



British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party

Please join us at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford

December 15, 2021

6:00 pm for Cocktails - 6:45 for Dinner

Gift Exchange

To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$15.00 wrapped gift per person and mark it for man or woman. (No gifts of alcohol, please.)

British Boots and Bonnets Christmas Party Reservation Form

Baked Chicken Ala Lino	28.79	Name: _____ Name: _____	\$ _____
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**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Oct. 20, 2021

Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois
(near East State Street and
Bell School Road)

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

Presidents Report

October 2021

It is finally raining as I write this. Boy, do we need it! No LBC drive today.

I think that everyone can agree that 2020 and 2021 have been strange years for everyone and for British Boots and Bonnets. We have had canceled events, Drive and Picnics, and a delayed 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Well, things are getting even weirder. I am not able to attend this month's meeting and preside as President. While talking to the other board members to find a substitute, I discovered that many of the other board members have conflicts and will not be able to attend as well. According to the Bylaws, a majority of Board Members must be present to hold a meeting. Therefore, we will be unable to hold an official meeting to conduct club business. This is a situation that may never have occurred before in our 25-year history.

Rather than cancel the evening, we have decided that the October 20th meeting will be a Drive and Dine. Come to Thunder Bay at 6:00 for dinner and conversation with your BBB friends.

The November Meeting is an important date on the club calendar. It is the time we take nominations for the election of Board Members. We need new candidates for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Solveig, Dee, and Connie have each served for two consecutive years and must be replaced. Consider serving BBB in one of these roles. You may contact me or any of the board members if you have any questions or to volunteer to be on the ballot.

I've been able to drive the MGs the last couple of weeks. But, not for much longer. The Midget needs to be stored to make room for the boat that is coming back from the cottage. The B will have to be parked before November. Sadly, the season is coming to an end as fall sets in. Try to get out one more time to enjoy the colors.

Stay safe and enjoy the nice days while we have them.

Bruce



September 15, 2021 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING 25th Anniversary Meeting

President's Report - Bruce Beneditz

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Thirty-nine club members were present. No new members were present. Tommy Leese, son of Bill Leese, was present.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration is being held at this September meeting. There is no raffle for this meeting. Instead, a drawing for Ed Lehman's woodwork is being held. Items include a tea box, 6 candy dishes, a collapsible rocking horse, a turkey pull-apart trivet, five pig-shaped cutting boards. The meeting is also a remembrance for Jim Vickery, Charter Member who recently passed. We welcome Joe Klinck who owns a 1962 Austin Healy Sprite. He had dropped out of the club several years ago to take part in the Shriners organization and is now re-joining the club.

Vice-President's Report - Solveig Maschke - No report

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

A motion was made by Beverly Joyce to accept the August 2021 minutes as printed in the Chronicle. Ron Kuhnau seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier

Activity for the period of August 1-August 31, 2021

Income	\$ 199.02	(Interest, Chronicle advertising, dues, raffle, regalia)
Expenses	\$ 136.22	(Partial dues refund, raffle, email service fee)
Total	\$ 62.80	

Account balance as of August 31, 2021:

Checking	\$2389.70
Savings	\$2864.87
Total	\$5254.57

Mike Moore made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Kevin Rachuk seconded. Motion passed.

Membership - Beverly Joyce

Seventy-two members are in the club now. Joe Klinck has recently rejoined the club. One other new member has joined the club. The new email system using "Gaggle" is working much better. If anyone has something to send out to all club members, this system can get that information out much faster.

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Lynda has also looked at the new email system for the newsletter. The size of the Chronicle was difficult to send out via email. Now, Hal has put the newsletter on the website. He has been able to compress and downsize the Chronicle. If you wish to view the Chronicle, please go to the club website.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

If you have not been on the website lately, you can now view pictures of the last picnic and the August Drive and Dine. Years ago when Ed Eggleston passed away, a tribute to him was created by Carol. This DVD is available if you wish to view it. It includes pictures of club activities from years ago..

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz

Bill Maschke had shoulder surgery today. Lyn Pond also had surgery but is now back to work. Don Grosenick had surgery today as well. Several club members have been over to see Mary Jo . She is happy over in Galena.

Events - Greg Oakes

The Men's Lunch will be held at Neighbor's Bar and Grill on Forest Hill at 1:00 on Friday, September 24th. The Ladies who do Lunch will be held at Garrett's on September 24th at 1:00. October 2nd is the Ladies' Tea, hosted by Chris Oakes. On October 8th, Larry and Marsha Eils will host their campfire gathering. More details to follow. December 15th will be our Christmas Party at Lino's.

