

President's Message

We are still experiencing typical Indiana weather – roller coaster as the temperatures swing from unseasonably warm to cold and frigid winter weather. Today it is snowing and there is a good 3 inches on the ground – a traditional Indiana March snowfall. Sometime we hope to start thinking about getting our LBC's out of storage and onto the roads.

A few dates for you to put on your calendar – April 15th – Meeting/Breakfast at the Yellow Cat Café in South Bend, April 29th Tech Session, May 6th is the Spring Drive (destination TBD), June 25th our annual Car Show at Saint Mary's College, and the Fall Tour is September 21-24 to Mackinac Island, Petosky, Charlevoix, etc. The Tech Session will be a good opportunity to get your LBC on the lift and check it out before the following weekend's Spring Drive.

Join us this Saturday March 18th at Jennie Rae's Restaurant, Rolling Prairie, IN for our monthly meeting/breakfast. The time is 8:30 am (CST)/9:30 AM (EST) which enables the eastern members to have a little later breakfast.

We are still looking for annual fees from our Annual Members who want to renew their club memberships for 2017. About half of our membership has paid their fees and we look forward to receiving the remainder by the end of the month. Our email notice includes the new address of our Treasurer, Bob Kerstetter, to which your annual fee is to be mailed.

Soon our snowbirds will be returning from Florida and hopefully they will bring continuous warmer weather with them. If the weather doesn't improve, you know who to blame. The warmer weather should also put an end to this season of long, lingering colds and flu, something we are all looking forward to.

See you Saturday morning at Jennie Rae's; this should be our last chance to drive while we still have a bit of winter snow.

March 14, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – we have money in the account; decided to award Honorary Memberships to David Piser & Dayle Brown and Maurice & Naomi Levitt**
- **March Newsletter – Mary forwarded it to Larry for editing**
- **Fall Tour – Keith & Mary are looking at restaurants for dining while in the Mackinaw City and Petosky areas**
- **2017 Car Show – poster, lapel pin, flyer designs finished; lapel pins ordered; posters and flyers to be printed; considering a small commemorative dashboard plate for the car show attendees**
- **Monthly meeting/breakfast – Jennie Rae’s on March 18th; Yellow Cat Café on April 15th; Tech Session on April 29th**
- **Board Meetings : April 4th – Kerstetter’s; May 3rd – Petersen’s; May – September Board meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings**

New Treasurer

The Brits have a new treasurer. Bob Kerstetter has “volunteered” to be the club’s treasurer. Thank you, Bob.

Many thanks to David Piser for his many faithful years as the club’s treasurer.

Reservations for the 2017 Fall Tour

The 2017 Fall Tour, to occur September 21-24, has a destination of Mackinac Island. We will visit interesting sights around Petosky and Charlevoix on Saturday after going over to the island on Friday (when there are fewer tourists)

Keith Wishmeier has arranged a block of 10 hotel rooms for the club on the south side of the bridge at Mackinaw City. The rooms are split into two groups - 5 lakeside rooms (with a view) and 5 court side rooms (hotel parking area, etc.) Thus, the group rate room prices vary and also vary according to the nights reserved (no control over that). We will be there 3 nights, September 21-23. Google it and check out the amenities.

Below is information about the hotel. At least 3 of the lakeside rooms have been reserved.

Best Western Plus Dockside Waterfront, 505 South Huron, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 1-800-944-1615 (toll free)

REQUEST YOUR ROOM FROM THOSE RESERVED FOR MICHIANA BRITISH CAR CLUB

The rooms will be held until August 31st, and then released back into the general inventory.

Lakeside rooms; Thur. \$119; Fri. \$129; Sat. \$169, for a total of \$417 before taxes, etc.

Court side rooms: Thur. \$89; Fri. \$99; Sat. \$139, for a total of \$327 before taxes, etc.

Hotels tend to have high occupancy rates at this time of year (e.g., no rooms were available in Petosky)

So firm up your plans for the Fall Tour 2017 and make your reservations early. We always have a good time on these 4 day trips.

2017 Annual Membership Fee

A reminder that the fee for your 2017 Annual Membership in 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

For Sale

Like new, Man's British racing color green sweatshirt with a yellow Triumph Spitfire on it, size XXL for sale at \$25.00. If interested, please contact : Naomi or Maurice Levitt at 574-231-8403.

Thank you in anticipation.

Stagman's Tech tips

By Roger Deacon

It is great to live in Florida for the winter as there is so much to see and do. I go to a car show at least once a month. The last one that I went to was in Kissimmee, Florida at old town. There were 324 cars from VWs, Desotos, old Cadilliacs, trucks of all makes, and most of our favorite 1955s- 60s-70s Chevrolets. I didn't forget all of the Fords but they paled in comparison to Chevys.

There were some bucket Ts that had blowers sticking way above the windshields. From here we went to the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s of all makes with big engines and blowers that made your body rumble and you had to plug your ears as they drove by in the parade. This show is every Friday and Saturday. Ruth and I have been going to this show for the last 5 years. It is also a gathering of classmates from Penn High school who live or visit in Florida. There were 18 of us at Red Lobster for dinner. After dinner we all walked over to the car show and drooled over the cars.

Ruth and I stayed with a classmate at his home. He has a 1991 Geo Metro convertible that hasn't run for 5 or more years. He said that when gas is poured into

the carb, it will run. So doing the normal checks I took the fuel line off of the carb, turned the engine over and no gas came out of the hose. I also put air to the line but the air came back out with a vengeance because the fuel line was blocked. Also, the fuel pump wasn't ticking. The gas gauge wasn't moving so I assumed it was frozen in place. We jacked the car up and placed the rear wheels on blocks to crawl under it. Not my favorite way to work under a car. After checking the gas tank I told him that I was too young to die under a car removing a gas tank. Also, in his trailer park you aren't allowed to work on your cars. So he will have it hauled to his favorite mechanic.

Breakfast at Copper Creek Cafe

By Mary Petersen

What a beautiful morning it was to be out in our LBC's for breakfast. Although Bob and I didn't have far to drive to Copper Creek, it was still nice to pull Misty out of the shed and dust her off. There were a few others in the club that decided to do the same.

Copper Creek was busy on this unusually warm February 18. Although we booked the private room, there was a mistake and we were set up in the middle of the restaurant. It was a little hard to have a meeting but we made it work.

The food was hot and delicious. Everyone got plenty of coffee and conversation. There were about twenty Brits present. We discussed the Fall Tour and thanked Bob Kerstetter for volunteering to serve as our next treasurer.

When we left the café, the sun was shining bright and the weather forecast was for 68 degrees. Well... we weren't going to let this day go by without taking a drive. So off we went.