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Next Meeting
Wednesday,

July 17, 2019

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

**Dinner and social hour
at 6:00pm**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULY 2019

It seems it was just spring and now, somehow, we're fully into midsummer. July is my favorite month. It starts off with a bang - literally - and gives us long days, sunny skies, and warm weather. Flower gardens are in full bloom and vegetable gardens start to show us the wonders they can produce. Farmers' markets and roadside stands spring up everywhere and offer the freshest, and best-tasting, food we'll eat all year. What better excuse to put the top down and roam the country roads?

July has already been an active BBB month with 15 British cars at the Katie's Cup Car Show and a Drive and Dine to LaVigna just outside of Oregon. As I write this, we're anticipating another great Day at the Lake tomorrow, and then look forward to our monthly club meeting and a Saturday Ice Cream Tour to round out the month. You'll find details in this Chronicle and on the website.

So enjoy the month and take to the road - top down if you have a choice.

A Song for July

"Take me riding in the car, car;
Take me riding in the car, car;
Take you riding in the car, car;
I'll take you riding in my car."

"Riding in My Car", by Woody Guthrie, recorded in 1947 for the album *Nursery Days*, released in 1956.

Follow this link to hear Woody singing the full song (with sound effects!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmcr1vNPTJw>

Safety fast!

Connie Frazier

June 19, 2019 - BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - Connie Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Connie Frazier with 31 members present. Connie warned members of an ongoing e-mail phishing scam. She also reminded members of the club policy of not making charitable donations. One guest, Peggy Kitzmiller's Aunt Grace, was introduced. No new members.

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

Secretary's Report - Charlie Gall No report.

Motion was made by Ron Kuhnau to accept the amended May minutes as printed in the *Chronicle*. Seconded by Marv Proctor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Kindgren for Larry Eils

Motion was made by Bruce Beneditz to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Bev Joyce, motion passed.

Membership - Bev Joyce

Bev reported we have 63 paid memberships, waiting on others.

Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Thanks again for the articles and photos. July Chronicle will be a little late due to the Traverse City meet.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Hal thanked everyone for the get-well wishes. An Archive Photo page has been added to our website. Please send old photos to Hal for inclusion to the page.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

No further update on Luz Lehman. Sandi Ward had knee replacement surgery last week. Linda Gall and Hal Zenisek are doing well.

Regalia - Jim Vickery

Jim brought car badges, clocks and hats to the meeting.

Past Events - Rich Cannistra for Rich Gibson

Rich reported that 24 members participated in the May 18th drive to Volo Bog/Car Museum. Dwayne Plymale shared his experience with a scooter he saw at the museum. The Champagne British Car Festival was held June 1-2. The June 12th Drive and Dine Potluck at Rich and Roxann's was attended by 32 members. Despite the rain, diners had a great time.

Future Events

June 23rd thru June 27th, MG 2019 Traverse City Drive.

June 28th Old Farts meeting 1PM at Pub 815.

June 29th Saturday Drive to Anamosa, IA, hosted by Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller. Meet 9AM at Byron Library lot.

No Ladies Lunch scheduled for June.

July 6th Cars and Coffee at Katie's Cup, RFD. BBB will be co-sponsoring event. 9:00AM-noon. Cars in at 8:45.

July 10th Drive and Dine hosted by Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller. Watch email for details.

July 13th Day at the Lake hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson. 1PM to??? Bring a dish to pass.

July 14th Cars That Time Forgot. 8AM-3PM. Delavan WI.

August 18th 47th Annual Fly-In at Poplar Grove Airport. BBB members invited to show cars.

Still open: Long weekend drive in September and October Saturday Drive.

Marques

Austin Healey- None.

Jaguar - Jag to introduce UVC filter system in new vehicles.

Lotus - None

Morgan - None

Mini - None

MG - July 7-14, Mad Dogs and Englishmen's British Auto Faire, Hickory Corners MI. July 9-14th MGA Convention in Dubuque, IA.

Rolls Royce - None

Triumph - None

Classified -None

Unfinished Business - Posters are available from Charlie Gall; calendars are available from Rich Cannistra.

New Business - Bruce Beneditz told us that 'Pure Gas' app is available to locate ethanol-free gas.

