

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2016 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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Our current club membership is 68

Upcoming Events

March

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 574-850-7604

Monthly Meeting/Breakfast

Saturday, April 14, 2018 8:30
Yellow Cat Café
808 E Colfax Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617 574-233-2233

Annual Tech Session & Potluck Lunch

Saturday, April 28, 2017
Roger & Ruth Deacon
10688 Anderson Road
Granger, IN 46530 574-679-4332
More info on page 4

May

Board Meeting

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, May 1, 2018
Larry Palguta
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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

Recently there have been discussions among some of our members regarding the upcoming driving season. I know most of us are looking forward to the sunny warm days ahead. Now is a good time for us to look at the calendar for the summer and plan for the fun activities of our club and families. It seems that it sneaks up on us and you wonder where the summer went. We will do our best to note all the car club dates on the monthly newsletter to keep everyone up to speed on all the activities of our club and other clubs. If any of you have events that the club might be interested in attending, please let one of the Board members know or present it at one of our upcoming monthly meetings. We have a lot of talented members that are creative and adventurous.

If you are not able to attend our annual tech session, then when you uncover your hibernating LBC to prepare for the upcoming driving season, check her over carefully. Are all the fluids full? How old are the tires? (I found out the hard way). Tires have a manufacture date on them and you might be surprised at their age. Checking the lights and other electrical items before the driving season may save time and money later. After her long winter's nap, I always enjoy spending the day bonding with Misty.

Enjoy the upcoming driving season!

Thanks, Bob

March 6, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – we have funds in the account and are receiving annual fees from the membership**
- **March Newsletter – information being received for the March Newsletter**
- **2018 Spring Drive – date will be May 5th weekend with an overnight drive to Grand Rapids; Fall Tour – will be Paducah, KY**
- **Annual car show – June 24th – Featured Marque – MGA, 1 pre-registration received and paid, posters and ballots printed, flyer updated by Ken, dinner reservation at Legends for 6/23**
- **Membership fees – being received, NAMGBR fees paid for webmaster and graphic designer**
- **Annual Tech Session – April 28th at Deacon's**
- **Monthly Meetings – March 24th Jennie Rae's; April 14th – Yellow Dog Café; Board Meetings – April 3 – Petersen's; May 1st – Palguta's**

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

Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch

Don't miss our always-popular April 28th, 2017 Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch at the home of Roger and Ruth Deacon, 10688 Anderson Road, Granger, IN 46530 574-292-8658 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.

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

When my carburetor was on Greg's car, it ran. The question is why Greg's rebuilt carburetor wouldn't run even with my distributor. Finally, a light went on: my carburetor had a manual choke and Greg's carburetor had the original water choke on his Zenith-Stromberg. It was decided to take the Stromberg off Greg's car, and take my manual choke off my Stromberg and put it on Greg's Stromberg. Greg, however, wasn't too pleased with this thought as he had paid good money for a rebuilt carburetor and distributor. But they didn't work. With eyes rolling, Greg began to remove his carburetor and I started to remove my manual choke from my carburetor.

Having Greg's carburetor in my hands, I started to install my manual choke. This done, I gave it to Greg to install again on his car. With me running the manual choke, it started right up. Greg was all smiles, but he was running with my distributor and I wanted it back. He took off my distributor and installed his new \$\$\$\$ Pertronix. Again, it wouldn't start. I rotated the spark plug wires 4 times 90 degrees and still nothing. I took the distributor off and dropped it in the trash. I asked Greg, "where's the original distributor?" He tells me it's at home. A new Pertronix Ignition was ordered. It is now beer thirty and time to go home.

I came out of the house after dinner to turn off the lights and shut the doors. There was smoke rolling out of the doors. There can only be one thing on fire and that's Greg's car. I went in expecting to see fire and flames, but there was only volcano-like smoke. I looked in the engine bay and the coil was spewing out smoke and melting down. I quickly ripped off the wires to the coil and the smoke started to subside. Greg had forgotten to turn off the ignition after we tried to start the car. Let this be a lesson to everyone to remember to turn off the ignition when you are finished working on your car. When working on the electrical system and you need the key on, always remove the positive wire to the coil. Otherwise, you can lose the coil along with your car.

When Greg arrived a couple of days later with the Pertronix Ignition, I gave him the bad news about his Flame thrower \$\$\$ Coil. I then sent him to Advanced Auto to buy a generic coil. I started to disassemble Greg's distributor. I pulled up on the rotor to take it off and the whole shaft came up out of the distributor, along

with many other springs and parts. We are now back in Houston. Now we have another problem, as the distributor is now no good. It just so happens that I have a distributor in my 1980 MGB. I chuck it up in the vise and pull the rotor off of the shaft, and it stays in the distributor like it is meant to. I install the New Pertronix Ignition while Greg installs the coil. I gave Greg the distributor to install and his car started right up! We were all smiles. I got the timing light out and adjusted the carburetor.

The moral of this story is to not let a hot-rodder tell you that he knows all about MGBs and that he can fix them. Greg could have saved himself a lot of money if he had asked somebody in the club for help before starting to fix his car when it kept discharging the battery. Bad battery, bad alternator or the light in the trunk not turning off when trunk lid shut?

Whenever someone joins the club, get with them right away and get them fixed up with a mentor to consult with somebody to help them with a problem.

Bob and Wendy Kerstetter are down here in Florida with Ruth and I. We went to a classic car museum and classic car show. Hopefully, we'll find another one in Kissimmee.

Our new little MGB arrived Feb 16th. She is 18" long and weighs 8 pounds 11 ounces. Her name is Willa Deacon. We haven't seen her yet, but plan to stop on the way home where she lives in Pensacola. Her parents won't let us bring her home with us. It won't be long before she will be riding in her parent's 1973 Triumph Stag.

February 17th Breakfast Meeting

Perkins Restaurant in Elkhart was the location of the February Brits monthly breakfast meeting. Thirteen members met at 8:30 on this bright, sunny Saturday morning. We all chatted about being ready for winter to be over and about being excited to get the LBC's out of their winter slumber. While drinking coffee and waiting for our breakfasts to be served, Bob Petersen held a short meeting. Although it was a small group, it was nice to see everyone.



Enjoying Breakfast at Perkins

Recipe of the Month

Lemonade Pie

By Mary Petersen

This is a quick and easy pie that is great for spring and summer.

6 oz can frozen lemonade (thawed). You can also use pink lemonade.

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 container Extra Creamy Cool Whip (thawed)

¼ cup sugar

Yellow or pink food coloring (if desired)

1 graham cracker crust

Mix together ingredients. Pour into pie crust. Chill.

Something Fun to Do!

**Second Annual
ELKHART
BREAKFAST
OPTIMIST
PINEWOOD
CHALLENGE**

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**MAY 19
2018**

**FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY**

**SAVE
the Date 5-19-18**



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At The Elkhart Airport 1211 Cr 6

This is for **All Ages**
ANYONE can Enter

4 Race Divisions

- 1) **Traditional**
Scout Rules
- 2) **OUTLAW**
wgt is 10oz Max
- 3) **BOX Truck**
A Straight Truck
- 4) **18 Wheeler**
Tractor - Trailer

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**Race Starts
at 12 Noon**

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ELKHART Breakfast
Optimist Club?

We are part of an
International Volunteer
Organization. Members
work each day to make
the Future Brighter by
bringing the best out in
children, in our Community,
and ourselves.

We are a Not For Profit Club
Our Local events:
Oratorical Contest
Night out against Crime
Breakfast with Santa

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