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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2018

I'm having a hard time trying to determine what that bright yellow globe is in the morning sky today; ah yes it's the sun!! What a spate of rain we've had the past week or so, we live on a hill so thank goodness our basement has remained dry; my wish is that you have not suffered any damage during this unusual period of heavy rains. One of our pleasures during the summer is driving our Miata to Lake Geneva for lunch and a walk around the lake, but every time we think we're going to have good weather, the rains return; here's to a dry and sunny September.

We had a wonderful time on our trip to Jamestown, Rhode Island; we stayed on the north end of the island at a cozy place called the Windward Cottage; wonderful accommodations, nice and quiet with great access to all the places we visited; Beavertail Light, Newport, Narragansett and Wickford to name a few. Lots of new memories were made on this trip (who was that lucky couple driving the 1958 black MGA around the Island?).

One of the highlights of our trip was a visit and tour of the home where I grew up in Wickford and our children have such fond memories of summers visiting their grandparents; a picture of the four of us on grams back porch where she would wave good-bye to us and shout "ole" as we left to return to Illinois.

Here's to lots of road trips in our LBC's during the month of September with plenty of sunshine and good top down weather; see you at our meeting this month.

John

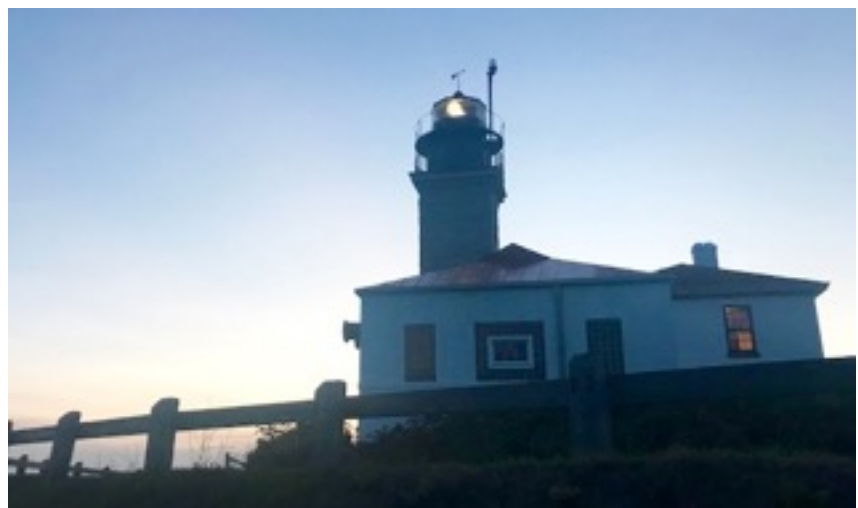


Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,**

**September 19, 2018**

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

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



# **AUGUST 15, 2018 BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS CLUB MEETING**

## **President's Report - John Ward**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, John Ward. Twenty members were present. No new members were present. Archie Morey introduced his daughter Alex and grandson Carson. John Ward reviewed the raffle prizes for the meeting.

## **Vice President's Report - Brian Kobischka** - No Report

## **Secretary's Report - Dee Gibson**

A motion was made by Lee Kindgren to accept the report as printed in the Chronicle. Seconded by Connie Frazier. Motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report – Larry Eils**

Larry Eils presented the monthly treasurer's report.

Motion made by Charlie Gall to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. Motion seconded by Marsha Eils. Motion passed.

## **Membership - Bev Joyce** - No Report

## **Chronicle/Newsletter - Lynda Vickery** - No Report

## **Webmaster - Hal Zenisek**

New members contacted the BBB through our website. We welcome Mary Baker and Steve Welborn from Machesney Park with a 2001 Jaguar S-Type Sedan.

## **Sunshine - Phyllis Beneditz**

Our BBB Club extends our heartfelt sympathy to Leon and Peggy Kitzmiller on the tragic loss of their grandson. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kitzmiller family at this extremely sad time.

