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Presidents Report

September 2021

It is no surprise to anyone that COVID has upset many of our plans and normal activities. It prevented us from celebrating the 25th Anniversary of BBB in May. We are now at the point where we can celebrate it with reasonable safety. The celebration will occur at the September 15th regular meeting.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration is something you do not want to miss. Besides the traditional cake, Ed Lehman is providing a number of his hand-crafted items to be given away. Also, Lynda has sent out personal invitations to charter members who are not currently members of BBB. It could be a chance to reunite with some friends from years ago.

I want to thank Greg Oakes for researching and developing a new method for sending emails to the membership regarding the Chronicle, club events, and news. It is an email service that securely maintains our distribution list and allows easy access for any Board Member to send out a club wide email. Bev Joyce will remain responsible for maintaining the membership list and updating the distribution. Bev will also be the sender of most of the emails. However, we won't have to impose on Bev when she is on vacation etc. Continue to send communications to Bev for distribution if you are hosting an event or need to distribute other event information. Please contact Bev if you believe you are missing emails or having difficulty opening them.

The weather is finally cooling down and providing sunny days for great LBC drives in the country. I myself am looking forward to the drive to the Labor Day Picnic hosted by Dennis and Crystal Klemm. The event will be over by the time you read this. But as of this writing, the weather looks great. These days may not last long, so get out there and enjoy them. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the nice days while we have them.

Bruce

**Next Meeting
Wednesday,**

Sept. 15, 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**

Meeting begins at 7:00pm



August 18, 2021 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING

President's Report - (Hal Zenisek filling in for Bruce Beneditz)

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Twenty-eight club members were present. No new members or guests were present.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the September meeting. This will be a joint business meeting and celebration. More details will follow. Please reach out to any former members to see if they could join us.

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

Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson

There is one correction to the July 2021 minutes. The annual filing for our club was made to the State of Illinois, not Wisconsin. A motion was made by Larry Eils and seconded by Ron Kuhnau to approve the July 2021 minutes as printed in the newsletter and corrected by Dee Gibson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Connie Frazier

Income for this period consisted of interest and there were no expenses. Lynda Vickery made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Dennis Klemm seconded. Motion passed.

Membership - Beverly Joyce

One new member was added to the membership, owning a Jaguar.

Chronicle Newsletter - Lynda Vickery

Lynda truly appreciates the club members' input with articles and photos to include in it.

Webmaster - Hal Zenisek

All events are posted on the website now. The Rotary Gardens photos are included also. There were two emails submitted from people selling cars which were submitted to the club via the website. The first is from someone who inherited a 1961 Blue MGAMKI Roadster, and a second from a gentleman selling his 1975 MGB in "Mostly Restored" condition. Hal has contact information if you are interested in contacting either seller.

Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz - Bob Schwarzkopf is recovering from knee replacement..

Events - Greg Oakes

There is a new emailing system being tested. With our system now, not all emails were being received. It is also difficult to send out 7 different group emails. It would be nice for the Board members themselves to communicate directly with the members of the club.

There are monetary and ease of use considerations. Sending out the Chronicle requires 10 Mb of data usage. The Chronicle is being rejected by some servers. The thought is to store the Chronicle on the website instead of sending it out to each member through the email system. Club members will be seeing some new emails in their listings, used as "tests" to determine if certain systems experimented with will work for us. Please be patient as we work through these email systems.

On July 25, the "Brits in the Garden" at the Rotary Gardens in Janesville was a huge success. There was a fantastic turnout with 26 cars present. Rich Cannistra put this all together and should be commended. The icing on the cake was the invite to a party at the Hughes Barn, with sweet corn, tacos, and drinks for all.

On August 7th, the Celebration of Life was held for Jim Vickery. Thank you to Lynda for including us. Forty-nine people turned out to honor Jim.

The Club has a limited number of vintage T-shirts for those participating at the Fly In - Drive In at the Poplar Grove airport. Sizes include XL, 2X. The Point of Contact for this event is Rich Gibson. The weather looks good with temps in the low 80's. Please arrive about 9:45 or earlier to avoid driving through the crowd. If you do need to be late, just be careful. At noon, the group will move from the maintenance building side of the airport over to the museum side.

This event will end at 2:00. There will be no pancake breakfast due to COVID. Please remember to bring lawn chairs, a sun hat, walking shoes, water, and business cards. The Corvette Club should also be there. You can tour the engine shop and the museum. There will be tractor pulls as well. Afterwards, Rich will lead those who wish to do so on a winding route to the ice cream shop in Sharon.

