

The Burble & Squeak

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Our current club membership is 63

Upcoming Events

December

Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.
Bob and Mary Petersen
51620 Fox Hollow Ct.
Granger, IN 46530
574-850-7604
Info on page 8-9

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Keith Wishmeier
1834 Ribourde Drive
South Bend, IN 46628
574-250-6992

January

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Herm Marrese
11380 Anderson Lake Drive
Granger, IN 46530
574-360-4938

Monthly Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, January 12, 2019
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
107 Northpoint Blvd
Elkhart IN 46514
574-264-2541
(across from the Elkhart Entrance/Exit of the Indiana Toll Road)

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Newsletter Submissions

This is the Newsletter of the Michiana Brits, Ltd., Car Club and is distributed to all paid Annual Members as part of their dues. If you would like to submit articles for publication, they are most welcome. The deadline is the 25th of each month. Send all correspondence (electronic submissions are preferable) to the President, bring it to a General Meeting, or send to the Newsletter Editor at mkpete@sbcglobal.net. Material is subject to editorial revision and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the 2016 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts



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President's Message

Last Wednesday we had our Membership Appreciation dinner and what a great meal and time we had. Lots of great food and lots of great conversations. The room worked out well and as we all know, this club is not short on having a good time. Our dinner the previous month was at Salsa's and we blamed the restaurant on being too noisy. I'm not saying we are noisy but staff at Papa Vino's shut the door on our room! Too funny.

With that being said, we have one more opportunity to enjoy each other's company and yes, great food! We will have our annual Christmas/ Hanukkah party on December 1st at our home. This should be a fun time as usual with the gift exchange and the fun that follows with stealing of the gifts! We get a lot of laughs with this part of the party. Mary and I look forward to seeing you all on the first.

Mary and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, see you in a couple of weeks.

Thanks Bob

November 4, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial – we have money in the bank after the Membership Appreciation dinner
- November Newsletter – Mary working on it and will be ready soon
- Membership Appreciation Dinner – Keith reported on the details and Larry discussed a couple of items to be reviewed at the dinner
- Annual Car Show – decided to purchase 50 T-shirts next spring, with altered image to be used, silent auction discussed with Debbie Shumaker, craft table for kids to be available, 2nd place will now be an Award of Excellence trophy from our trophy supplier, dinner location proposed as either Gianetto's or Beef O'Brady's in Granger, Featured Marque will be MGB Chrome Bumper
- Fall Elections – votes coming in, results at Christmas/Hanukkah party
- Monthly Meetings – Nov. 14th at Papa Vino's, January 12th at Perkins, Elkhart Toll Road Entrance/Exit
- Board Meetings – December 5th – Wishmeier, January 9th - Marrese

NEW MEMBERS

Frank & Patti Huderwitz, Galien, MI 1974 ½ TR-6

2018 Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner

By Mary Petersen

What a fantastic turnout there was for the Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, November 14th! Thirty-eight Brits were present at Papa Vino's in Mishawaka. The evening started at 6:30 PM with socializing, which included a cash bar and appetizers of Bruschetta and Spinach Artichoke Dip. This also included Italian Crusty bread and dipping spices.

At 7:00 PM, the family style dinner began. We were served Caesar Salad, Spaghetti Marinara, Chicken Marsala, and Lasagna, Tuscan potatoes and a seasonal vegetable. The dinner includes one glass of house red or white wine.

After dinner, plates of an assortment of desserts were passed around including Tiramisu, Lemon Tango and Cannoli.

Larry Palguta welcomed everyone. The Brits voted on a new logo. Having a member directory which is published to all members was also up for voting. It was discussed that we did not want to include all of a member's information. The voting was to ask what information we would like included in this directory.

The servers were friendly, and the room was very nice and private. An enjoyable time was had by all.



Four tables in adjoining semi-private rooms





Lots of visiting before the dinner courses arrive

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

Ruth and I went to Traverse City recently. Ruth stayed with our friends while I went to the MG 2019 NAMGBR Meetings at the Great Wolf Lodge.

Friday evening, the NAMGBR Board and I had dinner at the Great Wolf Lodge Restaurant. I met up with Richard Ingram and John Twist. I go way back at least 25 years with them and their wives. I also saw NAMGBR Board members and jokes were told about each other.

Saturday Morning at 9:30, we all met for a tour of the parking lot and were shown where a place would be at our disposal to wash our cars. The whole parking lot was ours, as was the Lodge for 4 days.

Next, we went inside to tour the lodge to see where we would hold our meetings. After the tour of the lodge we drove 6 miles to see where the car show was to be held. It used to be a hospital, then it was an insane asylum. It now has restaurants, shops and offices. We joked that there might still be ghosts lurking about. We told some that they should go and get them a room in the building.

