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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mar 2024

Hi all,

It is time to start sowing the seeds indoors, to get an early jump on the planting season! Crystal and I always seem to be running late, but hope to get some of them into pots very shortly.

Winter was here and gone in the blink of an eye. I hope you didn't forget to set your clocks ahead this weekend. In our house, we are particularly excited as with the arrival of spring also means getting together with friends, hosting parties and enjoying that the sun is still out after we have gotten home from work .



Please join us for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, March 14. (Dine only) Hosted by Bill and Solveig. At this event you can participate in the PI and trivia activities. Please RSVP to them by March 10.

The Dupage County Swap meet is at the Fairgrounds on March 24th. Upcoming events: We have an opening on the calendar for April 10th, so if you have any ideas then feel free to contact Ron to get it on the schedule.

Safety Fast!

Dennis



January 21, 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

President's Report - Dennis Klemm

Meeting called to order @ ___7:03___ pm

Number of members present ___31_____

Membership vote for the 2024 slate of Board Members....

President- Dennis Klemm

Vice President - Bill Leese

Secretary - Dee Gibson

Treasurer - Connie Frazier

Membership - Rick Palmer

Events Chair - Ron Kuhnau

Regalia Chair - Bruce Beneditz

Newsletter Editor - Lynda Vickery

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Motion to Accept the new slate of board members - Don Grosenick

Second - Phyllis Beneditz

New members - none

Guests - John Clementsen (will be a new member soon)

Emily Grub - Zach Robbin's friend

Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm no report

Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes - no report (no December or January meetings)

Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka -

Activity for the period through February 21, 2024

Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 3120.00
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3059.60
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 6179.60
Total Liabilities / Expenses	\$ 0.00
Overall Total	\$ 6179.60

Income	
Dues 2024	\$ 340.00
Interest	\$ 0.02
Total Income	\$ 340.02
Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$
Overall Total	\$
Motion to accept :	2 nd :

Banking Summary 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023

Income	
Christmas Party 2023	\$ 1671.00
Dues 2023	\$ 1400.00
Dues 2024	\$ 78.00
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$ 2195.00
Regalia Income - Nametags	\$ 117.00
Regalia Income	\$ 92.00
Total Regalia Income	\$ 209.00
Raffle Income	\$ 546.00
Interest	\$ 0.31
Total Income	\$ 6099.31
Expenses	
Bank Fee	\$ 34.00
Email Service	\$ 92.49
Events - Christmas Party 2023	\$ 1698.69
Total Event Expenses	\$ 1698.69
Expense - Corporation Filing	\$ 10.00
Historic Auto Attractions Event	\$ 2538.24
Newsletter	\$ 260.30
Past President Plaque	\$ 10.00
Post Office Rental	\$ 192.00

Raffle Expense 2023	\$	426.20
Regalia - Name Tags	\$	32.62
Total Regalia Expenses	\$	32.62
Sunshine Memorial	\$	75.00
Yearly Website Maintenance	\$	226.00
Total Expenses	\$	5595.54
Overall Total Excess	\$	503.77

Membership - Beverly Joyce

80 members - only 29 have paid as of tonight Several paid dues at the meeting for 2024
Jeffery Potts (a former member) just rejoined BBB

Chronicle - Lynda Vickery

None

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

Calendar events will change on the web to update to finalization of events closer to the time of the event

If you have information on events, please send it to Hal.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

No report

Events - Ron Kuhnau (absent) presented by Rich Cannistra

Club Events... Old Farts Friday, February 23 will be at Crazy Times at 1:00 pm

Ladies Lunch will be at Backyard Bar and Grill in Loves Park at 12:30 pm

Ron Kuhnau is looking into ideas for a Garage tour

Rich Cannistra will again coordinate the Janesville Rotary Garden Event for this summer

The February Dine was at the Butterfly Club in Beloit. Thank you Nancy Kuhnau for making the arrangements for a private room for the event. 21 people were in attendance.

Upcoming events...

March Dine is at John's Restaurant and Pizzeria on **THURSDAY, March 14**

RSVP by March 10th to Bill or Solveig Maschke

Regional Events ...

Chicagoland Area Swamp Meet is March 24th from 8 am - 2 pm

Regalia - Bruce Beneditz

none

Classified - none

New Business -

Recognition of Service... Lynda Vickery for 13 years as Newsletter Editor

Hal Zenisek for 14 years as Webmaster

Bev Joyce for 19 years as Membership Chair

Rich Cannistra suggested the idea of members writing an article about

“My First British Car” for the Newsletter.

