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**Wednesday,**

**Mar 18, 2020**

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

March, 2020

March is finally here and as I am writing this, the temperature is close to 60 degrees. I have seen motorcycles and a few collector cars on the road today. It looks like the temperature will be in the 40's for the next week or so which will bug me about getting the MGB running and ready to take on the road, after some rain to clean the roads of course. I guess that means it is time to get to work in the garage and make sure all is functioning properly. I will keep my fingers crossed that the weather will allow driving our cars to one of our events this month.

We have some great events to look forward to this month. First, on March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to the Olympic for our Dine. The Olympic has always been one of the club's favorites for casual dining. We have to thank Rich and Dee Gibson for making all the arrangements. Second, the All Sports Car Swap Meet and Autojumble will be held in Wheaton, Il. On March 15. We will not have a table this year for selling items but it is always fun to see what others bring to the Swap Meet. And for sure, don't forget that our monthly club meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Thunder Bay.

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues yet, now is the time to bring them to the next meeting or send them to Bev Joyce at the club mailbox which is highlighted in the newsletter. This way you will keep up to date on all club events.

Something to think about: *"The problem with the designated driver program, it's not a desirable job. But if you ever get sucked into doing it, have some fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house."*

Jeff Foxworthy quote.

Safety Fast,

*Lee Kindgren*



## British Boots and Bonnets

February 19,2020

31 Members Present

**President - Lee Kindgren:** The board had meet in February to review the 2020 budget which was approved unanimously by those in attendance. The budget is very close to the budget of 2019. Lee suggested that members review our driving rules of the road before we start the driving season. The Rules can be found on the web site.

A thank you to Rick and Hannah for the Feb Dine to Pino's attended by 19 members despite the snow. There was also a nice article in the MG Driver about an outing hosted at home of the Klemms - The Klemm Collection.

We are also looking for a Newsletter editor to replace Lynda in 2021. If anyone is interested in seeing what Lynda's job as Editor entails, please contact Lynda and she would be happy to work with you. Guest Michael Mullins was introduced. He is looking to sell a British Car and is interested in joining our club. He is also a 30 year member of the Porsche Club. Welcome Michael.

**Vice-President - Solveig Maschke:** If anyone has Club inventory in their possession that is not on our list, please let me know so I may add it to the inventory list and the location of the item. Emails have been sent out to those that are known to have inventory and condition in their possession. Also, I will be sending out letters for Ads that are placed in the Chronicle. If there are any new places that I should send a request to for a new Ad, please let me know.

**Secretary - Dee Gibson:** Connie mentioned that not all the ballots were in when we did elections . It did not change the outcome of the election. A motion was made by Jim Vickery to accept the report and was seconded by Don Groseknick. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer - Connie Frazier:** The final budget for 2020 is close to the 2019 plan. A motion to approve was made by Larry Eils and Seconded by Rich Cannistra. Motion approved.

**Membership - Bev Joyce:** Bev is accepting 2020 dues and has new membership forms.

**Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery:** Everything is going well. She would like any articles submitted to her by the first weekend in March.

**Webmaster - Hal Zenisek:** The pictures from the last dine are on the website. Traffic was down a little from 2018 to 2019. The Events calendar can be found on the Web. Please look at it and mark you calendars to make your plans.

**Regalia - Jim Vickery:** no report

**Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz:** Phyllis was not in attendance but Larry updated us on Marna who had surgery on her ankle and is home and doing well. A card was sent.

### **Past Events**

Larry has the 2020 calendars. They are \$10.00.

The club had a dine hosted by Rick and Hannah at Pinos. 19 were in attendance.

**Future Events Larry Eils, Ricky Palmer, Rich Cannistra:** We now have a trio committee doing future events. Larry Eils and Rich Cannistra will be doing Saturday drives and special events. Ricky Palmer will do Drive and Dines.

February 28- Mens Old Farts at Rascals on Forest Hills at 1 PM

Ladies who do Lunch will pass this month- February

March 11- BBB Dine hosted by Rich and Dee Gibson 6 PM at the Olympic Tavern on North Main, Rockford

March 15- All Sports Car Swap Meet We will not have a table this year.

