  
815-734-4548.

## All British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble in February

By Larry Eils

The swap meet will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2012 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL. General admissions is \$5.00 and parking is free.

This year the club will again have three tables to allow for a better display of the products everyone would like to sell. Ron Kuhnau and I will be setting up the tables. So if you are planning on selling anything at the swap meet please let Ron ([rnkuhau@aol.com](mailto:rnkuhau@aol.com)) or myself ([rpeonygarden@gmail.com](mailto:rpeonygarden@gmail.com)) know at least a week prior to the swap meet.

This is a very popular event so if you have never attended give it a try. Even if you don't have anything to sell it is interesting to see what is for sale. Who knows, that very thing you have not been looking for could be there.

### Welcome New Members

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

Bev Joyce, Treasurer  
**British Boots and Bonnets Car Club**  
P.O. Box 33, Caledonia, IL 61011-0033

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