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Next Meeting
Wednesday,
Sept. 16, 2020

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COVID TAKING OVER!!!
Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail
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(near East State Street and
Bell School Road)

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

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Writing this is getting more difficult each month since March. This driving season has not been socially acceptable. Most all events have been cancelled due to the virus. I hope that our pharmaceutical companies get there act together and get us a good vaccine for this disease. I just heard maybe early next year; I hope that it is one that works.

The important work goes on. Election of officers should take place at our January meeting. If we still cannot have a group meeting, we will vote via mail or email. Voting guidelines will be issued at that time. Please feel free to nominate someone for an office or nominate yourself. Some existing officers are running again but nominations are allowed for all offices. How about some Covid Humor?

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

You know what they are saying about 2020. It went viral faster than anyone thought it would.

Back in my day, you would cough to cover up a fart. Now, with Covid, you fart to cover up a cough.

What did the man say to the bartender? I'll have a Corona, hold the virus.

30 days hath September, April, June, and November. All the rest have 31, except for March which was infinite.

Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving,

Lee Kindgren



BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS WEBMASTER

Hal Zenicek

The following email was received this month. If you are interested in a different kind of Christmas gift, this may be your answer. We checked and, yes, you can find it on Amazon.

Name: Wayne Truax

Email Address: waynegtruax@gmail.com

Subject: Mouse, the Man and the MGB – New Children's Book

Message: I just published "Mouse, the Man and the MGB" a children's book on Amazon that I would like to make your club aware of just in time for the holidays. The book is based on my experience with a little mouse watching me as I worked on my MGB.

Book description - A mouse, a man, and an old car...what could possibly happen? A heart-tugging story about a curious little mouse who falls in love with an old car and the challenges he faces when he tries to help. Written as a reminder that when little ones watch from a distance, they may just be waiting to be invited to share in the very thing we enjoy. Readers young and old, especially MGB lovers, will enjoy just turning the pages to look at the illustrations.

Thought you would like to know.

Thanks

Wayne

ALL FIRED UP

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Saturday was a gorgeous age day for October with the temperature in the low 70's. What a day for a bonfire party. However, Mother Nature had another plan in mind. Around 5:00 pm the temperature in Harvard fell 10 degrees in about 10 minutes when the wind shifted to the north and east. By 6:00 pm the temperature was 52 degrees. This was now really bonfire weather.

However, the 15 people on their way to the bonfire had no idea the temperature was dropping in Harvard. When they left their homes the temperature was still in the low 70's so many arrived with their tops down. Boy, did they have a surprise when they arrived at our house. All the tops went up and the blankets came out.

The following members were in attendance: Lynda and Jim Vickery, Chris and Greg Oakes, Dolores and Lew Moon, Solveig and Bill Maschke, Nancy and Ron Kuhnau, Jackie Bartlett and friend Stephanie, Sandy and Rick Hamaker and Jo Anne Fleshman.

They were greeted to a large, roaring fire to keep them warm. We all sat around the fire chatting and saying how nice it was to get together and to see each other again. There have been so few club get togethers because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Everyone enjoyed their snacks and beverages and a few sipped hot chocolate to stay warm. The sky was clear and the stars were out shining down on us as we wrapped up the last official club outing of 2020. Let's hope 2021 is a better year for the club, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary of being British driving enthusiasts.



OCTOBER *DRIVE AND DINE WITH A TWIST* – SEASON FINALE

Larry Eils, Events Chair

With our last *Drive and Dine with a Twist*, held on October 14th, the club driving season comes to an end. Once again, we have some great pictures from our members picking up their dinner. The Eils even had an interesting couple come to their house and have a picnic in their backyard next to a beautiful maple tree.

The Events Planning Committee wants to thank all the club members who participated in the *Drive and Dine with a Twist* this year. With the COVID-19 virus dictating our activities for most of the year, we had to think out of the box. This was a great way to support your favorite eating establishment during this tough time and also showing your support for shopping locally. What a great excuse to drive your British car.

