

# The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2023 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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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.

## We want to hear from you!

**Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication** to the Newsletter Editor at [vbloom01@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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[www.facebook.com/groups/374723067057280](https://www.facebook.com/groups/374723067057280)



Happy Spring!



## April 2023

### April 5 -

Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:30pm EST  
Contact **Phil** for an invitation:

[pwiltshire@comcast.net](mailto:pwiltshire@comcast.net)

### April 8 -

Breakfast, 10:00 EST at Perkins Restaurant, Elkhart Toll Road Entrance/Exit

### April 22 -

Dust Off Your Cars, Drive to Shipshewana. Meet **10am** EST at Perkins parking lot in Elkhart.

## May 2023

### May 10 -

Dinner, **6:00pm** EST at Lindy's, Cassopolis

### May 20 -

Spring Drive to Grand Rapids, Meet **8:30am** EST at Perkins parking lot in Elkhart.

## EVENT CALENDAR 2023

Month	Date	Event
March	1	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
	11	10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart
	23	8am–2pm CT, 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet, DuPage Co. Fairgrounds, IL *
	25	South Bend Auto Show, Century Center *
April	5	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
	8	10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart
	22	10:00 am EST, Dust Off Your Car - Drive to Shipshewana
May	6-7	Vintage Sports Car Racing, Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI*
	10	6:00pm EST, Dinner at Lindy's, Cassopolis
	20	8:30am EST, Spring Drive to Grand Rapids, MI
June	7	6:30pm EST, Dinner at the Brass Rail, Plymouth
	11	Eddy Street Commons Car Show *
	20-22	Gathering of the Faithful, St. Mary's College *
	25	Annual Car Show, St. Mary's College
July	9	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show, Gilmore Museum *
August	12	Brits Featured Club, Cars and Coffee, Studebaker National Museum
	12	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Indy British Motor Day, Lion's Park, Zionsville *
	24	Brits Featured Club, Essenhaus, 4pm or earlier
September	10	British Car Festival, Palatine, IL (near Chicago) *
	TBD	Fall Trip
October	TBD	Fall Color Drive
November	TBD	Members Appreciation Dinner
December		

Red – Car club events. Blue – monthly meals \* Not club sponsored

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## **Dust Off Your Cars, Shippshewana, IN**

submitted by Randy Glanders



Get your cars ready and meet at Perkins in Elkhart at 10am EST on **Saturday, April 22 Earth Day** for a drive to Shippshewana. Members can enjoy lunch, check out the swap meet, and peruse the shops. We will leave the area around 3pm.

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## **Brit's Spring Fling to Grand Rapids, May 20**

submitted by Philip Wiltshire

We invite you to join the Brit's for our Spring Fling adventure to Grand Rapids on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be visiting a superb car collection and then driving another 6 miles to the Meijer Gardens, one of the nations' premier horticultural display gardens & sculpture parks.







Spring Fling details are:

- 108 miles one way.
- All back roads in reasonable condition.
- Easy route with many long cruise stretches.
- Depart Perkins Elkhart @ 8.30am eastern .
- Arrive at Grand Rapids Car Collection approximately 11am (includes a bio break stop)
- 1 hour tour of the car collection.
- Depart for the Meijer Gardens just after noon.
- Lunch at the Meijer Gardens & optional tour for 2.5 hours (Café or own lunch)
- Depart for home 2.30pm.
- Arrive back at Perkins Elkhart approximately 5.30pm.

Please contact **Paul (PJ) Dillon** with any questions and **to let him know that you plan on attending at:** (574) 272 7391 / [paul.j.dillon.3@nd.edu](mailto:paul.j.dillon.3@nd.edu)





## Membership

**Please remember to renew your dues!**

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## President's Message

It goes without saying, but bears repeating; our club is a volunteer organization. Meaning that all work that keeps the club running is done by fellow club members without pay. From organizing monthly meetings to handling finances to planning drives to putting on the car show to this newsletter just to name a few, these things are all handled by our friends. Without these volunteers, the club would collapse.

Although this work is done without want of compensation or accolades, occasional recognition is generally appreciated. So I am asking that if the occasion arises, please let the volunteers know how much you appreciate their work. A simple "thank you" goes a long way.

Cheers,

Randy

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## March 1 Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Financial report:** Paul provided the bank account balance and status of due payments. Approximately 50% of members have renewed. Many have used the new Affinipay online payment system.
2. **Name badges:** Herm agreed to continue handling name badges. Herm plans on picking up name badges that were never picked up from Larry, determining who are still members, and acquiring small, padded envelopes for mailing badges.
3. **March newsletter:** Vicki needs articles and photos for the March newsletter.
4. **Website changes:** Vicki led a discussion about suggested changes, most of which focused on dated or unneeded information. There was discussion about the membership form's line about asking new members to agree to the by-laws when they are not given the by-laws to read. This line will be changed, and by-laws sent by email to new members. Jim Webb asked about the wording on the membership

page – “send us an email if you would like more information about the club.” He states that he does not have additional information to provide. Vicki will consult with Steve, our webmaster about the proposed changes. *Update: Steve graciously removed the 2012 video from the home page and removed the Eastern Division tab, which was causing confusion on the Car show page.*

