



The Burble & Squeak

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Current # of memberships is 77

Upcoming Events

December

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Mike Scullion
15525 Carriage Lane
Mishawaka, IN 46545 574-252-0511

Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 7, 2019 5:00 p.m.
Dick & Judy Birch
Avilla, IN
Info on pages 3 & 6

January

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Larry Palguta
55596 Country Club
South Bend, IN 46619
574-288-3923

Monthly Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, January 18, 2020 9:00am
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
107 Northpointe Blvd
Elkhart, IN 46514
574-264-2541

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.

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Michiana Brits



On
the Road Again



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President's Message

Hello All,

39 Brits had a good time at the annual Membership Appreciation Dinner at Papa Vino's Restaurant in Mishawaka. We have one more club event for 2019 - our annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party on December 7th. I hope all of you can attend and celebrate the "day of infamy" proclaimed by President Roosevelt. Also, my father's birthday. I enjoyed calling him up every year prior to his passing and wishing him a happy day of infamy every December 7.

Our Annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party will be hosted by Dick and Judy Birch on Saturday, December 7th, at 5:00 pm in their home southwest of Avilla, IN (see attached map on page 6 below for directions). The Birch residence is 6958 E. Swan Road, Avilla, IN 46710, telephone 260-897-2135 or 336-309-3849. I encourage carpooling due to the distance involved.

Club members planning to attend, please RSVP no later than Wednesday, December 4, to Dick or Judy Birch at 260-897-2135 or 336-309-3849 or email: birchtr6@gmail.com, 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 from \$10 to \$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!) during and after the drawings.

The results of the election for the 2020 Michiana Brits Board will be announced during the party.

This has been a fun year with a lot of comradery at all the events in which the Brits participated. The different driving events and car shows that many of us participated in during the driving season were great reasons to gather, socialize, and talk about our cars and how much work it takes to keep them on the road. I encourage members to participate in as many of the Michiana Brits sponsored events as possible since it takes a lot of planning and organizing to pull them off. That being said, we will be looking for a team of volunteers to help organize our Fall Tour

next year. This year Keith and Mary Wishmeier did a great job of organizing our trip to Madison, IN. It takes a lot of work to plan these events, so, if you have an idea for the Fall Tour and would like to help organize it please contact me or any of the other officers. The parameters for the Fall Tour are: it should be no more than a 5 to 6 hour actual driving time to get there, reservations at a local hotel, there should be some winding country roads at or near the destination for a day of driving, interesting “touristy” things to do, and not in a large metropolitan area. You will also need to find restaurants for the club.

Finally, I hope to do some personal driving on sunny days between now and our Spring Drive. I don't mothball my car during the winter. I have driven on days when the temperature was 0° but sunny out. Yes, the top was down but I did wear a t-shirt, flannel shirt and jacket as well as gloves. People looked at me as if I was insane. No, just enjoying my car and a nice sunny day.

