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## President's Report

June 2022

Hope everyone had as great Memorial Day weekend as I did. We spent the time at the lake with my two young granddaughters going for boat rides, fishing, and having s'mores around the campfire. It doesn't get much better than that.

I've been getting out and about with the MG running errands around town. No road trips yet, but, that's OK with me. I just love the smell of oil in the air. Hopefully you too have had a chance to go for a drive. I'm definitely looking forward to the Saturday Driving Event on May 4 and the Drive and Dine on May 8.

Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events. Also, look to see if there are any holes in the schedule that you can fill. We hope to have lots of opportunities to get out on the road and to enjoy each other's company.

Safety Fast,

Bruce

Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,**

**June 15, 2022**

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**



# MAY 18, 2022 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS MEETING

## President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting called to order @ \_\_7:09\_\_ pm

Number of members present \_\_17\_\_

Review of raffle tickets.

Guests: Zach (Don Grosenick's grandson) and Melinda Roach (Sandy Hamaker's daughter)

Raffle tickets for the Good Wrench Awards were finally given to Ron Kuhnau for August and Larry Eils for February.

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm - no report

## Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

April 20, 2022 Minutes as printed in the May Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by \_\_Larry Eils \_\_

Seconded by \_\_Ron Kuhnau \_\_

Corrections to the **March 16, 2022** minutes - none

Motion passed to accept the minutes.

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

Activity for the period of **April 20, 2022 - May 14, 2022**

### Cash and Bank Accounts

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BMO Harris Checking Account           | \$ 2390.41         |
| BMO Harris Savings Account            | \$ 3065.04         |
| <b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</b> | <b>\$ 5455.45</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities / Expenses</b>   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     |
| <b>Overall Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 5455.45</b>  |
| <b>Total income 2022 Dues</b>         | <b>\$ 100.00</b>   |
| <b>Total income 2023 Dues</b>         | <b>\$ 20.00</b>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                       |                    |
| Newsletter                            | \$ 93.27           |
| Sunshine - Memorial                   | \$ 75.00           |
| Yearly Maintenance                    | \$ 138.50          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 | <b>\$ 306.77</b>   |
| <b>Overall total</b>                  | <b>\$ - 186.77</b> |

Motions to accept the budget report was made by \_\_Ron Kuhnau \_\_

Seconded by \_\_Crystal Klemm \_\_



**Burnt Piston Award - none**

**Marques**

**Jaguar** - none

**Mini** - Larry Eils - Mad Dogs & Englishmen - July 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>

Featured mark is the Mini

**MG** -MG Show International 2022, Petersburg, Canada - June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Morgan** - none

**Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick**

| Item                                    | Recipient        |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Indoor/ Outdoor Wireless Thermometer | Nancy Kuhnau     |
| 2. Teardrop Composite Ratchet           | Ron Kuhnau       |
| 3. 4 Piece Socket Adapter Set           | Sandy Hamaker    |
| 4. Geranium Plant                       | Phyllis Beneditz |
| 5. Geranium Plant                       | Crystal Klemm    |
| 6. Geranium Plant                       | Ed Nicholl       |
| 7. Geranium Plant                       | Larry Eils       |
| 8. Geranium Plant                       | Don Grosenick    |
| 9. Geranium Plant                       | Donna Jaquet     |
| 10. Geranium Plant                      | Greg Oakes       |
| 11. Geranium Plant                      | Bev Joyce        |

**Adjournment**

Motion made by \_\_Phyllis Beneditz \_\_\_\_\_

Second by \_\_Nancy Kuhnau \_\_\_\_

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at \_\_7:40 \_\_ pm

**Submitted by: Chris Oakes**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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

Brian Kobischka 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.

## THE FIRST BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS SATURDAY DRIVE FOR 2022

will be held on **June 4th**. Our hosts are Bill and Solveig Maschke (with assistance from Rich Cannistra). This is a rain or shine event. No RSVP is required - just show up. Participants should meet at the Roscoe Middle School (6121 Elevator Rd, Roscoe, IL) by **12:15PM**. At **12:30PM** the group will depart (led by Rich Cannistra) for the Meggy Moo's Dairy Ripple (600 Kenosha St) in Walworth. We expect to arrive at about 1:15PM and will eat lunch there. Their menu is best previewed here : <https://www.restaurantji.com/wi/walworth/meggy-moos-dairy-ripple/>

At about 2:15PM Bill and Solveig will lead us to Benedetti's (3232 S Riverside Dr) in Beloit where we will have "dessert". We should arrive at Benedetti's at about 3PM.

