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## President's Report

October 2022

It's that time of year when the trees are changing and the nights are cool. We are definitely into Fall weather now. There will still be some sunny days to get out and enjoy this time of year. The busyness of summer is coming to an end and I have been able to find time to drive for pleasure, ride my bike, and take long walks. Unfortunately, I'm also having to take time to close the cottage and winterize the cars. The Midget is done. But I am going to enjoy the B for as long as I can. I'm sorry to see summer end, but I love fall.

Speaking of fall, I headed North with friends for a few days of fishing and to take out the dock. The colors in northern Wisconsin are absolutely stunning this year.

We had a wonderful turnout for the September BBB Meeting where we celebrated the life of Queen Elizabeth II. So many people came forward with wonderful ideas that made it a memorable time. Be sure to read the article by Chris Oakes that summarizes the occasion.

There are limited opportunities left this year to gather and be with our BBB friends. Take advantage of the meetings and events that you can attend.

Safety Fast,

Bruce

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,**

**Oct 19, 2022**

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**



# Save the Date !!

2022 British Boots and Bonnets Car Club Christmas Party  
December 14th at Lino's Restaurant in Rockford  
(Second Wednesday of the month)

Watch the October Chronicle for Details  
Reservations and Payment will be required by Saturday, December 3rd.

Any questions before then, please give Bev a call at 815-975-0857 or  
e-mail at [andsewon53@comcast.net](mailto:andsewon53@comcast.net)

## Note:

Bev is working on the plans and menu  
for our Christmas Party at Lino's.  
Please watch for the Club's invitation  
coming to your email soon!

## September 21, 2022 British Boots & Bonnets Meeting

### President's Report - Bruce Beneditz-

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm

Number of members present 36

Guests : Jerry Thompson - MGB and 2 MGA's

New members: Tom & Patty Harker - MGA, Triumph motorcycle, 2008 Mini

### Vice President's Report -Crystal Klemm

none

### Secretary's Report -Chris Oakes

August, 2022 Minutes as printed in the September Chronicle newsletter and corrected by Chris Oakes were approved.

Motions to accept the minutes was made by Dee Gibson

Seconded by Crystal Klemm

Corrections to the August, 2022 minutes - Motion passed to accept the minutes.

### Treasurer's Report - Brian Kobischka

Activity as of 8/17/2022

#### Cash and Bank Accounts

BMO Harris Checking Account	\$ 2345.59
BMO Harris Savings Account	\$ 3065.17
<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 5410.76</b>
<b>Total Liabilities / Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$ 5410.76</b>
Income: Dues	
2022	\$ 80.00
2023	20.00
Raffle	\$ 73.00
Regalia	\$ 9.00
Interest	\$ .03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 182.03</b>
Expenses: E-mail service	\$ 92.28
Raffle expense	\$ 50.73

Sunshine Memorial	\$	0.00
Total Expenses	\$	143.01
Overall Total	\$	39.02

Motions to accept the budget was made by \_\_\_Larry Eils \_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_ Connie Frazier \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership - Beverly Joyce -**

70 members

Question? - Does anyone have contact information for Ron Benson ? Crystal Klemm said she could find it.

**Chronicle - Lynda Vickery**

none

**Webmaster - Hal Zenisek -**

Email - For Sale: 1959 Bentley

Someone posted a need for a good mechanic

2<sup>nd</sup> posting : a need for a mechanic

**Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz -**

none

**Events - Greg Oakes**

**Upcoming Club Events**

September 23: Ladies Lunch @ Alchemy ( Alden Golf Course ) @ 12:30

OldFarts @ Detour Bar & Grill @ 1:00

October 8: Friends Around the Campfire - hosted by Larry & Marsha Eils

Rain date October 9 -

some information was in the September Chronicle - more to follow

October 12: Drive & Dine - STILL Open, if someone would like to organize it

December 14: BBB Christmas Party - more details to follow

**Past events....**

Thank you to...

August 21: Rich & Dee Gibson for organizing the Poplar Grove Airport Fly In

September 3: Dennis & Crystal Klemm for the Labor Day Picnic

September 14: Chris Oakes for the Drive and Dine to Galena



# 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Oct 12      BBB October Drive & Dine                  OPEN
- Oct 19      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Nov 16      BBB Club Meeting, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00  
                 Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford, IL
- Dec 14      BBB Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE, DETAILS TO FOLLOW  
                 Lino's Restaurant, Rockford, IL

### **LADIES LUNCH WILL BE OCTOBER 28TH**

Chris usually sets up the Ladies Lunch, but she and Greg are on vacation. So Solveig decided to plan a Ladies Lunch on October 28th at RBI's - 12:30 pm. Please let Solveig or Lynda know if you plan to come. Hope to see you there!

