



# The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2019 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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**Our current club membership is 65**

## Upcoming Events

### 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 CDT (9:30 EDT)  
Jennie Rae's  
5201 Hwy 20  
Rolling Prairie, IN 46371  
219-778-4100

### April

#### Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 6:30 p.m.  
Keith Wishmeier  
1834 Ribourde Drive  
South Bend, IN 46628  
574-250-6992

#### Monthly Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 2019  
8:30 EDT The Yellow Cat Cafe  
808 E. Colfax, South Bend, IN

574- 233-2233

## *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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [mkipete@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkipete@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 On the Road Again



# Here are your 2019 Board Members

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## President's Message

I hope everyone survived the polar vortex without any major issues. During that severe cold spell, I went outside and tried to start my Detroit iron. A 2004 F150. I hadn't started it for four days. The battery was so flat that my key fob couldn't unlock the doors. As I headed back to the garage, I glanced at my 1973 MGB that hadn't been started since early November. Curious, I got in and turned the key. Within five seconds it was running. The oil pressure, however, was just over 25 PSI. That's because the 20W-50 oil is as thick as molasses when the air temperature is below zero. I only ran it for a few seconds to avoid any engine damage.

Soon we will have warm weather and able to fire up our LBC's and get them out on the road again. I know we're all looking forward to driving our cars on the backroads. For our spring drive, we are considering a trip down to the National Auto and Truck Museum in Auburn, Indiana. Vicki and I have been there before and saw many interesting vehicles. One of the rarest vehicles at the museum is a 1953 General Motors Futurliner. Only twelve of these cars were built and the museum owns #10. Because of its rarity, the Futurliner is often lent out to other museums. To see this amazing vehicle that GM used in their 1950's "Parade of Progress," take a sneak peek at the museum's website at:

<https://natmus.org>.

Also on display is a 1981 red DeLorean. Since I knew, or thought I knew, that all DeLorean's were stainless steel, I told Vicki that this car was an abomination as soon as I saw it. I was wrong. Even though stainless steel is very difficult to paint, this particular DeLorean has a factory paint job, one of the very few to come off the assembly line.

I hope everyone that can will join us on our spring drive. Vicki wanted me to mention that there are several antique stores and other shops nearby. It should be a lot of fun for everyone!

Happy Motoring,

Mike

## January 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial : account healthy with annual fees being paid
- February Newsletter : Mary working on after Iowa trip
- Annual Car Show : T-Shirt design OK'd by Board; craft for kids shown and parts will be solicited from members
- Vintage Triumph Register : have 12 members who belong to VTR, Dick Birch has registered Brits as a member club, VTR logo being obtained
- Mike will handle email distributions during Larry's absence in March
- Monthly Meeting/Breakfast : March 16 – Jennie Rae's Restaurant, US 20 at SR 2, 8:30 AM CST/ 9:30 AM EST; April 13<sup>th</sup> – Yellow Cat Café, South Bend
- Board Meetings : March 6 - Petersen's; April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wishmeier's

## Stagman's Tech Tips

This month I'm going to talk about a wonderful tool to track down shorts, grounds or broken wires.

My favorite 2nd electrical friend has this tool. It is called a Power Probe III. Along with the circuit breaker that I talked about last month and the Power Probe, they were worth their weight in gold.



These 2 items made working on the Triumph Stag a snap.

The Power Probe III is a car automotive diagnostic test tool, Digital volt meter, AC-DC current resistance circuit tester. It works on 12-24 volt range. It comes with a 20' power cable and a plug for in your car or clamps to your battery. It also comes with a carrying case along with an instruction manual.

They come in 6 colors and several kits from amateur to master mechanic.

The price for the Power Probe 3 is \$82.46 with free shipping from Amazon.

<http://www.powerprobe.com> Go to their web site to see how it works and prices.

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 have notified 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

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### **Recipe of the Month**

Submitted by Mary Petersen

#### **Guinness Brownies**

I make these brownies every year for St. Patrick's Day. They are a family favorite.

