

President's Message

The Brits had a good drive to Saugatuck this past Saturday. A large crowd showed up for breakfast and most sat at a long row of tables. Our members arrive early and we have good attendance at our breakfasts and dinners, so show up early for a seat. Eight LBC's and an SUV headed out for Saugatuck. Mike Scullion was going part way before heading to another LBC event in Munster; the engine began missing before we stopped for a bio break. Roger Deacon got the contacts inside the distributor cap cleaned and Mike's MGB returned to form. On to our destination and, as usual, Saugatuck was a great place to visit, even this early in the season.

We will meet on May 17th for our monthly/meeting dinner at the Brass Rail & Grill in Plymouth, IN. Always well attended, this year we have a limited menu so everyone can get served in a reasonable time.

We have an upcoming drive to Fair Oaks Farm on June 3rd to meet the Hoosier MGB Club from Indianapolis (see page 4). It sounds like a good drive and lunch, and fun at a modern mega-farm.

June will bring us to another monthly meeting/dinner at Lindy's on June 14th. This is a nice drive into the country and dinner at a good restaurant along the road. Also, another one of the club's favorite dining spots.

Our 2017 Car Show at Saint Mary's College on June 25 is taking shape and not that far away. We already have 21 pre-registrations and its still early May. Put that date on your calendar and plan to attend one of our most enjoyable summer events.

July 19th is the next monthly meeting/dinner being planned for Giannetto's Restaurant on Capital Avenue at Cleveland Road. They have great Italian cuisine and a separate area for our club.

Not mentioned above are the activities of the other area clubs. Mad Dogs is always a great show, and there are lots of cruise-ins to attend. The weekly cruise-in in Niles is well-attended because the restaurants, bars and shops are open.

Plan on attend as many events as you can squeeze in during the summer.

May 3, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Bob reported on our account**
- **May Newsletter – Mary is working on it**
- **Spring Drive, May 6 – Larry indicated Paul Stscherben would be at his South Haven garage if needed for any LBC assistance**
- **Fair Oaks Drive, June 3 – Larry will send out an email to the membership**
- **Fall Tour, Sept. 21-24 - no changes in arrangements**
- **2017 Car Show – dash board plaques arrived, other show items being attended to by Larry**
- **Monthly Meeting/Dinner – May 17 – Brass Rail & Grill, Plymouth, IN (limited menu); June 14 – Lindy’s will be contacted for a reservation; July 19 – Giannetto’s will be contacted for a reservation**
- **Board Meetings – June 7 – Larry’s; July 12 – Petersen’s**

June 3rd Drive to Fair Oaks Farm

We are planning a drive and lunch meeting with the Hoosier MGB Club of Indianapolis. Their club is planning a club drive to Fair Oaks Farms, lunch at the Farm House Restaurant, and individually selected tours of the large and modern farms owned by Fair Oaks. Fair Oaks is located at the intersection of SR 14 and I-65, in Newton County north of Lafayette. Brits' meeting time & rally point to be announced. We will ask for RSVP's so we can get a head count for a lunch reservation.

Depending on our rally point, this may be about a 2 to 2 1/2 hour drive from South Bend so that we could meet their club for lunch and enjoy the facilities. Fair Oaks Farms is a combination of twelve local farms which are operated via state-of-the-art techniques and facilities. They have tours to see how these facilities are operated, including large scale feeding of animals, computer tracked cow milking, calf birthing facilities, etc. For those who are into bacon, they also have pigs on the tour schedules. Also a Bakery and Market. Ice Cream.

The object of this day drive is to meet their club, see each other's cars, have lunch and swap stories, and then be free to attend whatever other activities you, individually, would like to do. The Fair Oaks Farms has a website (<http://fofarms.com/>) with lots of info on the facilities, including reviews. It appears to be a favorite food stop for people traveling between Chicago and Indy. The Farm House Restaurant takes reservations which would work well for our two groups. Here is a link to their sizable menu:

<http://fofarms.com/farmhouse/menu.html>

This drive falls nicely in between our just completed May 6th Spring Drive to Saugatuck and our car show on June 25th.

Put this drive on your calendar and I hope you can join us for this fun drive, an opportunity to meet another LBC club, and also see a big time farming operation. We will ask for a head count before the drive so a reservation can be made at the restaurant.

Below is a portion of the notice sent to the membership of the Hoosier MGB Club.