## **Regalia - Jim Vickery** - No Report

## **Past Events - Rich Gibson**

We want to once again thank Charlie and Linda Gall for an excellent drive through Northern Illinois. Seven British cars detoured to White Pines State Park enroute to Polo, Illinois and the terrific stop at "On Any Sunday" motorcycle museum with a floral gift shop next door. The "Chicken George" at the Candlelight Inn in Sterling was delightful, as was the ice cream that several members stopped for in Oregon on the way back home.

Thank you to Rich and Jackie Bartlett for a great Drive and Dine last week, hosting 34 people for a fabulous drive and a dinner at Crandall's Restaurant in Hebron. Their chicken is the specialty, and no one was disappointed! Thanks for your planning and work on this!

Huge thanks to Rich and Roxann Cannistra for planning and hosting the August Drive to the Madison area. We had a lovely ride through the hills of southern Wisconsin, winding up at the Wisconsin Historical Museum. The exhibits in the Native American section included an Aztalan dwelling and beautiful Native American beaded dresses and moccasins. A French trading post was set up as well. There were four floors, progressing through time to end up with early vehicles on the top floor. The tasty lunch was followed by an incredible personal tour of Epic Systems Software Campus, provided by Rich and Roxann's daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Kirk. This was just a jaw-dropping tour of a fantasy land where the most creative minds in medical software get to work! The group wound up at the Buckhorn Supper Club for dinner and a fiery sunset.

### **Future Events - Rich Gibson**

August 24 – Old Farts Lunch at the Chana Tap. Meet at Road Ranger on South Main Street in Rockford at 12:20.

Ladies Who do Lunch will not meet in August.

If anyone can host the September Drive and Dine OR the September Saturday Drive, please let Rich Gibson know. Neither need to be a grand expedition – just a place to go and a way to get there!

Pizza by the pond at the Eils home is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Look for more information to be put out by email.

**Classified** – The estate of Richard Lindberg will have two 1973 Triumph Spitfires for auction on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. They were in perfect running condition when they were stored 20 years ago. There is also a 1968 Austin Healy Sprite that is in pieces available at that auction. Contact Hal for more information.

A 1976 TR6 with 45,000 Miles, no rust is for sale, listed on Hemings. Let Hal know if you need contact info.

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business** – Lynda Vickery is looking for old copies of the Chronicle newsletter to complete the historical file. If you have old copies, please contact her to see if your copies are the ones needed.

**Burnt Piston Award** - None

**Good Wrench Award** - None

### **Raffle - Don Grosenick**

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| 1. | Booster Cables – Alex (Archie Morey's daughter) | 8.  | Mum Plant – Lynda Vickery        |
| 2. | Headlamp – Charlie Gall                         | 9.  | Mum Plant – Marv Proctor         |
| 3. | Multi- Meter – John Ward                        | 10. | Mum Plant – Marna Grosenick      |
| 4. | Terminal Connector Kit – Archie Morey           | 11. | Mum Plant – Larry Eils           |
| 5. | Heat-Shrink Kit – Rich Gibson                   | 12. | Mum Plant – Solveig Maschke      |
| 6. | Chamois – Jeff Plummer                          | 13. | Thunder Bay Bucks – Lee Kindgren |
| 7. | Mum Plant – Connie Frazier                      |     |                                  |

Respectfully submitted by Dee Gibson, Secretary

## BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept 9	British Car Union; Harper College, Palatine, IL
Sept 11-16	British Invasion; Stowe, VT
Sept 12	<b>BBB DINE - <i>NO DRIVE!!</i></b> - The Irish Rose; Rockford, IL Hosts: Jim & Lynda Vickery
Sept 19	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Sept 28-30	Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet
Oct 6	<b>BBB SATURDAY DRIVE - PIZZA BY THE POND</b> Hosts: Larry & Marsha Eils
Oct 10	<b>BBB Drive &amp; Dine</b> - TBD Hosts: Mike & Brenda Moore
Oct 17	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Nov 14	<b>BBB Dine</b> - OPEN Hosts: OPEN
Nov 28 ( <i>NOTE DATE</i> )	<b>BBB CLUB MEETING - 6 PM</b> Thunder Bay Restaurant; Rockford, IL
Dec 5	<b>BBB Cookie Exchange Party</b>
Dec 12	<b>BBB Christmas Party - Lino's</b> 5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL

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## Welcome New Members!