Ingredients:

1 cup all-purpose flour

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup unsweetened cocoa powder

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature, cut into cubes

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped

¾ cup white chocolate chips

4 large eggs, at room temperature

1 cup superfine sugar

1 ¼ cups Guinness stout, see Note below

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/8 cup powdered sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a 9 x 13 inch baking pan with nonstick foil.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder and salt until evenly combined. Set aside.

Melt butter, bittersweet chocolate and white chocolate chips in a double-boiler over very low heat, stirring constantly until melted. Remove from heat.

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar on high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add melted chocolate mixture, beating until combined. Whisk in Guinness stout beer. The batter will seem a bit thin. Drop semisweet chocolate chips evenly on top of batter (some will sink in). Pour into a prepared baking pan. Bake 30 to 40 minutes on the center rack in the oven, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out almost clean. Let brownies cool, uncovered, to room temperature. Dust with confectioners' sugar before serving.

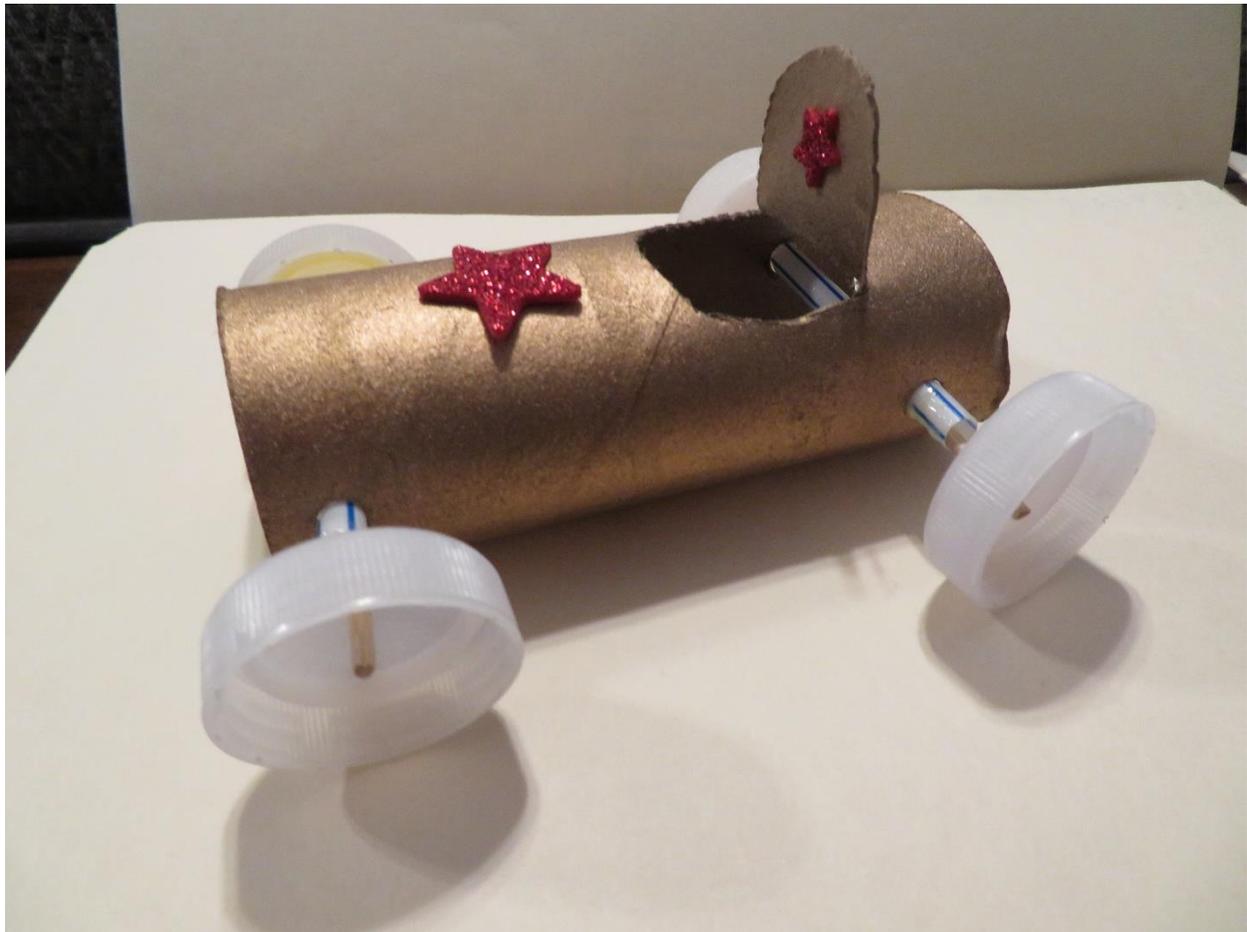
Note: The Guinness should be at room temperature. This recipe uses a little less than a standard 12-ounce bottle of Guinness stout beer. Do not include foam in the measurement. Either spoon off the foam or let it rest until the foam subsides.