The Klemm's will host their Labor Day picnic on September 5 from 1:00-5:00 at their country house, rain or shine. Please bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP. The address is 2702 S. Wyatt Road, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

On August 27, the Gentleman's Lunch will be held at 1:00 PM at Ridott Corners at 1:00. Ladies will meet at Poison Ivy in Roscoe at 12:30.

On September 8, the Moore's will host the Drive and Dine. The Dine will be held at the Firebox in Belvidere.

On September 15th, the 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held after the business meeting. .

On September 24, the Ladies Who Lunch will be held at Garrett's at 12:30.

On October 2nd, a special make-up edition of the Ladies Tea will be held at the beautiful home of Chris and Greg Oakes. Please bring a sweet or savory appetizer and RSVP to Chris.

On October 13th, Larry and Marsha Eils will host their campfire gathering. More details to follow. December 15th will be our Christmas Party at Lino's. The Saturday drives and the Drive and Dine dates are still open for hosting. Please step up to help.

Regalia - Dennis Klemm

25th Anniversary clings are in the process of being made. They will be available at the September meeting and will be a part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Classified - None

Unfinished Business - None

Good Wrench Award

Dennis and Crystal were awarded 5 raffle tickets from last month when there was no raffle.

Rick Haymaker nominated Ron Kuhnau for his help in rescuing him when he broke down. Ron received 5 raffle tickets.

Rick Haymaker brought up the idea to name the Good Wrench Award after Ron Kuhnau since Ron has helped so very many club members who have broken down and been stranded for one reason or another. This has been tabled until next month when Bruce Beneditz, Club President, will be back and for more discussion among members.

Burnt Piston Award

Solveig Maschke nominated Rich Gibson for baking his car parts in Dee's oven. Rich received the Burnt Piston Award.

Raffle - Don & Marna Grosenick

1. Wheel Chocks - Brian Kobischka
2. Hose Clamps - Larry Eils
3. Magnetic Parts Holder - Sandy Hamaker
4. 12-Pack Microfibre Towels - Don Grosenick
5. Travel Bag - Crystal Klemm
6. Travel Bag - Nancy Kuhnau
7. Travel Bag - Greg Oakes
8. Bird Feeder - Rich Gibson
9. Larry & Marsha's Honey - Lynda Vickery

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Eils to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Maschke. . The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Connie Frazier

Details will be reported to members at the September club meeting or are available by request.

2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

BRITISH BOOTS AND BONNETS EVENTS:

- Sep 5 Labor Day Picnic at The Abington Tews
of Dennis & Crystal Klemm, 1pm-5pm
- Sep 8 BBB September Drive & Dine: Firebox, Belvidere, IL
Meet at Bauman Park, Cherry Valley at 5:30 for Drive.
For dine-only meet at Firebox at 6:30.
Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
- Sep 18 BBB September Saturday Drive
OPEN
- Oct 2 BBB Ladies English Tea, Special Edition, noon to ? See invitation.
Hostess: Chris Oakes
- Oct 13 BBB Friends Around the Campfire, 6PM. See article.
Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
- Oct 16 BBB October Saturday Drive
OPEN
- Nov 10 BBB November Dine
OPEN
- Dec 15 BBB CHRISTMAS PARTY!

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS:

- Sep 4 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Sep 10-12 British Invasion, featured Marques: Austin-Healey, Bentley,
Rolls-Royce, Singer
Stowe, VT
For details: www.britishinvasion.com/
- Sep 11 Secretary of State Vehicle Show & Swap Meet, 7 am - 3 pm
Downtown, Springfield, IL
https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/vehicle_show/home.html
- Sep 12 British Car Day, Gates, 8 am-3 pm
Harbin Park, 1300 Hunter Rd., Fairfield, OH 34014
For details: WWW.bccgc.com/british-car-day
- Sep 12 Chicagoland British Car Festival, 9am -3 pm
Harper College, 1200 /w. Algonquin Rd., Palatine, IL.
For details: www.britishcarunion.com/
- Sep 18 All British Car & Cycle Show, 9 am-3 pm
Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, 13725 Marine Ave., St. Louis, MO
For details: <https://allbritishcarshow.com/>
- Sep 21-24 2021 Put-in-Bay Vintage Sports Car Races and Reunion
Put-In-Bay, South Bass Island, OH
For details: www.pibroadrace.com/
- Sep 24-26 44th Annual Fall Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show, 6 am-4 pm
Fairgrounds, 503 N. Jackson St., Jefferson, WI
For details: <https://www.madisonclassics.com/events/fall-jefferson/>
- Oct 1-3 Newport Antique Auto Hillclimb
Newport, Indiana
For details: <https://www.newporthillclimb.com/>
- Oct 2 Katie's Cup Cars & Coffee, 9 am -1 pm
5th Ave. Parking lot of Rockford Public Schools Admin bldg
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave.
For details: carsandcoffeerockford@gmail.com
- Nov 19-21 MG Jamboree 22
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, 105 N. Bayshore Dr,
Safety Harbor, FL.