Good Wrench Award - None

Ed Eggleston Burnt Piston Award None

Raffle June 2019

1. Swivel Lens LED Head Lamp/4 Pack Microfiber cloths-Rich Cannistra
2. 4" Magnetic Parts Holder/4 Pack Microfiber cloths-Rick Hamaker
3. 12Volt Battery/Alternator Tester/4 Pack Microfiber cloths-Brian Gustafson
4. 6/12 Volt Circuit Tester/4 Pack Microfiber cloths-Ron Kuhnau
5. Outdoor Lantern- Marv Proctor
6. BBQ Mitt/Terry Towel-Leon Kitzmiller
7. BBQ Long Skewers/BBQ Brush-Lynda Vickery
8. Pair Silicone Spatulas-Solveig Maschke
9. Set of 4 Coasters-Ed Nichol
- 10 BBQ Timer-Charlie Gall
11. Thunder Bay Bucks- Hal Zenisek

Joke -Connie told the story of her encounter with the State Police and her 'emergency flashers'.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13P.M. Motion by Charlie Gall, seconded by majority vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Gall, Secretary



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BBB WEBMASTER REPORT FOR JULY 2019

Recent e-mail from the website for all- Subject: Free Car!

Hello- I'm John McNair from the northwest side of Chicago. The 'free car' is a 1970 Austin America that ran when I put it in the garage over 30 years ago. Due to 5 kids, tuitions, and so on, I never got around to getting it back on the road. I now have a new girlfriend, a 1976 Mercury Marquis that gets all my money and attention, so the Austin must go. In the spirit of happy wife, happy life, you know the rest!

OF COURSE, THERE'S A HITCH!

That is the garage full of parts that go with the car, probably enough to build 4 more cars if you had the bodies. Parts include everything from pedal pads to long blocks/ transmissions, body parts, etc. So, a loopy-goopy dollar value that I came up with is \$3,500.00 +/- . Interested parties would be wise to bring a cargo van or box truck, along with a tow- behind 2-wheel dolly, as the car will roll on the rear wheels. Also, have a complete, never run MGB long block with some extra MG parts, asking \$500.00. Also, a Weber 45dcoe carb and intake for MGB, \$300.00.

The Austin is completely together, and I have the title. Pricing will be very negotiable, and I am more than happy to discuss with anyone who calls. There's a ton of parts, and the car is not rusted, and is intact. I can also send pictures if needed.

Feel free to email me back or call me at 773-732-0761 and I will be happy to provide you with more info as needed. John's email is jmac.triangle@sbcglobal.net. Please contact him directly if you have any interest.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comment about the club's website.
Hal Zenisek

JULY EVENTS REPORT

by Rich Gibson

PAST EVENTS - SATURDAY DRIVE, 29 JUNE

Leon Kitzmiller lead a hearty group of five cars (I think) to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa IA. I am told it was a boiling hot day. I hope everybody had air con. If I know Leon, my guess is that there was an ice cold beer stop somewhere on the way home. Thank you for stepping up and taking this on Leon.

KATIES CUP "Cars & Coffee" 06 July

Fifteen! Yes, fifteen British Boots and Bonnets Club cars rolled out to Katie's Cup on 7th Street in Rockford on July 6th for a fabulous car show. And they were certainly a HIT! Spectators and participants had a chance to vote for their favorite car, and Ricky and Hannah Palmer took home the prize with their 2016 Jaguar! The weather was perfect, and doing this public event gave us the opportunity to show our Club to the general public, including Rockford's Mayor Macnamara. The organizers of this event wish to thank every Club member who turned out for this car show. It was also mentioned by several Club members that it has been a LONG time since we did something like this together. It gave us a chance to show off our cars and to chat with fellow Club members. For as long as I have been a BBB club member (@ 4 years) I have never had the opportunity, until this event, to see under the hood of club members cars and walk around them at leisure and appreciate all the work that some members have put into their cars. The organizer of this monthly event (Kurt) was very thankful that BBB was able to fill in on short notice. Our British cars provided something new and different from the normal Hot Rods and Muscle Cars. He definitely wants us back next year.

JULY DRIVE & DINE, 10 July

Leon Kitzmiller organized a nice evening drive to La Vigna Restaurant in Oregon, IL. I forgot to count cars, but @ eight cars met at the old K-Mart on Sandy Hollow Rd in Rockford and followed Leon through the countryside to La Vigna, where more BBB club members were waiting to join us. I counted 28 people seated. A great turnout. Food was good, (I had the rib-eye with fried onions. Great) service was excellent, beer was cold. Many smiling faces. It doesn't get any better. Thank you Leon & Peggy!