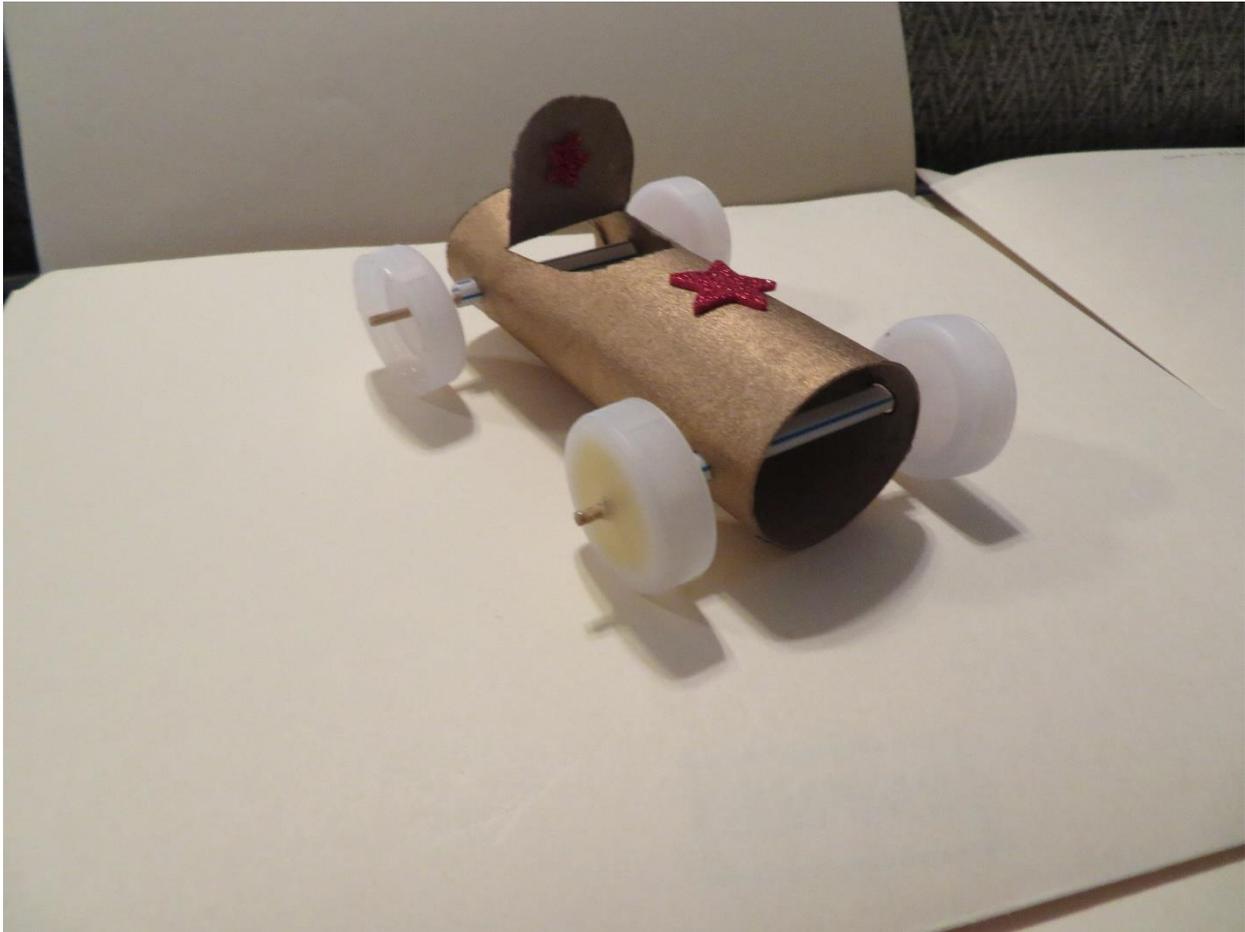
## CAR SHOW KID'S CRAFT TABLE

The Brits are planning to have a craft table for kids at our show on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have parts available so young children can make a race car; see two photos below.