### **NOTE from Lynda:**

*As editor of the Chronicle I am now receiving online copies of two other car clubs monthly newsletters. These are interesting to read - offering articles of their past and upcoming events, tech tips, ads, and other interesting information. Visit their websites!*

**[www.ChicagolandMGclub.com](http://www.ChicagolandMGclub.com)**

**[www.peachtreemg.com/newsletters](http://www.peachtreemg.com/newsletters)**

## SEPTEMBER DRIVE AND DINE, THE DUCK INN SUPPER CLUB

The weather was beautiful and we had a beautiful evening for a top-down drive on back roads into Southern Wisconsin. After a 45-minute leisurely drive we arrived at the Duck Inn Supper Club near Delavan, Wi.

There we were greeted by the friendly staff to enjoy fine food in a classic Wisconsin Supper Club atmosphere. The Duck Inn is one of fifty restaurants included in the book "Wisconsin Supper Clubs, an Old-Fashioned Experience" published in 2013. Seventeen club members made the trip.

Dinner was preceded with a toast to the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The two waiters that served us were exceptional. They were very attentive to all our needs. The kitchen also was amazing. All of the food came out at the same time and it was hot and delicious. It was a perfect evening to spend with friends.

As always is the case with club events, everyone had a good time with lively conversations around the tables. Many stories were shared, both new and old.

Bruce and Phyllis Beneditz







## EARLY CHRISTMAS IDEA!

Don't forget to check out a book titled T Is for Turbo at the link below found by Charley & Linda Gall. Could be a very cute Christmas gift for BBB grandchildren/great grandchildren!

<https://www.mhgproductions.com/product-page/t-is-for-turbo-abc-board-book-pre-sale>

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Brian Kobischka 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.



# MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH AND HER REIGN OF 70 YEARS

The **Invitation to the Celebration** was issued by Bruce Beneditz, president of the Boots & Bonnets, prior to the meeting date.

To All British Boots and Bonnets Members:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was more than a monarch. She represented everything that was honorable, dignified, proper, and kind about the people of England.

As a mark of respect for the Memory of Queen Elizabeth II, by the authority vested in me as President of British Boots and Bonnets, I proclaim that the September 21, 2022 meeting of British Boots and Bonnets be dedicated to her memory.

When attending the meeting, if you can, come in British attire. Ladies, a beautiful hat and pearls would be appropriate. You might also bring flags and other items to decorate your table if you wish. And of course, proudly arrive in your proper British car.

President of British Boots and Bonnets,

BRUCE D. BENEDITZ

## **The Celebration....**

**Decorations** and dessert for the Celebration was organized by: Solveig Maschke

Helpers: Dee Gibson, Crystal Klemm, Lynda Vickery, Chris Oakes, Connie Frazer,  
Sandy Hamaker, Bev Joyce, Larry Eils

Nancy Kuhnau -Liaison with Patrick Powers, The Bag Piper

We hope we didn't miss anyone.

A special thank you to all of you!

**The Proclamation** was read by Lew Moon....

*Peasants, Lords & Ladies, of Illinois and Wisconsin*

*Please be advised; by Declaration of the State of Common Wealth, and the concurrence of the Boots and Bonnets Car Club of Rockford, Illinois, that Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 pm ( 1:00 am British) and following, be set aside to honor the Death of Queen Elizabeth and to celebrate the 70 years of her Reign as the Queen of England.*

*Here-by be informed, that as of this time and for the remainder of our evening together, all those present and participating shall be declared to be BRITISH, by the nature of interest, ownership, restoration and repair. You are here-by permitted to and encouraged to do all things British. That is, permission is here-by granted to use the language of England! You may wear British attire and to display the British flag. You may own, drive, repair and otherwise enjoy British automobiles, without any fear of reprisal or embarrassment.*

*Our Queen, having owned, driven and enjoyed various British automobiles; such as the Rolls Royce, Daimlers, Bentleys, Jaguar, and as well as her favorite, the Land Rover. In as much as her Reign covered the years of manufacture of the Lotus, Austin Healey, Morgan, Vauxhall, Hillman and MG series; as well as the Triumphs and hundreds of other brands and makes; we recognize, her Majesty Elizabeth, as an honorary member of the Boots and Bonnets Car Club.*

*Permission is here-by granted to have a good time!  
Submitted with permission of the officers of the B & B car club.*

*Sir Lewis Moon  
Earl of the House of Harbor Royale*



The festivities included...

A Bag Piper: Patrick Powers - played 4 songs for us.

1. Balmoral
2. Amazing Grace
3. High Road to Gairloch
4. Scotland Brave

A video loop of Queen Elizabeth through the years - provided by Bruce Beneditz

Queen Elizabeth Trivia - prepared by Solveig Maschke - the winner gained the respect of those present tonight - Winners ... Larry & Marsha Eils with 12 out of 16 correct answers

Corgi Bingo - presented by Connie Frazer

4 Bingo Prizes were awarded to...

Mike Moore, Duct tape & chocolate

Don Grosenick, Walker Shortbreads

Brad Neumiller, Shortbreads

Phyllis Beneditz, Princess kit

Best Costume - determined by President Bruce Beneditz

Female - Lynda Vickery, as a truly British Lady

Male / female - Crystal Klemm, as a Royal Guard

Official Photographers - Rich Cannistra and Dee Gibson

Several of the women and men, celebrated the event in British attire.

