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Next Meeting
Wednesday,

August 18, 2021

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

Presidents Report

August 2021

I just returned home from Jim Vickery's Celebration of Life. The weather held off, and it was a wonderful event attended by so many of Jim's family and friends. BBB Club Members and their cars were well represented.

The weather also cooperated for Brits in the Gardens at Janesville Rotary Gardens. It was warm, but there was a nice breeze and plenty of shade to relax in. It would be wonderful if this trend continues through out the summer for our events. We so need it after last year.

One of the sayings that Jim, and many of you, have said over the years is that, "Too many British Cars are not enough." I found out the other day that one is not enough. The MGB is my go-to car if there is a possibility of rain. I got into it the other day and the wipers were stuck half-way up and would not move. I don't know how they got there, but I need to fix it. It is nice to have the Midget available to drive to events while the needed repairs are made. In this case, I hope that 2 is enough.

COVID prevented us from celebrating the 25th Anniversary of BBB in May. Now that attendance at the monthly meeting is improving, the Board has decided to celebrate the anniversary at the September meeting on the 15th. This will be a meeting you do not want to miss. Ed Lehman has generously donated many of his creations to BBB to be used for the raffle. You don't want to miss this opportunity to take home one of Ed's treasures.

I won't be at the August meeting but am looking forward to being back for the September meeting. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the nice days while we have them.

Bruce



July 21, 2021 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Bruce Beneditz . Twenty-eight members were present.

Bruce welcomed guests, Donna and Roger Shaduck with her Jaguar Vanden Plas.

Randy Hughes attended and he has a 1995 Jaguar XJS. Also, young Tommy, age 11, was present with his father Bill Leese, one of the charter members of the club. Tommy is very interested in cars.

The BBB Club Board Meeting was held July 16th. The full Board was present. There is no push for anyone to start attending events if they are not comfortable.

We are missing a stack of the old window clings. If anyone knows where they are, please let Bruce know.

No raffle prizes were available because Don and Marna could not attend the meeting.

The remaining 2021 budget was discussed and set.

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

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Dennis Klemm to accept the June 2021 report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Ron Kuhnau. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier

A budget was set at the Board meeting for 6 months instead of 12 due to the COVID virus halting our normal meetings. A motion was made by Phyllis Beneditz to accept the June Treasurer's report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Larry Eils. Motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce - No report

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery - Please get your input to Lynda as soon as possible.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Hal shared the annual summer BBB traffic report from the Club's website for 2020-2021. He reported the data isn't consistent with past reports due to the club's inactivity during COVID-19 shutdown but he thought it was still worth sharing. In short, traffic to our site is back and in a big way! For example, for the month of February 2021 the club had 65 visitors to the website, and last month (June) saw 604 visitors. Last year during COVID shutdown (2020) we saw a decline of 27% in visitors to our site, with a total of 1,652 visitors over 12 months. For 2021, year to date, we have already seen 1,609 visitors through June 30. In July we should surpass last year's total. A visitor is defined by the web hosting software as a unique visitor. So, for example, one individual logging in three times is counted as one unique visitor.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

MaryJo Schoening is recovering well and is accepting visitors and cards. Contact Phyllis for her new address. Ed Moser, a former member, has passed away.

Regalia - Dennis Klemm -

The club has a nice BBB clock available for sale. There are also 2 nice BBB hats.

Past Events - Greg Oakes

A huge Thank You to Dennis and Crystal for hosting a fabulous Fourth of July party at their country house in Orfordville, Wisconsin.

Thank you also to Nancy and Ron Kuhnau for hosting the July Drive and Dine with dinner at Benedetti's. The ice cream was outstanding!

Future Events

This Friday is the fourth Friday of the month. The Gentleman's Lunch will be at the Rock Bar and Grill at 1:00 PM. The Ladies Who Lunch will be at Alchemy at 12:00. Please RSVP to Chris Oakes.

