

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2022 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The newsletter's deadline is now the 10th of the month. Material is subject to editorial revision. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the 2022 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts.</p>	<p>Website: www.michianabrits.com</p> <hr/> <p>Seeking articles for future newsletters! Please send to vbloom01@sbcglobal.net</p> <hr/> <p>Happy Spring. Happy Easter. Happy Passover.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <hr/> <p>A big thanks to James Prankus and Paul Price for donating to the Club!</p> <hr/> <p>This newsletter is featuring a new column on Repair Shops!</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <hr/> <p>APRIL</p> <p>April 16: Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart 10:00am</p> <hr/> <p>May</p> <p>May 4: Board Meeting 7:30pm via Zoom Contact Mike if you want to attend</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>May 21: Lincoln Hwy. Drive to Valpo, 11:00am EST</p>
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New Members: Mark and Maureen Horrell from Niles, MI

Cars: a 1965 Austin-Healey 3000 and a 2000 Jaguar XK8

Membership report: 74 memberships (135 members)

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I'm still on the mend and can't wait to get behind the wheel of my MG. I should be well enough for our first drive on May 21. I hope to see many of you there. It will be nice to get the driving year started. Speaking of driving, our final monthly breakfast meeting will be at Perkins at the toll road exit in Elkhart at 10 am on April 16. If the weather is nice, we may see a few British cars in the parking lot.

The Michiana Region of the Porsche Club of America has invited the Michiana Brits to come out and enjoy any of the autocross events scheduled for this year. A flyer listing the dates is included in this newsletter. The rules are simple -- you must wear an approved helmet and close toed shoes. They have loaner helmets available. The events will be held at the Tire Rack warehouse at 7101 Vorden Pkwy., South Bend. I plan on bringing my car out at least once to see how it does compared to others. It should be fun.

Finally, this summer we plan on participating in some of the local, weekly car shows that pop-up during the warmer months. Many of you came out for the Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise-In that was held in Middlebury last September. PJ has been in compiling a list of potential cruise nights that we can participate in. Give the locals a chance to look at cars other than Studebakers. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the events you want to be part of. I have only mentioned a few here. The year is starting to fill up with planned events. Make sure you read the monthly newsletter so you don't miss out.

Cheers,
Mike

2021 Board Members

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Board Meeting Minutes

1. Financial – Paul provided the treasurer’s report. We have 69 paid members and 4 honorary members at this time. Two members donated twice and donated their second payments to the general fund. He also demonstrated his contacts listed created using Google contacts, that allows for sorting by paid and unpaid members, vendors, etc. Paul suggested that the club have a google account so that information could be easily available when new Board members start. Vicki noted that it could include the By-laws, treasurer’s report, etc. There was concern expressed that some private information in the contact list not be widely distributed. It was also suggested that members confirm their emails when renewing their membership.

2. Membership Appreciation Dinner – the Board discussed the menu and prices for Villa

Macri. PJ will follow up with a few more questions about desserts and latest date to make reservations. The date for the event has not been decided.

3. April Newsletter: Vicki – members - please send articles. Vicki noted that she sent corrections for the website to Steve. She inquired about the Donation button, which currently goes to Larry’s PayPal account. The club agreed that it should be placed in a more prominent spot on the website. She is still working on the Year in Review.

4. Club's Facebook page - Charlie Lowe of Ft. Wayne is handling our Facebook presence.

5. 2022 Activities:

- **T-SHIRTS:** postponed discussion because Herm was not present. No decision has been made about having t-shirts made for the Annual Car show.
- **2022 Drives** - PJ & Philip (Lincolnway route drive)
PJ provided an overview of the May 21st drive, which will include a short tour of an old jail and picnic at a local park, which is located about 1 m north of the jail. He suggested meeting at Top Notch at 11:00 EST. Paul will be sending the park a check for renting their pavilion.
- **Annual Car Show** – A flyer is being created and will be mailed out before the end of the month.
- **Fall tour** – Randy is planning a trip to the Bay area to check things out.
- In 2023, the Hoosier MGs/Old Octagon of Indiana has scheduled a Gathering of the Faithful (3 days) at Saint Mary's College for June 20-22, the Tuesday - Thursday before our car show on Sunday 25th.
- **Cruise-Ins:** PJ said that the SB Tribune had an article about local Cruise-ins – he is going to explore this further.
- Mike asked whether people were interested in the AutoCross which is held at TireRack.
- **Annual Meeting in August** – instead of meeting at Roger and Ruth’s, the club will be meeting at the Webb’s on August 20. The Webbs live 20 miles southeast of Warsaw.
- **Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts/Dinners** – The Board decided to hold a breakfast meeting in April at Perkins in Elkhart. Dinners will start up again in May.

6. Board Meetings - Wednesday, 7:30 pm; ZOOM :

May 4th; June 1st; July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th

Mechanical Mysteries

By Paul Noeth

Your LBC has a slight but noticeable tendency to pull to the left upon acceleration and also a slight but noticeable tendency to pull to the right when you let up on the gas with no braking. What is the likely cause?

- A. Front-end misalignment.
- B. Brake shoe dragging.
- C. Loose U-bolts.
- D. Excessive deferential free-play.

