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PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL, 2023

Greetings!

The arrival of spring was not what I had envisioned, with rain, snow and most recently the tornado that swept through this past weekend. According to the forecast, the week ahead of us is looking much better.

Seems like a good time to start planting those garden seeds, with the hopes of growing my own farmers market spectacular! Our events calendar has a few upcoming dates that you don't want to miss out on. Wednesday, April 12th: Dine at Grubsteakers, contact Ron Kuhnau for the details.

Saturday, April 15th: Tour an amazing private car collection, followed by lunch and a second tour of the Kelch Aviation museum, in Brodhead WI. Meet at Wendy's/Thornton Gas, 13543 Willowbrook Rd. Roscoe, IL at 8:45AM for a 9:00AM departure. Host Rich Cannistra

Also on Saturday, April 15th. The ever popular Ladies English Tea, Hostess: Chris Oakes. Starting at 12:00PM, please RSVP Chris.

Cheers!
Dennis



**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Apr 19, 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



British Boots and Bonnets Ladies English Tea 2023

When: Saturday, April 15th

Where: Chris Oakes' house

7975 Joy Lane, Roscoe, IL

(Corner of Atwood Road & Joy Lane -
Hinkles Wooded Estate)

Time: Noon

RSVP to Chris Oakes by Wednesday, April 12th

@ 815-270-1106 (home phone), 309-370-5863 (cell phone)

cboakes05@hotmail.com

RSVP (if Possible): Feel free to come even if you don't RSVP

The RSVP is to get an idea of a food you plan to bring, to assure a variety of Sweet and Savory English Tea Treats and a table & chairs count.



BBB GARAGE TOUR 2023

The BBB 2023 garage tour is departing Saturday April 15th to visit two unique destinations in Brodhead WI. First stop will be Scott's Car Barn, an eclectic collection of vehicles which is not open to the public.

Lunch is planned at the Country Gardens Restaurant in downtown Brodhead. Their extensive menu can easily be found on their website if you care to look ahead. Prices shown on the menu are cash. They will accept payment by card but will add a few % service fee, so plan accordingly.



Following lunch, we will be off to the Kelch Aviation Museum. This ever-expanding collection of cars, motorcycles, airplanes, and memorabilia is a hidden gem so close by. The not-for-profit museum respectfully requests a donation, and when you see the time and quality of the work put in by volunteers, I believe you will be glad to give them your support. As you enter the museum a donation can easily be given by cash or card.



Meet at Wendy's/Thornton Gas, 13543 Willowbrook Rd., Roscoe IL. Wendy's is at the corner of E. Rockton Rd. and Willowbrook Rd. just west of the Rockton Rd. exit from I39. (Exit 3). Please meet at 08:45 for a 09:00 departure.

Questions: expanded information is available on the BBB website, Car & Club Events calendar, or call your host Rich Cannistra@608-359-4671



March 15, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm

Meeting called to order @ __7:05__ pm

Number of members present __32__

New members - none Guests = none

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm none

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

February 13, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by ____Phyllis Beneditz ____

Seconded by ____Nancy Kuhnau ____ **Approved**

Corrections to the February 13, 2023 minutes - none

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka absent - presented by Bev Joyce

Activity for the period of 2/16/2023 - 3/15/2023

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 3210.99
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.32
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 6276.31
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 6276.31

Income

Dues 2023	\$ 200.00
Raffle Income	\$ 39.00
Interest	\$.02
Total Income	\$ 239.02

Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 53.55
Total Expenses	\$ 53.55
Overall Total	\$ 185.47
Increase balance from 2022-Jan 2023	\$

Motion to accept: Don Grosenick 2nd : Bruce Beneditz **Approved**

Membership - Beverly Joyce -

74 members currently

61 members paid as of today

Barb Shimp joined tonight

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

none

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek absent

none

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -

none

Events - Ron Kuhnau

Past Events -

Butterfly Dine hosted by Don & Marna Grosenick had a great turnout.

Club Events.... Upcoming

March 24: Ladies Who Do Lunch is at Garrett's @ 12:30 pm

March 24: Old Farts is at Buster's 1 pm

April 12: Drive & Dine - Ed Nichols - More information to come

May 20: Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

June 14: Drive & Dine - Lunch - More information to come

July 1: Picnic at the Country house - hosted by Dennis & Crystal Klemm

July 8: Day @ the Lake - hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson

Note: the Date Change

July 23: Brits in the Garden - Janesville Rotary Gardens

August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In

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

Regional Events ...