March 18- Club Meeting at Thunder Bay

April 8- BBB Drive and Dine at Cuchina Di Rosa: Host Jim and Lynda Vickery.

April 15- Club Meeting at Thunder Bay

April 25- Jefferson Car Show unless a new garage to tour can be found. If you know of a location, please let a committee member know.

April 25- BBB Ladies Tea hosted by Chris Oates

**Some Highlights for this year events are:**

July 12- Rotary Gardens, Janesville Wis. "Limey's on the Lawn"

August 1 - Cars and Coffee Car show. Rockford, IL 9 AM - noon

August 23- We will once again participate in Popular Grove Airport and Museum Car Show

September 6 -BBB Labor Day Picnic hosted by Dennis and Crystal Klemm at their home

September 25-28 - Long Weekend-Greater Lacrosse Wisconsin Area hosted by Rich and Roxann Cannistra and friends.

Please visit the website for updates and future events for the year.

**Marques-**

Austin Healey

Bentley

Jaguar - Event in Las Vegas at Harrods on March 19

Lotus

Mini Larry Eils- Winter picnic March 21. Details to be announced

MG- Rick Hamaker, MG Registry is in Calgary June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Morgan

Roll Royce

Triumph

**Classifieds** - None

**Unfinished Business**

Larry Eils has 2020 Calendars for sale.

**New Business**- None

**Good Wrench**- none

Raffle - Don Grosenick

1. Halogen shop light - Lee Kindgren
2. Swivel head lamp - Michael Mullins
3. Circuit Tester - Dwain Plymale
4. Collapsible Lantern - Rich Cannistra
5. Dual Hear Ratchet set - Greg Oates
6. Blanket - Rich Gibson
7. Finch Feeder - Bev Joyce
8. Candle - Charlie Gall
9. Bird Wind Chime - Lynda Vickery
10. Bird Wind Chime - Al Cichon
11. Thunder Bay Bucks - Hal Zenisek
12. British Rose Glow Body Butter - Mary Jo Schoening

Meeting was adjourned and Lee told a funny joke about Jaguar's having a car door ripped off, an arm ripped off and the driver's comment was where is my Rolex?

Respectfully submitted by Solveig Maschke

## **Last Call for the 2020 BBB Club Calendar**

The 2020 British Boots and Bonnets Car Club calendar is still available. There are **ONLY 9** left so pick one up at the Club meeting, don't wait any longer.

It is full of wonderful pictures from our club events in 2019. Relive some fond memories of the Dines, Drive and Dines and the many drives and events the club held in 2019. Our thanks goes to Leon Kitzmiller for putting this calendar together. We also want to thank all the members who submitted pictures for the calendar. Without your help there would be no calendar. Calendars are \$10 and can be purchased at the club meeting. See Larry Eils to purchase your calendar.



### **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  
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.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE! PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DUES TO THE CLUB AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.**

## British Boots and Bonnets Calendar of Events for 2020

**March 11**     **BBB Dine –Olympic Tavern, Rockford, IL**

Host: Rich and Dee Gibson

March 15     All Sports Car Swap Meet; DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL

***March 18***     ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

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**April 8**     **BBB Drive and Dine - Cuchina Di Rosa, Rockford, IL**

Host: Jim and Lynda Vickery

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

**April 25**     **BBB Garage Tour** – Jefferson Car Show; Jefferson, WI

Host: Larry Eils

**April 25**     **BBB Ladies Tea**

Host: Chris Oakes

April 24-26     Jefferson Car Show; Jefferson, WI

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**May 13**     **BBB Drive and Dine**

Host: Ron and Nancy Kuhnau

***May 20***     ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**May 2 or 16**     **BBB Saturday Drive**     **OPEN**

Host:

**May 23-31**     **British Car Awareness Week**

May 29-31     Champagne British Car Festival. Bloomington, IL  
see [www.champagenbritishcarfestival.comm](http://www.champagenbritishcarfestival.comm) for information