LABOR DAY PICNIC AT ABINGDON TEWS.

Please join our hosts - Dennis and Crystal Klemm - on Sunday, Sept 5 for an afternoon picnic in the country. 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Rain or Shine.

The location is Abingdon Tews (the Klemm's country house)

Abingdon Tews is the home to the Klemm's large collection of MG automobiles, MG memorabilia, and all things automotive. It also is a great venue for a picnic with indoor seating (if required) and many large shade trees and a grassy lawn. A perfect place to enjoy the company of fellow club members before the driving season starts to wrap up for the year.

Lawn chairs are suggested although not a requirement.

Please bring a dish to share. Burgers, brats and beverages will be provided by the Club.

Please RSVP by 9/3/2021. Reply to Dennis at denklemm@aol.com or call Crystal at 608-751-0890

Greg Oakes

ON 9/8/2021 MIKE AND BRENDA MOORE WILL BE HOSTING OUR SEPTEMBER DRIVE AND DINE.

For the Drive portion, the route will start in **Bauman Park in Cherry Valley**. The address of the park is **300 Sgt Leonard B Keller Dr, Cherry Valley, IL**. Drive start time is 5:30PM and the drive to the restaurant will take approximately one hour.

For the Dine part, we will travel to the **Firebox in Belvidere**. Those not wanting to do the drive can meet the group at the restaurant at 6:30PM; the restaurant is located at **120 Buchanan St., Belvidere, IL**. Parking is limited in front of the restaurant but there is a parking lot immediately NE of the building. The website for the restaurant is www.fireboxitalian.com for those who want to preview the menu. They are best known for their stone-fired pizza - but certainly they have other menu selections as well.

The restaurant has reserved the upstairs dining room for us. One hiccup in the plan is that although they will deliver our food orders to us upstairs, they will not have a cocktail waitress assigned as they are short-staffed. We simply need to go to the bar downstairs to get drink orders.

PLEASE RSVP to Brenda or Mike at mikemoore@1120west.com or call 815-323-5245.

Greg Oakes

THE GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLUB WILL MEET FOR LUNCH!

Old Farts will meet on Friday, September 24th, at Neighbors Bar and Gaming. 7745 Forest Hills Road, Loves Park, IL. We will meet for lunch at promptly 1:00 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Lee and Rick

THE LADIES SEPTEMBER LUNCH!

The September 24th Ladies Lunch will be at Garretts – 1631 North Bell School Road, Rockford, Il, at 12:30. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

Chris Oakes



Save the Date !!!

December 15, 2021

For the British Boots and Bonnets Annual
Christmas Party!

Lino's has preserved our annual party date, but we understand restaurant restrictions could change before December, or maybe some of us may not be comfortable attending, all depending on COVID statistics in our area. However, at this time we are charging ahead with plans to celebrate the holidays together! Watch the October Chronicle for further information, along with your reservation form. If you have any questions, please give Bev a call at 815-975-0857 or e-mail at andsewon53@comcast.net.

Ladies Fall English Tea

British Boots and Bonnets



Date: Saturday, October 2nd

Time: Noon - ??