March 26 - Chicagoland MG - Swap Meet - Dupage County Fairgrounds - 8am-2pm

June - Gathering of the Faithful (Started as an MGT club) but now is for all makes / models, South Bend Indiana - it is the 100th Anniversary of MG

June 2 - 4: CBCF - David Davis Mansion - Bloomington, IL

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

Displayed items the club has available for immediate purchase... hat, XXL jacket, car badge, pins, clock

Classified - none

New Business - Ron Kuhnau shared a “Quick fix” for a Triumph inner seal as a follow up to Jim Roberts presentation from last month - “The failed DIY”

Unfinished business - none

Marques

Jaguar none

Mini - April Cars & Coffee @ the Roundhouse in Aurora

MG none

Morgan none

Healey none

Rolls Royce none

Triumph none

Alfa Romero - none

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. Two brown bunnies	Phyllis Beneditz
2. Two sitting bunnies	Bev Joyce
3. Jar Candle	David Collier
4. Single Easter Kitchen towel	Solveig Maschke
5. Set of two Easter towels	Terri Cichon
6. High Flow Hose Nozzle	Tommy Lease
7. 9 Pc. Socket set	Ed Nichols
8. 9 pc. Combination wrench set	Zac Robbins

Recognition of past Club President Bruce Beneditz’s service with a plaque by current President Dennis Klemm

Adjournment

Motion made by _____Bill Maschke _____

Second by _____Ron Kuhnau _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at ___7:29___ pm

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Apr 12 BBB April Dine, Grubsteakers Restaurant, 6:00
 14698 IL-Rte 64, Rochelle, IL
 Hosts: Ed & Sharon Nichols
- Apr 15 BBB April Saturday Drive OPEN
- Apr 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 10 BBB May Drive & Dine OPEN
- May 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- May 20 BBB Picnic at the Country House: Abingdon Tews,
 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI
 Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm
- Jun 14 BBB June Drive & Dine, 'LUNCH' Doyles Irish Pub, Richmond, IL
 Meet at Popular Grove Airport Museum parking lot at
 10:15 leaving at 10:30
 Hosts: Bob & Diane Schawarzkopf
- Jun 17 BBB June Saturday Drive OPEN
- Jun 21 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Jul 1 BBB Early July 4th Picnic Gathering at Abingdon Tews,
 2702 S. Wyatt Rd., Orfordville, WI
 Hosts: Dennis & Crystal Klemm

Jul 8 BBB Day at the Lake
 Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson

Jul 12 BBB July Drive & Dine
 Hosts: Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet, Lynda Vickery

Jul 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

July 23 BBB Brits in the Gardens, Rotary Gardens,
 1455 Palmer Dr., Janesville, WI

Aug 9 BBB August Drive & Dine OPEN

Aug 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

Aug 20 Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In
 11619 IL-76, Poplar Grove, IL

Sep 13 BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN

Sep 16 BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN

Sep 20 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

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:

- Apr 28-30 46th Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>
- May 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- May 19-21 SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend, Road America
N7390 State Hwy 67, Plymouth, WI 53073
<https://www.roadamerica.com/svra-vintage-festival-weekend>
- Jun 2-4 Champagne British Car Festival, (John Twist featured speaker, MG
featured marque), Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL
<http://iflbcc.club/cbcf-host-hotel/>
- Jun 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jun 4 24th British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show,
10:00-3:00, Fort Meig Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd.,
Perrysburg OH 43566 <http://www.lebcc.org/>
- Jun 8-10 2023 Rendezvous, Hotel Chequamegon, 101 Lake Shore, Drive,
Ashland, WI
<HTTPS://WWW.MNTRIUMPHS.ORG/EVENTS/2023-RENDEZVOUS>
- Jun 12-16 NAMGR GT-48, Memphis, TN <https://namgar.com>
- Jun 16-17 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn Blackhawk Classic,
Blackhawk Farms Raceway,
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080
<https://blackhawkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/>

