

President's Message

October has finally arrived along with cooler weather. Our LBC's run cooler in this weather but we also get to try out our heaters. And those nasty mosquitoes are finally gone.

This Saturday is the annual Fall Colors Drive beginning and ending at the Glanders home in Elkhart (see page 5). This is always an enjoyable drive and the potluck dinner in the evening is a lot of fun and a great time to visit with club members.

Our next monthly meeting/dinner is on the 26th at Giannetto's Pizza located at the intersection of Capital Avenue and Cleveland Road, east of the UP Mall. They have a seating area reserved for the club, and the pizza is always good at Giannetto's.

Coming up soon is the annual Membership Appreciation Dinner on November 9th at the Bent Oak Golf Course on the south side of Elkhart (see pages 6 & 7). Get you reservations (\$15.00/person) mailed in for this well-attended event. A good time to discuss national election results!

Its the time for nominating annual members to run for the two Board positions that are up for election (see pages 5 & 6). Consider being on the Board; responsibilities are spread around so that no one has a heavy load.

Lastly, it is time to plan a location for our annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party. We are looking for someone to host the party. Can you volunteer? And consider having a couple of members help out so the preparation is handled by several persons. Please contact a Board member if you can host the party.

Tuesday, October 4, Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial – we have money in the account

- October Newsletter – Mary is preparing the Newsletter so it can be sent out before the Fall Colors Drive

- Fall Colors Drive – on Saturday October 15th, at the Glanders home in Elkhart

- Elections – Mary and Bob’s positions are up for election; Mary cannot run again; Keith volunteered to run, so we have three candidates for two spots on the board

- Fall Tour Follow-up – a lot of options this year for activities while at our destination; Saturday evening dinner should be at a better restaurant; destination suggestion for next year is Mackinac Island

- Monthly Meeting/Dinner – October 26th at Giannetto’s Pizza, Capital at Cleveland

- Membership Appreciation Dinner – Wednesday November 9th at the Bent Oak Golf Course, Elkhart, IN; email to be sent so members can make reservations

- Board Meetings – November 1st at Larry’s house

Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Host Needed!

If you would like to host the 2016 Christmas/Hanukkah party this year, please contact Larry or one of the Board Members. The host gets to choose the December date for the party. Wouldn't it be fun to have it at your house? And a couple of other members can help get things set up for the party (many hands make little work!).



2nd Annual Michiana Brits Odometer Contest

Did you remember about the odometer contest? It's not too late! There are a couple of reasons to keep track of your miles. One reason is we as a club can keep track of all the miles the Michiana Brits drive in a season. The second reason is to win the coveted Michiana Brits Motorway Award and the \$50 gift card! Specifics for the contest are simple. You can keep track of your miles yourself and report your results at the end of the driving season. (A future notice will be sent via the newsletter.) The other option is to send me, Bob Petersen, a picture of the odometer now and at the end of the driving season. You choose how you want to do it. The important thing is to participate! If you have any questions give Bob a call at 574-850-7604 his email address to send pictures or ask questions is bpete56@sbcglobal.net

2016 Annual Fall Colors Drive

We will hold our annual Fall Colors Drive this week on Saturday, October 15th. This will be our FINAL driving event of the season.

Once more this highly popular drive and potluck dinner will be hosted by Randy and Bev Glanders. Our drive will start at the Glanders' house, 28614 C.R. 16, Elkhart, IN 46515 Telephone # (574) 294-8950. The Drive route is being changed so that we will arrive earlier for lunch, which will then permit more afternoon driving, hopefully top down.

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30 AM with your potluck dish. The Glanders will supply the chili and soft drinks. WE WILL LEAVE AT 10 AM and drive through the colorful back roads of Indiana and Southwestern Michigan, and take a relaxing stop around 11:30 AM for lunch at the Fisher Lake Inn, Mendon, MI. Then we will have a longer afternoon drive (tops down, weather permitting) and end at the Glanders home for a potluck dinner, some college football watching, and socializing with club members. For further information, please contact Randy at (574) 294-8950.

Nominations for Election to the Board of Directors

It's time to compile a list of candidates for election to the Michiana Brits Board of Directors. This year we will choose two Annual Members to fill the two Board positions that are up for election this year. Each Board position has a term of two years. Bob Petersen has come to the end of his two year term and Mary Petersen has come to the end of her second two year term (cannot be elected again until 1 year elapses).