**Spoiler alert:** this driving event will have a "Surprise Ending". You do not want to miss this!

## DRIVE & DINE FOR JUNE WILL BE BACK TO A CLUB FAVORITE!

Don and Marna Grosenick will be our hosts on Wednesday, June 8th. We will be dining at the Stagecoach Inn (11946 N State Road 26, Fort Atkinson, WI, 608-868-3850). The Wednesday special is prime rib. The full menu can be viewed at ... <https://www.facebook.com/dinneratstagecoach/menu>

Those participating in the Drive portion of the evening should meet at the Roscoe Middle School (6121 Elevator Rd, Roscoe, IL) by **5:15PM**. The group will depart at **5:30PM**.

We expect to arrive at about **6:30PM** and those that prefer to Dine-only should meet the group at the restaurant at that time (or earlier if you want to get a head start on refreshments).

RSVP should be directed to Marna at [mgrosenick@att.net](mailto:mgrosenick@att.net) or to house phone **608-752-7092**. Note that an **RSVP is necessary** if you intend to eat at the Stagecoach - even if you plan on skipping the drive portion and meeting the group at the restaurant.

This has been one of the Club's favorite dining locations so we're looking forward to a good turnout.

## UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The family of Rick Hamaker will be celebrating his life on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve on South Mulford Road beginning at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served. We suggest that you bring a chair as picnic benches are not always comfortable.

We look forward to an afternoon of memories and fellowship with our family and friends.

Sandy

## BRITS IN THE GARDENS 2022

Once again, we have been honored by Rotary Botanical Gardens of Janesville WI with the request to display our British cars in their beautiful location. The overwhelmingly positive response from the public who enjoyed our unique rides last year and the Rotary Gardens staff have cemented the request for our return. The date of Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> had been chosen, and preparations are currently underway.

Like last year, our cars will be distributed around the gardens from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Complimentary entry tickets will be available for you and your guests, and you will be able to stroll about and enjoy the 20 beautiful acres of flora. The greater variety of marques we can display, the more interesting and successful the day will be.

We are arranging for media coverage, so this is a great opportunity to enhance publicity for our club. It is an honor to be asked to display our cars in this unique setting, so please support your club by making plans to attend. So that we may make arrangements for the day, please contact Rich Cannistra to confirm your participation. Thank you!



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## 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

### BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Jun 4      BBB June Saturday Drive - Meggy-Moo in /Walworth; then Benedetti's in Beloit.  
                 Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 12:15pm  
                 Hosted by Bill & Solveig Maschke
- Jun 8      BBB June Drive & Dine - Stagecoach Inn, 11946 N. State Road 26, Fort Atkinson, WI  
                 Meet at Roscoe Middle School at 5:15pm or at the restaurant at 6:30pm  
                 Hosted by Don & Marna Grosenick
- Jun 15     BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- June 18    Rick Hamaker Celebration of Life  
                 Hosted by Sandy & Family Time: 1:00pm  
                 Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve on South Mulford Road.  
                 Lunch will be served; please bring a chair.