**NEEDED: two parts – toilet paper cardboard rolls, plastic or metal caps (any size up to about 3 inches; obviously matched pairs would help).**

The remaining parts will be supplied by the club. Please obtain/save these two types of parts and pass them onto Larry or Deb Palguta, or any Board member at any function. We would like to have enough parts to make about 50 cars, a lot more than needed but who knows, and if it goes well, we will have adequate supplies and some for the 2020 show.





This is one LBC Roger Deacon need not work on!

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## **Monthly Meeting/Breakfast at The Farmhouse, South Bend**

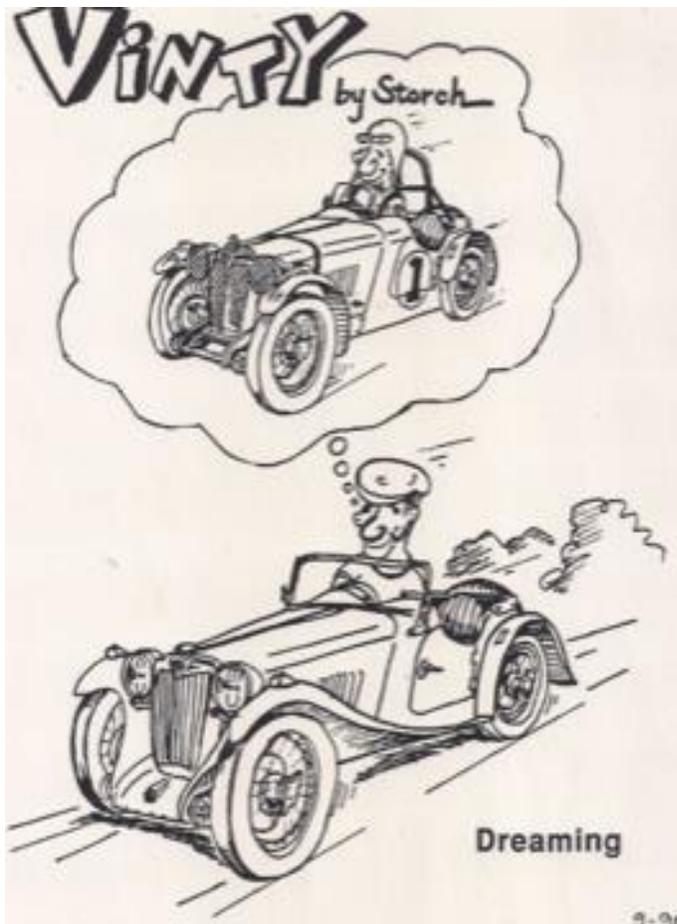
By Larry Palguta

Early Saturday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 18 Brits showed up at the Farmhouse Restaurant for a breakfast and meeting. Although the restaurant forgot about our reservation (typical when we don't call to remind them), they hustled up a set of tables to make a long table for our entire group, and they worked to get us all served promptly. It was a good meeting/breakfast, everyone enjoyed the conversation and food (sorry, no photos), and we all left slowly to other morning

activities. Another member (who shall remain unnamed) turned up afterwards, having arrived too early, and then had breakfast with another group seated nearby while remaining unseen. Always something new and different when you live a British Car Life (title on our car show T-Shirt).

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## A Little British Humor



Why do British drink warm beer?

Because Lucas Electronics makes their refrigerators.

If a British car stops leaking oil, you need to put more in.

Why have the British never made a computer? Because they couldn't get one to leak oil.

British cars keep your driveway from rusting.

What do you call an MG with a dual exhaust? A wheelbarrow.

The three positions of a Lucas switch: Dim, flicker and off.

Did you know that Lucas Electric made a vacuum cleaner? It was the only product they made that didn't suck.