Those who would like to make nominations to the slate of candidates should send their nominations to Larry Palguta via email at palguta@sbcglobal.net no later than Sunday October 15th, after which nominations will be closed, and ballots will be sent to all Annual Members. The two nominees who receive the most votes

will be elected and announced at our annual Christmas/Hannukah Party in December.

The slate of candidates currently has three nominees: Herm Marrese, Bob Petersen and Keith Wishmeier.

We look forward to receiving additional nominations for election to the Board. Michiana Brits has a wide range of talent and experience among its members, and the club will continue both to grow and to improve its activities as more members participate.

Michiana Brits 2016 Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner

Our 4th Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner, a dinner for all Annual Members of Michiana Brits, is on Wednesday November 9th, at the Bent Oak Golf Course, Elkhart, IN. Those who live in and around Elkhart know how popular a dining spot this has become - nice clubhouse, great views, well regarded lunches and dinners.

To help defray a portion of the cost of the dinner, the club will require \$15.00/person (\$30.00/couple) payment with your RESERVATION. Your reservation can be secured by mailing a check covering the persons in your party, to Larry Palguta, President of Michiana Brits; detailed instructions are below. The cut-off date for accepting reservations is End of Day, Saturday November 5th; no cancellations/refunds after Sunday November 6th.

RESERVATIONS - mail your check, at \$15.00/person and made out to Michiana Brits, to Larry Palguta, 55596 Country Club Road, South Bend, IN 46619 tel. 574-288-3923. Your reservation must be received by End of Day, November 5th. No cancellations/refunds after Sunday November 6th.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday November 9th at the Bent Oak Golf Course club house, 3610 Bent Oak Trail, Elkhart, IN 46517 tel. 574-522-3787
BentOakDining@comcast.net

Directions: 1) From the south and the by-pass (St. Joseph Valley Parkway), north on SR 19 to Mishawaka Road, turn right (East) and go to the entrance of the Old Farm Apartments. Turn right (South) onto Old Farm Road which winds around and becomes Bent Oak Trail. You'll see a sign on the right that says "Putting Green" and the club house and parking lot will be on the left.

2) From the north on SR 19, turn left (East) onto Mishawaka Road and follow the directions above to the entrance to Old Farm Apartments, etc.

3) Also from SR 19 south of Mishawaka Road, at first light turn onto SR 24 east to a right turn south on SR 7, then left onto Bent Oak Trail at the Bent Oak Community entrance and the road turns north to the clubhouse. This route may be a little harder than 1) to follow in the dark.

The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with socializing, which includes Hors d'oeuvres (cheese & fruit & crackers). At 7:00 PM, the dinner buffet will begin. A cash bar will be open from your arrival though dinner so you can enjoy your favorite beverages before and during dinner.

The Buffet:

Bent Oak Salad (served), a popular house favorite of: mixed greens, candied walnuts, red onions, feta cheese, grapes, tomatoes, black olives, and a special Balsamic Vinaigrette/Italian Dressing & other ingredients.

Mesquite Chicken

Baked Haddock in a Cream Sauce

Beef Pot Roast au jus w/horseradish on side

Green Beans with Almonds

Sweet Corn

Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Coffee & Iced Tea, Ice water, Bread/Butter

Dessert: assorted Fruit & Cream Pies

We look forward to seeing you at one of our most popular club events.

Classic Car Cruise-In at the Essenhaus

By Mary Petersen

It turned out to be a beautiful Thursday evening, August 25, when three couples from the Michiana Brits decided to drive their LBCs to the Classic Car Cruise-In at Essenhaus in Middlebury, Indiana.

Bev and Randy Glanders, Tom and Debbie Shumaker and Bob and Mary Petersen arrived at the show around 5:00. It was a little late because it started at 3:00 but there were still plenty of cars to see and of course, dinner at the famous Essenhaus.

After parking our cars, we decided to enjoy the family style dinner. We had pot roast, chicken, mashed potatoes, and my favorite, Amish noodles. We also had corn and topped it all off with delicious pie. Needless to say we were stuffed!