We then went back to the lodge for lunch and the afternoon meetings. It was announced that there are 120 clubs and only 30 had sent in their letters of intent so they could issue insurance for their clubs car shows. If they don't get them then they get on the phone, e-mail or message them. If there are changes in the club's officers, the new NAMGBR officers don't always know this, so then they try to get in contact with somebody from the club.

I learned a lot as to how NAMGBR worked. Board members are elected for 2 years plus 2 more. They then have to take a year off and then can run again. The key man is the one that runs all of the car shows. His isn't an elected position. He has been doing this for 25 years. It will be tough to fill his shoes someday.

It was discussed that all we see in the room is a sea of white hair. There are a few in their 40s but they are a minority.

Hagerty Insurance is sponsoring this show. There is no local club so everyone on the Board will be doing a lot of the work. Ruth and I have discussed going up 3 days early to help out.

Ruth and I drove up on US 31 and down home on US131. I prefer 31. It took longer but it was more scenic had and less traffic. There will be a lot to do because the Cherry Festival is 2 weeks after the show.

To get your reservation in for the car show June 23-26, 2019 The website will go online mid-December of 2018.

MG2019INFO@GMAIL.COM A person going to the show at Traverse City will have 3 days to drive home before our own car show on Sunday June 30th.

MAKE BRITISH CARS GREAT AGAIN

Roger Deacon

574-292-0004

Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Our Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party will be hosted by Bob and Mary Petersen on Saturday, December 1st, 6:30 PM at their home south of "downtown" Granger (see directions below). The Petersen residence is at 51620 Fox Hollow Court, Granger, IN 46530. Telephone 574/850-7602 or 7604.

Club members planning to attend, **please RSVP** to Bob or Mary at 574/850-7602 or email: bpete56@sbcglobal.net, **no later than Monday, November 26**, and advise as to the potluck dish you will bring from the list below. The club will provide the meat dishes and members will bring the potluck dishes. Some soft drinks will be supplied, members can bring other beverages. Here is the list:

APPETIZER

SALAD OR VEGETABLE

DESSERT

The dinner will be followed by a gift exchange (small gifts of items \$10-15 having an automotive or British theme). If you have already purchased something nice for the gift exchange, feel free to wrap it up and add it to the piles (we'll do guys/gals differentiation). All the gifts will be numbered, then numbers drawn and gifts distributed to each lucky number holder. After the opening of the gifts, numbers may be redrawn to permit gift taking/stealing. Of course, gift bartering and trading is permitted (and encouraged!) after the drawings.

People can park in the Petersen's driveway, along one side of Fox Hollow Court, and on Timberline Trace.

The results of the election will be announced for the 2018 Michiana Brits Board.

DIRECTIONS

Directions: 1) coming from the west (South Bend).

Travel east on Cleveland Road, at the mall SR23 and Cleveland Road are the same road. At that point remain on SR23 to Bittersweet, turn right and go south to Anchor Lane, turn left and then a quick turn right on Timberline Trace, then the next street to your left will be our street - Fox Hollow Ct. - turn left.

Directions: 2) Coming the east (Elkhart)

Travel west on CR 6/Cleveland Road, turn right on Bittersweet. Head north over the Toll Road, past Anderson Road to Anchor Lane. Turn right and then make another quick turn right on Timberline Trace, then left at the next street - Fox Hollow Ct.

Directions: 3) Coming from the south (South Bend)

Travel east on 20 Bypass to Elm Road. Go north on the Elm Road / Capitol bypass (bridge is now open) to Cleveland Road, turn right, travel east on Cleveland Road to Bittersweet, turn left and go north over the Toll Road to Anchor Lane, turn right on Anchor lane and then make a quick right turn on Timberline Trace, then left at the next street - Fox Hollow Ct.

Recipe of the Month

Pork Chops Supreme

Submitted by Mary Wishmeier

Heat oven to 350 degrees (mod). Trim excess fat from 2 lean pork chops (1 inch thick). Place chops in baking pan or dish. Salt well. Top each chop with a lemon slice and a thin onion slice; sprinkle generously with brown sugar. Pour 1 tbsp. catsup over each chop. Cover and bake 1 hour. Uncover and bake 30 minutes longer, basting occasionally. 2 servings.

2018 Fall Tour to Louisville

Subtitle: How to embrace construction delays

By Larry Palguta

Part II

Saturday the 22nd was our driving day to see the country side and enjoy some of the local sights. After breakfast, we left Clarksville and headed west on scenic road SR 62. It was a very winding road and enjoyable to drive. We soon came to a stop at the Quilting Bee so that Deb and Michele could buy fabric. Everyone enjoyed the short stop, the availability of a restroom, and some relaxation. From the Quilting Bee we drove on SR 62 to Corydon, IN.