DAY AT THE LAKE - JULY 13

See August Chronicle for report on this much anticipated Event!

UPCOMING EVENTS - Don't miss the Ice Cream Drive July 27th and Drive and Dine August 14th.

New on July 30 is a trip to the Rochelle RR Park to see "Big Boy" steam locomotive and lunch at "Flight Deck Bar".

Details will be coming about our Club participation at the Poplar Grove Airport Friends & Family Day on Sunday August 18th.

OPEN EVENTS

September "Long Weekend" (Does not have to be in September)

October "Saturday Drive"

SUGGESTED EVENTS

House on the Rock, Holy Hill, "Warbirds over Janesville" July 19-21.

BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 6 - Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL
- JULY 10 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD**
Hosts: Leon & Peggy Kitzmiller
- JULY 13 - **BBB Day at the Lake**
Hosts: Dee & Rich Gibson
- JULY 14 - The Cars Time Forgot; Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
- JULY 17 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- JULY 27 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee; Downtown, Janesville, WI.
- JULY 27 - **BBB Ice Cream Drive**
Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
- JULY 27-29 - GOF Central MG all Vintage all Models; St. Louis, MO
- *NEW***
- JULY 30 - Rochelle RR Park "Big Boy" steam locomotive on live display
Followed by lunch at "Flight Deck Bar & Grille"
Host: Rich Gibson Details TBD
- AUG 3 - Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL
- AUG 11 - Botham Vineyards Vintage Celebration; Barneveld, WI.
- AUG 14 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD**
Hosts: Ron & Nancy Kuhnau
- AUG 18 - **BBB Friends & Family Day at Popular Grove Airport**
Popular Grove, IL
- *NEW***
- AUG 24 - 10TH Annual Crossroads Blues Festival - Harp Attack; Lyran Park, Rockford, IL, 12 noon - 10pm
- AUG 21 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- AUG 31 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee; Downtown, Janesville, WI.
- SEP 7 - Cars & Coffee 9-12 sponsored by Katie's Cup in the Rockford Public Schools parking lot: 501 7th St., Rockford, IL
- SEP 7 - 2019 Secretary of State Vehicle Show & Swap Meet; Downtown Springfield, IL. (cyberdriveillinois.com)

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- SEP 11 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Drive & Dine: TBD**
Hosts: John & Sandi Ward; Alternates Mary & Steve Baker
- SEP 13-15 British Invasion, Stowe, VT
- SEP 18 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- SEP 21 - **BBB Lucas Memorial Fun Rally**
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- SEP 27-29 Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, Jefferson
County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave, Jefferson, WI
- SEP 28 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;
Downtown, Janesville, WI.
- OCT 9 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine: TBD**
Hosts: Hal Zenisek & Connie Frazier
- OCT 16 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- OCT - **BBB Saturday Drive**
Hosts:
- OCT 26 - 8 - 1 PM - Janesville Farmers Market Cars & Coffee;
Downtown, Janesville, WI.
- NOV 13 - **6:00 P.M. BBB Dine: TBD**
Hosts: Bil & Solveig Maschke
- NOV 20 - **7:00 P.M. BBB CLUB MEETING**
Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
- DEC 4 - **BBB COOKIE EXCHANGE**
Hostess: Mary Jo Schoening
- DEC 11 - **BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Welcome New Members!

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

Larry Eils, Treasurer
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club
PMB 254
1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104
Rockford, IL 61107
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

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

JUNE DRIVE AND DINE

by Rich & Roxann Cannistra

On Wednesday June 12th, Rich and Roxann Cannistra hosted a BBB potluck Drive and Dine. Although planned as an outdoor railroad themed evening, weather conditions altered it to more of an indoor evening with occasional outdoor forays.

Thirty two club members joined in and provided an amazing variety of wonderful food. Conversation flowed freely and model trains helped take the place of the outdoor railroad display. A special tip of the hat goes to Larry Eils and Bill Maschke for slaving over a hot grill to provide everyone with a perfect hamburger!

Rich and Roxann would like to thank everyone who showed their support by turning out with their delicious contributions. The extensive variety of food and the positive attitude in the face of somewhat adverse conditions made this an enjoyable and memorable evening for all who attended.



