

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2024 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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About Michiana Brits

This car club is open to lovers and/or owners of British vehicles. All paid members receive this monthly newsletter as part of their annual dues.

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication to the Newsletter Editor at leonard@dalenberg.org

You may also submit material for the newsletter to the Club president online, through mail, or in person at a general club meeting.

The newsletter's **deadline is now the 10th of the month.**

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January President's Message

2024. We made it through another year, and what a year it was. I am not going to rehash the events this last year, but needless to say, let's hope Mother Nature is kinder to us in the coming year. The board and I are hoping to make it a fun and eventful year, but we need your help. We need to know what you would like to see from us. What kind of events or activities you would like to see us organize, or are there things that you would like to see added, changed, or eliminated. This is your club. Please help us make it the best club it can be.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brit's Cars & Coffee
at the Studebaker Museum,
South Bend
May 4th, 2024

Breakfast/Dinner Meetings

- March 9, 2024
- April 13, 2024

All meetings 10 am at Perkins Restaurant 107 North Points Blvd Elkhart, IN

Board Meetings Via Zoom

- March 6, 2024: 7:30 pm EDT
- April 3, 2024: 7:30 pm EDT



EVENT CALENDAR 2024

Month	Date	Event
February	7	Board Meeting, 7:30pm, via Zoom
	10	Breakfast, Sat., 10:00am EST, Perkins, Elkhart
March	6	Board Meeting, 7:30pm, via Zoom
	9	Breakfast, Sat., 10:00am EST, Perkins, Elkhart
April	3	Board Meeting, 7:30pm, via Zoom
	13	Breakfast, Sat., 10:00am EST, Perkins, Elkhart

February President's Message

It amazes me how one act can have such a profound effect on one's life. It was the summer of 1994. I was just coming off of a divorce, and I was wanting to do something special just for me. I decided to buy myself a sports car. Italian cars seem to come with a host of problems. German cars were too expensive, to purchase, but also, to maintain. I eliminated all other options, and what remained was British. After a short search, I found and purchased my 1974 Spitfire. Over the years that car has taken me to many places. Not only to physical locations, but to personal connections as well. Through our club, I have traveled to many places, some of which I would have never otherwise visited, and I have met some of my best friends.

The bottom line is that life is a series of memories. Between our cars and the club, we generate many memories. Here's hoping that in the coming driving season we create happy ones.

Cheers,






Randy

January/February Board Meeting Minutes

Michiana Brits Board Meetings of January 3 & February 7, 2024

1. Financial - Paul Noeth reported that the club had one new membership and contributed \$350 to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Club members' annual dues are to be paid by March 31st. In early January, 6 had paid their 2024 dues; we had 86 members at that time.
2. Name badges - Herm currently had 5 to be distributed
3. January/February Newsletter & Communications: Larry is providing meeting minutes to Leonard; send articles/photos to Leonard. Face Book pages reduced to just one page to avoid confusion. Leonard was working on the Website and hosting; he compared two websites for the Board.
4. Board positions - the Board members decided that Randy Glanders will be President, Jim Webb - VP of Membership, Bob Petersen - VP of Communications, Paul Dillon - VP of Activities, and Tom Shumaker - Board Member.
5. 2024 Car Show: Featured Marque - right-hand drive LBCs - Jim Betz
 - A) Jim had media notice written, poster design done, lapel pin design TBD, and working on non-member email list. He bought a new personal printer that will handle bulk printing and reduce our sizable printing costs for the car show.
 - B) Jim is scheduling a meeting with Leonard and Paul Noeth to go over website changes for the car show pages; after that meeting, he will schedule another open-invitation show committee meeting to discuss this year's car show, preferably after a breakfast meeting.
 - C) We will ask for volunteers to handle the tag sale in view of Larry & Deb being on vacation; suggested that maybe three groups of two people each would allow people to attend some show activities while keeping at least one person manning the tag sale.
 - D) Jim Webb will work on getting the car show listed on the NAMGBR website and in the MG Driver magazine. Jim Betz will work on listing the show on the Moss Motors website.
 - E) Jim contacted Kelley Auto in Ft. Wayne which sells multiple British marques. Kelly Auto will sponsor the show by bringing 5 cars for a car corral. River Bend Hose will be a sponsor.
6. Driving Activities: Spring Drive - date set as May 18th; ask for suggested destinations at breakfast meetings; Board can choose from Fair Oaks, Bell Air Museum, and Gene Stratton Porter House.
7. Monthly Meetings/Dinners: 10:00 AM Breakfast Meetings at Perkins, Elkhart - March 9th; April 13th. Dinners at 6:30 pm: May 15 - The Brass Rail, Plymouth; June 12 - Lindy's, Cassopolis, MI; July 17 - Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN
8. Monthly Zoom Board Meetings: March 6th; April 3rd

2024 Board Members

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Remembrances?

By Leonard Dalenberg

Since this is my first newsletter, I thought I would reminisce a bit about my experiences with British Autos. My first was a 58 MGA. Had to replace the plywood drivers floor panel, had to rebuild the engine. Journals worn, and here in Niles, Michigan not knowing where and how to get parts, I had a problem. Luckily my uncle was the manager at an auto parts store that had a workshop. A WWII veteran and a trained airplane mechanic. I don't know how he did it but he welded up the journals and then machined them down to stock. Got it back together and it ran great. I was in my very early 20's and had been in the US Navy since graduating from High School and have many memories of that car. Stay tuned for more!

MG MGA



1956 MGA 1500

Overview

Manufacturer	MG (BMC)
Production	1955–1962
Assembly	Abingdon, England Enfield, NSW, Australia^[1]

Body and chassis

Class	Sports car
Body style	2-door roadster 2-door coupe
Layout	FR layout
Dimensions	
Wheelbase	94 in (2,388 mm) ^[2]
Length	156 in (3,962 mm) ^[2]
Width	58 in (1,473 mm) ^[2]
Height	50 in (1,270 mm) ^[2]
Curb weight	1988 pounds (902 kg)

Chronology

Predecessor	MG TF Midget
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FUN Photos



Brit's Cars & Coffee at the Studebaker Museum, South Bend

May 4th, 2024

We invite you to join the Brit's for our annual visit to the superb Studebaker Museum in South Bend. Join us 8-10 am EST on Saturday, May 4th, in the museum campus parking lot, for the opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee (and a donut!) and connect with our members and other enthusiasts, as we are the featured automotive club of the month! Arrive early! Although parking spots are reserved for our club, they fill up fast.

The Museum also invites Studebaker owners to bring their cars and often vehicles from the museum are scattered around the parking lot.



The museum is located at 201 Chapin Street, South Bend, IN, 46601

Perhaps take a walk through the museum - The Studebaker National Museum is devoted to sharing the story of the automotive and industrial history of South Bend and the greater region through the display and interpretation of Studebaker vehicles along with related industrial artifacts. The Collection also includes seven objects designated as "National Treasures" including the carriage Abraham Lincoln rode to Ford's Theatre the night of his assassination, and a carriage used by the Marquis de Lafayette during his farewell tour of United States in 1824.

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