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**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,  
July 15, 2020**

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 Message

July 2020

July has arrived along with top down weather. I know it has been 90 degrees plus for the last weeks and foreseeable future, but early and late in the day it is beautiful to drive around with the top down. Anyway, Illinois is in Phase 4 of covid-19 pandemic and that allows us to have some events. I definitely want to say that none of you should do anything that you think is not safe. Do not feel that you have to go to the events if you are not comfortable with the planned event. That said, we are having a couple events this month.

Larry has outlined all his events for July so I will not repeat his words. I will say the Rotary Gardens event in Janesville is a great way to show your car and at the same time get publicity for our club. Also, we are having our first Membership Meeting at Thunder Bay on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thunder Bay has assured me that the room will be set up according to Phase 4 guidelines using the booths and tables spaced out in the room. We may not have a podium because people spacing is most important. Thunder Bay has asked that you wear a mask entering and leaving the restaurant. Again, if you do not feel comfortable attending any of the club events, do not attend. Your health and happiness is more important than any event.

I will end with a little humor that I thought of when discussing with another member how we originally got into British Cars.

Little Billy and his Dad were down at the autocross watching the Spitfires zipping through the cones.

Little Billy looks up to his Dad and says, "Dad, when I grow up,

I want to be a Spitfire driver."

His Dad looks down at him and says, "You can't do both, son."

*Safety Fast.*

*Lee Kindgren*



## A WORD ABOUT BBB EVENTS FOR JULY

Larry Eils

As Illinois enters into Phase 4, the car club is gearing up to resume some of its planned events for this year. Your Board has been discussing our planned events quite extensively to be sure we are following the guidelines.

This month we will have a “Meet and Eat” on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Butterfly Club in south Beloit, WI hosted by Crystal and Dennis Klemm. A slight twist again until our August *Drive and Dine*. If you are concerned about the seating arrangements in the restaurant, I suggest you call the Butterfly Club, 608-362-8577, for information.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> we will be showcasing our British cars at the Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI. This event has built in social distancing for those members who are displaying their cars. This is an outdoor event, so all members of the club are welcome to visit the Gardens on Sunday. Please call or text Larry for tickets.

We will hold our first club meeting since March, on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Thunder Bay Inn following the guidelines set forth in Phase 4. Extensive conversation has been held with Thunder Bay concerning the seating. We will be using the booths primarily to meet social distancing requirements with some additional small tables in the room should they be needed. For those wishing to have dinner, please arrive at 6:00 pm, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Finally, the “Day at the Lake” hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The Gibson’s felt it is still too early to gather in their yard even though it would be outdoors.

As you can see, we are going to start slow and see how things go, looking at each month to be sure we are following Phase 4 guidelines.

## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2020

(Please note: Events may be cancelled or revised because of the current pandemic, please watch your email or visit the club website for changes)

**July 8      BBB Drive and Eat**

See Chronicle article for details.

Host: Dennis and Crystal Klemm

July 12      Mad Dogs and Englishman Car Show; Hickory Corners, MI - **cancelled**

**July 12      Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI – BBB Car Show**

“Boots and Bonnets in the Garden”

See Chronicle article for details.

***July 15*      *Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**July 18      BBB Day at the Lake – Hosts: Rich and Dee Gibson - cancelled**

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**August 1      BBB Cars and Coffee Car Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to noon**

August 9      Botham Vineyard 25<sup>th</sup> Car Show; Botham, WI

**August 12      BBB Drive and Dine:**

Host: Don and Marna Grosenick

**August 15      BBB Saturday Drive**

Host: Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz

***August 19*      *Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**August 23      Popular Grove Airport and Museum Car Show**

August 23      British Car Festival, Sussex Car Show; Sussex, WI; rescheduled event

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**September 6      BBB Labor Day Picnic – Hosts: Dennis and Crystal Klemm**  
**Orfordville, WI**

**September 9      BBB Drive and Dine OPEN**

Host:

September 12      12<sup>th</sup> British Car Festival; Harper College, Palatine, IL see  
[www.britishcarunion.com](http://www.britishcarunion.com) for information

***September 16*      *Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**September 25-28      Long Weekend – Greater Lacrosse Wisconsin Area**

Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra and friends

September 25-27      Jefferson Car Show; Jefferson, WI

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**October 10      BBB Saturday Drive – Fall Tour**

Host: Larry and Marsha Eils

**October 14      BBB Drive and Dine – OPEN**

Host:

***October 21*      *Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

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**November 11      BBB Dine - OPEN**

Host:

*November 18 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille*

December 9 BBB Cookie Exchange – Host: Mary Jo Schoening

December 16 BBB Christmas Party - Lino's, Rockford, IL



## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS Drive and Drive Event – July 8th

Reservations for BBB have been made at The Butterfly Club in Beloit.

Dinner will start at 6:00pm and there will be no group “Drive” again this month.

Please note: The Butterfly Club is operating in pre-COVID table seating.

Please respond to Crystal Klemm with your RSVP 608-751-0890.

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## **“BOOTS AND BONNETS IN THE GARDEN”**

### **Displaying Our British Cars in the Rotary Gardens**

Larry Eils and Rich Cannistra

In an effort to show case our club, in the hopes of finding new and younger members, we participated in two public events last year. Those events were “Cars and Coffee” and the Popular Grove Airport and Car Museum. This year we are adding a third event we call “Brits on the Lawn.” Rich Cannistra read an article about a Jaguar club in New Jersey displaying their cars in a botanical garden which has been a huge success and has been held for over 10 years. This was discussed at the Events Committee planning meeting and all agreed we should try it.

After surveying several botanical gardens in the area we decided the Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI would be best suited for showing our cars. The Gardens is very excited about the idea and has worked with us on where and how many cars can be displayed. Sunday, July 12, 2020 was selected for the event. Cars will be on display from noon until 4:00 pm.

In June an email was sent out asking members to consider displaying their British car. A wide variety of British marques would make the showcase very interesting. As always our members have stepped up with 15 members volunteering to showcase their cars representing 11 different British marques.

If other club members would like to visit the Rotary Gardens that Sunday, we have been provided with complimentary tickets. If are you are interested in visiting the Rotary Gardens to see your fellow club members, please contact Larry by July 8<sup>th</sup> for tickets.

Hope to see you there.

## TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

Activity for the period of June 1 - June 30, 2020:

Income for the period consisted of dues, regalia and interest. Expenses were for newsletter and regalia.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Connie Frazier, Treasurer  
British Boots and Bonnets Car Club  
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## BBB Webmaster Report July 2020 - Is it Canceled or Cancelled?

Truth be told, your webmaster received an email recently from someone who had been viewing our website and wanted to let me know she noticed a spelling error. She pointed out I was consistently spelling the word 'canceled' incorrectly, it should only have one 'l'. My first reaction, I was thrilled I was being consistent. My second reaction, I thought it could be spelled either way. My third step, Google it. Here is [one link](#) from [dictionary.com](#) and there are many more sites with similar information:

*Why are there two different spellings: canceled vs. cancelled? Spelling in the English language has historically been messy and inconsistent. Standardization really only took root in the past few centuries, with American and British English diverging in some significant ways along the way— thanks, in part, to two influential dictionaries. British English spellings have primarily followed spellings in Samuel Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language, first published in 1755. American English spellings were shaped by Noah Webster's An American Dictionary of the English Language, first published in 1828. Webster was an advocate for many simplified spellings, including not doubling final, unstressed L's.*

FYI, the word cancellation is correctly spelled with two 'l's on both sides of the pond. Since we are a British car club, your webmaster feels that British English spelling rules the day, and so double 'll's' is the proper choice. I plan to continue this practice going forward, and replied to the email with a simple thanks. What I really hope to see – no more cancelled events regardless of spelling, and a safe return to normal.