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**June 10**     **BBB Drive and Dine**

Host: Dennis and Crystal Klemm

***June 17***     ***Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille***

**June 13**     **BBB Saturday Drive**

Host: Rich and Roxann Cannistra

June 21 British Car Festival, Sussex Car Show; Sussex, WI

June 28 – July 1 MG 2020 - Calgary, BC; see [www.namgbr.org](http://www.namgbr.org) for information

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**July 8 BBB Drive and Dine OPEN**

Host:

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

**July 12 Rotary Gardens, Janesville, WI – BBB Car Show**  
“Brits on the Lawn”

*July 15 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille*

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

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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**

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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 18 Sunday BBB Drive and Dine – Sunday Brunch**

*White Pines State Park*

Host: Connie Frazier and Hal Zenisek

NOTE: Wednesday *Drive and Dine* moved to Sunday

*October 21 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille*

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**November 11 BBB Dine OPEN**

Host:

*November 18 Club Meeting, Thunder Bay Grille*

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**December 9 BBB Cookie Exchange – Host: Mary Jo Schoening**

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

**THE DINE FOR MARCH WILL BE HELD AT THE OLYMPIC TAVERN**

The Olympic Tavern is located at 2327 North Main St, Rockford, IL, 61103.

<https://theolympictavern.com/>

Join the fun on **Wednesday, March 11th!**

Cocktails at 6:00PM, dinner 6:30PM

RSVP no later than noon, 11 March



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Dee Gibson, [dynamitelady@comcast.net](mailto:dynamitelady@comcast.net) 815-871-5200



# PINO'S IN ROCKFORD A NEW VENUE FOR BBB IN FEBRUARY

by Hannah Palmer

Even though it began to snow Wednesday evening, we still had a laugh-filled night at Pino's in Rockford. I'm very happy to say that 19 members showed up to our first dine! I've been eating pizza there since I was little, so it made me very happy to bring so many people there for the first time. I'm sure they appreciated our business. I'm constantly reminded how good of a job Kelly does for us whenever we go somewhere to eat that isn't ready for 19 hungry people!





## WEBMASTER REPORT

by Hal Zenisek

I've had questions from a couple members about one of the events listed on the February calendar each year. I thought I'd share a few details with everyone here. For the past few years, we've listed a Triumph Event titled "Sir John Black's Birthday" on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual celebration of the man who bought Standard/Triumph around the end of World War 2, and built many of the Standards and Triumphs on the road today. Triumph owners celebrate his legacy by driving their cars on his birthday each year. The event is organized by Rye Livingston and the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in the San Francisco Bay area of central California. Below is Rye's summary of the 2020 event, and he included a link to the photo album of cars and stories if you have interest in viewing the submissions.

Rye is not overstating that owners from around the world participated in the event. He received over 300 submissions, and I saw photos of Triumphs from Finland to South Africa and Australia to the UK, in addition to a host of shots taken closer to home. A few pics were cars stored in garages, a couple were projects in progress, and others included car club members gathered together at picturesque locations. Fill up your coffee/tea cup and click/tap on the link below to enjoy the photos.

Here's Rye's note to the BBB:

*A big thank you to all the Triumph and Standard owners around the world who took the time on Monday, February 10th, to participate in Drive Your Triumph Day, to commemorate Sir John Black's Birthday.*

*I'm overwhelmed by the response, with great photos and stories that came along with them. My favorite has to be the photo used for the album cover. Not necessarily the best picture, but the story! This Triumph owner is 99 years old and out for a drive in 30F degree temperatures in his Spitfire with the Kansas City Triumph Club. Gotta love it!*

*There are so many other great photos from around the world, I hope you enjoy them all. When you are scrolling through the photos, I've tried to include information in the file name: Name of owner, year and make of the car, and where in the world the photo was taken.*

<https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>

*If you want to check out photos from DYTD 2017, 2018 & 2019, click on the Pictures & Videos link in the top menu.*

<https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com/pictures>

*Until next year, have a great time driving your Triumphs and Standards, and be ready for DYTD, February 10th, 2021.*

*Regards,*

*Rye Livingston  
Activities Chairman*





It turned out that Rich Cannistra sat right in front of this map hanging in the Pino's dining room and realized it was the island of Malta. He and Roxann had visited Malta last year and, in fact, there is an article with great photos in this issue of the Chronicle about the Malta Classic Car Museum. It's a small world!

