

The Burble & Squeak

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About Michiana Brits

This car club is open to lovers and/or owners of British vehicles. All paid members receive this monthly newsletter as part of their annual dues.

Newsletter Submissions

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication to the Newsletter Editor at vbloom01@sbcglobal.net

You may also submit material for the newsletter to the Club president online, through mail, or in person at a general club meeting.

The newsletter's **deadline is now the 10th of the month.**

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Website:

www.michianabrits.com

Seeking articles for future newsletters!
Please send to vbloom01@sbcglobal.net

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

**From January breakfast ~
Tom Shumaker with his Triumph
model**



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**Breakfast,
Feb. 19,
10am EST**

Perkins in Elkhart
(across from Toll
Road
Entrance/Exit)

MARCH

**Breakfast,
March 19,
10am EST**

Perkins in Elkhart
(across from Toll
Road
Entrance/Exit)



To the Club

Richard and Regina BARZYK, Rolling Prairie, IN
1970 Jaguar XKE

Membership report: 93 memberships (169 members)

Members, need a **name tag**? Contact Herm to order one at hmarrese@comcast.net

FREE Windshield Cling-on

All members are eligible to receive a **free Windshield Cling-on** of the club logo. To request yours, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to **Larry Palguta**, 55596 Country Club Road, South Bend, IN 46619. Additional stickers are \$2/each or 3 for \$5.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Planning on events for this year continues. This year's Fall Tour will be September 22-25. Randy Glanders is working on putting it together. This year we will be driving to and around the Great Lakes Bay Region in Michigan. Philip gave Randy a name of a local contact there who can give us the inside scoop. I understand that there are many fun things to do in the area. Stay tuned for details.

We are continuing to hold our winter breakfast meetings at the Perkins just off the Toll Road in Elkhart. We had a decent showings the last two months for our breakfast meetings. The next breakfast meeting is **Saturday, February 19 at 10am** EST. I won't be able to make this meeting but hope to be there for the March meeting.

Finally, as the 2022 driving season nears, I decided to see if my MGB was ready to go earlier this week. Side note: My MGB still has the same tiny 12volt battery in it since I bought it, over 8 years ago. I hadn't driven it since I parked it back in October. Continuing on: I leaned into the driver's compartment and pulled out the choke. After the fuel pump was done clicking away, I turned the key. It cranked a little slower than usual due to the cold. After a few seconds it started. I don't know why I doubted it would start, given old British cars are renowned for their lack of mechanical problems.

Cheers,
Mike

Board Meeting Minutes

1. Financial – Paul provided an update of the bank account balance. He raised the idea of shortening the period of the first announcement about dues and the actual due date. The Board discussed possible options.
2. Membership Appreciation diner – PJ obtained pricing for Villa Macri. It has several rooms to choose from and more than adequate parking. Now the club has two possible venues.
3. Newsletter – Vicki asked for submissions.
4. T-shirts – Herm is getting samples of a printed t-shirt and embroidered collared with the new logo. After looking at the sample collared shirts at the printers, she recommends that members purchase their own shirts first. She hopes to bring them to the next breakfast.
5. Events – Many ideas were discussed concerning possible events for the year.
 - **Spring:** Phil's friend Rick Astley who is a Lucas electrical expert cannot come in spring for a tech session, however, he is available in fall. Phil is also hoping to include a tire expert as well. He noted that we could join a Jaguar club that he belongs to when they drive up to Michigan and visit a private collection of classic Jaguars in April.
 - **Lincoln Highway drive:** PJ suggested that the club stop in Valparaiso if we decide to take a drive on the Lincoln Highway. We could visit the museum, take a tour of the jail, and lunch in Ogden Park.
 - **Summertime:** Phil is still interested in coordinating a Carnival of Cars. Larry gave him a name of someone at Tire Rack, which is a possible location for this event. PJ mentioned the Sunday cruise-in at Bonnie Doons and whether there was interest in driving up to an ice cream shop in Edwardsburg one night after dinner. Larry noted that the Deacons sold their lake cottage. The club will need to find an alternative for its annual August membership lunch. Jim Webb volunteered his house. (*thanks, Jim!*)
 - **Fall tour:** Randy is working on the fall tour (Sept 22-25) to the Bay City area in Michigan. Phil gave him the name of a local who is recommending hotels, sites, etc.

