

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.

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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www.michianabrits.com

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Out and About in our LBCs!



Philip Wiltshire and Jan Tucker took their 1965 MGBGT and visited an antique store.

We want to see YOUR cars!



Send [Vicki](#), the Newsletter editor an email with a picture of your LBC to feature here!

April 22 -

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

May 2023

May 3 -

Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:30pm EST Contact Phil for an invitation:
pwiltshire@comcast.net

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.

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS CALENDAR BELOW!

EVENT CALENDAR 2023

| Month | Date | Event |
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| 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 | 4 | Lake Erie British Car Show, Fort Meigs Historic Site, Perrysburg, OH* |
| | 7 | 6:30pm EST, Dinner at the Brass Rail, Plymouth |
| | 10 | Plymouth Cruz'n, 8am-12* |
| | 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 th 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 | 21 | Fall Color Drive |
| November | TBD | Members Appreciation Dinner |
| December | | |

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



Dust Off Your Cars, Shipshewana, 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 Shipshewana. Members can enjoy lunch, check out the swap meet, and peruse the shops. We will leave the area around 3pm.

Brit's Spring Fling to Grand Rapids, May 20

submitted by Philip Wiltshire

Join us for this year's Spring Fling is on **Saturday, May 20th** to **Grand Rapid** (around 108 miles). We will be visiting a private superb car collection.



and

Meijer Gardens, one of the nations' premier horticultural display gardens & sculpture parks. This is a must see!

Please contact **Paul (PJ) Dillon** with any questions and to let him know that you plan on attending.



DETAILS:

- Depart from **Perkins in 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.
- Admission: Seniors - \$15 others \$20 – an additional \$6 for the tram tour.
- Lunch at the Meijer Gardens & optional trolley tour for 2.5 hours (Café or own lunch). You can also walk the Gardens on your own.
- Depart for home @2.30pm.
- Arrive back at Perkins Elkhart approximately 5.30pm.

President's Message

April is here, and with it comes the promise of warmer weather. I don't know about you, but for me March was very rough. I kept waiting for the weather to break. The old saying of 'March, in like a lion, out like a lamb' just didn't hold true. The 'lion' hung around all month. It just seemed to never warm up. Every weekend had the promise of snow in the forecast. As a result, many spring projects have been postponed. Among which are getting the cars ready for another season of driving. If all goes well, I'll have my cars ready to roll in time for this year's driving season.

On the 22nd of this month we will be having our first driving event of the year. A one day local trip to the town of Shipshewana. Nestled in the heart of the northern Indiana Amish community, last year it was named as one of 5 'Most Like a Hallmark Movie Town' in the U.S. Besides the flea market, it is packed full of antique shops, furniture stores, clothing stores, restaurants, brick-a-brack stores, a general store, an ice cream parlor, a popcorn shop, and other shops and stores. The town also boasts several hotels, two theaters for stage shows and concerts, an event center, a campground, and an Amish museum.

I have laid out a route that takes us on back roads from Elkhart to Shipshewana. You will just need to be mindful of the road apples. I know in the spring, our weather can be unpredictable. Please check the weather ahead of time and plan accordingly. With any luck, we will have a lovely day, and a really good time. I hope to see many of you on the 22nd.

Cheers,

Randy

April Board Meeting Minutes

1. Randy started the meeting off by discussing the need for creating a duties list for each officer position.
2. **Financial and Membership:**
 - Paul provided the bank account balance and status of due payments.
 - Currently there are 75 members (4 of which are honorary). Approximately half used the new Affinipay online payment system. Two will not be renewing. Eleven have not responded. Jim Webb will contact them.
 - Paul noted that a card reader could be used at the show. He was quoted \$122. There may be less expensive ones. No decision was made about procurement.
3. **Name badges:** Herm reported buying mailers (\$5) and checking postage \$1.89 for mailing badges. Dick recommended cheaper mailers available at Walmart.
4. **Website changes:**
 - The Tech/Repair Info page was approved. Vicki will contact Steve about replacing the Links page with this new one.
 - Larry noted that the revised membership form needs to be added. Vicki also reported that the Events page needs to be updated. Randy will contact Steve about these items. There was a brief discussion on how to best let Steve know about new events and changes.
5. **Car Show:**
 - a. Food trucks will be available at the show. Electricity can be made available for the food trucks.
 - b. We will receive leases for 2024-2026 with 10% increase.
 - c. There was a brief discussion about how to increase spectators. Several ideas were raised. Randy will ask club members for volunteer(s) to coordinate the show's outreach activities.
6. **Activities:**
 - **Dust off your cars:** Drive to Shipshewana on **April 22**. Dick is trying to pull together Eastern region members. He asked if there was a place in Shipshewana that they could meet up with others. Randy recommended a public parking lot near the Mercantile building.
 - **Spring drive:** PJ confirmed the tram availability at Meijer's gardens.
 - **Other possible events:**

