

The Burble & Squeak

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Our current club membership is 63

Upcoming Events

October

Michiana Brits Fall Color Tour
Saturday, October 20, 2018

November

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Roger & Ruth Deacon
10688 Anderson Road
Granger, IN 46530
574-292-0004

Membership Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen
5110 Edison Lakes Parkway
Mishawaka, IN 46545
574-271-1692

December

Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.
Bob and Mary Petersen
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More info to follow

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President's Message

It's sad to say but our driving season is coming to a close before too long. The summer sure went by past! I don't know if its old age or being so busy that the summer flew by.

We do have an annual event coming up this Saturday with the Fall Colors Drive. One last chance for all of us to take our cars for a drive and enjoy each other's company both on and off the road. It looks to be a cool but dry day so hopefully we will have a good showing for our last group drive of the season.

We have some other activities coming up soon. After the Fall Colors Drive, we will have our Membership Appreciation Dinner at Papa Vinos on November 14th. Who knows? Maybe we can bring our LBCs to that event. After that, we will have our Christmas/Hanukkah party at our house on December 1st. We will discuss at the next Board meeting the gift exchange plan so we can communicate that to everyone.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Colors Drive on Saturday. Here's to good food, good football, and good conversation!

Thanks, Bob

October 3, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial – we have money in the account
- Newsletter – Mary working on it
- Fall Tour recap – discussed with Keith, recommendations made
- Annual Car Show – Herm looking into the cost of 50 T-shirts; discussed silent auction, craft table for kids, awards upgrades, modernized club logo; 2018 contact balance paid and 2019 down payment made; website domain name renewed for another 5 years (to 2023)
- Fall Elections – Herm can run again, Bob P. cannot; nominations emails to be sent
- Monthly Meetings/Dinners – Nov. 4th Pap Vino's Membership Appreciation Dinner; Dec. 1st Christmas/Hanukkah Party at Petersen's
- Board Meetings – Nov. 7th at Deacon's

October 10th Monthly Meeting/Dinner

By Mary Petersen

The Brits' October Monthly Meeting/Dinner was held in Granger at Salsa's Mexican Grill. Despite the cloudy, rainy weather twenty-eight Brits members attended the dinner. Bob had asked that we could be set up in the bar area as it might be a little quieter, but when we arrived they had us set up in the other side of the restaurant. The manager quickly arranged the tables in the bar so that we could move.

The server took our drink and food orders, but they were a little slow (I'm sure it was because we had such a large group) getting the orders to us. Even though it took awhile, the drinks and food were very delicious.

The acoustics weren't very good so Bob just held a very short meeting. All in all it was a nice evening.



Brits had a great turn-out for dinner on a rainy fall evening



After drinks, before entrees

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

During our trip to Louisville, Kentucky, we had to drive in the rain and darkness. There were some cars whose tail lights didn't show up very good or blinked on and off. Spitfires and Midgets have small round tail lights and they are low to the ground. It is time to upgrade their lights to LED light bulbs. When driving in the rain and dark, the lights are darn near invisible.

When we travel in a group, almost everyone now has a CB radio. When there is a problem with a car, they can call immediately the person or wait until the next stop. One car had a right head light that was dim. I asked him to turn on his high beams. When he turned the high beams on, both head lights were bright. When we stopped for gas, he told me that now was a good time to put in LED head lights after he returned home.

Someone called me and told me that my left tail light was dimmer than the right tail light. I thanked him and told him that I'd check it out when I returned home. Back home I pulled the lens off and the glass bulb was a little black. I put in a new bulb and it is now just as bright as the right tail light.

On this trip, I had a chance to try out my LED bulbs in all of my five dash gauges. All that I can say is WOW!! It lights up the panel like our Detroit cars do. I put in the long negative ground ones. I'm now going to order the Festoon style LED interior bulb because this will light up the interior every time you open your car door at night.

After five years, I have finally got our Triumph Stag up and running. There are four headlights and the two outside high beams worked, but the two inside head lights wouldn't turn on. After checking the wires, I found that there wasn't any power through the wires to the lights. I went to the steering column where the switch was to turn on the lights was located. I removed two screws holding on the plate with the switch. There are five circuits on the switch and probing them with the tester showed one circuit was dead. It was the same colored wire that was controlling the low beam headlights. I have ordered a new switch along with the LED bulbs for the dash lights.

A couple of weeks ago our 15 year old granddaughter told me that she needed the Triumph Stag. I asked her why she needed the Stag. She said that she was the Freshman Homecoming Queen at school. She and three other girls, the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Queens, would ride on the back deck of the Stag.

I told her she would have to come over to vacuum, wash the seats and car, and then wax the bumpers and car. She showed up and eagerly tackled the work without any protests.