MG 2019 - TRAVERSE CITY

by Lynda Vickery

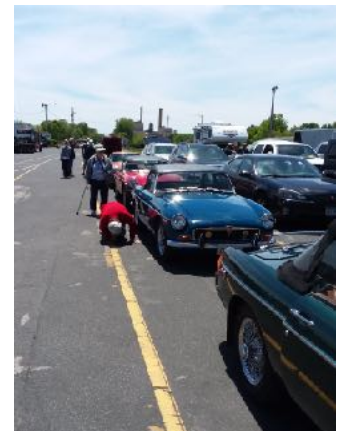
Six BBB couples traveled to Traverse City, Michigan in June to attend the MG 2019 Convention put on by the North American MGB Register and a local Chapter. They host this convention each year in various sites across the U.S. and Canada. Over the past several years, club members have driven to Georgia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Nevada - the list is long! Each convention has had informative tech sessions, including the always popular "Rolling Tech Session" with John Twist, a typical English Tea Party, silent auctions, rocker cover races, a terrific car show, and of course the closing banquet and awards ceremony.

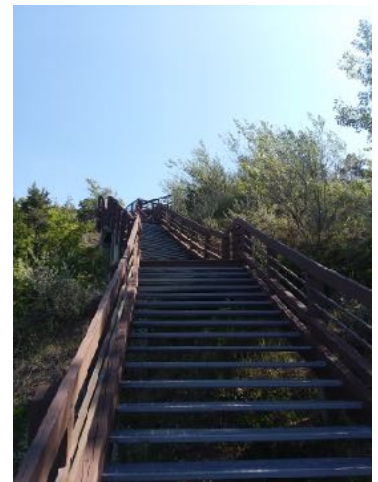
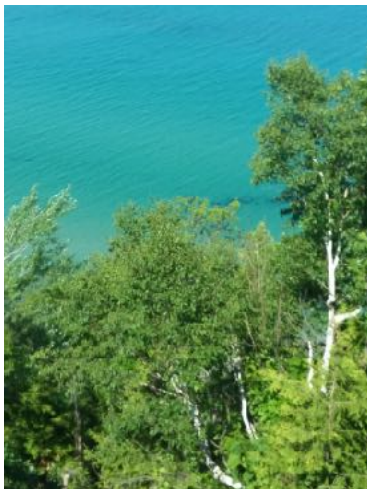
Rick and Sandy Hamaker won 3rd place in their class: MGB MK II, 1970 to 72. And Rick also won a nice gift card during the door prize drawing. Way to go Rick!

Each year also includes hosted tours of nearby businesses, like Hagerty; and bus tours, which this year included winery and lighthouse stops. Usually there are self guided tour maps and info for those of us who want to venture out on our own.

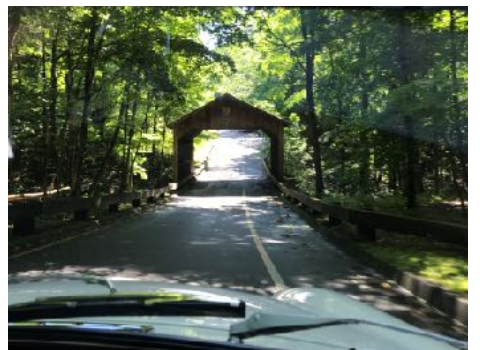
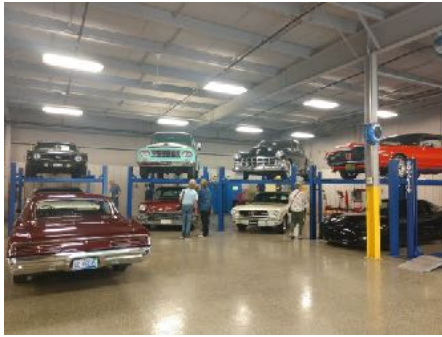
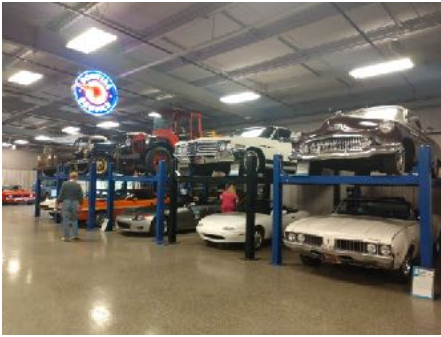
We want to encourage our BBB members to consider attending events like this. Each Marque has organizations across the country with many opportunities to participate. All the conventions and gatherings give the opportunity for BBB members to meet fellow car enthusiasts and learn more about their cars as well as travel and tour the country enjoying great scenery, food, and friendship with fellow BBBers. And traveling with a group means that there is combined experience, spare parts, and help when breakdowns occur. After all the years of traveling, yes problems still occur!