After dinner we admired some of the cars until it was too dark to see. It was a very enjoyable evening with some really great friends.





Monthly Meeting/Dinner at El Rancho Grande

By Larry Palguta

On September 21st, about 8 LBC's met in the parking lot of Meijer's, Portage at Cleveland, for a drive to our meeting/dinner location in New Buffalo, MI. After some tinkering with an MGB that needs a bit of maintenance, we headed off along back roads to New Buffalo. Keith Wishmeier had plotted out a good back road route but it was, as is usual these days, interrupted a bit by road construction. Nevertheless, we all made it to the restaurant and there met more members waiting for our arrival.

El Rancho Grande is a large Mexican restaurant on US 12 in New Buffalo, MI. It had plenty of room for our dinner group of 23 seated in a separate room. A life size model of The Duke stood in one corner; he looked a bit pale even for a "pale face". The decorations were very eclectic and interesting. The dinners were good and we all had an enjoyable evening. This is definitely a spot worth returning to and much easier for our western members to attend.



Kai Shepherd, Larry and Kathi Carlson checking the menu



Steve Peterka (Brits webmaster), Bev and Randy Glanders being watched over by The Duke

STAGMANS TECH TIPS

By Roger Deacon

When I write about a car, it is usually an MGB. Some people wrote me and said that it didn't work on their Triumph. This is why I'm explaining that one size doesn't fit everything.

On the trip to Frankfort, Kentucky there were a few hiccups with a few cars but every one made it there and back.

First up was Ruth and I. The Fall Tour rally point was on the south side of the Six Span Bridge. Unfortunately, there was a stalled semi on the bridge and blocking the right hand lane, so traffic was almost at a standstill. It took us a good 20 minutes to cross the bridge. It was at this time my electric radiator fans quit working on our 1978 MGB. Needless to say, we were steaming by the time we

met up with the other 8 British cars. No problem if we kept moving which was what we did for the rest of the trip.

After an hour and a half, it was time to drain every one's radiator and to fill up the cars with gas. As everyone started their cars, our 78 MGB refused to turn over. The starter refused to click or turn over. No problem... as I found a few friends that loved to push start us all the way to Frankfort and back if I remembered to take it out of reverse or didn't have my foot on the brake and gas at the same time that they were pushing us.

Upon returning home, I immediately put the car on the hoist and put a new starter on the MGB and half hour later the MGB was up and running.

Keith Wishmeier's 1974 Spitfire decided to hiccup every so often. The engine would quit but Keith would just start it. The car would do this periodically during the trip to and from Frankfort. Also, every so often the tach, thermostat and gas gauge would quit. At the next pit stop, the fuses would be pulled and slipped back in. This worked sometimes. By the time Keith almost got back home, he was driving in the rain, lost his wipers and everything else electrical. It has been determined that the SPIT needs a new fuse box. The fuse box is only 42 years old. So listen up folks - when was the last time you had your fuse box changed? An ounce of prevention is a pound of cure.

Before we left, Larry Palguta had a problem with blowing number 3 fuse. His tach, thermostat, and gas gauge would all just quit. I found out that Larry was using American fuses and not British fuses. An American fuse is 1/8 inch longer than British. A 30 amp American fuse is not the same as a 30 Amp British fuse. Most times a 30 amp American fuse doesn't blow. If you have to use an American fuse, put in a 5 or 10 amp fuse until you can get a British one. Larry will soon be putting in a new fuse box as his is 44 years old and looks a little cruddy like Keith's. Hopefully this will take care of Larry's problem.

I remember reading about a person who used all American fuses in his MGB. A wire shorted out and caught fire. Pretty soon all of the wires caught fire and burnt the car to the ground and the only thing left was the fuse box with those 4 American fuses.

Everyone had a good time visting the Buffalo Trace Distillery, touring the Kentucky state capitol building and sightseeing in the town. The next day some LBCs went to the Ark and others went to the Bourbon Trail. We all met back for

dinner and finished up the evening back at the motel dining room sitting around talking and wishing Ruth Deacon a Happy Birthday with a birthday song. And this folks, is part of what happens on our four day tours. We have never left any one behind except for Kai Shepherd but that is another story.



Looking at Roger's MGB engine



Roger and Ruth get a running start at the State Capitol



A rolling start!