For every one that has grandkids, get them involved in our hobby and as they get older, they will want to have a British car of their own. Our own two kids had MGBs for their first car. Our son has a Triumph Stag and our daughter borrows one of mine occasionally.

Roger Deacon

574-292-0004 MAKE BRITISH CARS GREAT AGAIN

Recipe of the Month

By Larry Palguta

TRILBY (that cheese and egg ball/spread we bring to club events)

Mix in a large bowl (so you can toss it to get it mixed):

- 2 eight-ounce bags of shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 6 or 7 green onions (including the green parts), finely chopped
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 2 sprigs of parsley, finely chopped
- a few dashes of paprika
- salt and pepper to your taste (I don't add much)

After mixing the above ingredients, stir in roughly 1 cup of mayonnaise; get it all evenly mixed

Then cover the mixture with saran/cellophane and refrigerate over night so the flavors will meld together. Immediately after mixing, it has a rather bland taste, so overnight in the refrigerator is very important

Serve with crackers that do not overpower the flavor of the Trilby – like Ritz, Triscuit, etc. Strongly flavored crackers tend to bury the Trilby flavor

Recipe from the 1982 edition of the South Bend Junior League Cookbook, “Nutbread and Nostalgia”

2018 Fall Tour to Louisville

Subtitle: How to embrace construction delays

By Larry Palguta

Part I

Once again the Brits assembled for another Fall Tour to a distant destination for fun, sun and excitement. This Tour had all three, but not always in the desired form.

Thursday September 20 – Eight LBC’s met for or after breakfast at Angelo’s Restaurant near 933S and Ireland Road. The travelers were: Randy & Bev Glanders (Spitfire), Keith & Mary Wishmeier (Spitfire), Bob & Mary Petersen (MGB), Roger & Ruth Deacon (MGB/GT), Tom & Debbie Shumaker (TR-8), Kai & Michele Shepherd (Mini Cooper), Mike Scullion & Vicki Bloom (MGB), and Larry & Deb Palguta (MGB). Our route south would take us to Clarksville, IN which is situated just on the north side of the Ohio River, across from Louisville. Everyone knew that the day’s temperatures were predicted to hit the low 90’s. Turning on the LBC’s air conditioning was not an option. We left the restaurant relatively on time for this group.

Because of the long drive to the Louisville area, our route required some driving on the main roads. We took US 31 south to our first bio and gas break at the BP gas station on the south side of Grissom AFB, at the entrance road to the

maximum security prison. The amount of traffic on US 31 was fairly light and made the driving easy for an 8 car caravan of LBC's. Just north of I-465 (a loop we would avoid), we headed west on SR 32 which took us through a part of Lebanon to SR 39 south where we had our second stop at a large Love's gas station/terminal at the I-70 interchange. At Martinsville, we took SR 252 to Nashville, IN for a well-deserved lunch stop at 2 PM. Most for the travelers went to the Artist's Colony restaurant for relaxation in the air conditioning and a good lunch. A late lunch avoided any lunch crowd and let us have the restaurant, and their staff, mostly to ourselves.

Our next intermediate destination was the famous haunted Inn at Story, IN, so we took SR135 toward Stone Head. The two-lane back country road was both scenic and fun to drive. However, somewhere out in the country before we got to Story, we were stopped by road construction, or more accurately, road demolition. The opposite side of the road was being demolished at a curve, and we had to stop and wait for 20 minutes until a dump truck of debris drove by and the road crew let us pass. If only the road delays to come were so obvious and temporary as this one!



Fun in the back country!



Lined-up at the Story Inn

After a brief photo-op at the Story Inn, we headed south on SR 135 to Salem for a bio/gas stop, and then to Palmyra and US 150, to an interchange for I-64 and a few miles of rush hour driving to an exit and our Best Western Green Tree Inn. We got checked into the hotel, as did a lot of well-behaved teenage boy lacross players in town for a tournament. Fortunately, the Senor Iguana Mexican Restaurant was located about 70 feet from the hotel lobby and Keith went over and got reservations for 16 hot and tired LBC's travelers. The restaurant did a fine job of serving our sizable dinner group, once we finally got our much needed and delayed glasses of ice water. All-in-all, it was great to have a good restaurant next to the hotel after our long and hot day of driving. And no LBC issues!