So in keeping with the theme, I have included a picture of a giant *twist* soft serve ice cream cone to think about until our next ice cream rally.





Attached is a pic of me participating in Drive and Dine with a twist tonight. Brian is the photographer. We're picking up carry out at Capri Restaurant in Rockford.

—Bev Joyce [➔](#)



Diane and I drove a 22 mile round trip to Panera Bread to pick up our order which was made over the phone.

Rest of the drive was put off for a nicer day.

—Bob Schwarzkoft



Bil & Solveig enjoyed wings at the Firehouse Pub while Jim & Lynda cheated and got take out at Tom & Jerry's the next day.



We got our food and got away before the Covid crowd shows up on Saturday!

—Roxanne Cannistra



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Connie Frazier, Treasurer
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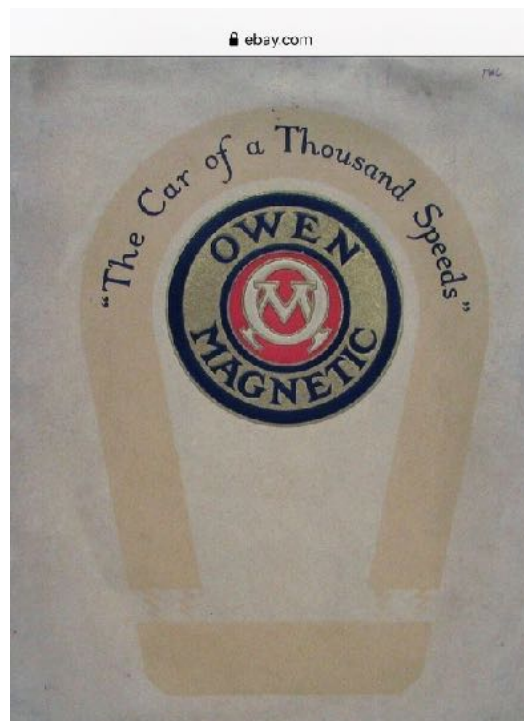
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DID ~ U ~ KNOW

by Facia Nearside

When referring to an automobile, the description of "hybrid electric" sounds like the very latest technology in today's marketplace. Amazingly it is also an accurate description of the Owen Magnetic, a pioneering American luxury car manufactured between 1915 and 1922. The history of this brand and its use of technology show how some new and creative ideas aren't so new at all.

Justus B. Entz was an electrical engineer working for Thomas Edison in 1890 when he became fascinated with the development of the automobile. Entz left Edison to become chief engineer for the Electric Storage Battery Company, a firm which was producing electric-powered taxi cabs in Philadelphia, PA. In 1902 Entz began experimenting with an electric drive transmission and by 1912 he had perfected a design which used a magnetic field to turn the driveshaft of the vehicle. Known as the Entz transmission there was no physical connection between the engine and the vehicle's wheels. Instead, a generator and a magnet were attached to the engine's crankshaft and an electric motor on the drive shaft was fitted inside the magnet. Electric current was transmitted by the generator and magnet to the electric motor attached to the driveshaft, thus turning the car's rear wheels.



DID ~ U ~ KNOW *continued*

R. M. Owen & Company of New York obtained the rights to build cars using the Entz transmission and began production in 1915. Advertised as "The Car of a Thousand Speeds" these luxury automobiles quickly became popular with the rich and famous including Enrico Caruso and John McCormack. With no transmission there was no need to shift gears making the car easy to drive.



In 1920 an agreement for 500 cars was reached with Crown Limited of Great Britain. The cars were to be named Crown Magnetic and one was displayed at the London Motor Show that year. Sadly, the order was never filled. Before the cars were built the Owen Magnetic Motor Car Corporation had gone into receivership.



There are a few remaining examples of the car of a thousand speeds, most of course in museums. However, one of the easiest to see is a 1916 Owen Magnetic in the Jay Leno's Garage series. In the video it is compared to a new Chevrolet Volt showing the similarity of the drive systems.