Sunday is the Janesville Rotary Gardens Show. We have 26 cars lined up with good weather expected. If anyone still wants to come, they are welcome. Please bring your car between 11-12:00. Greg Oakes, Larry Eils, Ricky Palmer, and Rich Cannistra will help you park. There will not be a food truck available, so please bring your own food and drinks. Also bring your own chairs. Randy Hughes, Chairman of the Rotary Gardens has invited the club members to his family farm after the Gardens is over. He will have a taco bar, sweetcorn, and drinks for us. The barn is air conditioned.

August 7th is Jim Vickery's Celebration of Life. Please RSVP to Lynda Vickery so that she has a good number for the caterer.

August 22, a Sunday, is the 49th Poplar Grove Fly In - Drive In at the Poplar Grove airport. Cars and airplanes will be displayed, airplane rides are being given for a fee, a flour drop will be held, there will be tractor pulls, and the Museum is open. This event starts at 10:00 but come a little earlier to park. After 12:00 we will move over to the Museum area. You can take a tour of the engine shop and see the WW1 Jenny rebuild. Please RSVP to Rich Gibson.

A Labor Day picnic is planned at the Klemm's. More details will be made available as we get closer to September.

The intent is to have an English Tea, possibly October 2nd.

December 15th will be our Holiday Party at Lino's.

There are still a lot of open dates for events. If you have any means of hosting an event, please do so.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - There is an estate sale with Roger Buck's collection of cars and household items.

Burnt Piston Award - None

Good Wrench Award - Postponed with nomination for Dennis and Crystal for their Fourth of July gathering.

Adjournment

Bruce Beneditz told a story about about a Texas Ranger.

A motion was made by Larry Eils to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rich Cannistra.

Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

The Club provides financial information to members only. If you have any questions please refer them to our Treasurer, Connie Frazier.

2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Aug 18 BBB Monthly Dine & Meeting, 6 pm
 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 22 49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In, 10 am-2 pm
 See flyer in this Chronicle - Details to follow
 11619 Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL
- Sep 5 Labor Day Picnic at The Abington Tews
 of Dennis & Crystal Klemm, 1pm-5pm
- Sep 9 BBB September Drive and Dine
 OPEN
- Sep 18 BBB September Saturday Drive
 OPEN
- Oct 13 BBB October Drive and Dine
 OPEN
- Oct 16 BBB October Saturday Drive
 OPEN
- Nov 10 BBB November Dine
 OPEN
- Dec 15 BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY!

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Aug 14 Indy British Motor Day, 9 am - 2:30 pm
 Lion's Park, Zionsville, IN
 For details: <http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>
- Aug 15 Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration - Year 25, 10 am - 5 pm
 Botham Vineyards & Winery, 8180 Langberry Rd, Barneveld, WI
 For details: www.bothamvineyards.com/vintage-celebration/
- Aug 21 Sport & Specialty Open House & Car Show - 11am - 3pm
 9169 Forest Preserve Rd. Durand, IL
- Aug 22 British Car Field Day, 10 am - 3 pm
 Sussex Village Park, Sussex, WI
 For details: <http://www.mg3club.org/event/british-car-field->

- Sep 4 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Sep 10-12 British Invasion, featured Marques: Austin-Healey, Bentley,
Rolls-Royce, Singer
Stowe, VT
For details: www.britishinvasion.com/
- Sep 11 Secretary of State Vehicle Show & Swap Meet, 7 am - 3 pm
Downtown, Springfield, IL
For details: [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/
services/vehicle_show/home.html](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/vehicle_show/home.html)
- Sep 12 British Car Day, Gates, 8 am-3 pm
Harbin Park, 1300 Hunter Rd., Fairfield, OH 34014
For details: WWW.bccgc.com/british-car-day
- Sep 12 Chicagoland British Car Festival, 9am -3 pm
Harper College, 1200 /w. Algonquin Rd., Palatine, IL.
For details: www.britishcarunion.com/
- Sep 18 All British Car & Cycle Show, 9 am-3 pm
Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, 13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO
For details: <https://allbritishcarshow.com/>
- Sep 21-24 2021 Put-in-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races and Reunion
Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH
For details: www.pibroadrace.com/
- Sep 24-26 44th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, 6 am-4 pm
Fairgrounds, 503 N. Jackson St., Jefferson, WI
For details: <https://www.madisonclassics.com/events/fall-jefferson/>
- Oct 1-3 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb
Newport, Indiana
For details: <https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>
- Oct 2 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com

JOIN THE GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLUB FOR LUNCH!