- Jun 20-23 GoF Central 2023, South Bend, IN
Host Hotel: Embassy Suites, South Bend, IN
<https://gof2023.com>
- Jun 24 Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Group & Lotus Corps.
The Carl Grabowski Driver's Education & Lapping Day
Blackhawk Farms Raceway
15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080
<https://www.caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR2.php>
- Jun 25 35th Annual Michiana British Car Show,
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm
- Jul 1 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Jul 8-9 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,
7/8 Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI
7/9 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory
Corners, MI
<http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>
- Jul 17-20 MG2023 - MG's In the Foothills, Calgary, Alberta Canada?
Tech sessions, Guided & Self-Guided tours, MG2023 Car Show, &
Closing Awards Banquet. See website for more details.
<HTTP://MG2023.REGFOX.COM/CALGARY>
- Aug 4-5 Mini on the Mack, Mackinaw City, MI, Mini Cooper parade across the Mackinac
Bridge, attempting to break the English-held world record.
Organized by MINI of Grand Rapids and supported by MINI USA.
<HTTPS://MINIONTHEMACK.COM>
- Aug 5 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Aug 5 38th British Car Day, 9-4PM
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH
<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

- Aug 12 35th Annual Indy British Motor Day, 8:30-2:30
Lion's Park, Zionville, IN (Featuring the MINI)
<http://ww.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>
- Sep 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2023, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.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/>
- 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-
Oct 1 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN
<HTTPS://WWW.NEWPORTHILLCLIMB.COM>

DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2023, please send a check to:

British Boots and Bonnets Car Club, PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107

The March Dine Was Held at the Butterfly Club Outside of Beloit

The second dine of the new year took place on March 8th at one of our old favorite restaurants, the Butterfly Club in Beloit. The event, hosted by Don and Marna Grosenick, was attended by 21 members. It was a fun evening filled with great conversation and wonderful food. We would like to think all the members who came out on that cold, windy evening to enjoy it with us.

Thank you Don and Marna!



Henry's version of Drive & Dine!
(Marna & Don's Grandson)

BBB Webmaster Report

From a Smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, you can check out planned British car and club related events for 2023 on our website. [Click or Touch Here](#) for a direct link to April 2023 events, and then use the arrow icon to advance through the monthly calendars for rest of the year. Click or touch on any event in the calendar for details and more information. If you prefer, you may simply enter and search for British Boots and Bonnets events into your favorite web-browser (Google, Chrome, Firefox, Edge or other). Future British car and club event details will be added or updated in coordination with Ron Kuhnau and our events planning group over the coming months. Please check back for updates later in the year and prior to scheduled events since plans may change.

Members may also go to the home page at <http://www.britishbootsandbonnets.com> and use the navigate menu bar to get to any of our webpages on the site. You have options such as club Information, current and archived newsletters, event photos, regalia, resources, and links to other British car clubs. All event photos shown on our website were taken by club members and shared for publishing. Future event photos will be added following BBB hosted events and after photographers share pictures with me.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our web-based efforts. I welcome your ideas, feedback and suggestions.

Hal Zenisek

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by Facia Nearside

In 1952 Donald Healey designed the Healey Hundred which quickly became the Austin-Healey 100, the beginning of a very successful line of cars known as the big Healeys. Ever the astute observer, Healey soon realized there was a potential market for a budget alternative to the big Healey, and BMC chairman Leonard Lord was on board with the idea. The car would be small enough to fit in a chap's back shed and assembled as much as possible from existing Austin parts to keep costs down. Once again styled by Gerry Coker the Austin-Healey Sprite made its debut in 1958.

The homely little car had an appearance that was hard not to love. The grill was shaped like a smile and the headlights were mounted prominently on top of the bonnet like eyes. The lights were originally intended to fold flat but the folding mechanism was eliminated as a cost saving measure. The cute little car quickly became known as Frog-Eye in the UK and Bug-Eye in the US, and at a price of £445 before tax it was an immediate success. Production was undertaken by BMC at the MG factory at Abingdon and almost 9000 rolled out the door that first year.



The cute little smile and frog-eyes lasted just over three years before the car took on a more conventional appearance. No one seemed to mind however as sales of the little sports car continued to soar. Not to be left out of the action, beginning in 1961 MG badge engineered its own version of the updated Sprite and called it the Midget.



Sprite production lasted through 1971 but the Midget soldiered on for another eight years. By the end of that 22 year run almost 365,000 Sprites and Midgets had been built. Although the big Healey has always been the car of story and legend, Donald Healey's Sprite was the car that paid the bills, frog-eyes and all.

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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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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107

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



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BBB REGALIA ONLINE

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

BBB Grill Badge - \$30

BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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:

Shipped directly to you (additional fee)

Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

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