Plenty of off-street parking for LBCs in Corydon



At the State Capitol square

Corydon is the state of Indiana's first State Capitol (Vincennes was the territorial capital). By now a light rain was falling but it did not deter our enjoyment of this quaint little town. Another significant historical fact about Corydon – it is one of only three Civil War battles fought on northern soil (Antietam, Gettysburg, and Corydon)! Just recall Morgan's Raiders and the brief carnage they inflicted along the Ohio River before being captured in Southwestern Ohio (this cavalry raid produced the story behind the Old Oaken Bucket football trophy contested each year between Purdue and IU).



Indiana's first State Capitol building

Everyone visited the antique shops of Corydon, saw the first State Capitol building, and enjoyed the town. At Butt Liquors & Drugs, Larry bought a long sleeve, hooded shirt to stave off the rain. One of their mottos is “When you think of drugs, you think of Butt”.



Metropolitan Corydon

On the south side of the old State Capitol square, we got a long row of tables in the Beaver Street Tap Room & Pub where we enjoyed a variety of lunch items and beers. The Tap Room & Pub is a bar and restaurant located in an old building housing an equally old bar and lots of character. This style of local, small restaurant has become popular, fueled in part by the craft beer movement and sometimes unique food menus.



Beaver Street Tap Room & Pub

Finally, we departed town on SR 337 to SR 11 and SR 111 to return to our hotel in Clarksville. It rained along all of the route so we had a slower and bit more relaxing scenic drive.

For the evening's entertainment, we had reservations at the Red Yeti Restaurant in Jeffersonville, IN. It was short drive to the restaurant, and it lived up

to its reputation of having unique (and very good) dishes and a good list of craft beers. Kudos to Mary Wishmeier for another great restaurant selection. After dinner, the group headed back to our hotel for some evening football watching and socializing.



The Red Yeti Restaurant

Sunday the 23rd was our day for driving home from the Fall Tour to Louisville, KY. The planned route was to head east from Clarksville, IN to Old US 31, north through Scottsburg and to SR 7 just south of Columbus, IN, and then catch SR 46 east out of Columbus to SR 9 north. This would get us by the east side of Indianapolis where we could connect to SR 38 west to new US 31 just north of Westfield.

The initial route to Columbus went pretty much as planned but then road construction + no detour signs threw a major wrench into our LBC driving. SR 9 north of Columbus was closed for a long stretch of complete reconstruction, so Keith took us east and then north and back west to reconnect with SR 9. Alas, we

were not far enough north to avoid the construction on SR 9, so we looped back around again and went far enough north to finally get onto SR 9. Somewhere along the way, we ended up on a true backwoods road as we drove down into a hollow and crossed over an open-metal deck, small bridge that had a sharply upward slope of the road on the opposite side. We were definitely way off the beaten path. Finally, we did get back onto a newly paved section of SR 9 that took us into the south side of Shelbyville, IN. Much to our surprise, SR 9 is being rebuilt as a wide two lane, fully concrete road and berms. Why this secondary road is getting the executive treatment of all concrete, is unknown to our LBC group.

We stopped in Shelbyville and split up into two lunch groups – one going next door to McDonalds and another group walking across the parking lot to a Mexican restaurant. It was a much needed lunch break.

After lunch, we headed north on SR 9 to Pendleton/Huntsville where we had to drive a bit on I-69 to get to SR 38. After we got off I-69, we stopped for Mike Scullion's MGB that was misfiring. Putting in two new sparkplugs did not help, but the LBC could be driven at higher speed and not miss, so onward we headed. Mike was placed at the lead so he could drive the speeds necessary to avoid the misfiring problem. We connected with new US 31 and headed north.

Due to heavy traffic on the two lane roads, we had lost Randy and Bev Glanders who were bringing up the back of caravan. They rejoined us at the large Love's truck stop next to the US 31 - SR 28 interchange. By then Mike's MGB was running OK and he filled up with a higher octane gas; the misfiring apparently being the result of some bad, lower octane gas. From there we continued up US 31, made good time and as we got south of South Bend, LBC's began peeling off toward their homeward routes.

Despite the hot weather for the first two days, the Fall Tour to Louisville was a good trip and experience. Our LBCs had a variety of back country and city driving. We packed a lot of activity (sightseeing, shopping, historical sites, unique restaurants) into the two days and a lot of us got to see Churchill Downs for the first time. Needless to say, we are looking forward to another Fall Tour destination and adventure next year.