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

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1643 North Alpine Rd. Suite 104  
Rockford, IL 61107  
rpeonygarden@gmail.com

Include \$20 annual membership dues plus a one-time fee of \$10 for name tags.

## EVENTS REPORT

### PAST EVENTS:

August 24th

Rich Gibson went with the "Old Farts" for lunch at the Chana Tap, Chana, IL. I had the cat fish, which was excellent. I need to go back again. Thank you Lee Kindgren!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11th

Several club members (Gibson's, Cannistra's, Bartlett's and Mike Ackerman) are caravanning out to Stowe, Vermont for "The British Invasion" car show, 14-16 Sep). It's my understanding that this is the largest British car show in the United States.

September 12th (Dine, no drive)

The Vickery's have stepped up to the plate and offered to make reservations at a Rockford restaurant. Details to follow.

September Saturday Drive

OPEN

October 6th (Saturday Drive)

Pizza By the Pond, hosts Larry & Marsha Eils

October 10th (Dine & Drive)

Hosted by Mike & Brenda Moore

Details to follow

November 14th (Dine)

Hosted by Rich & Dee Gibson

Details to follow

That's all for now 😊 - Rich Gibson

**BRITISH BOOTS & BONNETS**  
**SEPTEMBER 12TH "DINE"**

WHERE: THE IRISH ROSE SALOON, 519 E. STATE ST, ROCKFORD, IL

WHEN: 6 PM

We will be seated in the side room with separate checks, and orders taken from the menu.

Please contact Jim & Lynda Vickery if you plan to attend so the restaurant can have some idea of how many BBB'ers to expect. Phone: 815-623-5611 or Email: [jvickery.jv@gmail.com](mailto:jvickery.jv@gmail.com).

Even though we won't have an organized drive to get there, we expect everyone to have a good time in one of Rockford's oldest restaurants! Jim's dad tended bar there in the late 1930s. And it's still pretty much the same - just a different name (the bar, not him!).

Don't worry about parking! The Rose has it's own lot, there is a municipal lot across Rte 251, or after 5 at Fran Kral's lot across State Street.

**“PIZZA BY THE POND” AND FRIENDS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE**  
**LAST “OFFICIAL” DRIVE OF THE YEAR**

By Larry and Marsha Eils

The British Boots & Bonnets Car Club is having a party on Saturday, October 6, 2018 to celebrate the end of the driving season. All club members are invited for an evening of complimentary food, beverages and a campfire.

The festivities begin at 5:30 pm and is being held at Larry and Marsha Eils' home outside of Harvard. A large selection of pizza accompanied with garlic and cheese breads, soft drinks, and coffee will be waiting. For beverages **other** than soft drinks, please bring your own, a corkscrew and glasses will be provided. *Please bring a dessert or campfire snack to share.* The campfire will be blazing when you arrive to keep you warm. We do have some bench seating. However, you may want to bring more comfortable chairs, a blanket and a warm jacket. Even with our blazing fire it can be chilly.

So, come join us for an evening of food, fun and enjoy the peaceful sounds of the pond and waterfall. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our house.

Please RSVP to Larry by emailing [rpeonygarden@gmail.com](mailto:rpeonygarden@gmail.com) or send a text to 815-382-3547 by Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> letting us know you will be coming so there will be plenty of food on hand.

**RAIN DATE:** In case of rain or snow, the party moves to Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with the same starting time. If it's raining or snowing in Harvard at 3:00 pm ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT an email will be sent to all members, so check your email before leaving for the party if you have any doubts about the weather.

**AUGUST DRIVE & DINE A  
GREAT TRIP TO  
CRANDALL'S**



Rich and Jackie Bartlett arranged a return evening at Crandall's, located in Hebron, IL for the August Drive & Dine. Over 30 BBB members either met at The Roscoe Middle School for a leisurely, lovely drive to Hebron, or met the group at Crandall's. It was a beautiful night, and Crandall's chicken and other menu offerings were delicious. Another event enjoyed by all! Thank you Rich and Jackie!