FAIR OAKS FARMS TOUR

Come along on June 3, 2017 as we travel from Zionsville to Fair Oaks Farms in Newton County. Departure will be from the Zionsville Presbyterian Church at 9:30 AM. You can meet in the south parking lot of the Church any time between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM to get ready. The Church address is 4775 W. 116th Street, Zionsville, IN 46077.

We will travel up scenic and historic US 421 through Boone and Carroll Counties to White County where we join SR 16 going west to US 231 in Jasper County. We go north to SR 14, turn west and cross over I-65 to Fair Oaks Farms. It should be around noon then so we can enjoy lunch at their wonderful restaurant and/or get some ice cream and maybe do an adventure (Dairy, Pig, and Crop Adventures) through one of their farm areas. The price for a single adventure is \$15 for seniors or \$20 for adults.

I plan on spending three hours at Fair Oaks Farms before we head home.

Finally, I have been in contact with the Michiana Brits Car Club. They are hoping to meet up with us at noon so we can kick their tyres.

2017 Odometer Contest

We will once again have the Michiana Brits odometer contest. After some input from members, we will make some small changes to the contest rules. I had several members suggest that we make the contest for our vintage LBCs. For 2017, the contest will pertain to LBCs built in 1980 or earlier. If you have more than one vehicle, you can still use the miles for all your odometers, as long as the LBCs are all 1980 or older. Be sure to take that picture or write down your odometer reading before you forget. Remember - if you win, you receive the coveted Michiana Brits Motorway Award and a \$50 gift card! How do you win? Send your LBC odometer reading(s) to Bob Petersen at bpete56@sbcglobal.net

Then drive your LBCs as much as possible, participate in club events and enjoy yourself and LBC. Odometer readings will be collected in the fall. Good luck to all!!

Annual Tech Session on April 29, 2017

Once again the Brits met at the Deacon's for the Annual Tech Session and potluck lunch. A good turnout of 25 members enjoyed visiting with one another and hearing about the upcoming LBC driving season.

The guys met in the shop and watched Roger Deacon and Jim Webb rewire the electric overdrive on Jim's 1972 MGB. The prior owners and installers had done a poor job of wiring (and that's being charitable). By lunch time the wiring and overdrive were done and operating as expected. Ken Geljack's 1968 MG Midget had a non-operating rear light, so he and Tom Shumaker traced it down to a loose connection under the dash. An easy fix once it was found.

At lunch time everyone adjourned to the comfort of the home's garage and enjoyed a good potluck lunch. We were joined by new members Don and Elaine Neely and former member Ken Carpenter.



Brits enjoy lunch and conversation



Jim Webb and Deb Palguta exchange tips on gear ratios and quilting



Roger goes for seconds, Keith Wishmeier and Ken Carpenter chat LBC

After a leisurely lunch and much visiting, everyone helped clean up and headed home. Thanks again to Roger and Ruth Deacon for hosting this important annual event.

Join us **Friday, June 9** for an evening full of *fun* and *cool cars!*

1st Annual North Liberty



Potato Chase

Fun Rally & Cruise In



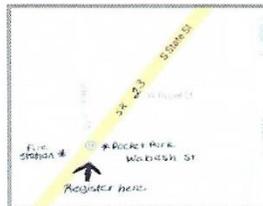
At North Liberty's Potato Creek/Strawberry Festival!

We will start out on **Wabash Street & SR 23** at North Liberty's Pocket Park, across from the new Liberty Township Emergency Services Building.

- The **Cruise In** will be going on from 4:00pm until the festival closes at 10:00pm.
- Or grab a friend to be your Navigator* in the **Potato Chase Fun Rally!** Register any-time from 4:00pm -6:30pm. Run the rally and return to the **Cruise In** on Wabash Street. The Whistle Pigs band will be playing starting at 7:00 pm and the Potato Chase winners will be announced during their break.
- Take the Greene Township Lions train up to the festival if you chose. Have dinner, shop with the many festival vendors, and enjoy the music while you're uptown.
- **\$10 entry fee.**
- **Navigator is required for participation in the rally.*



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Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

I was driving my 78 MGB to O'Reillys and a man was coming out and he waited until I had parked and shut off the engine with the help of the clutch to keep it from running on.

He knew MGBs because he had one when he was younger. He now drives a 1932 Ford pickup with a big chrome engine. After looking the car over pretty well, he started asking me what kind of gas I was using. I told him low grade ethanol. He said that if I only put 4 gallons of what he called racing fuel it would mix with the ethanol and the car would run better. So I headed south to the BP station at SR 131 and Ireland. I filled up with 6 gallons because there was already 6 gallons of ethanol in the tank. The pump is on the south side of the lot in front of the car wash.