On Friday, August 27th, The Gentlemen s Driving Club, Old Farts, will have its August meeting at Ridott Corners Tavern, 1862 S. Rock City Road, Ridott, Il. This location is at the corner or Rock City Road and Highway 20. We will meet at 1:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Rick Hamaker and Lee Kindgren

THE LADIES PLAN A LUNCH DATE TOO!

The August 27th Ladies Lunch will be at Poison Ivy - 5765 Elevator Road, Roscoe, Il., at noon.

The September 24th Ladies Lunch will be at Garretts – 1631 North Bell School Road, Rockford, Il, at noon.

Chris Oakes



Save the Date !!!

December 15, 2021

For the British Boots and Bonnets Annual
Christmas Party!

Lino's has preserved our annual party date, but we understand restaurant restrictions could change before December, or maybe some of us may not be comfortable attending, all depending on COVID statistics in our area. However, at this time we are charging ahead with plans to celebrate the holidays together! Watch the October Chronicle for further information, along with your reservation form. If you have any questions, please give Bev a call at 815-975-0857 or e-mail at andsewon53@comcast.net.

POPLAR GROVE FLY-IN, CLUB EVENT

WHEN: Sunday, 22 August

TIME: Preferred arrival time 9:30-9:45. Official activities start at 10:00. About noon we will convoy over to north side of airport to Museum until end of activities @ 2:00 PM.

WHERE: Poplar Grove Airport, 11619 IL-76, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Enter off of Illinois Route 76 at "Poplar Grove Airport" sign.

Parking map coming soon.

There is no breakfast being served this year. Various food trucks will be available.

BRING: Lawn chairs, water, snacks, sun screen, sun hat, sun umbrella, walking shoes and BBB Business Cards to hand out. Wear your name tags & BBB shirts.

ACTIVITIES: Vintage airplanes, other car clubs, tour of aircraft engine rebuilding shop, tractor pulls, food trucks, flour bombing, museum tours, replica WW1 Jenny under construction, new people to meet & greet.

AFTER PARTY PARTY: Drive to MYRT'S ICE CREAM SHOPPE, Sharon, WI.

Greg Oakes

LABOR DAY PICNIC AT ABINGDON TEWS.

Please join our hosts - Dennis and Crystal Klemm - on Sunday, Sept 5 for an afternoon picnic in the country. 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Rain or Shine.

The location is Abingdon Tews (the Klemm's country house)

Abingdon Tews is the home to the Klemm's large collection of MG automobiles, MG memorabilia, and all things automotive. It also is a great venue for a picnic with indoor seating (if required) and many large shade trees and a grassy lawn. A perfect place to enjoy the company of fellow club members before the driving season starts to wrap up for the year.

Lawn chairs are suggested although not a requirement.

Please bring a dish to share. Burgers, brats and beverages will be provided by the Club.

Please RSVP by 9/3/2021. Reply to Dennis at denklemm@aol.com or call Crystal at 608-751-0890

Greg Oakes

Ladies Fall English Tea

British Boots and Bonnets



Date: Saturday, October 2nd

Time: Noon -??

Where: Chris Oakes' house

7975 Joy Lane, Roscoe, Illinois

RSVP: by Friday, September 24th

cboakes05@hotmail.com

309-370-5863 cell/text

815-270-1106 home

Please bring a sweet or savory appetizer or dessert. It is helpful if you let me know when you RSVP what you would like to bring. I can then fill in anything that may be missing.