That being said, please enjoy the array of photos taken by our attendees. And talk to any of us about our trip and the fun we had. Greg and Chris Oakes left early and drove north around Lake Superior down to Traverse City; then took the ferry over to Wisconsin when they planned a few days in Door County. Bil and Solveig Maschke, Rick and Sandy Hamaker, Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz, Ron and Nancy Kuhnau, and Jim and Lynda Vickery took the SS Badger from Wisconsin to Michigan traveling as a group. After the MG show we all took different paths home. So we have a lot to share!











Remember wind blowing through your hair?

Remember hair?

Editor's Note:

Thanks to everyone for sending me all the photos! I'm sorry I couldn't include every one in the Chronicle. But, ALL of them will be on the Club website, BritishBootsandBonnetts.com.

Lynda Vickery



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SATURDAY DRIVE TO ANAMOSA, IOWA

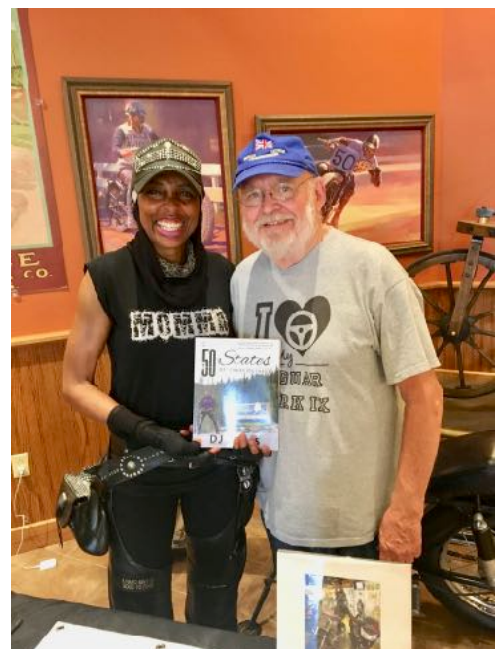
by Leon Kitzmiller

Who would've guessed that we would've ended up in the maximum-security prison in Anamosa Iowa! Well we did - along with 989 fellow prisoners. We walked in the front door - no guards; then down a beautiful marble floor hall until we encountered six prison guards who motioned us on, finally stopping at a desk with a rather intimidating woman behind it. I asked her how far into the prison we could go. She looked at me angrily and strongly pronounced "You're not supposed to be here". We were looking for the museum, and she politely exclaimed it was across the street. Apparently it was visitor hours and the guards assumed we were visiting prisoners. We were a little relieved when they let us go.

Going back to the beginning , there were only four of us on the drive: Charlie and Linda Gall, Dwain and Jenny Plymale. It was a little hot so I drove Peggy's air conditioned Jag and the others had to endure the heat.

First stop is Savannah for a pitstop and stretch. The bridge from Savannah to Sabula was new and quite handsome. Onward through the Rolling hills of Iowa which are quite nice. Second stop was the general store and restaurant in the countryside around Anamosa. Yelp gave them best reviews, but the food and the service were marginal, perhaps because they were very busy. I would give them a second chance because of the location on the river. Next stop the prison, but we ended up behind an outing of 100 tractors that can only go 15 mph, plus the distraction caused me to miss my turn (good excuse). Third stop was the motorcycle museum with a lot of six-figure bikes. There were several cars with motorcycle engines. Morgan even had a 1911 arrow hydroplane. Frank from American Pickers was there but my favorite was Mama D, an inspirational speaker with quite a presence. This kick-ass woman has written a book on her adventures and riding her motorcycle through all 50 states. I bought her book: "50 States of Consciousness", highly recommended. Duane had another encounter with his Salisbury scooter. On the drive back we went through Dubuque, Iowa; then skirted around the northern tip of Galena and, of course, the Stage Coach Trail to Lina Brewery. I don't remember much after that. Sadly, ran out of time to see Grant Woods Museum. Maybe next time!





CARS & COFFEE AT KATIE'S CUP

by Rich Gibson

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LONGTIME BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS MEMBER HAS PASSED AWAY

Adale E. Buck, 80, of Rockford, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Born in Jerusalem, the daughter of Elias and Salma (Abo-Ata) Tannous. Graduate of Columbia University - New York City and University of Rochester. Adale married Roger Buck on July 13, 1963. She moved to the states in 1957. Adale worked as a Purchasing Manager for the Rockford Park District and volunteered her time with People Helping People Organization.