Carguys and Coffee at Carguys Autodetailing in Osceola are held the second Saturday of every month from April – October, 8am-noon.
<https://www.facebook.com/Carguysandcoffee/>

Cars & Coffee at Mobilgas Station, 1101 W. Jefferson St. Plymouth are held the first Saturday of the month from 7am-11:00, May – September.
<https://www.facebook.com/mobilgascc/>

- **Fall trip in September:** Randy would like the Board to decide about the location for the Fall trip next month. Board members suggested and discussed Traverse City, Springfield, and Dayton.
- **Fall Color Tour:** scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 21.**
- **Breakfasts and dinners scheduled through July.** Reservations have been made for May and June.
- **Next Board meeting: May 3.**

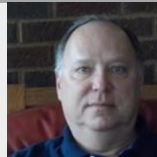
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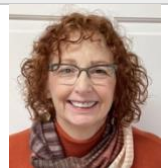


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A Little Humour



A question for you: What car is this?



Answer on last page...

PHOTOS from March Breakfast - 23 attendees



Jan Tucker, Philip Wiltshire, and Janet Dillon



On left: Jim Betz, Mike Scullion, Julie Kahl, Bev Glanders, Larry Glanders

On right: Jim Webb, Bob Roland, Bob Petersen, Mary Petersen, Deb Shumaker, Tom Shumaker, Stan Glanders.

Picture below – same people, different angle

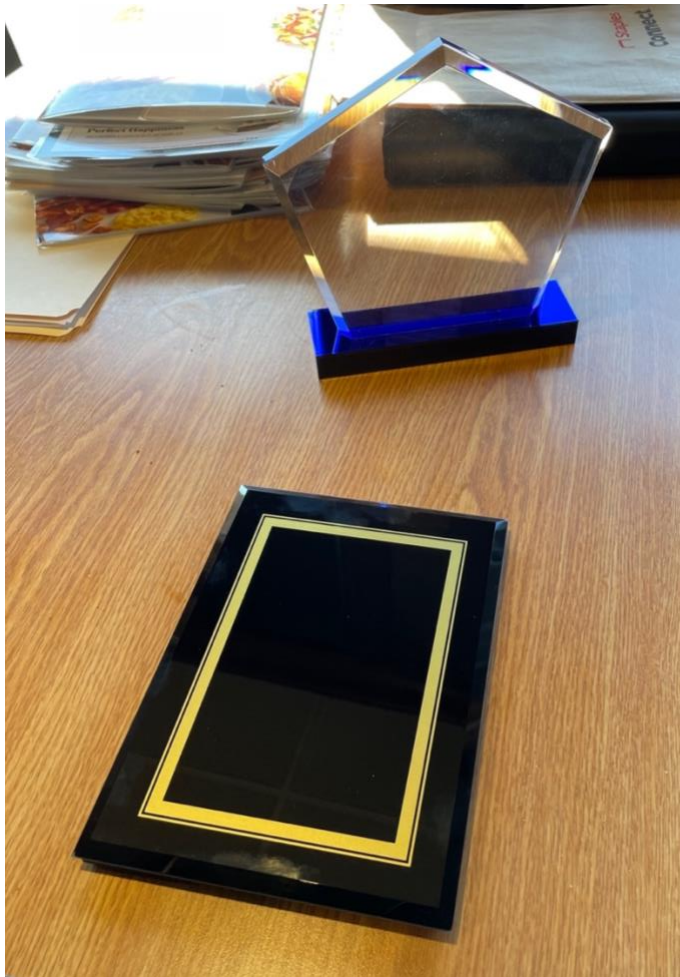


Jim Webb, Paul Price, Larry Palguta.



Mary checking on Bob Petersen (not in view), the Shumakers, and Stan Glanders.

Preview of the Car Show Awards



On the Web

Repair tips for Rust (from *Popular Mechanics*)

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/cars/how-to/a3084/how-to-fight-rust-and-win-14930616/>



Photo from <https://www.rustybeauties.com/>

Do you like listening to podcasts? Well, “Classic Heart,” an entertaining podcast about car culture might be up your alley. Read more here:

<https://www.classicdriver.com/en/article/sponsored-content/classic-car-podcast-you-shouldnt-miss-season>

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.

There are 30 or so Vintage Sports Car Groups throughout 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 Raceway <http://www.gingermanraceway.com/> is located at 61414 Phoenix Rd South Haven, MI 49090. It 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. Stan will be there Saturday and Sunday racing his #4 Bug Eye in Group 2. **Call him 269-228-0096 and he will try to link up with you.**

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).

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

Answer to question - What car is this?

It is a 1967 GT6 MK1. Most of the parts are original, just modified and maybe relocated. Read more here:

<https://www.rustybeauties.com/single-post/2018/02/07/what-car-is-this-it-is-a>