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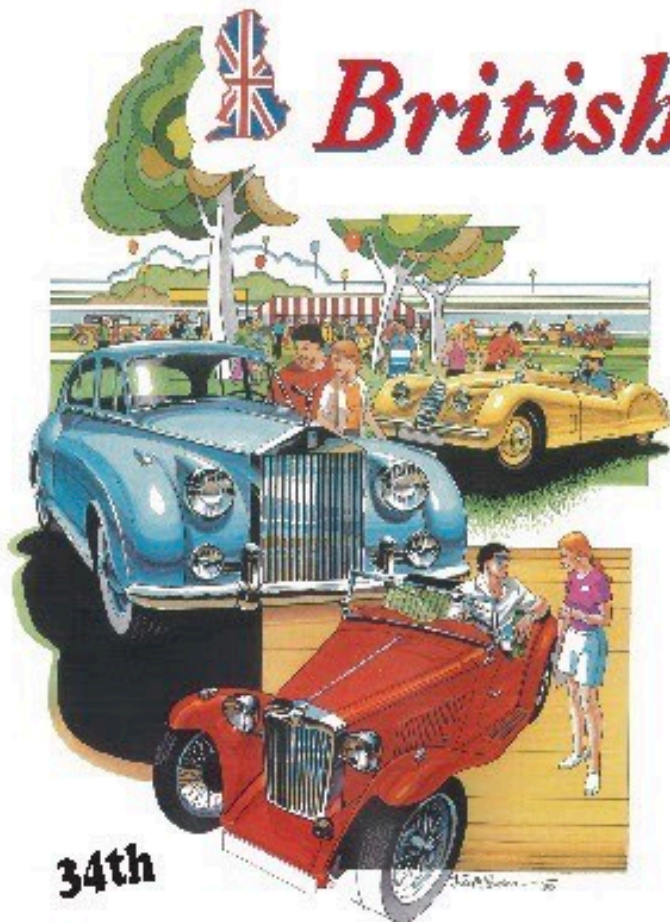
49th Annual

Sunday, August 22nd 2021

<p>BITES & FLIGHTS FOOD TRUCKS FIREBOX/SIPS & SPRINKLES Coffee, Drinks & Ice Cream</p> <hr/> <p>PIZZA FRESCA, "BUCS" POTATOES, OLIVO TACOS, LuLu Roasted Corn Olive Branch, J-Dawg Jerky Co. 10am - 2pm</p>	 <p>Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum 10am - 2pm J&C Ice Cream & Floats</p>
<p>British Boots & Bonnets Northern Ill/Southern Wis Car Show</p>	<p>FREE ADMISSION!</p>
 <p>Belvidere Rotary Club Flour Bomber Bingo 2:00 pm Pre-Event Ticket Sales Contact: GieratClaire@Comcast.net</p>	<p>See the "JENNY" Project!</p> <p>FOOD TRUCKS at the Museum: Cantina Taco, Savor BBQ, Downtown Fancy Franks,</p> <p>Shuttle To/From Museum 10am to 2pm</p> <p>VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL</p>

ENGINE SHOP
 10 am to 12 pm
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 9 am to 1 pm Weather Permitting



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September 12th, 2021

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Connie Frazier, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
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.

BBB WEBMASTER REPORT – AUGUST 2021

From the webmaster's inbox on the website, BBB received 3 new emails from non-members that I thought may be of potential interest:

1. Randy K. is selling a 1975 MGB that is in "mostly restored condition." I'll forward his email if you have interest in contacting him.
2. Nancy F. is selling a blue 1961 MGA MK1 Roadster Convertible which she inherited from her husband's estate. I'll forward her email if you have interest in contacting her.
3. From Tyler Lathrop, "This past weekend my family and I attended the show at the Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville. I had heard about the show in the Janesville Gazette and was interested to come see the cars intermingled in the garden grounds. My high expectations were completely blown away! The cars looked great amongst the garden, my family had a great time looking at both the cars and the flowers. Such a unique event. As a photography hobbyist, I brought out my camera and was delighted that the car owners were so willing to primp and preen for me. I had multiple car owners ask me if I'd like them to put the car hood up or down to see the lines better, they were very accommodating and I was extremely grateful! In thanks, here is a link to the images I took. Please feel free to share this with the car owners who attended the show: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/XcNKiznqEw9NAncN7>. Thank you for such a unique event, I will be looking forward to this again next year!"

Please let me know if you have any comments or feedback about the club's website.