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WHY WE LOVE OUR LBC'S

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what brings us together here tonight. Certainly the camaraderie and fellowship of the fun times we share together all year long have a lot to do with the success of our club. Simply put, there are a lot of wonderful people in this room, and our club IS our people. But tonight I'd like to pay homage to our LBC's.....the common thread that makes our club what it is....the British Boots and Bonnets.

What is it about our LBC's that makes them so special? I mean aren't all cars really a wonder of steel and spark, rubber and radiator, electronics and ignition, a coil and carburetor? Engineer them together in the right way and a wonderful thing happens.

I think it's fair to say we've joined together because our LBC's represent more to all of us than just transportation. Lord knows we don't meet to celebrate the perfection of automotive science. Something about our cars touches something inside each one of us. For many of us it's a living reminder of who we were and what we were like many years ago. It might represent a sunny world that was simpler, friendlier, and full of fun. How wonderful is it that we can peck out to the garage to be reminded of it any time we want. Our little cars transport us not just down the road, but through time.

For some of us, our LBC's might personify freedom. Who here hasn't experienced that rush – you know, the one you get when the top's down on a warm summer day with you and your honey driving in back of beyond....down a graceful rolling, winding country road. No deadlines, no pressure, no problems. Yesterday is in the rear view mirror with tomorrow just around the bend. The freedom of the open road we get with our Little British Cars reminds us that.....life is good.

Some of us love our LBC's for their personality. Isn't it cute how, when they get a little older, they learn how to mark their territory? Or how they love to share the exhilaration of rainstorms or the feeling of every small bump and pebble in the road? But, of course, the ultimate personality trait is the drama they inspire within us as to whether or not they'll complete the round trip and make it back to our garage.

And finally, it seems like we're always working on our LBC's. If you own a British car, you're going to be a tinkerer. Hey, our little cars need our help. Without our tinkering, our LBC's would develop coughs and sputters, you know, that sort of thing....maybe even cancer of the body or frame. We help them stay well and sometimes even put them through an extreme makeover. When all is said and done, let's admit it....our Little British Cars may very well need us just as much as we need them. They're sporty, timeless, classic and fun.....just like us. Long live the BB&B.

Editor's Note: This wonderful article articulates how we feel about our cars and I appreciate Andy Palmquist's submission. Thanks Andy

LONGTIME MEMBER CAROL KRUP

1/1/1947-10/17/2020

Carol A. Krup, 73, of Roscoe, Illinois passed away October 17, 2020 after a long battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease at her residence with her husband, children and family friends by her side. Carol was born January 1, 1947 in Rockford, Illinois, the daughter of Robert Munson and Ellen (Swanson) Leveroos. She grew up in Rockford and then moved to Roscoe 25 years ago. She is a graduate of East High School (1964), Rockford Memorial Nursing School, Rockford College and the University of St. Francis. Carol worked as a nurse in a number of capacities, many of which were management, but most recently worked for Beloit Health System as an occupational health nurse at United Technologies Corp (UTC) Aerospace Systems. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and pet cats, reading books and loved all things Swedish.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years - Randy Krup; her son Troy (Kerri) Krup; her daughter Tina (David) Ring; and her grandchildren Aiden Krup, Ainsley Krup and Miles Ring. She was predeceased by her parents.

A private family service with burial at a later date at Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery, Rockford, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials will go to Northern Illinois Hospice and the Try-Beta Foundation. Please visit www.olsonfh.com to express a condolence.



Phyllis Beneditz, in charge of Sunshine, wanted members to know that Randy sent a very nice thank you note to his British Boots & Bonnets friends for the thoughts and remembrances he has received. He is very appreciative.

REMEMBERING CAROL KRUP

To be honest I feel a little cheated that I didn't get to meet Carol until she was in her early 50's. It was the morning of Troy's wedding (Carol and Randy's son). Common denominator: the women at the breakfast all had husbands that had "cars". Carol was calm, friendly, inclusive of me (new kid on the block). That breakfast began a very special friendship, a friendship full of life's lessons.

I missed Carol as a young woman—smart, outspoken, determined.