Regalia - Dennis Klemm-

If you were at the picnic at the Klemm's on Labor Day weekend, window cloths were available there. They are now available at the meeting - 1 per family. They are complimentary from Dennis and Crystal Klemm.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

Good Wrench Award

Beverly Joyce nominated Ron Kuhnau for the Good Wrench Award for his assistance last month. After leaving the August Drive and Dine her lights went out . She called Ron and he assisted by allowing her and Brian to follow him to her house to make sure they got home safely. Ron will receive 5 raffle tickets at the October meeting.

Burnt Piston Award

Bruce and Phyllis had a flat tire on the way to the picnic at the Klemm's on the Labor Day weekend. The spare tire was also flat. Five years ago, Bruce's spare tire was also flat when he had a flat tire.

History of the British Boots and Bonnets Club

Bruce read a short history of the club history, written by Rich Cannistra. It was placed in the Chronicle five years ago by Lynda Vickery. Bruce and the club members recognized the Charter Members and the members who joined the first year. Connie received a message from Marv Proctor that he has bronchitis and could not be at the meeting. Bill Leese read a couple notices about first forming the club, placing a notice in the newspaper about this, and about selecting a name for the club. A huge thank you to Connie for getting the cake and cupcakes for the Anniversary celebration.

Ed Lehman's Woodworking Pieces Drawing

Tea Box - Dee Gibson
Rocking Horse - Roxann Cannistra
Bowl - Phyllis Beneditz
Cutting Board - Caralyn Vetere
Bowl - Hannah Palmer
Turkey Trivet - Joe Klinck
Bowl - Barb Buckavekas
Bowl - Nancy Kuhnau
Bowl - Carol Eggleston
Bowl - Brenda Moore
Cutting Board - Sandy Hamaker
Cutting Board - Jackie Bartlett
Cutting Board - Tommy Leese
Cutting Board - Donna Jaquet

Friday, September 17th is Ed Lehman's birthday. You can send him a message to wish him a Happy Birthday. His phone number was provided.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. Cake was enjoyed following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Gibson
Secretary

THE GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLUB OCTOBER LUNCH!

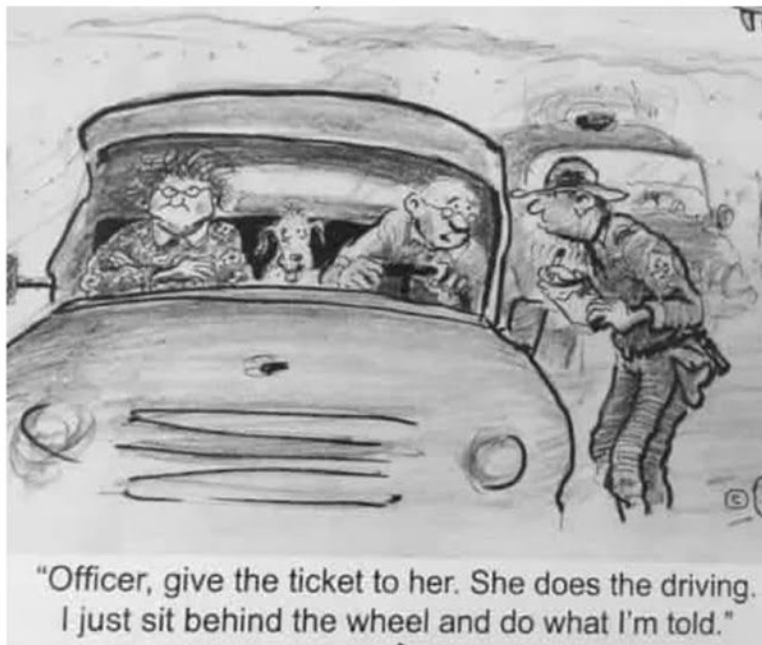
For the month of October, the Old Farts will be meeting at The Shopiere Tap. The address is 5227 E. County Road J, Shopiere, Wi. 53525. We will meet there at 1:00 pm on October 22nd, the fourth Friday.

For those interested in driving to the Shopiere Tap as a group, we will be meeting at Life Church in Roscoe, 5910 elevator Road, (at the corner of Willowbrook Road) at 12:15. We will be leaving the church at 12:30.

Hope to see you there,
Richard Hamaker and Lee Kindgren.

THE LADIES OCTOBER LUNCH!

Greg Oakes will be sending an email around Oct 19th or 20th with details on the Ladies Who Do Lunch event. We want to be sure to find a restaurant that is open for lunch on October 22nd. Stay tuned!