Happy Motoring,

Mike



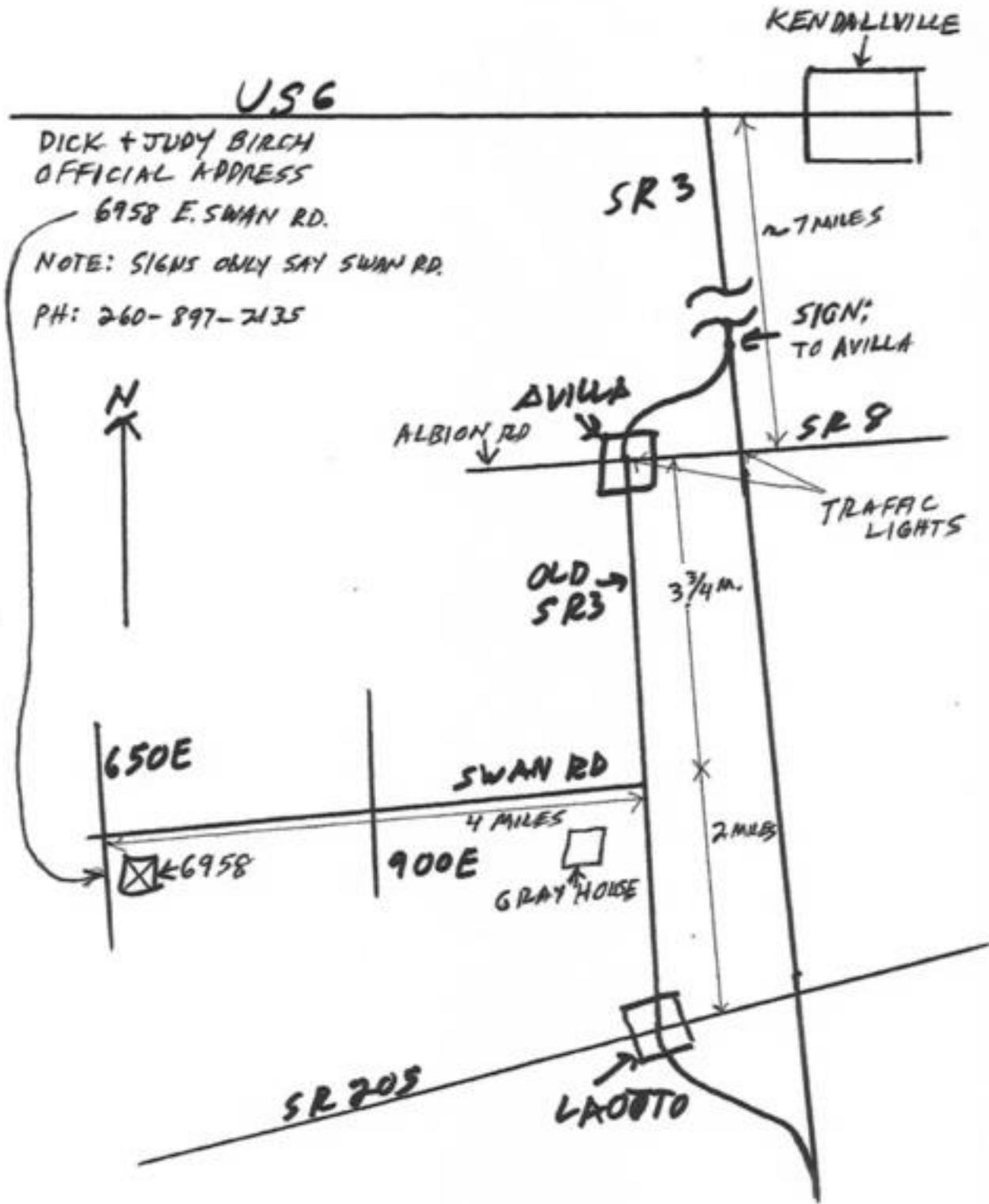
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Marie Barge Angola, IN 1964 MGB

November 6th Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Paul reported on our account balance**
- **November Newsletter – Mary will provide a dinner article, Larry a “Wacky” Arnolt article when space is available**
- **November 7th Dinner – Mike covered details on the dinner**
- **Annual Car Show – Larry reported we will sign a three year agreement with fixed costs**
- **Eastern Chapter – waiting on news from Dick**
- **Elections – ballots sent out, results at Christmas/Hanukkah Party**
- **Monthly Meetings/Dinners/Breakfasts – Saturday Dec. 7th, 5 PM at the Birch’s in Avilla, IN; Saturday January 18th, 9 AM at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN**
- **Board Meetings – Dec. 4th at Mike’s house; January 8th at Larry’s**

MAP TO THE BIRCH'S RESIDENCE NEAR AVILLA, IN



Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

It is time to put our LBCs away for the year. Here it is Halloween with rain and snow. All I have left to do with our LBCs is to fill up the gas tank with unleaded gasoline. It doesn't separate like regular gasoline over winter. My gas tanks are pretty empty from the Fall Colors Drive. Bring them back full of gas, wash them, then park them on cardboard and rugs so they don't pick up condensation from the concrete floors, and cover them for the long winter.

Fortunately, I don't have any repairs to do to our LBCs. I also put a trickle charger on all of our batteries. I get my trickle charges at Harbor Freight for about \$12.00. I'm up to 6 trickle chargers to cover all of my batteries.

I would like ask any one if they have a story to share about how they had a problem with their car and how they fixed it. It can be shared under Stagman's Tech Tips and you will be credited with the story. Just send it to Mary Petersen so it can be shared to our club members. That will give me a break from writing something that month.

Ruth and I are busy packing our bags for the trip to our home in Florida for 5 months. We go to Pensacola, Florida to see our son, daughter in law. And our precious 21 month granddaughter.

Then it is off to Sebring Florida to wait out winter.

I'm always available to answer questions about a problem you might have with your car.

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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, we will miss everyone.

Almost a Major Disaster

by Tom Shumaker

It was a near major disaster. We were driving home on the Fall Tour after a terrific weekend of driving backroads of southern Indiana. At 60 mph while following friends in their little cars, the wheel bearings on the front right axle destroyed themselves and broke the axle, putting Debbie and myself off the road. Which is why we were sitting alongside the road waiting for a flatbed to take us home.



