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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JULY, 2023

Wow! The heat and humidity is already here and it is only early July. Crystal and I attended the GOF, 100 year anniversary of MG in South Bend, Indiana. Several members of the club were in attendance as well.

There were 140 MG's at the show and 250 people at the awards banquet. We met old friends and made some new, after all, that is what these British cars are all about.

The annual party at our country house (Abingdon Tews) had a nice turn out of people. With all the rain, more time was spent in the garages. Many pictures were taken by our resident photographer, Rich Cannistra. Thank you Rich! We are looking forward to Day at the Lake this weekend, hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson. Hope to see everyone there!

Safety Fast!

Dennis

Next Meeting
Wednesday,

July 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



June 21, 2023 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm - absent Hal Zenisek

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm

Number of members present 28

New members or Guests = none

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm absent - none

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

May 17, 2023 Minutes as printed in the Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by Connie Frazer

Seconded by Nancy Kuhnau Approved

Corrections to the May 17, 2023 minutes - none

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

Activity for the period of ending 6-21-2023

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 2933.17
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3059.37
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 5992.54
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 5992.54
Income	
Dues 2023	\$ 40.00
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$ 340.00
Raffle Income	\$
Regalia -	\$ 1.00
Nametags	\$ 27.00
Total Regalia income	\$ 28.00
interest	\$
Total Income	\$ 408.00
Expenses	
Bank Fees	\$
Corporation File/ annual report	\$ 10.00

Newsletter	\$	115.35
Raffle Expense	\$	
Regalia - Name Tags	\$	
Total Regalia Expenses	\$	
Yearly Maintenance	\$	
Overall Total Expenses	\$	125.35
Overall Total	\$	282.65

Motion to accept: Ron Kuhnau 2nd : Jim Roberts **Approved**

Membership - Beverly Joyce - updated roster today sent via email

Members currently @ 78

Last Month: 2 new members - Dave Wakefield and Thomas Webb

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Thank you for all the submissions

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

For Sale:

- a. Joseph - 1976 MG Midget
- b. 1976 MBG
- c. Lake City- Spit fire - has coil problems, needs a local shop to fix electrical
- d. Dean White - 1979 MGB
- e. 1979 Midget (Hal's Garage) < 30,000 miles, owner in Rockton

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - absent

Nancy Kuhnau - Don Grosenick said Marna had a hip replacement on June 20th, doing well, at home. Don is having back issues

Events - Ron Kuhnau

Past Events Drive & Dine - Schwarzkopf's drive through the country to Doyle's Pub in Richmond, IL. Wonderful drive, weather and food

Club Events.... Upcoming

June 23: Old Farts: G Five Brewing, Beloit Wi - 1 pm

Ladies Lunch: The Rock, Beloit Wi - 12:30

July 1: Picnic at Klemm's Country House - 1 pm, bring a dish to pass

July 1: Cars and Coffee

July 8: Day at the Lake - hosted by the Gibson's

July 12: Drive & Dine - hosted by Lynda Vickery, Sandy Hamaker, Donna Jaquet
to the Hairy Cow in Byron

July 23: Brits in the Garden - Janesville Rotary Gardens - noon to 4 pm - Cannista's
Dinner after at a Mexican Restaurant

There will be a caravan North to the Gardens - Info to come in the Chronicle

August 9: Drive & Dine OPEN

August 20: Poplar Grove Airport Fly In

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

Regional Events ...

June 20 - 23 Gathering of the Faithful (Started as an MGT club) but now is for all makes/models Is in June in South Bend Indiana - it is the 100th Anniversary of MG. Klemm's went.

July 8 & 9: Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show - Kalamazoo, Michigan

July 17 -20: MG 2023 - Calgary Canada

August 4 - 5: Mini's on the Mac - Mackinaw, Michigan

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz - absent - none

Classified - Lew Moon - 1975 MGB for Sale - car has to go

New Business -

Bill Maschke - Thank you for all the cards and thoughts

Nancy Kuhnau - Thank you to Schwarzkopf's and Jim Roberts for past events

Unfinished business - none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award -

Recipient Brian Kobischka

For : Driving Lew Moon's car to the hospital from Doyle's Pub, so he could ride in the ambulance with Doris - Bev Joyce followed in her car, so they could leave Lew's car in the parking lot. Doris was released later that evening. She is fine and doing well.