It was probably a good 20 miles to home. By the time I got home I could tell the car was running better. When I went to shut the car off, the engine promptly stopped running. No running on. It now starts and stops like it is supposed to. As soon as my gas cans are empty, I'm going to go and fill them up and start mixing the gas with ethanol 25/75%. The cost was \$3.10 a gallon.

If anyone knows where club members can buy the gas without ethanol please let me know. When I have the locations of other gas stations that carry this gas, I'll put that in Tech Tips. Marinas on the river and airports handle the same gas without ethanol and both I think are \$4.00 a gallon. Supply, location and demand sets the price.

In our last MG Drivers March/April book, there was an article on what I'm talking about. I'll see if we can get the whole article in our newsletter. You should also fill up your gas tank come winter. When you store your car this winter disconnect the wire to your fuel pump and start up the car until all fuel is used up in the carbs. For those of you that drive Triumphs, take a pair of vise grips and squeeze the rubber gas line just before the carbs. This also works on all MGs.

There are a lot of car shows and drives that our club has planned for the coming months.

Safety fast till next month.

April 15th Breakfast at Yellow Cat Café and Tour of the Historic St. Paul's Memorial Methodist Church

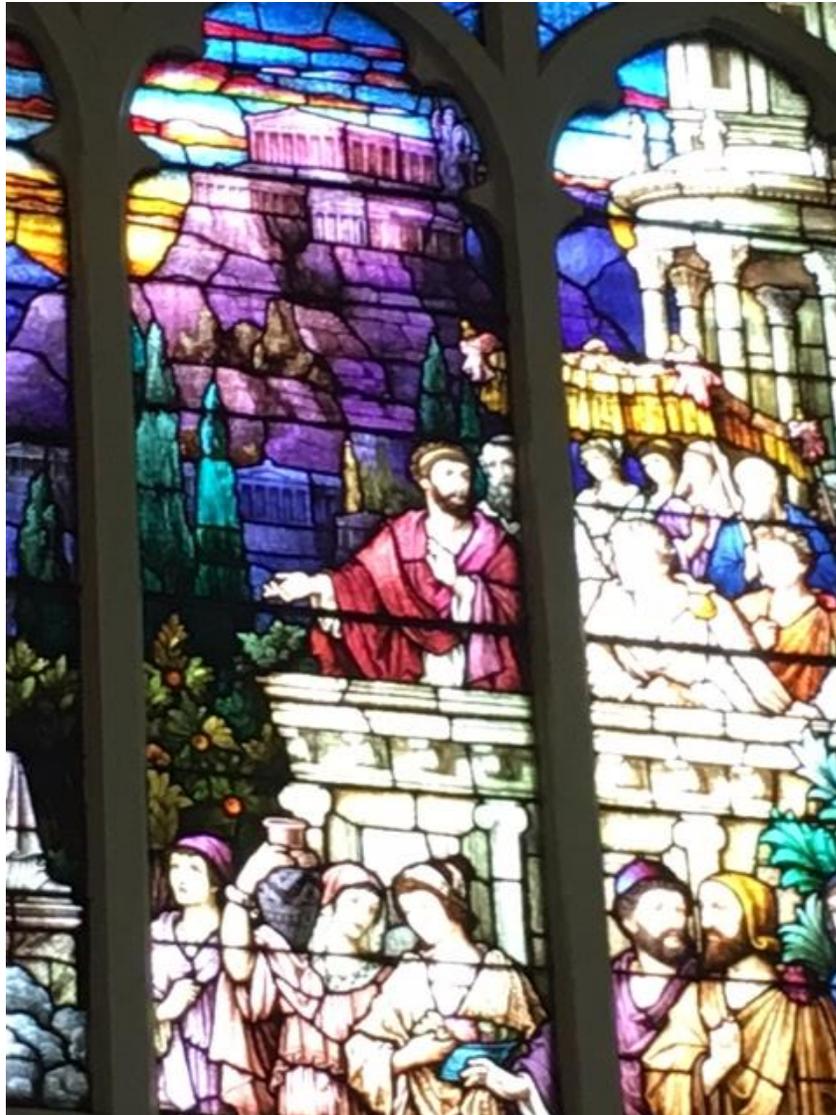
Saturday, April 15th was a cool morning but turned out to be a beautiful day. 22 Brits met at 8:30 AM at the Yellow Cat Cafe, 808 E. Colfax Avenue, South Bend. Breakfast was delicious and very reasonable. There was a nice atmosphere and great service.