Larry and Phil talked about the Hoosier MGs/Old Octagon 2023 Gathering of the Faithful that is taking place at St. Mary's.

- Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm via ZOOM. Contact Mike Scullion at mlscullion01@gmail.com for invitation.

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Volunteer to Help with Facebook

Anyone interested in taking over the Michiana Brits club page on Facebook? Currently the Eastern division's site is being handled but we need someone for the club's general site. Please let Vicki Bloom at vbloom01@sbcglobal.net know if you are game!

Pictures from the January breakfast

Facing camera on left: Philip Wiltshire, Bob Kerstetter, Tom Shumaker, Bob Petersen; on right, Jan Tucker, Bev Glanders, Mary Wishmeier(back to camera)



On left: Janet Dillon, Paul Dillon, Bev Glanders (talking with Deb Shumaker and Mary Wishmeier); On left: Bob Petersen listening in)



On the Light Side . . .

from Philip Wiltshire

Every Christmas, we follow an English tradition of pulling Christmas Crackers at the Christmas Day lunch table.



After the “bang” when two of you pull a cracker, some treats fall out. A paper party hat, a cheap plastic toy or game and a piece of paper with really useful facts on it and one or two cheesy jokes.

So here is one of the cheesy jokes from the piece of paper; I thought it very apropos for our British car club.....

Q: Why did the man sleep under his British sports car?

A: So he could wake up oily in the morning!!

On the Web

Videos - On this website, <https://justbritish.com/votw/>, you can find many videos of new car announcements, restorations, and historic races. A few examples include: Types of SU carburetors, Jay Leno’s episode on a 1973 MGB, a Jaguar factory tour from 1961, and Right Hand Drive vs Left Hand Drive.

How to Detail Your Car Like the Pros: A Step-by-Step Guide to Paint Correction and Protection

From: https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1129393_how-to-detail-a-car

How the MG Fell Down and Got Back Up Again By David O'Callaghan on October 6, 2021

<https://www.hotcars.com/how-mg-fell-down-and-got-back-up-again/>

1992 MG RV8



Bob Rowland also brought this *New York Times* article, entitled ***Boom Times for Classic Car Auctions Conducted Online*** (featuring a picture of an MGA):
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/17/business/classic-car-auctions-online.html>

Seeking Names of Recommended Local Repair Shops

By Paul Noeth

How do I get...



this fixed...

or this...

or this?

That is a question that many British car owners have asked themselves, and the club. We don't have a lot of good answers. While we have a short list on our web page, it is not enough. **You can help us.** If you have had a good experience with any local or regional repair shop, **let us know about it.** Whether mechanical, electrical, interior or exterior repair and/or restoration, the club would like to hear about it.

Let us know what and where you have had work done. We will contact those folks and ask them if they would like to be listed in our Club Resource Directory. You don't need to get approval from the supplier yourself, we will contact them and ask if they are interested.

Help us out if you can. Email the information, along with a contact if you have it, to **Paul Noeth at pnoeth@gmail.com.**

British Car Theme

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Antifreeze	Award	Bearing	Bolt	Bonnet	Boot
Brakes	Carparts	Carpet	Carshow	Choke	Clutch
Convertible	Door	End Float	Engine	Flat	Gearbox
Generator	HardTop	Headlights	Hood	Jack	Manual
MGA	MGB	Oil	Pedal	Petrol	Propeller Shaft
Race	Radiator	Radio	RoadRally	Roadster	Roof
Seats	Silencer	Spare	Speedometer	Stickshift	Tach
TD	Tire	Torch	Torque	Tuneup	Tyre
Washer	Wiring	Wrench			

2022 Michiana Brits Event Calendar

Month	Date	Event
January	5 15	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart
February	2 19	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart
March	2 19 27	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart *All British Swap Meet, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
April	6	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
May	4	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
June	1 19-23 25 26	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *MG2022 – Peterborough, Ontario, Canada 6:30 pm EST, Pre-Show Dinner, Beef O’Brady’s Annual Car Show, St. Mary’s College
July	6 9-10	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *Mad Dogs Auto Faire & Rally, Hickory Oaks, MI
August	3	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
September	7 22-25	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Fall Trip to Bay City area in Michigan
October	5	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
November	2	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
December	7	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.

Notes: **Not a Michiana Brits Event. Enjoy at your own leisure.*