Nominated by Lew Moon Second approved by all

5 raffle tickets awarded to (recipient) to be issued later, when raffle resumes

Burnt Piston Award

Recipient Ricky Palmer

For: Trying to put the rear rotors on the front of the car

Nominated by Ricky Palmer Second approved

Marques

Jaguar - no sport SUV in the near future - Rich Cannistra

Mini - none

MG none

Morgan none

Healey none

Rolls Royce none

Triumph none

Alfa Romero - none

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick - absent - none

They would like someone to take over this responsibility until they are able to take it on again.

Adjournment

Motion made by ____Bill Maschke_____

Second by ____ Ricky Palmer _____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at __7:35__ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

PLANS IN PLACE FOR JULY DRIVE & DINE

Sandy, Donna, and Lynda have planned another evening touring roads south of Rockford, ending in Byron at the Hairy Cow. The Hairy Cow is a local craft brewery with a long list of woodfire pizzas on the menu. They also offer wings, hot dogs, 2 salads, and to-die-for cheesecake! We sampled 3 pizzas and each had our own cheesecake :)

They also have a very nice deck with a covered roof that overlooks the Rock River. No reservations, but they assured us they would be able to accommodate us.

Please meet at Baumann Park parking lot in Cherry Valley at 6pm. We will take country roads down and should arrive at the Hairy Cow around 6:30-6:45. Please let us know if you are planning to join us either at Baumann Park or meet us at The Hairy Cow, 450 E. Blackhawk Dr (Route 2).

If you plan to drive yourself, be aware roadwork is to start on Route 2 from Byron into Rockford and you may be directed over to the east side of the river. But that shouldn't be much of a hold up.

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Lynda: vickery.jv@gmail.com



BBB Day at the Lake!
July 8
(Rain Date - July 9)
1 P.M. to ???

Rich and Dee Gibson invite all BBB Club Members and guests to enjoy a day at the lake, enjoying the camaraderie and Tomfoolery of friends. Enjoy a kayak ride, a swim, a pedal boat adventure and a pontoon boat ride, or just relax and take it all in. Bring a suit if you wish to swim. We have PLENTY of towels and chairs!

You may wish to bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a sun hat!

Broasted chicken, soft drinks, beer and water will be served. Please bring a dish to pass. Dinner approximately 4:00 PM.

**N8609 Townline Road,
East Troy, Wisconsin**





BRITS IN THE GARDENS 2023 - UPDATE!

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 overwhelming positive response from the public and the Rotary Gardens staff who enjoyed our unique rides last year have cemented the request for our return. The date of Sunday July 23rd has been chosen, and preparations are currently underway.

Like previous years, our cars will be distributed around the gardens from 12:00 to 4:00p.m. The greater variety of marques we display, the more interesting and successful the day will be. Complimentary entry tickets are available for club members who are unable to display their car but wish to attend the event. Come out and enjoy the 20 beautiful acres of flora.

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

We have picked a rain date of one week later, July 30th. In case the weather forecast is dismal, a decision will be made by noon the day before, Saturday July 22nd and an email will be sent to all members confirming the change.

Thank you!!

2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Jul 8 BBB Day at the Lake; 1pm to ?; eat at 4pm. Rain date Jul 9
 N8609 Townline Rd.. East Troy, WI
 Hosts: Rich & Dee Gibson
- Jul 12 BBB July Drive & Dine, The Hairy Cow, Byron, IL
 Meet at Baumann Park, Cherry Valley, leave at 6pm.
 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

- 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>
- Aug 26 Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, 10-2
Roscoe United Methodist Church, 10816 Main, St., Roscoe, IL
- 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- Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb, Newport, IN

FLAG DAY DRIVE AND DINE JUNE 14, 2023

The day was a definite answer to prayer, warm but overcast so that those of us in the open cars were not roasted. Everyone seemed to enjoy the 40+ mile drive mostly on back roads to Doyle’s Pub in Richmond Illinois. We had 8 LBC’s, one LAC (little American car) and one GBC (giant British car) with a total of 20 members. We were joined at the restaurant by several other members and some extra British car enthusiasts who are friends with the restaurant owners.



On the drive, the kids were a real hit Baaing noisily as we passed, the deer were having their morning siesta but were visible, about half the crew saw the elephant, the Alpaca failed to show as did the eagle Diane and I have seen twice in the last week. Throughout the rest of the drive we saw more of the fauna living in Boone and McHenry counties. One member said she saw a woman walking a large pig on a leash near Edwards Apple Orchard.

Thank you to all who joined us on this adventure.