- Jul 3 July 4th Picnic at Abingdon Tews, 1-5PM rain or shine!  
2702 S. Wyatt Rd, Orfordville, WI  
Hosts: Crystal & Dennis Klemm
- Jul 10 Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens, Brits on the Lawn.  
1455 Palmer Dr. Janesville, WI See Details above.
- Jul 13 BBB July Drive & Dine - TBD -  
Hosted by Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet & Lynda Vickery
- Jul 16 BBB July Saturday Drive OPEN
- Jul 20 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 6 BBB August Saturday Drive (First Saturday) Details to follow.  
Hosted by Greg & Chris Oakes
- Aug 10 BBB August Drive & Dine - Duck Inn - Details to follow.  
Hosted by Bruce & Phyllis Beneditz
- Aug 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Aug 21 49th Annual Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In,  
11619 Rte 76, Poplar Grove, IL Details to follow.
- Sep 14 BBB September Drive & Dine OPEN
- Sep 17 BBB September Saturday Drive OPEN
- Sep 21 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Oct 12 BBB October Drive & Dine OPEN
- Oct 15 BBB Friends Around the Campfire - Save the date! Details to follow.
- Oct 19 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Nov 16 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 14 BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Jun 4-5 Champagne British Car Festival, (show: 10:00-3:00 on 5th),  
Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL  
<https://www.facebook.com/CBCF25/>
- Jun 5 British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show,  
9:00-3:00, Fort Meigs Historical Site, 29100 West River Rd.,  
Perrysburg OH 43566 <http://www.lebcc.org/>
- Jun 12-15 British V8 2022  
Wytheville, VA <https://britishv8meet.org/>
- Jun 17-19 Vintage Sports Car Drivers Assn, 29th Blackhawk Classic,  
Blackhawk Farms Raceway, 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL  
<https://blackhwwkfarms.com/event/vscda-blackhawk-classic-xxix/>
- Jun 19 British Car Field Day, Sussex Village Park,  
Sussex, WI 53089, 9:00-3:00PM <http://www.mg3club.org/>
- Jun 19-23 MG International 2022, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada  
Registration now open. <https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022/>
- Jun 26 Michiana British Car Show, 10:00 - 3PM.  
St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
[http://www.michianabrits.com/annual\\_show.htm](http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm)
- Jul 2 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)
- Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire,  
7/9 - Rally, start at DeNooyer Jaguar, Kalamazoo, MI  
7/10 - 11 AM, car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory  
Corners, MI <http://maddogsandenglishmen.org/>  
[carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com](mailto:carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com)



- Jul 11-15 GoF Central 2022,  
Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse, WI  
<https://mnmgroup.wildapricot.org/event-4421287>
- Aug 6 Heartland British Autofest 2022,  
Riverfront in Le Claire, IA <http://qcbac.com/>
- Aug 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
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- Aug 6 British Car Day, 9-4PM  
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH  
<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>
- Aug 29-Sep 1 VTR 2022; Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, IL  
<HTTPS://WWW.VTR2022.ORG/>
- Sep 3 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2022, 9:00 - 1PM,  
Fifth Avenue parking lot of  
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,  
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,  
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- Sep 9-11 British Invasion, Stowe, VT  
<https://www.britishinvasion.com/>
- Sep 16-17 40th All British Car & Cycle Show, BBQ on 16th @ 5PM,  
Show: 17th 9-3PM, Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park,  
13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO  
<https://allbritishcarshow.com/>
- Sep 20-23 2022 Put-In-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races & Reunion,  
Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH  
<https://www.pibroadrace.com/>
- Sep 30-  
Oct 2 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN  
<https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>

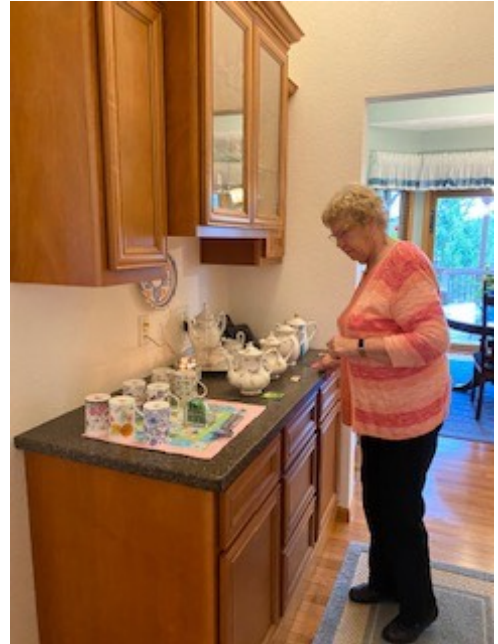
## BBB ENGLISH TEA

by Lynda Vickery

The 2022 English Tea was held at the home of Chris Oakes on Saturday, May 21st. This has long been an annual tradition of the Ladies of British Boots & Bonnets. There were several sweet or savory treats to taste and enjoy. Chris had four different styles of tea. And of course we had to try each one!

