

The Burble & Squeak

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Our current club membership is 62

Upcoming Events

February

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Mike Scullion

15525 Carriage Lane

Mishawaka, IN 46545

574-252-0511

Monthly Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, February 16, 2019 8:30 a.m.

The Farm House

52820 IN 933

South Bend, IN 46637

574-277-1618

March

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Bob & Mary Petersen

51620 Fox Hollow Ct

Granger, IN 46530

574-850-7604

Monthly Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 EDT (9:30 CDT)

Jennie Rae's

5201 Hwy 20

Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

219-778-4100

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 2019 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts



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Michiana Brits
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President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Michiana Brits. A hearty welcome to all returning and new members.

As the new President, I thought you might want to know more about me. So here is a very brief bio about myself. Feel free to ask me for details and you'll hear many stories! I was born in Wallasey, Cheshire, England. My hometown is located just across the Mersey river from Liverpool. You may have heard about the four chaps from there that became popular in the sixties. So, I am a true Brit. I came to the US with my family in 1959 at the age four. I've spent most of my childhood and adult life in California. In 2011, I followed my second wife, Vicki Bloom, to Indiana. My son came with me but my daughter remained behind. She has a good job with Disney. After I bought my current and second MGB, Vicki found out about this group online and suggested we join. Very good advice as we have enjoyed being members since day one!

My biggest goal for the year is to build membership. When I am out and about, I see many potential members — drivers of newer Mini's, Jags, Land Rovers, as well as owners of older British cars. I think many of them would find the Michiana Brits a great group of people. While a 20% increase in membership may sound ambitious, I believe we can do it. I will be discussing several ideas with my fellow board members and you for growing membership.

My second goal is to encourage members to join the Vintage Triumph Register ("VTR") and create a chapter within Michiana Brits. VTR membership provides many benefits that Triumph owners can take advantage of. Additionally, we will be able to advertise events on the VTR website. This may lead to additional membership in Michiana Brits. We already take advantage of the many benefits of our group's membership with the North American MGB Register ("NAMGBR"). When the Board meets this month, I want to initiate discussions about membership discounts for VTR members.

My third goal is to have a good showing of Michiana Brits at NAMGBR's MG2019 in Traverse City. Given its proximity, this seems very doable. While many of us enjoyed our 2017 fall tour there, I believe that a return trip would be a lot of fun. After all, we only covered a portion of the sights, eateries, breweries, wineries, and roads/routes. This beautiful area has much to offer.

My fourth goal is, unfortunately, unachievable. When Vicki found out that I had been voted in as President of Michiana Brits, she immediately asked where our Mar-A-Lago was so she could vacation there. I didn't have the nerve to tell her she was delusional. So, to keep her from killing me, I need each member to put \$18.7 million into my bank account so I can buy Mar-A-Lago. If a single Brit fails to follow these instructions then this will not only be my first message, but my last. My fate is in your hands.

And finally, I want to thank Bob Petersen for the leadership that he provided for the past two years. I believe all Brits enjoyed the different drives, pot lucks, etc. under Bob's leadership. Also, whenever we were thirsty, Bob always knew how to find the closest source of a cold brew. That is his legacy.

Lastly, as an accountant I must qualify anything I say. My fourth goal is a farce. The first three I will work to make happen. I will be asking for your help. As far as the send-off for Bob, that was a little tongue in cheek. He did a great job. I am glad that he led us the last two years. I hope to benefit this club for more than a year.

Please join us for as many meetings that you can. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Mike

January 9th Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial – Bob Kerstetter reported the amount we have in our account
- January Newsletter – Mary has received Tech Tips, will receive photograph's of the Board members and write an article on the next Monthly Meeting/Breakfast
- Annual Car Show – discussed T-shirt sales, some free advertising, awards, our new logo, our new Mini Roster
- Mike will handle email distributions during Larry's absence in March
- Monthly Meeting/Breakfast – February 16 – The Farmhouse in South Bend; March 16th – Jennie Rae's at Rolling Prairie
- Board Meetings – February 5th – Mike's; March 6th – Petersen's; April 3rd – Keith's

Stagman's Tech Tips

Last year is past us and we are now into our New Year's promises.

I have been busy finally cleaning up my garage from the previous owner here in Florida. I have installed a tankless water heater. This clears up a 2' square in the garage. I added a 4'X4' white peg board to hang my tools. There are 3 cabinets that I added wheels to so they can be rolled around. I plan on power washing the garage floor and putting epoxy paint on the floor. Then when all that is finished, all that I'll need is an MGB to work on.