Survived by her husband, Roger; children, Eugene Caldwell (Milena) and Laurie Buck; grandchildren, Ethan, Austin, Chester, and Emerson; and five brothers and sisters.

Predeceased by one sister.

Private family services were held. To share a memory or condolence, visit olsonfh.com.

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED

TO RICH GIBSON

by Rich Cannistra

Club member Rich Gibson recently received a Quilt of Valor in recognition of his service in the U.S. Army while stationed in Vietnam. The award was presented by the Lucky Quilting Company in Pecatonica, IL. They are a chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, a national organization whose mission is to “cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor”.

Congratulations to Rich for this well-deserved recognition and for his selfless service to our country!



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by Facia Nearside

Llantwit Fardre is not a name which rolls off the tongue easily. Yet this small Welsh town just down the road from Church Village holds a unique place in automotive history: it was the location of the Gilbern Factory, the only production car to ever come from Wales.

The somewhat unlikely beginning was a direct result of WWII. Bernard Friese, who was born in Prussia, enlisted in the German Army as a teenager. While serving in the Netherlands he was taken prisoner by the Allies and interred in a POW camp in Kent, England. Upon being released after the war his father advised him there was nothing to return home to, so Friese stayed in England. There he worked for a coach builder making lorries and sports car bodies with a new material called glass fibre. In 1956 Friese moved south to Wales where he chanced to meet Giles Smith, the butcher in Church Village. The two men shared a love of sports cars and were excited by the possibilities of this revolutionary new material, fiberglass.

In a room behind the butcher shop the pair worked to turn their vision into reality. Both were determined to create a capable, high quality sports car. They formed the marque called Gilbern by combining their two first names. The first car was completed in 1959 and called the GT Mk1. It had an 1100cc Coventry Climax engine and Austin A35 suspension. When the car was finished a tree had to be cut down to get it out of the building! They were pleased with the prototype, and those who tested it thought it compared favorably to other sports cars of the day. Buoyed by this success the pair moved to larger premises and began production.

Various mechanical improvements followed and by 1966, with an MGB 1800cc engine, the car was renamed the Gilbern GT1800. "The Motor" tested this model and found it to have good manners and be capable of nearly 100 m.p.h. Next came the Gilbern Gene produced from 1966-1969 and powered by a Ford Essex V6 engine. Following this was Gilbern's most successful model, the Invader, with more than 600 built between 1969 and 1973. In one final attempt to keep up with the times, a wedge shaped Italian styled model called T11 debuted in 1973. However the company fell victim to the ongoing economic crisis and the T11 never went into production.

Total Gilbern output between 1959 and 1973 numbered more than 1000 cars. It is estimated in excess of 700 still exist, and today they are becoming highly sought after collectables. Giles Smith and Bernard Friese would no doubt be proud to know their creation in the back room of that Welsh butcher shop still excites the imagination of like-minded enthusiasts, and that they are responsible for what is so far the only production car from Wales.

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FYI... DRYER SHEET

Carry a dryer sheet to keep yellow-jackets away.

Use them all the time when playing baseball and soccer. Use them when working outside. It really works. The insects just veer around you.

All this time you've just been putting dryer sheets in the dryer!

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting & it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since dryer sheets are designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet to keep dust from resettling..
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a dryer sheet.
8. To freshen the air in your home - Place an individual sheet in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put a sheet in the vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet before beginning to sew.
11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet inside empty luggage before storing.
12. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet under the front seat.
13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean.
14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet at the bottom of the wastebasket.
15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet will magnetically attract all the lose hairs.
16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet to prevent dust from resettling.



BBB REGALIA ONLINE

JULY 2019

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15 (2 left)
- BBB visors - \$10 (1 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5

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)
- Pick up at Club Meeting (no charge)*

*I will be happy to stop by Embroid This and pick up your order. It is right on the way to our meeting location. Just let me know!

Jim Vickery

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Spirit Wear
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Hats, Shirts, & More!**



Embroid This has so many choices available for purchase and have our Club Logo embroidered on them. Please take advantage of this great way to advertise our club!

Name badges for our new members will be available at the June meeting.



I will have grill badges and lapel pins at the July meeting if you would like to purchase them.

Jim



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Next Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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