Find the answer below the pictures . . .

Pictures from the March breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart



Group shot (28 people attended!)



On left: Dick & Judy Birch, Mike Scullion, Ken Geljack; On right: Larry and Deb Palguta, Dan Larson, and Paul Dillon



(Left) Mary and Bob Peterson, Gail and Paul Noeth, Tom Shumaker, Jim Betz at head; (standing Mary Wishmeier and Larry Palguta); (right) Randy Glanders, Phil Wiltshire, Jan Tucker, Wendy Kerstetter, Roger Deacon, Debbie Shumaker.



Tom Barzyk (left), Richard Barzyk and Bob Rowland (right)



Roger Beacon, Paul Noeth, and Tom Shumaker facing camera, Mary standing; Deb Shumaker (back to camera)

Answers to Mechanical Mysteries

The answer is **C. Loose u-bolts.**

That's loose u-bolts holding the rear axle to the leaf springs. The axle mounting is packed with rubber pads above and below the leaf spring for shock isolation. When

the rubber pads deteriorate, or just squash and settle a little thinner with time, the u-bolts can become a little loose. This allows the rear axle to shift fore or aft a little on the leaf spring with acceleration and deceleration. When one end of the rear axle moves more than the other end it changes angle a little, effectively steering the rear end of the car off line.

The cure for this is often as easy as simply tightening the u-bolts. The u-bolts should use double nuts (or lock nuts), so the fasteners can be quite tight, and you do not want to break the u-bolt while trying to loosen the nuts. Start with a generous soaking of penetrating oil. Then use two wrenches. Hold the upper nut to prevent rotation while you loosen the lower nut. Repeat for all eight u-bolt ends (2 u-bolts or 4 ends on each side of car). Tighten all of the upper nuts equally until they are all snug. Then run the lower nuts up tight against the upper nuts to lock them all in place. That makes the u-bolts tight so the rear axle can no longer shift around on the leaf springs.

If the rubber pads are badly deteriorated, they should be replaced. If the u-bolts show significant signs of thinning from rust, those should also be replaced. There is some risk of breaking a u-bolt while attempting to loosen the nuts. So if this is your daily driver car, and you can't afford to have it out of service, you might consider buying new u-bolts before you start.

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New column on Repair Shops

Many of our members have asked where they can get work done on the LBCs. Philip Wiltshire has identified this shop in Elkhart for getting trim work done. They also do Classic Car Interior Restoration.

Dygart Trim

<http://www.dygarttrim.com/>

1110 Canton St. Elkhart

574-293-8700

**This is not an endorsement. The club has no affiliation with this company.*

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.

Autocross 2022



The Michiana Region of the Porsche Club of America is hosting Autocross events at **Tire Rack**

7101 Vorden Pkwy, South Bend, IN 46628

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Saturday, July 2, 2022

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Bring your car, friends, and friend's cars

ALL MAKES INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Must Register in Advance

For registration and more information, visit www.motorsportreg.com

Participants must be 18 years or older, unless a PCA junior member

Participants must have an approved helmet and wear closed toed shoes-loaner helmets will be available

COME ENJOY YOUR CAR

New to Autocross?

Autocross is a timed competition in which drivers navigate one at a time through a defined course—a mini roadcourse using traffic cones. It is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe competition and active participation.

Lake Erie British Car Club (LEBCC)
The British Return To Fort Meigs

Sunday, June 5, 2022
23rd Annual Event

British Car Show

Fort Meigs Historical Site
29100 West River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio

10am to 3pm
 (Registration 10am till noon)
 Rain or Shine

Pre-Registration \$12 online at

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/>

or use form below

Pre-registration deadline 5/27/22

Day of show \$15

For more info, visit our website at: www.lebcc.org, email to LakeErieBrits@gmail.com or call Lake Erie British Car Club at 419-855-8567. **All vendors please email or call in advance.**

--- ONE VEHICLE PER FORM, PLEASE ---

-----Cut and return bottom portion with your payment for shirts and entry fees-----

EVENT T-SHIRTS -- Order deadline May 18, as quantities will be limited day of show

Size	Quantity	Price	Size	Quantity	Price
Small		\$ 12.00	X-Large		\$ 12.00
Medium		\$ 12.00	XX Large		\$ 15.00
Large		\$ 12.00	XXX Large		\$ 15.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Car Club _____ Email _____

Entry _____ Class _____
 Year Make Model See Chart

I hereby release Lake Erie British Car Club and its affiliates from any loss, liability, or damage that may occur to me or my property. My cancelled check is my receipt; no confirmation will be sent.

Signature _____

Make checks payable to LEBCC and mail to:
 3997 Edinburgh Ct, Genoa, OH 43430
Pre-registration deadline May 27, 2022.

Registration Fee \$ _____
 T-Shirts \$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

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 26 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 16	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10am EST, Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart
May	4 21	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 11:00 am EST Lincoln Highway drive to Valpo
June	1 5 19-23 25 26	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *Ft. Meigs Car Show, Perrysburg, OH. *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 20	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Annual Members event at the Webb’s
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. Members Appreciation Dinner (TBA)
December	7	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.

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