## BBB AT THE CROSSROADS

by Bev Joyce

Saturday, August 25, 2018 BBB members met for breakfast at the Command Post Restaurant and Camp Grant Museum. We were entertained by our jovial waiter, had a great breakfast and were lucky enough to receive an introduction to the museum by the owner/chef. Our complement went to the chef, Yolanda, after three of us ordered fried eggs all done differently, and they all came out near perfect! The Camp Grant Museum, a jewel in Rockford, is comprised of several rooms of documents, pictures and memorabilia from WWII. After breakfast we drove to Lyran Park where the Crossroads Blues Festival was getting started. It was a day of beautiful weather, good music and good friends.



# AUGUST SATURDAY DRIVE

by Diana Gibson and Rich Cannistra

Saturday August 11th began with twelve club members meeting at Caffiend near Roscoe IL in preparation for a day of epic adventure. Quickly crossing the state line northbound, the group made a brief stop in Evansville WI before continuing on toward Madison, the first destination. A short time later however, the caravan was forced to the side of the road when one of the most dreaded of all British car diseases, Failure To Progress, beset the event leader. Quickly diagnosing the condition as temporarily fatal it was decided the show must go on. Ron and Nancy Kuhnau graciously stepped in to lead on to the Wisconsin Historical Museum.



Arriving only a few minutes late, our guided tour took place as planned. This museum displays precious artifacts from the Wisconsin Area Native American tribes, including heavily beaded tribal dresses and moccasins and an authentic Aztalan hut and French trading post. Ascending floors moved through time with the fourth floor showcasing American motor vehicles from Kenosha (including a Nash) and a Green Bay Packer Cheesehead! It's a very interesting museum to go back to and spend more time in when you get a chance.

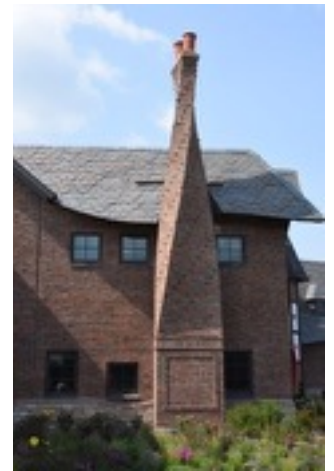
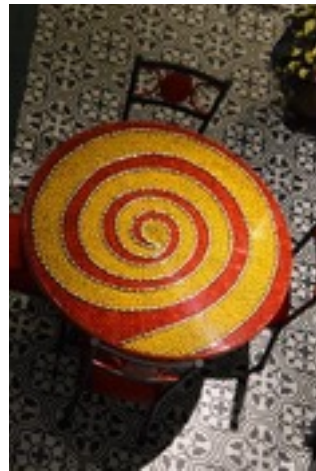


Following the museum tour our group headed out of town for lunch at The Verona Woods in Verona WI. Everyone was well cared for in a private room with many delicious dishes to choose from. Before the meal was over event leaders, Rich and Roxann Cannistra, were able to rejoin the group in time for the continuing adventure.



Driving the short distance to Epic Systems Corporation we were met by tour guides Kirk and Renee. Our tour began at Deep Space, the largest auditorium in the state of Wisconsin with a capacity of 11,400. Continuing on through an ice cave and a bat cave we found ourselves in a fairy tale world of candy and tea parties. Boarding a railroad car transported us to Europe before returning to Kansas for a quick trip down the rabbit hole with Dorothy and Toto. After several fanciful hours we regretted saying goodbye to Renee and Kirk, realizing we had only scratched the surface of the many amazing sights at Epic.



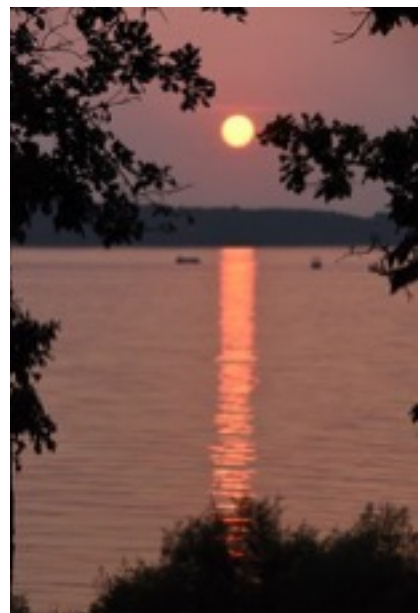




Epic Systems Corporation, or Epic, is a privately held healthcare software company. According to the company, hospitals that use its software hold medical records of 54% of patients in the United States and 2.5% of patients worldwide.