Following the activities we enjoyed Cake (Chocolate with Pink frosting, a Crown and pearls decoration), Shortbread cookies and Scottish mints to celebrate the occasion.

A fun and festive evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

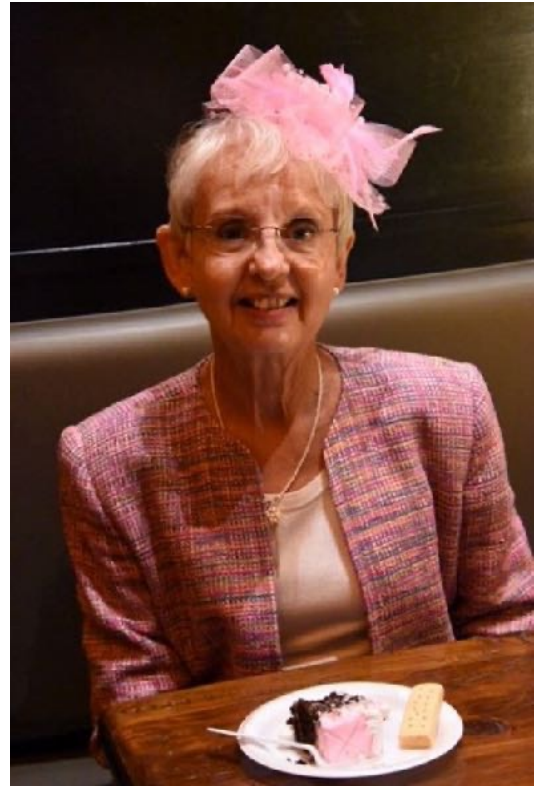
Submitted by: Chris Oakes

















## BBB Webmaster Report – October

If you have not been to the BBB website lately, you might want to check out what's new. You can view pictures of the latest club drives, regional car shows, and special events including the September meeting that honored the life of service by Queen Elizabeth II. Thanks to all members who contributed photos and volunteered to assume photographer duties when needed.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments about the BBB website.  
Hal Zenisek

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“A Royal Warrant of Appointment”

If you have ever seen the owner’s manual for a Jaguar (or Aston Martin or Land Rover) you may have noticed the words “BY APPOINTMENT TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, MANUFACTURERS OF JAGUAR CARS, JAGUAR CARS LIMITED COVENTRY.” This indicates a Royal Warrant of Appointment has been granted to Jaguar by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Currently 850 individuals and companies hold more than 1,100 warrants to the British Royal Family. What is a Royal Warrant, how is it obtained, and sadly with the passing of Her Majesty, what happens to this appointment?

The granting of royal patronage has been practiced in Europe since the Medieval period. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century royal charters began to replace this, with the first recorded British Royal Charter granted in 1155 by King Henry II. The system became more formalized in 15<sup>th</sup> century England with the establishment of the Royal Warrant of Appointment. A Royal Warrant signifies there is a satisfactory trade relationship between the grantor and the company supplying goods to the Royal Household. This sends a public message that the holder of the warrant supplies goods of a quality acceptable for use in the Royal Household. As can be seen in the above example the Royal Warrant simply states what goods are provided, no other details may be given. Manufacturers soon recognized the publicity value of supplying the royalty and though they continue to charge for their goods and services they often do so at prices well below cost.

It takes a minimum of five years of supplying goods or services to the Royal Family before a Royal Warrant can be applied for. The application goes to the Royal Household Warrants

Committee, and if accepted then goes on to the grantor (in this example Queen Elizabeth) for signature. The grantor is empowered to accept or reverse the committee's decision. If accepted a Royal Warrant is usually granted for five years, and is reviewed for renewal one year before the expiration date. The warrant may be rescinded at any time by the grantor, and for a wide variety of reasons. If rescinded the provider has 12 months to remove the warrant display from their stationery, packaging, and advertising.

The Monarch decides who may be a grantor. In recent times three people have been so empowered: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles, and Prince Phillip. During her reign Queen Elizabeth granted 686 Royal Warrants.

Finally, upon the death of a grantor the Royal Warrant document becomes void but the provider may continue to use the Royal Arms and Legend for up to two years. This gives the Royal Household time to review Warrant grants upon a change of reigning Sovereign. With the death of Her Majesty and Prince Philip both occurring within the past two years, at the time of this writing the sole grantor is King Charles III.

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**TIME FOR A SMILE:**

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding.

Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed.

Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed.

He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.



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Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Dennis Klemm. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB caps - \$10 (2 left)
- British flags for cars - \$5
- BBB wall clock - \$15

All other regalia can be purchased online via our BBB Regalia Page found on our Club's website.

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