Carol found out at a young age that she had rheumatoid arthritis. She realized she might at some time be physically limited. Her philosophy: "Deal With It". She studied for her Master's degree so she could always work in the nursing field using her sharp mind.

Of course part of Carol's life always centered on cars. When she and Randy were younger they were involved in the racing circuit and made many lifelong friends. Randy has a lifelong love of cars, is active in a few car organizations. Often they hosted big car gatherings at their lovely property.

Years later Carol had increased physical issues. It never stopped her. She never complained.

Pain - "Deal With It". Stay active.

Hair Falls Out - "Deal With It". Use cute hats and a lovely wig.

Decreased mobility - "Deal With It". We started swimming at Northpointe.

More decreased mobility - "Deal With It". Get a walker; keep going, just a little slower.

You get the hint - I heard "Deal With It" many times over. Carol taught me that life has challenges that you have to meet head on.

As lifelong residents of the Rockford area Carol and Randy know a lot of people. We are two very lucky ones to be in their circle, have traveled with them, spent holidays with them, laughed with them.

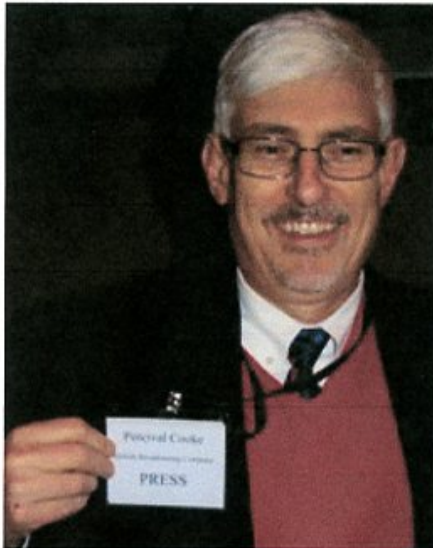
What brought us together? Cars! My message is the hobby of cars is very important, as it brings many people together. Thank goodness for cars and the people that love them.

I am very proud to call Carol Krup, "that feisty old broad", one of my dear, dear friends. She will be missed.

Contributed by Jody Bowersock, former member of BBB

Season Ends with Celebration

Larry Eils



Instead of the usual snow covered roads the BBB Christmas Party participants have experienced in the past, bare pavement along with a sky filled with stars and seasonal cold temperatures greeted us this year. What a change from the last few years.

Lino's Restaurant was all decorated as 55 club members gathered to celebrate Christmas and another successful year of club events. Besides the new decorated Christmas Box table center pieces there was a new Christmas Parts Tree for members to decorate with small British car parts. Just as we sat down to dinner we had a surprise visit from BBC reporter, Mr. Percival Cooke, who had received an anonymous tip that our British cars were invited to this year's party.

Sure enough, 6 British cars (Jaguar, Austin Healey, Mini, MG, Rolls Royce and Triumph) did show up complete with ornaments for the Parts Tree. Everyone enjoyed the short skit put on by the "BBB Right Hand Drive Players."





5th Annual BBB Christmas Party

by Marv Proctor



Have you heard the one about.....??? How do you make a minister into a stand up comic??? Well, you take Lew Moon, give him a bit of material, a straight man and then mix that into the annual holiday bash for the British Boots and Bonnets car club and Walla!! You have it! A formula for one of the best holiday parties we've had thus far. Lew kept the audience in stitches and would have made Jay Leno envious with some of his delivery lines and timing. Members are still smiling when they picture "Vision Impaired Bob" hunting deer with Jake Jaquet using Potato Guns. And, as Paul Harvey would say, "Now for the rest of the story - Page 2." when we heard about heretofore undisclosed details of Dwain and Jenny Plymale's trip out West two summers ago. Apparently it takes a while for out-of-state police records to filter into the Midwest.

And, as Paul Harvey would say, "Now for the rest of the story - Page 2." when we heard about heretofore undisclosed details of Dwain and Jenny Plymale's trip out West two summers ago. Apparently it takes a while for out-of-state police records to filter into the Midwest.