It was an afternoon of much visiting and enjoyment.

Thank you, Chris, for opening your home to us!



## MEMORIAL WEEKEND BBQ, 2022

Dennis and I were excited to host another Memorial weekend BBQ in our Abingdon Tews party room, located at our country property in Orfordville. It was a successful party with a turnout of 40 people! This included members not only from BBB, but the Chicagoland MG car club, as well as the Madison British Car Group.

We had cars, food, cocktails and fun! Members of all of the clubs brought some of their most creative and delicious recipes. Chris Oakes, who we know always makes the best desserts, and Deb Sala from the Madison Car Group, made the neatest Marque car decorated cookies. (not only did they look good, but also tasted good).

The reason that I decided to reach out to other local British Car Clubs was that I noticed on several of their websites, as well as ours, that we all had the same thing in common; very few events planned.

Although I was hesitant to contact other Car Clubs, the positive response from them was great! We have made several new friends and are looking forward to seeing them at future events along with their beautiful cars.

We thank all who were able to attend, as well the President's of Chicagoland, and Madison Car Group, Melissa Gonzales and Debbie Lea.

Thank you!

Crystal Klemm







## **So whatever happened to Rick Hamaker's Morris Minor? - Part: Last**

By Greg Oakes

About that first drive ...

So car is running, brakes work and its time to take it for a drive. At first I restricted myself to the dead end street that my driveway abuts. Slowly I drove up and down the street - not wanting to venture too far from home in case there was a problem. This went well for about ½ hour so I got braver and decided to do laps around the neighborhood - a distance of about a mile or so. Lap 1 and 2 went fine but I had just started lap 3 when the engine just outright died. Then was no restarting it! So I pushed the car as far as I could toward home but in the end I had to walk about a block to get my truck and my wife to assist me. I then towed it home.

When it died the fuel pump was chattering frantically and no gas was getting to the carbs. I presumed that either the fuel lines were clogged somewhere (and the pump couldn't get gas) or the pump had failed. I was able to eliminate the former so I went ahead and ordered a genuine SU rebuild kit for the pump.

Upon getting the kit I replaced all the old parts with the new parts supplied. I followed all the instructions to the letter but in the end, when I attached it to the fuel line to test it, it would not function properly. I fiddled with this pump for most of a full day and still was unable to get it to work. So I went to bed.

The next day it occurred to me that a couple of the new parts (diaphragm and diaphragm spring) were quite different from the old parts so why not put those two old parts back into the pump. They had worked in this pump body before, why not now? Of course by this time I had become an expert in rebuilding SU fuel pumps so in no time at all I was able to change out the parts, reassemble the pump, and then retest it. It worked perfectly!

So with engine running again I was able to start lapping the neighborhood and had no further problems. At this time I had been restricted my driving to the local neighborhood because the car did not have seat belts. Eventually seat belts were installed and I was then able to drive farther from home. To date I have put about 50 uneventful miles on the car.

The shocks ...

It didn't take too much driving of the car to realize that the shocks (Armstrong lever-action shocks both front and rear) were "gone". I suspected that the oil had leaked out over time and that was exactly the case.

In fact, all four shocks were bone dry. I topped them all off with 20W fork oil but the leaks (surprise, surprise) are still there. I'm not sure how often oil will need to be added, but it surely will if the car is to be driven. The real solution is to have the shocks rebuilt but that is a fairly expensive repair and realistically, as long as the shocks are refilled periodically, and the car is not driven a great deal, they do not necessarily have to be replaced or rebuilt.

Finishing up ...

Two of the more difficult jobs required to finish this car were installing the windshield locking strip and painting the rain gutter on the back half of the car.

The locking strip was addressed first. Using lots of lubricants - and a great deal of patience and perseverance - it ended up taking more than a day to install (never again will I do this job). But in the end, I did get it done.



As for painting the rain gutter, I quickly ran into a huge roadblock.

