

The Burble & Squeak

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Our current club membership is 68

Upcoming Events

March

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, March 6
Keith & Mary Wishmeier
1834 Ribourde Dr.
South Bend, IN 46628
574-277-7746

Monthly Meeting/Breakfast

Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:30 CST/9:30 EST
Jennie Rae's Restaurant
5201 East US Highway 20
Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
219-778-4100

April

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, April 3, 2018
Bob & Mary Petersen
51620 Fox Hollow Ct.
Granger, IN 46530 574-850-7602

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Annual Tech Session & Potluck

Lunch

Saturday, April 28, 2017
Roger & Ruth Deacon
10688 Anderson Road
Granger, IN 46530
574-679-4332
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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

As I looked at pictures from trips, gatherings and meetings we have had in the past, I had a thought that spring and summer were so far away. But in reality, it really is just around the corner. If time goes by for you as it does for me, it will be here before you know it.

Last year on February 18th the temperature was warm enough that Mary and I could not help ourselves. We pulled the cover off, the battery tender off, and moved some of our dryer sheets (mouse repellent) from Misty, and away we went. We took back roads in Michigan (surprise surprise) not knowing where we would end up.

A beautiful day, lots of sunshine and warmth for a mid-February day. We enjoyed the drive and we found ourselves in the big town of Paw Paw.

We couldn't be in Paw Paw without stopping at St. Julian's Winery. We were not the only ones finding a reason to stop. While they were very busy, it was nice to see everyone out having a good time. We enjoyed a glass of wine and thought how lucky we were to have a jump on spring with such a beautiful day.

I think it is safe to assume we won't be jumping into Misty this February 18th for a spring-like drive, but rest assured spring is just around the corner, and then once again we will be on the road enjoying our LBCs and great friends.

Bob

February 6, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Bob K. reported on our bank account; \$100 donation made last month to Food Bank**
- **February Newsletter – Mary working on it, not much news this time of year**
- **Spring Drive & Fall Tour – Keith looking at an over-night Spring Drive; Paducah, KY possibly for Fall Tour**
- **Annual Car Show – June 24th – media notice sent to clubs and pubs; dinner set at Legends; poster being designed; concept for lapel pin design being worked on**
- **Annual Tech Session – April 28th at Deacon’s residence**
- **Monthly meetings/breakfasts – Feb. 17th Perkins at Elkhart Toll Road Exit; March 24th Jennie Rae’s in Rolling Prairie; April 14th Yellow Cat Café, South Bend**
- **Board Meetings – March 6th – Wishmeier’s; April 3rd – Petersen’s**

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

When I got the car from Florida back to my shop (we will call the owner "Greg" to protect the innocent), I first wanted to recheck the timing and fuel to the carburetor. It wouldn't start and the timing pulley wasn't lining up when the number one piston was top dead center.

It was decided to remove the pulley damper because I assumed the key-way had sheared and somebody had just tightened up the nut on the pulley. We drained the radiator of its antifreeze, remove the radiator and the frame. We loosened the alternator to remove the belts and then loosened the big nut holding on the pulley damper. When the nut was loosened holding on the pulley and the pulley was pulled off, it came off in two pieces. This solved the problem as to why the timing marks wouldn't line up, and there was no problem with the cotter key lining up the pulley. Now we needed a pulley. New ones are \$100.00 and used ones are \$55.00 plus shipping. I just happened to have an engine sitting in my 1980 parts car, so we pulled it up to the shop and removed the pulley.

Before we installed the pulley, the leaking timing chain cover was removed, and a new crank shaft seal and gasket were installed. We put everything back together and were ready to start the car. But the car wouldn't fire up.

It was decided that the rebuilt carburetor was at fault. I decided to pull the carburetor from my 1980 MGB and put it on Greg's engine. Now this car had been sitting for 6 years without being started. The 1980 MGB carburetor was installed, but now the engine would pop every so often.

We decided that the new \$\$\$\$ Pertronix distributor wasn't working. The distributor was pulled out of my 1971 MGB GT and installed in Greg's car. We hooked up the spark plug wires and the wires to the distributor. We had Greg turn the engine over and there was a lot of popping and back firing, but it still wouldn't run. We then pulled the distributor cap off and turned the engine over to number one piston and the crank shaft pulley to the timing mark on the timing chain cover. The rotor was 180 degrees off to where it was supposed to be. My original guess that somebody had worked on the engine was right. The easy fix was to put number one spark plug wire where number four wire was on the distributor cap (it was 1-3-4-2). Greg again attempted to turn the engine over while I choked the

carburetor manually. It started right up but ran just a little rough with my distributor and carburetor.

I wanted my carburetor and distributor back, so Greg got to work swapping them out. By this time, he was getting pretty good doing this and I had other things that needed my attention. After putting his carburetor and distributor back into his car, it was time to start his car again. The car only popped and back fired again! It seemed we were back to square one.

This is a good place to leave this story as it is only going to get worse before it gets better.

This is the worst winter we have ever had since coming to Florida. Snow in the Panhandle, black ice in Tampa with a lot of wrecks, and frost on the plants and flowers here in Sebring.

Spring is just around the corner.

Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch

Don't miss our always-popular April 28th, 2018 Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch at the home of Roger and Ruth Deacon, 10688 Anderson Road, Granger, IN 46530 574-679-4332 or 574-292-0004

CARS ON LIFT 8 AM - NOON; POTLUCK LUNCH - NOON

Please call Ruth or Roger by April 26th and advise what kind of dish you will bring to the potluck.

Recipe of the Month

VEGETABLE MARINADE

By Herm Marrese

Cherry Tomatoes (or whole tomatoes quartered)

½ cup artichoke hearts-cut if large

1 1/3 cup black olives-sliced thin

½ cup of green or red onions-sliced thin

½ cup green pepper-1" chunks

Fresh Mushrooms (lots)

Combine:

2 T chopped onions

1 t salt

½ t mustard

¼ t black pepper

¼ cup lemon juice

½ cup salad oil

½ cup olive oil

2 t basil

1 T chopped parsley

Combine all but oil in bowl. Slowly, whisking constantly, add oils. Add veggies, cover, and let stand at least overnight. Almost room temperature, drain before serving. Check for salt.

2018 Annual Membership Dues

Your 2018 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

MONTHLY MEETING/BREAKFAST – APRIL 14TH – SOUTH BEND

We will have our monthly meeting/breakfast on April 14th, 8:30 AM at the Yellow Cat Café, 808 East Colfax, South Bend, IN 46617 tel. 574-233-2233. Good food, good prices and a nice place to meet on a Saturday morning. Come early, parking can be a bit tight.

DO YOU HAVE A REALLY, REALLY NICE LBC?

Will you represent the Brit's at this event?

Then consider the inaugural Concours d'Elegance at Copshalom on August 11, 2018. This is on the grounds of the former Oliver family mansion at the History Museum/Studebaker National Museum at Washington and Chapin Streets, South Bend.

The show will run from 10 AM to 4 PM. The deadline for vehicle submissions is April 15th. Owners will be notified by May 15th of the selection committee's decisions.

Vehicles must have been manufactured at least 35 years ago; customized or modified vehicles are ineligible. Volunteers and sponsors are also being sought to help.

For more details, see www.concoursatcopshalom.org when it has been updated to include this event. Or call the Studebaker National Museum at 574-235-9714.