Please stay safe and take care!  
Hal Zenisek



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AND I (YOUR EDITOR) FORGOT IT! SORRY!**

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**THE JUNE *Drive and Dine* - WITH A TWIST!**

Participants in June tried their best to drive (or bicycle) on, Covid19 or not. Hopefully July will see the Club start on a return to normal. Whatever that is!

.....Lynda - Editor



The Cannistra's tried a different mode of travel to stop by The Ding-a-Ling Supper Club in Hanover, WIS.

The Vickery's tried a new carry out place - Ritchie's Smokin' BBQ. It is located just south of Embroid This.



The Eils enjoyed DQ.

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# FACE MASK PICKUP – FUN FOR ALL

Larry Eils

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a beautiful day for the winners of the British Themed Face Mask Raffle to pick up their masks. It gave all 30 winners the first chance in 3 months to see any club members in person because of the pandemic restrictions. It was like a family reunion.

Once again, a **BIG THANK YOU** to Solveig Maschke for making all the masks and then sharing them with the club through a raffle. There were a dozen or more designs to choose from. Thanks to Bill for setting everything up and the tours of the tree house in the back yard.

Now we can drive our Little British Cars in style.





## DID ~ U ~ KNOW

*by Facia Nearside*

When William Richard Morris left school at the age of 15 he apprenticed to a bicycle repair shop. Almost a year later, when denied a raise, he set up his own bicycle repair business in his parents' back garden. This venture was successful enough to allow him to open a shop at 48 High Street in Oxford. Here he not only repaired bicycles but manufactured one of his own design called The Morris.

In 1901 he moved on to powered vehicles by designing and building the Morris Motor Cycle at his Oxford garage. Soon this also included selling, repairing, and hiring cars. Within ten years he had once again outgrown his current premises and made a move which this time also included a name change, becoming The Morris Garage.

In 1912, Morris designed his first car, The Morris Oxford "Bullnose". It was built almost entirely from outsourced components including engines and axles from the U.S.A. Morris wisely teamed up with an acquaintance who was an expert in flow production, Frank Woollard. Woollard pioneered production efficiency similar to what Henry Ford had accomplished with the assembly line. In 1923 Morris was producing 300 cars per week. Through Woollard's genius, by 1925 that number had increased to 2000 cars per week. With a quality product at a very affordable price Morris cornered 51% of home market automobile sales.



### Morris Minor



4-seat 2-door fabric saloon 1928

In 1927 William Morris bought the assets of Wolseley Motors Limited. At the time Wolseley were well into the development of an overhead camshaft 8hp car which Morris launched as the first Morris Minor in 1928. In 1929 he followed with the original MG Midget, based on the Minor's mechanicals.

William Richard Morris was known as "the most famous industrialist of his age". He was ennobled as Viscount Nuffield on New Year's Day 1938.

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**Welcome to  
Sunshine  
Corner!!**

It has been a quiet month, and as far as I know our Club Members are all healthy and getting along fine.

If you know of someone who is ill, having medical issues, or has lost a family member, please let me know and I'll send cards for the club. I can be reached by phone, or by email, or by texting. (see Officers List)

Bring a little sunshine wherever you go and brighten someone else's life by calling a friend you haven't seen in awhile!!

Phyllis Beneditz

## DETAILING YOUR LBC MADE EASY!

Lynda Vickery

Dennis and Crystal Klemm, members for over two years, have made a special donation to all our Club Members. Through their business in Beloit called Peca Products, they have designed car detailing cloths made with the BBB Club Badge applied to each.


They sent them to Jim, as Regalia Chairman to distribute. If you are at the July meeting, please see that you get one! And if not, Jim will have them available at future events. Or contact him to get yours.

Now we have no any reason not to have a clean, shiny British car to show off and drive around town.

Thank you Dennis and Crystal for your great contribution to the Club!



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Jim Vickery	

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