Bob, Diane and LWC





**RAIN DOESN'T STOP BRITISH
CAR PEOPLE FROM HAVING A
GREAT TIME!**

The Klemms have the perfect place for an afternoon picnic with great cars, great food, and great conversations. All that rain only made it a challenge for 4 car clubs to meet together. The photos say it all! Enjoy!







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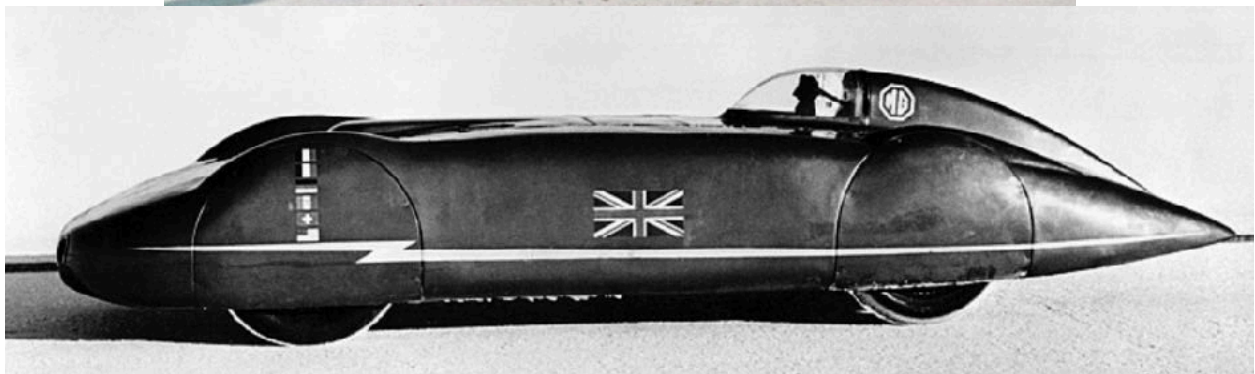
by Facia Nearside

In the years between WWI and WWII the company we know today as Jaguar progressed from building sidecars for motorcycles to building their own cars. Unfortunately, their beautiful automobiles had an Achilles heel. Powered by outdated engines from the Standard Motor Company, performance did not match the cars' sensational good looks and they developed a reputation of "more show than go". This fact was not lost upon company owner William Lyons, so during the war when an all-night fire watch team was required, Lyons arranged for he and his best automotive engineers to sit the watch together. It was time for Jaguar to bring engine manufacturing in house. In a twist of fate however, when the amazing new engine they developed made its debut it was powering an MG not a Jaguar!

Alfred Thomas Goldie Gardner was born in Woodford Green, Essex, England in 1890. He had a keen interest in motorsport and despite a severe injury in WWI he purchased an Austin Seven in 1924 and took up racing. Achieving notable success, he attracted the attention of Cecil Kimber, managing director of MG cars. Land speed record breaking was fashionable at this time, manufacturers viewed the sport as a way to publicize their latest products. In 1930 MG jumped in with both feet intending to capture as many records as possible.

The importance of understanding aerodynamics cannot be overstated when it comes to increasing speed. In order for a car to double its speed the engine power must increase eight-fold unless the shape of the vehicle can be altered to reduce parasitic drag. MG was determined to use this knowledge to develop cars of increasing aerodynamic efficiency, thus began an EX (experimental) series of record setters. Goldie Gardner dovetailed perfectly with this ambition. He was a master when it came to altering engine size to establish different class records in the same car. He also commissioned EX135 to receive every available aerodynamic improvement. By 1938 his versatile streamliner had captured the records for 350cc, 500cc, 750cc, and 1500cc.

Following a moratorium on racing during WWII, Goldie and EX135 were back at it again. Remember the engine Jaguar was developing during fire watch duty? After multiple tests, changes, and improvements a twin overhead cam design was decided upon. The engine would be produced in both 4-cylinder and 6-cylinder versions in order to give Jaguar a range of power options. In 1948 Gardner managed to secure one of the prototype 4-cylinder engines to power EX135. With the 1970cc engine he broke the flying mile, kilometre, and five-kilometre records thus securing these 2000cc Class E records for MG.



Two months later at the London Motor Show, Jaguar launched the famous XK120 with the 6-cylinder version of the engine. As for the 4-cylinder variant, the idea was dropped. It was decided the engine was not smooth or powerful enough to represent Jaguar...but it did have its one day of glory at the hands of Goldie Gardner in MG EX135.

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



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- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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You buy online, securely pay with your credit card, and select one of the following delivery options:

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