Editor

## CLUB EVENTS – OPEN DATES AVAILABLE

by Larry Eils

If you are thinking about hosting an event for the club this year, you have not missed the opportunity. There are still several open dates available.

How about hosting a spring drive. Saturday's May 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> are possibilities. Please call or email me at [peonygarden@gmail.com](mailto:peonygarden@gmail.com) or 815-382-3547 for help in setting up this drive.

Since this club is all about eating, we have three open dates for doing just that. There are two *Drive and Dine* dates open, July 18<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>. Then there is November 11<sup>th</sup> for a *Dine*. Please call or email Ricky Palmer, [rdpalmer88@gmail.com](mailto:rdpalmer88@gmail.com), 815-979-9500, he will be glad to help you.

A big THANK YOU to all the club members you have already volunteered to host an event for this year. We are going to have a year filled with fun, places to dine at and interesting places to see.

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## DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

If you are one of those gearheads who can't leave well enough alone then perhaps you have heard of Bertone. They have made a business of customizing most anything on four wheels, and some things on only two. Their success has reached some amazingly diverse corners of the automotive industry, everything from Bentley to Volvo. So how did this legendary Italian firm carve out such a successful niche?

Giovanni Bertone started a carriage manufacturing business near Turin, Italy in 1912 although the company was forced to close during WWI. After the war Giovanni could see the hand writing on the wall. He left the carriage business in the rear view mirror and moved into the automotive sector. Most automobiles of the period were slow and boxy looking but Bertone had a different vision. He had an eye for style and soon developed a reputation for turning ordinary vehicles into visual masterpieces. Within two years he had contracts from two major Italian automotive companies to customize a portion of their production. Then Vincenzo Lancia realized Bertone's immense talent and commissioned him to create complete bodies for his car company.

These were exciting times in the automotive industry. Turin, Italy was recognized throughout the world as a center of excellence in the car industry, and Giovanni Bertone was sitting right in the center of it. Styling was rapidly evolving and Bertone was one of the driving forces. Despite difficult economic conditions in the early 30's, Giovanni Bertone's astute management allowed the company to prosper. In 1933 Nuccio, Giovanni's son, joined the business. Bertone moved to larger premises and added commercial vehicles to their portfolio. The outbreak of WWII showed this to be a shrewd move, as Bertone shifted to production of military vehicles.

Post war, Bertone was hard at work providing innovative styling for a car starved Italy. In the early 1950's, orders began coming in from around the world, then at the 1952 Turin Auto Show a chance meeting between Wacky Arnolt and Nuccio Bertone led to the Arnolt-MG. The British were about to show up on the shores of North America in a very unexpected way.

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See the April issue of the *Chronicle* for PART II.

## MALTA CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM

By Rich and Roxann Cannistra

Malta, an archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea between Sicily and North Africa, is the world's 10<sup>th</sup> smallest country with an area of just 122 sq/mi. It was a British colony from 1813 until gaining its independence in 1964, finally becoming the Republic of Malta in 1974.

Following 151 years of British history, Malta has been left with many quaint bits of British influence including charming old hotels, food, language, driving on the left side, and of course cars. While visiting Malta in October we were pleased to visit the Malta Classic Car Museum. This well-appointed museum is the obsession of one petrol-head, Mr. Carol Galea. Although specializing in British cars of course, the museum also contains memorabilia, a research library, a cinema continuously showing documentaries about classic cars, and a complete restoration facility.

We hope you enjoy these pictures, and have a chance to visit this charming island nation some day!













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- BBB visors - \$10 (1 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5

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