**5. Car Show:** Jim Betz reported:

- a. Two to three food trucks will be available at the show. Phil and PJ made suggestions for possible vendors and will follow up with Jim.
- b. There are currently 2 sponsors – one of them, First Source financial group, will have a table at the show.
- c. The online payment button will be added to the car show webpage. The payment form currently does not have sponsor logos or automatic adding feature for multiple car registrations. The Board felt that the logos were not necessary on this form. Automatic adding is nice but should not hold off adding it to the site at this time.
- d. It was also suggested that a google maps link be added to the car show webpage. This will make it easier to people for people not familiar with the area to find St. Mary's.
- e. Paul suggested that the poster, which have not yet printed, include a QR code to the webpage. The Board felt this was a good idea. Once the posters are printed, members will be able to assist in posting them at visible locations.
- f. Herm agreed to work on the show's lapel pin.
- g. Jim inquired about mailing lists of current and past members. Paul will send a link to the spreadsheet to both he and Herm.
- h. Jim asked how to drum up more spectators to the show. Since they will participate in voting for Best of Show, how do we market the show more broadly? Jim Webb commented that we need to reach potential car show entries. Paul mentioned Google ads. Vicki suggested that Jim contact the new Jaguar dealership in Ft. Wayne. They may also be a potential sponsor. Other ideas?
- i. Jim Webb noted that only the club's Eastern division is mentioned in the latest Moss Motors publication. Jim and Paul agreed to fix that.

**6. Activities:**

**Spring drive:** An itinerary for the spring drive to Grand Rapids was presented by Phil and PJ. It includes a trip to a private car collection located at a former Volkswagen dealership and visit to the Meijer's Gardens. Entry fee to the gardens is \$15; for those interested, an hour long tram ride around the gardens will be made available for an additional \$6.








The date will be **May 20**, time: 8:30am to 5:30pm.

**Dust off your cars.** Drive to Shipshewana on **April 22**. Time and itinerary not yet set. Need Randy's input.

**Breakfasts and dinners scheduled through July.** Next breakfast is **March 11 at 10:00** EST at Perkins.

**7. Next Board meeting: April 5.**

## Board Members

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## PHOTOS from February Breakfast - 18 attendees



New members, Paul and Lynn Jelinek





Janice Tucker with new member, Paul Golden



Randy Glanders (standing), with Bev Glanders, Mary and Bob Petersen, Jim Betz



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## Humor



From this website: <http://www.boicey.com/comics.html>

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## On the Web

- [Ethanol free gas stations](#)
  - [Cooper Car Company launches 75th anniversary Mini Cooper S](#)
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# **Gingerman Vintage Racing, May 6 & 7**

**By Stan Mason**

There is a great opportunity coming up for any Michiana Brits that want to experience a Local Vintage Sports Car Race.

To me Sports Cars and Sports Car Racing have always been synonymous. My first Bugeye Street Sprite I purchased in 1967 went to Mid-Ohio & Blackhawk Farm Road race tracks to observe other Sprites racing. We now have an opportunity to do the same in 2023 as if it were the 1960s with the local Gingerman Vintage Sports Car Races in South Haven, Michigan coming up on May 6 & 7, 2023. This is a great opportunity for Michiana Brits to join in the fun at the closest Vintage Race in the area.

## **VINTAGE SPORTS CAR RACING:**

There are 30 or so Vintage Sports Car Groups through out the US that hold events. Locally VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Driver Association <http://www.vscda.org/>) is the dominant club that organizes Vintage Racing in Michigan, Illinois & Wisconsin with 5 races per year. Their opening annual spring race and driver school happens at Gingerman each spring. They have several classes of race cars that will be racing that weekend.

- Production Vintage (typically 1950 through 1960 British Race Cars similar to what you would see at a Brit Car Show including Lotuses and other rarer Brit Cars)
- Historic (Camaros, Mustangs Porsche 911s from the 1970s)
- Formula Cars (Lotus, Cooper, Elva and Formula Vees)

## **GINGERMAN RACE TRACK:**

It has always been my dream to live close to a Road Race Track that I could observe or race at, since most of my life I would drive 200 miles to attend one. Gingerman Raceway <http://www.gingermanraceway.com/> 61414 Phoenix Rd South Haven, MI 49090 was created about 20 years ago and is located in the beautiful South Haven Area near Lake Michigan. This Spring event is particularly beautiful this time of year with the fruit blossoms in the air and the top down. It is an approximately 1 hour away from South Bend

## **I will be there Saturday and Sunday Racing my #4 Bug Eye in Group 2.**

It usually is \$20 per day to attend (sign in at front gate). If you are wanting to drive your Brit Car Spiritly during the 1 hour lunch break, please let them know at the front gate (usually it is \$50 & requires a technical inspection of your car and removal of any loose items in your car). My agenda for racing is:

### **Saturday:**

- If you would like to lunch time laps with your LBC you need to be there no later than 9:30 so you can register and have your car inspected.
- If you want to observe the races you should expect to be there between 1-6PM
- Banquet is open to public and is usually \$20 for a great barbeque and refreshments

### **Sunday:**

- 9:45 AM Warm up
- AM Sprite Midget Race
- Lunch

- Afternoon Feature Races with new race classes each 1/2 hour
- 4PM party is over

Please call me if interested when you arrive at the track and I will try to link up with you **(269-228-0096) Stan Mason #4 BRG Bug-Eye Sprite**