2021 Christmas Party

Just a couple notes that wouldn't fit onto the invitation:

- ◆ the antipasto will be served family style as in past parties.
- ◆ we have an earlier deadline for reservations because Lino's, as most vendors in these times, need a longer lead time for ordering products.

I hope to see all of you at the party, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

Bev



IT'S CAMPFIRE TIME

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Fall is here but the warm temperatures it feels more like summer. Even so, it's time for **Friends around the Campfire** at the Eils house.

The campfire will be held on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021** and begin at 6:00 pm. Please bring a campfire snack to share with the group. You should also bring lawn chairs and a blanket to keep you extra warm so you can enjoy the fire. (We are hoping the weather will be more seasonable.) Limited seating will be available. Hot chocolate, water and soft drinks will be provided. If you wish a tastier beverage please feel free to bring it.

We are located at 8700 Nilsen Court, Harvard. GPS will send you here if you have not visited with us in the past. If you have any questions, please call Larry at 815-382-3547. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the campfire.

Please note, if it is raining or threatens rain late Wednesday afternoon we will attempt to send an email alerting you we have postponed the campfire. Our rain date is Saturday, October 16. Same time, same place.



BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

by Bruce Benedictz

We finally were able to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of BBB at the September meeting. The BBB Anniversary is actually in May, but events of the last two years have delayed the celebration to a time when we can gather together for the party.

The meeting agenda was shortened to ensure we had plenty of time at the end of the business meeting to properly celebrate this momentous occasion. It is significant that BBB has flourished so well over its 25-year history. Bev reported that we currently have 72 members! A tribute to all the members past and present that have a great love for all British cars.

What became British Boots and Bonnets was the brain child of Marv Proctor. Marv was unable to attend and Connie Frazier read a message from Marv.

Please extend our heartfelt congratulations to the club on being 25 years old. From an idea within the walls of Sundstrand to a notice in the Rockford paper, from Der Rathskeller, to Lumpy's, to Thunder Bay! The many hands, minds, and actions of past and present members have made and sustained the club. A pleasure to see the friendships that have grown and bonded over time because of the club. Definitely that and the mutual affection for our cars have enabled this milestone to be reached.

Thank you, Marv, for seeing that the idea of a British Car Club was born.

It was then time for members to tell stories of the early days. I don't have specific notes on who spoke but there were many good stories told. BBB has a very colorful and active history.

The celebration continued with the drawing of numbers for Door Prizes. A big thank you to Ed Lehman for donating many of his woodworking art pieces to be given away. The list of door prizes and those who won them are documented in the minutes.

No BBB celebration would be complete without cake and we were not disappointed. There was a chocolate cake and white cupcakes to please everyone's tastes.

It will be interesting to see what the years to come will bring. Safety Fast everyone!



LABOR DAY PICNIC AT ABINGDON TEWS

by Lynda Vickery

The weather on Sunday of Labor Day weekend was perfect for the annual Labor Day Picnic hosted by Dennis and Crystal Klemm. Their Abingdon Tews property offered plenty of room for everyone to spread out under trees or in their party room.

Everyone brought a dish to pass, and along with brats, hamburgers and hot dogs, everyone got plenty of great tasting food.

Dennis has several buildings full of mostly MG cars and parts that drew everyone's attention. He and Crystal also have a military mule vehicle that several enjoyed riding around on, soaking up the sunshine and beautiful scenery.

Many BBB members drove their beloved LBCs and of course Dennis and Crystal displayed their many English cars, too. The Klemm's pond made the perfect backdrop for photo ops.

Thank you, Dennis and Crystal, for hosting such a lovely and fun event!







A Handy Guide for the Do-It-Yourselfer

From Moss, September 28, 2012

The following are suggestions for working inside in an environment that you share with your family:

1. Do not use the clothes washer/dryer as a work bench
While extra holes help clothes dry more quickly, auto parts and black spots are hard to explain to the fire department.
FYI: Appliance White Rustoleum does not match Kenmore White.
2. Separate shop towels and grease covered clothes from the rest of the laundry. It is a molecular property of grease to never leave the washer except on other family members' clothes.
3. If you have a whole car as a project in the basement, have a clearly observable way to get it in and out. This makes it appear less permanent.

From the Editor: Worth repeating from 2012.