While working on the Stag to keep from blowing too many fuses, my 2nd electrical friend took the metal caps off a fuse and glued them to a small wooden rod. I soldered 2 wires to



them and then the 2 wires to a 10 amp breaker. If the breaker pops, you just push the button back in to reset it. It makes a loud noise when it pops.

Go to Valley Electric, 1742 E McKinley Hwy, Mishawaka, 574-256-0540. He is located 1/4 mile east of Fir Road. Dennis has a few circuit breakers that he sells cheap because he is retiring next December.

This saved us a lot of time and fuses while we tried different things to get past the heater switch. After several frustrating days of not being able to get past the first pull on the switch and turning on the switch to the second pull, the switch would not blow the breaker. I asked my electrical friend if he could pull the wires off of the first notch on the switch to see if that wouldn't blow the circuit breaker. He pulled the wires off and I pulled the switch all the way out and both fans came on. I told him we are done as my MGB-GT only has one notch and that is wide open for the fans.

I have one more electrical problem on the Stag and that is the 4 way flashers. They don't work. That will just have to wait until May.

Emileigh, our 15 year old granddaughter, was happy to hear that and so was I because I was

to drive the Stag in the Homecoming Parade with heat. She had been

chosen Freshman homecoming queen at Edwardsburg High School.



Roger Deacon 574-292-0004

2019 Annual Membership Dues

Your 2019 Annual Membership fee for Michiana Brits is due no later than March 31st. The Annual Membership fee is \$25/year.

If you are also a NAMGBR (North American MGB Register) member and that membership is affiliated with Michiana Brits, your Annual Membership fee is \$15/year. I will notify those who are eligible for the reduced Michiana Brits Annual Membership fee.

If you have a current NAMGBR membership and that membership is not affiliated with Michiana Brits, you should contact NAMGBR and request affiliation of that membership with Michiana Brits.

Your check should be MADE PAYABLE TO: Michiana Brits
and mailed to:

Robert Kerstetter
54573 Gilman Drive
Mishawaka, IN 46545

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Herm Marrese

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 2/3 lb or large can shredded chicken)
1/2 tsp olive oil (to cook chicken)
1 cup chopped onions
1 Tbsp bottled lime juice
1/2 tsp minced garlic
1/2 tsp chili powder
1/4 tsp ground cumin
2 cans (14-1/2 oz) chicken broth
1 cup bottled salsa
1 cup corn kernels (frozen or can)
4 ounces tortilla chips (to crush)
1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

If using uncooked chicken, place olive oil in soup pot; do not over-cook. Cook 2 minutes; add onions, garlic, lime juice, chili powder & cumin. Cook, stirring 2 min. Add broth, salsa and corn. Stir to mix. Bring to boil, 8-10 minutes. Slightly crush tortilla chips, place into bowls; ladle soup into bowls. Sprinkle with cheese and serve.

January 2019 Breakfast Meeting

By Mary Petersen

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at the Elkhart Toll Road Entrance/Exit was the site for the first Michiana Brits Monthly Meeting/Breakfast of 2019.

There were twenty-one Brits present on a pretty-nice-for-January Saturday. After the holidays, it was nice to see everyone again.

Everyone trickled in and almost all arrived by 8:30. We all drank coffee or other breakfast beverages and talked while waiting for our food. The wait staff was fast and efficient. This is a favorite winter spot on our list for breakfasts during the non-driving months.



Our new President, Mike Scullion, led a short meeting. We discussed mostly what the Board had talked about at the Board meeting with Larry Palguta adding a few comments on the 2019 Car Show. After devouring our breakfast, the checks for our food were handed out but no one got up to leave. It was a good half hour or more before anyone wanted to head for home. We were having a great time talking.

Our next breakfast meeting is at Jennie Rae's Restaurant, Rolling Prairie, at 8:30 AM CST/9:30 AM EST. Everyone east of the EST/CST time line gets to sleep in before a mid-morning breakfast.

**New Date...
Same Location!**

**Chicago's 23rd Annual
All British Car**



Swap Meet and Autojumble



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Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:00am - 2:00pm

at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL

(3/4 mile north of IL Rt 38 on County Farm Rd at Manchester Rd)