Where: Chris Oakes' house

7975 Joy Lane, Roscoe, Illinois

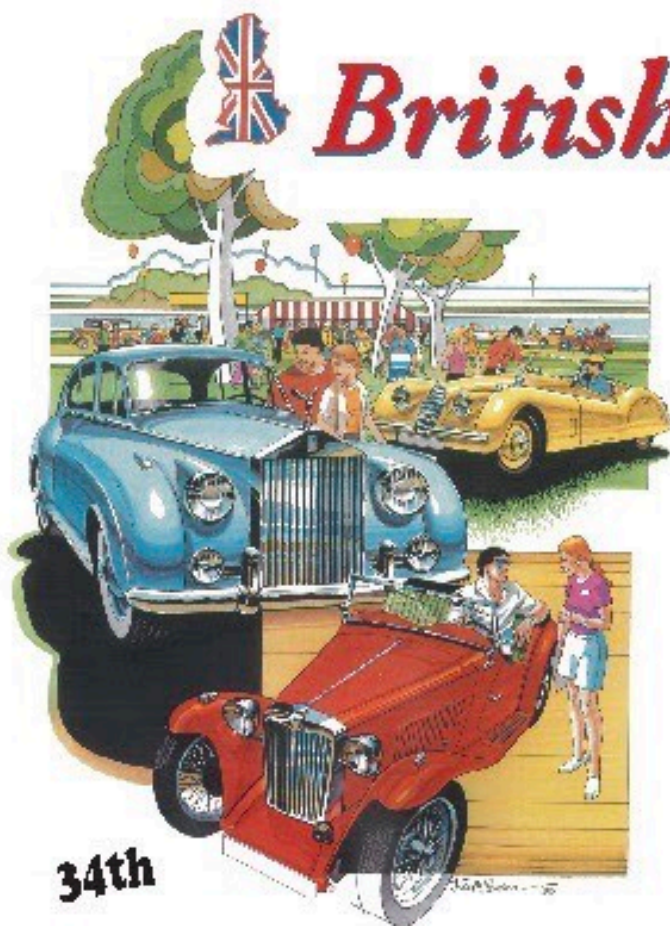
RSVP: by Friday, September 24th

cboakes05@hotmail.com

309-370-5863 cell/text

815-270-1106 home

Please bring a sweet or savory appetizer or dessert. It is helpful if you let me know when you RSVP what you would like to bring. I can then fill in anything that may be missing.



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TIME FOR FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Hosts: Marsha and Larry Eils

Where has the summer gone? It should be June with a summer filled with driving our LBC's. Instead, it is September and we are heading towards the end of the driving season. 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. 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.

If you have any questions, please call Larry at 815-382-3547. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the campfire.





BOTHAM VINEYARD CAR SHOW THE 25TH CELEBRATION AND FINAL YEAR

Greg and Chris Oakes participated in the Botham Vineyard's final Car Show on Sunday, August 15th. It was the 25th year Celebration and the final year for the event. The venue was beautiful and the weather was nice. There were over 150 cars on display. There were a few British cars at the show. One interesting car was a three wheel prototype car called the "Escargo". The green Magnet won as award.



POPLAR GROVE FLY-IN SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY WAY!

by Rich & Dee Gibson

“THANK YOU!” To all the BBB members that took the time to bring their cars out to the annual Poplar Grove Fly-In. The weather was perfect.

I counted 12 British cars in total. (11 club cars and a guest Mini-Cooper) We also attracted a British motorcycle, a 1946? Matchless. Hopefully both of these guests will become BBB club members. I put BBB business cards on our vehicles and probably ten cards were taken. Greg Oakes put up the BBB club banner which really showed the spectators who we are. Nice touch. I was asked by some club members if there is any fee that BBB had pay to attend the Poplar Grove Fly-In; no there is not.

One of the things I like about displaying our cars at places like the Rotary Gardens and Poplar Grove is that I get a chance to sit and talk with many different BBB club members, some that I don't get see very often. We have many interesting people in our club. It's great to have the time to get to know members better.

I felt that our cars were very well received by the spectators. There was a steady stream of people taking pictures and asking questions. Dee and I gave numerous photo ops to “young ‘uns” in our cars. Their smiles were precious. They will remember that for the rest of their lives.

I was concerned about the 12 o'clock move to the other side of the airport, but it went very smoothly. The reason for the move was twofold; The Poplar Grove folks didn't want us to feel that we were “stuck in one place” all day (10AM - 2PM), and second, there are spectators that arrive later in the day and don't travel to the “morning side” of the fly-in. So we get to display our cars to a second group of people.

There were all kinds of food trucks on both sides of the airport; pizza, Greek, Mexican, BBQ, potato, ICE CREAM, and many more that I didn't check out. I had an order of brisket. It was huge, it was delicious, I couldn't eat it all.