BRITISH INVASION AT STOWE, VERMONT INCLUDED A WONDERFUL TRIP TO THE NORTHEAST

Greg and Chris Oakes took a scenic backroads drive to Stowe, Vermont to attend the British Invasion XXX. This three-day event included "all things British", with primary focus on classic British motorcars. The British Invasion is held every year in the quaint town of Stowe, Vermont, and hosts a fantastic collection of classic British Motorcars. It is the largest all British motorcar show in the United States annually attracting over 600 British motorcars from the US and Canada. Due to Covid, this year there were over 400 cars because the large group of Singer cars were not there.

Thursday morning we went with a small group on a Basin Harbor Drive, winding across backroads to the Red Mill Restaurant on the shores of Lake Champlain. We spent the rest of our five days, exploring all the backroads we could, looking at covered bridges and waterfalls. Smuggler's Notch was another beautiful mountain drive.

Friday night was the Main Street Party in Stowe. The street was blocked off, cars were on display and the band played as people gathered to enjoy the evening.

The car show was Saturday at the Stowe Events field with Mt. Mansfield as a beautiful backdrop. There were lots of exquisite and interesting cars on display.

After the show, we ventured on to explore the backroads of New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois. We drove through four different groups of mountains, explored more waterfalls and covered bridges. The final leg of this adventure included a visit to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana. The cars were exquisite, but the original Art Deco sales showroom was as impressive as the cars. It was a highlight of the trip.





CONTINUING THE TRADITIONAL LADIES TEA PARTY

Some of the ladies from the British Boots and Bonnets met Saturday, October 2 for a Fall English Tea. The Tea was at Chris Oakes' house. Everyone contributed either a sweet or savory treat to enjoy along with several varieties of tea. It was a fun day of friendship and the sharing an English tradition.



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

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

SEPTEMBER DRIVE 7 DINE - GREAT DRIVE! GREAT DINE!

The fall driving season was kicked off nicely with the September Drive & Dine. Six members vehicles enjoyed a brisk drive through the corn and soybean fields of Northern Illinois. The weather cooperated with mostly sunny skies and just a hint of autumn's chill. As the Moore's cheeky little Triumph led the pack of angry MG's and the lone Jaguar around the last bend approaching the restaurant, it brought to mind those historic finishes in the late Sixties at Le Mans.

Dinner was excellent with seven additional club members joining us at the restaurant. We had two tables in the atrium between the Short Line sushi restaurant and the Firebox pizza bar. Unexpectedly we were presented with menus from both restaurants broadening our choices for the evenings fare. Our server Susan was excellent with one small error. When Brian ordered his cheesy brussel sprouts, she thought he said, "Bring me a Mai Tai with twelve straws". Honest mistake. Brian ultimately got his veggies and a good time was had by all.





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by Facia Nearside

In 1967 the Suez Crisis sent fuel prices soaring, and even though most vehicles in England were of modest size it was felt more could be done to conserve resources. Sir Leonard Lord issued his top engineer, Alec Issigonis, a challenge to design a small fuel-efficient car capable of carrying four adults. We all know the result, the legendary Mini. What is less well known however, is the result of the previous work Issigonis had done along the same theme.

In the early 1940s the British government was looking for a lightweight amphibious vehicle which could be parachuted into the battle area. Issigonis, while working for William Morris, designed the Nuffield Guppy. It was a small vehicle with balloon tyres capable of carrying one soldier with equipment. The Guppy showed promise but the war in Europe ended before it could be put into service. Subsequent work by Issigonis produced two more vehicles in which the family lineage could also clearly be seen, the Austin Ant and the Mini Moke. Both of these were hopeful of securing contracts from the military sector but mindful of their potential in the civilian market.

The Ant was cancelled before full scale production could begin. This was during the period when BMC became part of British Leyland, and the Ant was considered to be too close of competition for the Land Rover.



The Mini Moke was also originally targeted as a lightweight military vehicle, but the small wheels and low ground clearance made it unsuitable for off road use. Shifting to the backup plan the design was offered to the civilian world as a lightweight, easily maintained, recreational and utility vehicle. Success was all but assured when Brigitte Bardot was photographed driving one.

James Bond showed up in a white Moke in the movie Live and Let Die. Popularity followed and more than 14,500 Mini Mokes were produced at BMC's Longbridge plant between 1964 and 1968. Another 26,000 were manufactured in Australia between 1966 and 1981, followed by the final 10,000 in Portugal from 1980 to 1993.

Long known as the designer of Britain's most successful car, Alec Issigonis was thus quite successful with several other innovative small vehicles. In recognition of his various achievements Issigonis was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1964 and also knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1969. As for the name of his enduring creation the Mini Moke? Moke is old British slang for a donkey!

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