Mike, Bob, Randy, Kai & Larry get some sun



Trailer-up & ready to go

Long after a thrilling ride in a big truck down roads that the club would have enjoyed, we slid the TR-7 off and pushed her into the garage.

Then came the process of tearing into the mess of a broken axle and seeing what was left: bits and pieces of bearings and a piece of axle welded to the nut and washer and part of the bearing.

The search began for parts which were not available from the parts catalogs. I started calling and found a complete assembly in Ohio. Wanting to be sure of what I needed, I set off on a Saturday morning to Pandora, Ohio to get the used assembly, but the jeep objected and would not start without a jump. The journey was uneventful. After a 3 hour trip, I was looking at the parts to revive the 7. I began the process of combining the best of what I have and reassembling new bearings, brakes and rotors. Well, long story short, the 7 lives and even though the brakes squeal she's back on the road and enjoyed a great Fall Colors Drive with the club.



T-Shirts

If you would like to buy the T-Shirt that was sold at our car show, we have all sizes. They are \$20. Please contact Herm Marrese 574-360-9438



2019 FALL COLORS DRIVE

By Larry Palguta

October 19th was a beautiful, clear day for our annual Fall Colors Drive. The drive began with a record 16 cars (30 Brits) comprised of the following: MGB (5), MGTC (1), SPITIFIRE (2), TR7 (1), TR8 (1), TR6 (2), MG MIDGET (2), 2018 JAGUAR SEDAN (1), and NISSAN Z (1). Despite this large number of cars, the caravan of cars had relatively few problems staying in contact with each other. Everyone did a good job of watching out for the car behind.



Lunch at Fisher Lake Inn, Mendon, MI



30 Brits making their lunch selections



Plenty of time to relax at the lunch stop



Parked at Bonnyville Mill

The route got us to The Fisher Lake Inn a bit earlier and gave us plenty of time for lunch (the Inn is always a bit overwhelmed by our large group). The afternoon drive was very pleasant and a few LBC's departed the caravan for other activities. We arrived back at the Glander's in plenty of time for football watching and the potluck dinner. It was another successful Fall Colors Drive and many thanks to Randy & Bev Glanders for leading and hosting this fun annual event.

7th Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner

By Mary Petersen

Our 7th Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner, a dinner for all Annual Members of Michiana Brits, was held on Thursday November 7th, at Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen in Mishawaka. Twenty-nine Brits were present at this dinner.

The evening began at 6:30 PM with socializing, which included a cash bar.



Michele Shepherd & Deb Palguta



Bob Petersen & Randy Glanders

At 7:00 the family style dinner began. The family style dinner included Bruschetta and Spinach Artichoke Dip for appetizers. This was followed by your choice of Papa's Salad or Caesar Salad. The main courses were: Spaghetti Marinara, Chicken Marsala, and Lasagna with sides of Tuscan Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. Last there was an assortment of Tiramisu, lemon Tango & Cannoli. All was delicious and served in a very timely manner.



Dinner was enjoyed by everyone. President Mike Scullion held a short meeting.





The next big event will be the Christmas/Hanukkah party on December 7th.

Donations for Car Show Silent Auction

As some of you know, we did really well at our car show with the silent auction. We had several members donate items to display and sell to the highest bidder. I am asking that you look around the house or garage to find items that might work well for the auction.

We are looking for British theme or automotive things, such as items for the LBC garage. Pictures, posters, signs anything that would generate interest and \$\$\$\$.

If you have any items or see any when shopping and would be willing to donate, please let me know. I will store the items until the car show.

Please let us know, and thanks!

Bob Petersen

Michiana Brits Eastern Chapter News

On October 16th, we had the best meeting yet with over 20 people in attendance at the American Table Restaurant on US 30 at Warsaw. There is a strong consensus that the Saturday morning meetings at 10 AM are much better due the wide geographic spread of our membership. We'll continue in this fashion, alternating between the Sun Rise Café at Fort Wayne and the American Table Restaurant at Warsaw.

Due to efforts of Charlie Loew creating and managing our new Eastern Chapter Facebook page, we picked up our first new member resulting from that page, Bill Barge of Angola. We also discussed the club's Christmas/Hanukkah Party on December 7th at our house, and that our next Eastern Chapter meeting will be on January 18th at Fort Wayne. The location will be the Sunrise Cafe, 10230 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne at 10 AM.

Eastern Chapter Alternating Monthly Meeting sites on Saturdays at 10 AM:

American Table Restaurant
3575 Lake City Hwy (US 30)
Warsaw, IN 46580
(574) 267-8171

Sun Rise Café
10230 Coldwater Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
(260) 416-0400
[Pine Valley Shopping Center, SW corner of Coldwater Rd/E. DuPont Rd intersection]