With the Farm Campus buildings, the Deep Space auditorium and another 38 acres Epic purchased this year, Epic owns 950 acres, up from the 340 acres originally purchased.

Once again taking back roads through Wisconsin we headed to the Buckhorn Supper Club on Lake Koshkonong. Despite a packed Saturday night crowd, service was excellent and the food delicious. The Buckhorn has been a local favorite for eighty five years and it was easy to see why. Then one final treat to cap off our long



# Labor Day Picnic

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## DID - U - KNOW

by Facia Nearside

After WWII Detroit was generally considered the center of the automotive universe, European manufacturers were struggling to get back in the game, and most things imported from Japan were the butt of a joke, especially vehicles. Few people took notice of the first offerings from that pacific island nation such as the Datsun Fairlady 1600, or in 1963 Honda's first car, the S500.

Against that backdrop, Yamaha (who did work for many Japanese companies) proposed a radical new design to modernize the Fairlady, but Datsun rejected it. Toyota however took notice, viewing it as a way to shake off their stodgy conservative image. Designer Satoru Nozaki unashamedly took inspiration from the Jaguar E-Type and in 1967 the Toyota 2000GT made its debut. Only 351 examples of the 137 mph two seater were built, all hard top.

As luck would have it James Bond was also in Japan in 1967 filming "You Only Live Twice". Her Majesty's Agent of course needed the latest, greatest, sexiest ride available and the Toyota's 2000GT was the perfect choice... well almost. Two cars were purchased, one for filming and one for promotional purposes, before it was realized that 6'2" Sean Connery did not fit in the car. No reason to let a minor issue like that cramp the style of the world's most famous spy, the top was simple cut off both cars making them open two seaters.

In 1967 the Toyota 2000GT sold for about \$6800 in the United States, making it more expensive than most Jaguars and Porsches of that time. For years the car languished in the doldrums of obscurity. Not so today! The rarity of this first true Japanese super car has been recognized, and values are now north of one million dollars.

## CARS FOR SALE:



This MGTF 1500 is a complete frame-off restoration; all original body, chassis parts are completely re-done. The wire wheels and tires are new, along with the steering wheel, interior leather seats, top and top frame. The original side curtains are included. The color is red with a tan leather interior. The gas tank has been professional "boiled" along with the radiator. The carburetors are original and completely rebuilt.

The car has approximately 50 miles of road time since the restoration was complete. As you can see by the pictures in the car is beautiful and truly a great purchase for the discriminating British roadster collector.

Price: \$35,000 obo

Contact John Ward at 815-222-0405 or [f16glo10@gmail.com](mailto:f16glo10@gmail.com)



Offered is a mechanically sound 76 MGB. 16 years with present owner (former BBB member), has spent considerable time in Marv Proctor's garage. All systems meet or surpass original spec. SU HS4s, Pertronix, 2" lowered at all four corners. All suspension rebuilt/upgraded to new specs. Header, high lift cam, all new brake and clutch master/wheel/slave cylinders. New OEM floor pans, rockers welded in place. Engine solid, oil pressure consistently 75-90 psi. This car is definitely ready for your next BBB outing. Free delivery to Rockford, car lives near Springfield IL. Brent Schweisberger: 217-720-1823 or [baschweis@gmail.com](mailto:baschweis@gmail.com). More photos on request. \$9400 firm.





**BBB REGALIA ONLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2018**

Regalia club merchandise is available by contacting Jim Vickery. This includes:

- BBB Grill Badge - \$30
- BBB Hat/Lapel Pin - \$1
- BBB Logo Wall Clock - \$15
- two BBB visors - \$10
- British flags for cars - \$5

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Jim Vickery



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We are seeing some of our members sporting new BBB Regalia clothing!

This is a great way to promote our Club, and if you have any new ideas or helpful hints, please let me know!

Jim



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