Apparently the original car paint was custom mixed (for Rick) and was based upon a picture he had provided. This was in 2013 and the company that mixed it has since closed its doors. Unfortunately, there was no documentation on how the paint color was mixed; that is, what colors and what proportions of these colors were mixed to get the final, custom color.

In 2019 Rick had attempted to get more paint mixed up (for what I don't know - maybe the rain gutters) from a company in Beloit and had actually gotten a quart from them but was not satisfied with the color match (to the original paint). Unfortunately, that company has also gone out of business so again there are no mixing documents.

Eventually I did find a paint company that was willing to work with me on developing a match but they were unable to start anything for at least 2 weeks.

About this same time Sandy called to tell me that she thought she had found that last quart of paint (from Beloit and with the "poor" color match). Needless to say, I was willing to overlook a slight shade mismatch (since I was only painting such a small area) and go ahead with this paint. I consider myself quite lucky because in the end, it is a very close - if not an exact - match to the original car body color.

The paint process used was 2 coats of epoxy primer, 2 coats of high build primer (light gray color), sand with 320 grit paper and then spray 3 coats of color (single stage acrylic urethane).

All done ...

At this point I have done as much as I can with the car. It starts, runs and is drive-able. The interior, save for the few missing pieces of hardware, is complete.

There are still plenty of projects left for the new owner: the shocks I've already mentioned, all of the suspension bushings need to be replaced, likely the swivel pin trunnions will need to be replaced, and a thorough tune up (ignition and carbs) should be performed.

In retrospect, because of all of the required mechanical repairs, a lot more work was involved (than I originally expected) getting this car up and running - and now I am quite happy to get it out of my garage. Time to take it back to Sandy so it can be sold.







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## DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

In 1929 the Swallow Sidecar and Coachbuilding Company was immensely successful rebodding Austin, Standard, Fiat, and several other brands into elegant and affordable little cars. William Lyons, however, was quick to realize that to move to the next level required more control over the entire process. To achieve his vision, he needed to assemble an automobile to his own specifications.

During the late 1920s long bonnets and low roof lines became very fashionable among car stylists. This fact was not lost upon Lyons, but rebodding provided him very little latitude. What he needed was a chassis tailored to fit the desired outcome. Unfortunately, Swallow could neither develop nor make the chassis required. John Black had just become CEO at Standard which was at the time bleeding red ink. Although normally a small series of coach-built cars would not be profitable enough to justify the effort of a separate chassis, Black had confidence in Lyons' enterprise because of the success of the Standard-Swallow. With very little persuasion he agreed to build an extra low chassis to Lyons' specifications. Swallow paid £500 to get production underway and agreed to take 500 chassis with a six-cylinder engine and transmission at a price of £130 each. Swallow was finally going to have something technically unique to offer!



For this new bespoke product, a new marque name had to be found. Negotiations between Swallow and Standard about whose name would be more prominent eventually ended with a unique compromise. The new marque would be called "SS", and part of the agreement was not to agree to what the letters stood for and for neither party to reveal a meaning.

In the fall of 1931, the Swallow Coachbuilding Company (the word Sidecar had been dropped) announced "The SS is Coming". The SS1 was introduced in October that year and was an immediate sensation at the London Motor Show. It was the first car introduced by the Swallow Coachbuilding Company as a marque in its own right.

The slightly smaller four-cylinder SS2 was introduced shortly thereafter. Complaints about the rear passenger space of the SS1 being cramped led to an almost immediate redesign. By September 1932 the car was built on a new more rigid chassis with the rear axle underslung and a longer wheelbase. The proportions were now more attractive and passenger space became quite adequate. Demand for the SS cars grew exponentially leaving Swallow in the enviable position of finding it difficult to produce them fast enough. This was even more significant considering the depressing financial conditions of the early 30s which left many other manufacturers stumbling. Despite this unqualified success however, one final piece of the puzzle remained to be solved. Performance or lack thereof! To be continued...

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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Dennis Klemm. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

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)

Dennis, [denklemm@aol.com](mailto:denklemm@aol.com)

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Next Meeting  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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

**Social hour and dinner at 6:00pm.**

**Meeting begins at 7:00pm.**