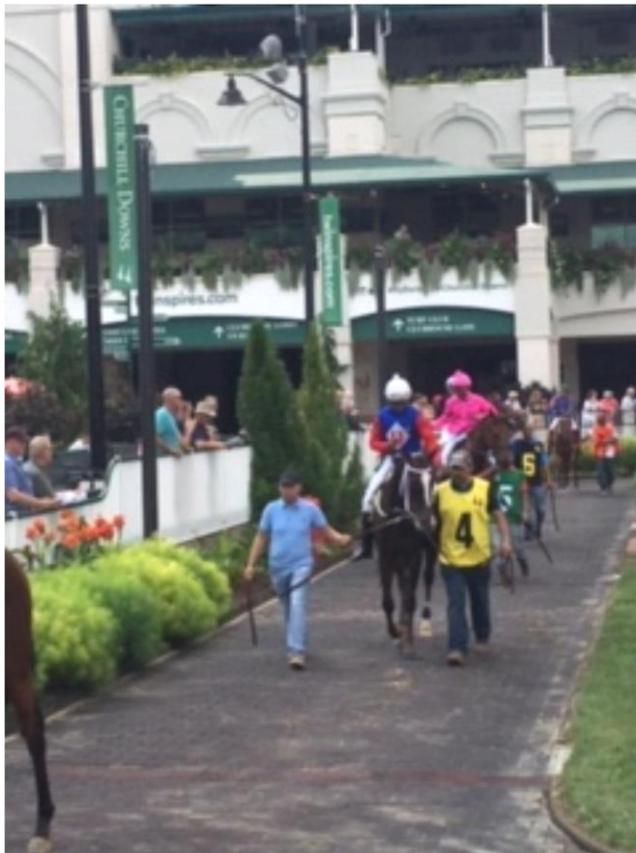
Friday September 21 – The morning found many of our group eating breakfast at the hotel or eateries located within a minute's walk of our hotel. The predicted temperatures were in the mid-90's and hot it was. We drove our LBC's over the I-65 bridge (still waiting for a toll bill in the mail) to downtown Louisville and the Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat Factory. This turned out to be a much more interesting tourist site than anticipated. Lots of history, information on wood, forests, how bats were and now made, and automated manufacturing where a bat is machined from a billet in 20 seconds. From this visit, we headed out on Third Street to Churchill Downs racetrack. This is usually a straight shot to the race track but multiple road construction sites on Third Street required short detours. We

even got stuck behind a wagon load of hay (should have been a hint we were close to the track!).

Churchill Downs is a huge facility, far larger than one would expect. We parked out on one of the last of multiple parking lots, and a shuttle transported our members who did not need another walk in the heat. The group purchased tickets for the museum and about a half hour tour of the facility. The museum tour was very interesting and began with a ten minute video where you sit in the middle of a large room with 360 degrees of huge video screens. The video was excellent and a lot of fun to watch. Due to our tour at 1:30 PM, we were then able to be at the rail for the 1:45 PM race of seven horses. Yes, they do race even in that heat.



Entrance to the museum area



Paddock

After the race, we went to the paddock to view the horses for the next race being walked in, each checked for the identification tattoo on the inside of a lip,

then saddled and walked out to the track. After the tour and at about 2:15 PM, we went to the Silver Spoon II Café located inside the museum building. Once again out of the heat and in the air conditioning, we all were happy to relax and have lunch without having to drive somewhere.



Lunch at the cafe



Churchill Downs 1:45 PM race

The group headed downtown to spend some time before our scheduled dinner cruise on the Belle of Louisville. We joined up with the Wishmeiers who had diverted to spend time with family, and tried to get to the NuLou area of shops, trendy restaurants, galleries, etc. Downtown Louisville has lots of road construction that made this difficult. Because time was limited, we tried to get into a parking lot that was near our riverboat dock. However, Louisville closes all of the parking lots near the river after people get out of work. So we finally decided to head a few blocks to a parking area next to the boat. Not at all easy – road construction, GPS listing streets that actually had no names, and lots of pot holes. We finally got into a paid, river front parking area entered next to Charley’s Crab Shack, and located under the expressway. We had about an hour wait until we could board the boat, so we relaxed as best we could in the shade. An approaching rain storm finally resulted in our group being allowed to board early but having to wait on the first deck until the dining area opened on the second deck.



Waiting before the dinner cruise



And then the storm, passing over the US 31 bridge



Our destination for the dinner cruise

The Belle left her dock promptly at 7 PM as the ~180 guests climbed the stairway to the air-conditioned dining room on the second deck. The Brits got to our reserved seats, lined up for drinks at the bar, and the enjoyed a good buffet style dinner as the Belle cruised east on the Ohio River. After dinner, everyone headed up to the third deck where we sat, relaxed and conversed as the river fronts passed by. It was a comfortable evening and a good way to relax after another hot day and lots of sight-seeing.

Wishmeiers, Glanders and Deacons await dinner





Deb Palguta, Michele Shepherd, Ruth & Roger Deacon enjoy the cruise

The Belle made a mid-river turn around and cruised back to its dock where we disembarked for our drive back over the river via the US 31 bridge to our hotel. The Brits broke up into groups for visiting, watching a late Friday night college football game, and gearing down after a very active day as tourists.