Connie Frazer signed up for the March Newsletter

Bruce Beneditz signed up for the April Newsletter

Unfinished business - none

Ron Kuhnau Good Wrench Award - none

Burnt Piston Award - none

Marques - no reports

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

Item	Recipient
1. Lavender Grow Kit	Emily Grub
2. St. Patrick’s Day Kitchen towel set	Hannah Palmer
3. St. Patrick’s day Welcome sign	Sue Lyndsey Jones
4. Wooden Cutting board (made by Don Grosenick)	Jim Roberts
5. Swivel Lens LED head lamp	Tommy Leese
6. 9 pc. Wobble socket extensions	Greg Oakes
7. 6/12 volt circuit tester w/ 5 ft lead	Dave Wakefield
8. 12 v automatic battery charger	Rich Cannistra
9. Multi-use transfer pump	Hal Zenisek

Adjournment

Motion made by _____Don Grosenick_____

Second by _____Rick Palmer_____

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at ____7:28____ pm

Submitted by: Chris Oakes

2024 EVENTS SCHEDULE - Preliminary

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Mar 14** **BBB March Drive & Dine (The 14th not 13th because it's PI Day)**
John's Pizza, 2914 11th St., 6:00pm
Hosted by Bill & Solveig Maschke
- Mar 20 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Mar 24 27th Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble, 8:00-2:00
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd,
N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 61087
See article next page.
<https://chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/>
- Apr 10 BBB April Drive & Dine OPEN
- Apr 17 BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00
Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Apr 6 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2024, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>
- Apr 21-24 NAMGR MG2024, Katy, TX <https://namgar.org/events>
For contact: info@mg2024.org
See article next page.

Apr 26-27 47th Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show,
Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave.,
Jefferson, WI <https://www.madisonclassics.com>

May 4 Cars & Coffee Rockford 2024, 9:00 - noon,
Fifth Avenue parking lot of
Rockford Public Schools Admin Bldg,
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.,
<https://www.carsandcoffeerockford.com>

ALL SPORTS CAR SWAP MEET & AUTOJUMBLE

Formerly named All British Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble, this event has been held for several years at the Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd, N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL. The date is March 24, 2024, from 8:00-2:00.

The meet is intended for all Marques of Asian, American, British, and other European cars. This is not a car show, but rather a meeting place for buyers and sellers of used parts, new parts, accessory items, tools, memorabilia, and just about anything else of interest to the car enthusiast.

Look for ads in all major enthusiast publications and web sites as well as Craig's List in all major cities surrounding Chicago.

MG2024 ...from the MG2024 website

Our 2024 annual convention is being hosted in Katy, Texas from 21st to 24th of April, 2024. What's the annual convention? Well, it's a multi-day (3 or 4) celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe. Some fly in, some drive their MG or other British car or some bring an MG or British car on a trailer. Although things change, each event has its own unique character and flavor. MG2024 is supported by our affiliated chapter, the Houston MG Car Club and this will be a multi-day MG extravaganza. Jump to our [Events/Convention](#) page to learn more. Registration is open now at <https://mg2024.org>.



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Valentines
Day!**



BBB Webmaster Report – March 2024

Please keep me in mind If you learn of any upcoming spring, summer or fall British car related shows or other activities that you think might be of interest to anyone visiting our website. Please consider sharing information you receive from other car clubs and marques that you recommend. I would be happy to add them to our events calendar for the year. I've found other clubs often return the favor when we post their club events, and I believe this is a good way to introduce our club to prospective new members and other British car enthusiasts.

Please send an email, text, or call with your ideas. Please remember, only British car related events. Our local BBB activities will be added over the coming months, and in coordination with our events coordinator once details get finalized. Our website can be found at www.britishbootsandbonnets.com and once you are on the home page, use the navigation bar to find the Club Information Tab and then use the drop down menu to open the Events Calendar Page. Remember to check the calendars again in the future, BBB will be adding new events and posting event updates when plans change.

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks for your ongoing support for our web-based efforts,

Hal Zenisek

BBB Webmaster

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Purrrrr Grrrrrr

By Dee Gibson

The rumble of engines sound off one by one.
The spring driving season has now just begun.

Pull out those dark glasses and wide floppy hats.
Jump into your Midgets and hot pussycats.

The roadways are calling your names, can't you hear?
They scream for the Triumphs to get into gear.

Let's roll down that motorway, spirits adrift.
Then cross to the next as we slow, turn and shift.

And where will we go with this British car club?
Just follow that Morgan straight down to the pub.

We've stories to tell that might just stretch the truth,
How Gibson discovered the Fountain of Youth.

A "wee little" flam and a curious tale.
How Dennis bought cars that he found were for sale.

As "Anything British" adjoins to the troupe,
We're ready to welcome the next member's coupe.

DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

By definition a wire wheel is a wheel whose rim is connected to the hub by wire spokes. The advantage is both weight savings and strength compared to previous designs which had either a solid disk or wooden spokes.

Like so many seemingly simple things the concept was the idea of someone looking for a better way to solve an existing problem. That someone was Sir George Cayley, who designed the first wire wheel in 1808. (Cayley was a British inventor and engineer who described the principles of flight and aircraft design in the early 1800s. He correctly predicted sustained flight would not occur until a light weight engine was developed to provide adequate power for the machine. Cayley passed away 46 years before the



Wright brothers' flight in 1903 which proved his principles and designs were correct!) Wire wheels were used only for bicycles for almost 100 years, until the development of tangentially spoked wheels, which made them strong enough for automobiles.

At this time the wheels were permanently attached to the vehicle, a situation which made changing a puncture a very difficult proposition. Rudge-Whitworth LTD was a British wheel producer, making wheels for bicycles, motorcycles, and sports cars. John Pugh, son of the company founder, decided there had to be a better way to deal with punctures. His work resulted in the detachable wire wheels which slid onto a splined hub and was locked in place by a large nut or "spinner". One of the keys of the Pugh design was that the nut was self-tightening due to having clockwise threads on the nearside and anti-clockwise threads on the offside. The advantage of the removable wheel was obvious and the system was immediately embraced by the racing fraternity.



In the 1908 Isle of Man TT Race, 21 of the 35 entrants used Rudge-Whitworth easy to change wire wheels. The design became the standard of the industry and by 1913 the use of detachable wire wheels was universal in Grand Prix racing. After WWII the rights to the Rudge-Whitworth wheel was acquired by Jaguar, and the brand's dominance continued well into the 1960s.

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Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

It's a Family Affair

By Connie Frazier

I was first introduced to British cars in the early '60s when my father brought home a red '57 MGA with a 1500 cc engine which had been damaged in an accident. As a talented mechanic, engineer and builder, Dad loved fix-it-up projects and his latest had great potential. By 1966, the MGA was lovingly repaired and repainted with some Frazier improvements including glass window side vents, removable glass side curtains, electric push-button door openers and a leather-look upholstered dash. And, to a 13-year-old girl, this one had our other "old" restored cars, a '51 Kaiser and a '51 Henry J, beat hands down.

I am blessed with many great memories of drives with Mom and Dad in that car, sitting between them on the hump padded with a Dad-made leather cushion. It's a good thing we were all physically small people! When I reached driving age, my assigned car was the Henry J, but on many summer days I was trusted with the keys to the MGA and loved the sheer pleasure of driving it, not to mention its sleek lines and the attention a LBC drew in small town Sterling, IL.

I inherited the "A" in 1989 and moved it to our home in Rockford. My husband, Hal Zenisek, and I occasionally drove it for several years. During that time, we were challenged with multiple problems: electrical, fuel pump, and radiator for starters. By 2001, the original wiring harness needed replacement. We asked BBB members for recommendations on who could do the work and Marv Proctor (the club's first president and one of the founders) mentioned he was "pretty good with electrical," had a working garage and offered to help.

As Marv started the harness work, it wasn't long before we heard him say, "You know, if we removed 16 more bolts we could do a complete body-off restoration and re-paint the car."



So, with project scope-creep firmly in place, Hal was recruited as garage assistant. I chose to paint the car the same color that Mom and Dad selected back in the mid-60s, so today it still looks like the car I grew up with. Marv further improved upon my father's mechanical engineering changes, got the "A" back in prime shape, and in 2003 it was on the road again.

Since the car came home, it has taken us to car shows and BBB events, provided scenic drives in the country and given top-down rides to family and friends. Of course, I'm crazy about the car itself, but I especially love the memories associated it has made during its 60 years in the Frazier family. And the "A" continues to create memories with our BBB friends!



HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

AN MG SURPRISE IN IRELAND

by Rich Cannistra

Roxann and I were in Ireland last fall and when we hailed a cab to take us to the Dublin Airport it was an electric MG SUV. Wow! The driver, who also owned the car, was very enthusiastic about his vehicle giving it glowing reviews for economy and dependability. We thought it rode well, looked sharp, and had plenty of room.

A quick search of the internet reveals the MG ZS EV is not only available in the United States but at a better price and with more range than the Hyundai EV. Production of MG vehicles moved to Shanghai in 2016, ending its more than century long history at UK's Longbridge plant. All MG vehicles, both petrol and electric are now manufactured in China and the parent company, SAIC Motor, plans to go all electric by 2027.



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



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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Bruce Beneditz. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$35
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1

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:

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- Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

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