The gift exchange went very well with little snowmen being the "hot item" of the evening for the ladies and car care items being the "big ticket" item for the guys.

The food at Lino's was again excellent as well as the service. We have to put our hands together in appreciation for a job well done for Donna Jaquet and Nancy Proctor in the planning and preparation of the event this year. We are informed that they are retiring from this post for next year's party so someone else needs to step forward and take that task to hand for the Sixth Annual Holiday Party. We thank Lew Moon for the great job he did as Master of Ceremonies this year. It was a blast!

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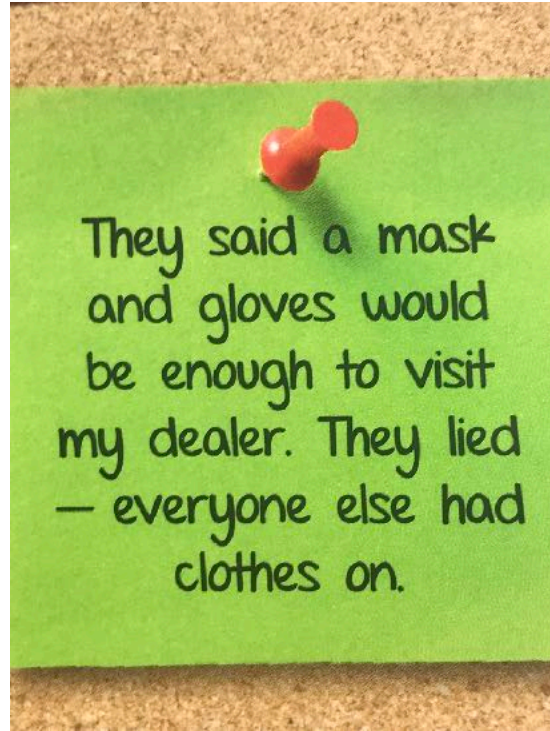
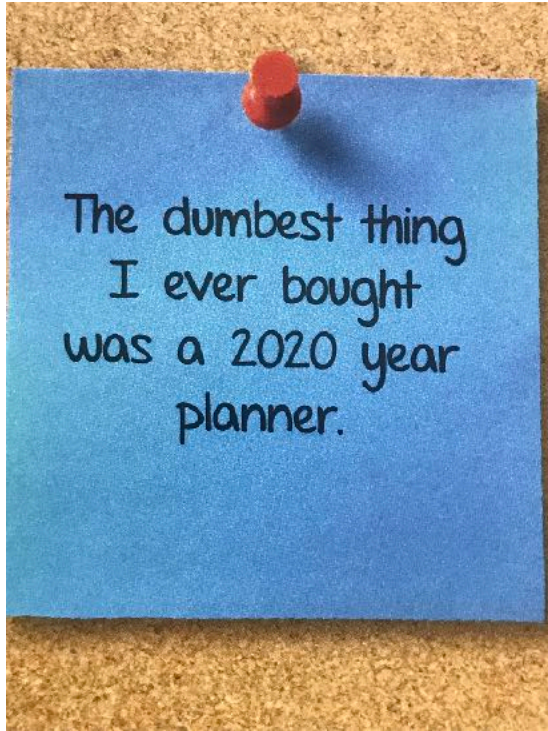
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Happy Thanksgiving





FROM YOUR EDITOR

Be sure to look back in this issue and find the articles that have been reprinted from our library of Chronicles. The Chronicle was started immediately as the Club was formed, and it is indeed a chronicle of our Club life. Until we get back to "normal" and can report on Club activities, continue to remember back to special times as we include prior articles with each Chronicle.

And thanks to those who have contributed or sent ideas for articles/pictures/jokes. Please add your own special story and thoughts as the winter months begin to keep us isolated and inside even more. And let's hope that the year 2021 will see us getting back to real Club meetings and activities!

REMEMBER??

Fall Tours - Who can name them?

Our first meeting was at the Rathskeller - Do you remember when?

Our first Membership List was published soon after - Can you guess how many members there were then?

When did Ed & Luz host their first fall picnic?



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