Hal Zenisek

BBB Webmaster



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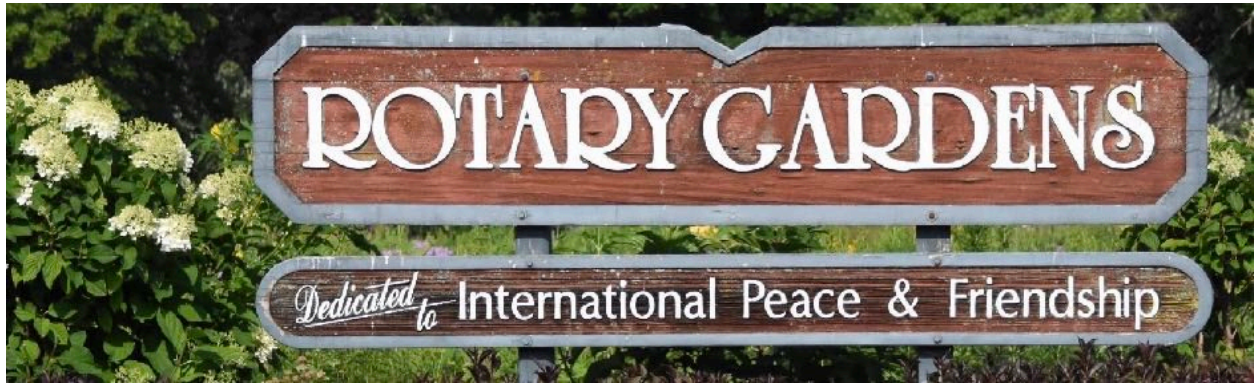
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BRITS IN THE GARDEN

Exceptionally warm weather was the forecast for our day at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville WI, but it didn't deter the enthusiasm of club members who turned out to display 26 beautiful cars. Ample shade, plenty of cool drinks, and the beautiful garden setting proved to be the perfect combination for a successful club event. Public response was excellent this year with both BBB and Rotary Gardens receiving glowing positive feedback of an especially enjoyable day from the visitors.

The day's events ended with the icing on the cake. Randy and Judy invited all club members to their farm to enjoy a corn boil and other refreshments. Not only were we able to cool off and fill up, but photo opportunities once again abounded in the picturesque rural location. As the sun set and we headed our separate ways, we were once again reminded of how our love of British cars leads to fellowship with the very nicest people!!

Rich Cannistra







DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

English Racing Automobiles (ERA) was established in 1933 with the aim of producing a team of single seat race cars capable of upholding British pride in international motor sport. Founder Humphrey Cook knew the cost of aspiring to full Grand Prix racing was prohibitive so he aimed ERA efforts at the 1500 cc (voiturette) class of racing. Fortunately, wealthy driver Raymond Mays and Peter Berthon, an accomplished engineer, put their energy and expertise into the project as well.

A factory was established at Bourne, Lincolnshire. The first car had a chassis designed by Reid Railton and a six-cylinder engine very similar to that of a Riley Six, but enhanced for racing in several ways. A stronger forged crankshaft with a large center roller bearing was used and a new aluminium cylinder head was designed. The engine was also super charged with a bespoke design by Murry Jameson. Unusually it ran on methanol, producing about 200 bhp at 6500 rpm.

ERA unveiled this first car, R1A in May 1934. Although it required a bit of sorting, by the end of the year it was scoring notable victories against more established marques. Then in 1935, at a prestigious race in Nurburgring, ERAs took first, third, fourth, and fifth places. For the remainder of the decade ERA dominated voiturette racing. During this time the cars were continuously developed until the second World War brought a halt to motor racing in Europe.

In 1948 ERA was acquired by Leslie Johnson but the name remained dormant. That all changed in 1989 when ERA put its name to the ERA Mini Turbo, the fastest ever version of the original Mini to be sold through official dealers. Today the ERA trademark is owned by Tiger Racing.

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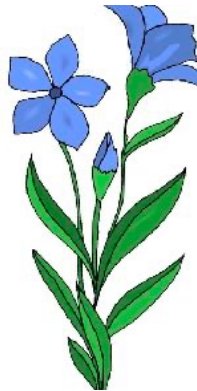
Just a quick thought to brighten your day -

I still have a full deck.
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stay well!!!

Phyllis



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BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)

British flags for cars - \$5

BBB wall clock - \$15

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Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

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