There were many side activities for those that wanted look around; tours of the aircraft engine overhaul shop, vintage aircraft, vintage cars, hot rods, midget racers, airplane rides, self guided museum tours, the Corvette club had their cars on display, a WWI era Jenny aircraft on display (built from scratch), aviation memorabilia and odds & ends for sale, tractor pulls and more.

The Poplar Grove folks seemed very happy with our turn out and display. BBB attracted a lot of attention, which makes Poplar Grove and BBB happy. We have already been asked back for next year, 21 August, 2022. Mark it on your calendar.

2PM, the Fly-In was over, and I attempted to lead the group to Sharon, WI for ICE CREAM. We eventually got there, (some remarked: “I never knew that was the way to Sharon”), and a couple club members came down with severe ice cream withdrawal symptoms and had to take short-cuts.

It was a great day for a fly-in, a great day to display our cars, a great day for a drive, a great day for ICE CREAM, a great day to be with friends.

Thanks to all who participated!



ANTIQUÉ VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES USE EXPANDED

by Greg Oakes

On Aug 20th the Illinois Governor signed into law House Bill 2548 to allow "Antique Expanded Use" vehicles to be driven without limitation for two additional months.

Expanded-use antique vehicles are defined as being more than 25 years old or a "bona fide replica" and were previously limited to traveling to and from auto shows, exhibitions, service stations, and demonstrations during the colder months (November 1 through March 31) but could be driven without limitation during the warmer months (April 1- October 31). The new law expands the months without driving limitations to March 1 through November 30, allowing two additional months of unlimited use of these vehicles.

source: <https://repchesney.com/2021/08/26/antique-vehicle-use-expands-thanks-to-new-law-passed-by-chesney/>



Rich Cannistra took a well earned rest from coordinating and photographing the BBB participation of Brits in the Garden. Thank you, Rich, for a wonderful event!

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by *Facia Nearside*

Soon after developing an interest in British cars most of us realize there is a new language to learn. Terms such as spanner, silencer, off side, and sorted seem to crop up frequently. Then, when you pick up a tool, things are not always what they seem. "It looked like a Phillips screw to me", or "What the heck is Whitworth?" Enter the lowly hose clamp, which is not so lowly at all. As with so many seemingly simple devices which work well there is a story, and a learning curve which made it so...

Lumley Robinson was born in Leeds, Yorkshire in 1877. After a brief stint with an engineering firm, Robinson found himself in the Royal Navy during World War I. While in the service he realized there was a need for a better way to attach a hose to a pipe. Upon leaving the navy Robinson began working on a solution to this problem. By April of 1921 he was convinced he had it figured out. He called it the "Jubilee Worm Drive Clip", and it only took a short time to convince several railroads and motorcar manufacturers that his product was a good one. Exports soon followed and demand for Jubilee Clips grew exponentially throughout the 1930s.



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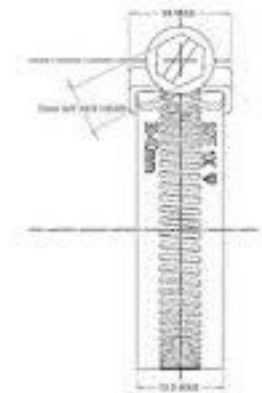
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The advertisement features a series of seven Jubilee clips arranged in a descending staircase pattern from top right to bottom left. The clips are shown in various sizes and orientations, highlighting their worm-drive mechanism. The text is a mix of elegant script and bold, sans-serif fonts. A small illustration of two men in a conversation is positioned near the bottom left, with a speech bubble containing the slogan. The company name and location are prominently displayed at the bottom in a dark, rectangular box.

Quite unexpectedly Commander Lumley Robinson died just fourteen days before the UK declared war on Germany in 1939. The British War Ministry immediately realized the importance of Jubilee Clips for the war effort and made plans to take over the company. But Emily, Lumley Robinson's widow, rebuffed that attempt. She changed her name to Emily Lumley Robinson and skillfully ran the business herself for the duration of the war. Later, when their youngest son John came of age, he assumed the reins from her.

Jubilee Clips were the first, and by most accounts are still considered the best. Although copied many times with many similar designs the others have done nothing to improve the quality or diminish the success of Jubilee Clips. When you look under the bonnet of your classic British car the hose clamps should be Jubilee. If not, perhaps it's time to get it properly sorted.

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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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Pick up at Embroid This (no charge)

Dennis, denklemm@aol.com

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