After breakfast, we journeyed to the 10 AM tour of historic St. Paul's United Methodist Church located at 1001 W. Colfax Avenue in South Bend. Our club member Tom Thews is the pastor of St. Paul's and has been intimately involved in its restoration since 2009. This beautiful church has been included in the National Register of Historic Places since 1975.



The Brits listened intently to the history of the church by Tom Thews

The church was finished in 1903. The structure was a gift to the congregation from the Clement Studebaker family. Clem never got to see the completion of the church. He died on November 27th, 1901. The beautiful art glass windows were all made and installed by Mayer and Company from Munich, Germany.

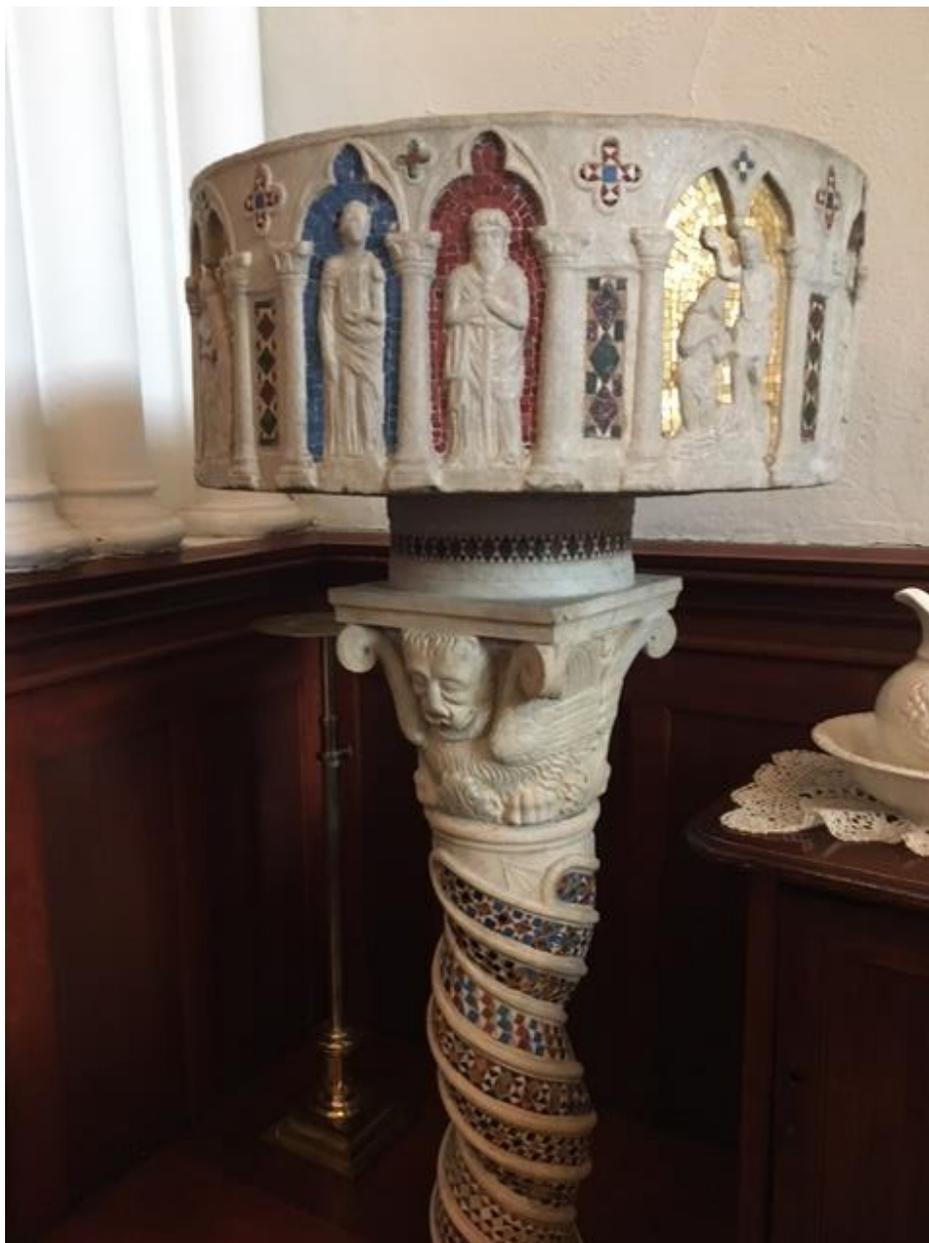


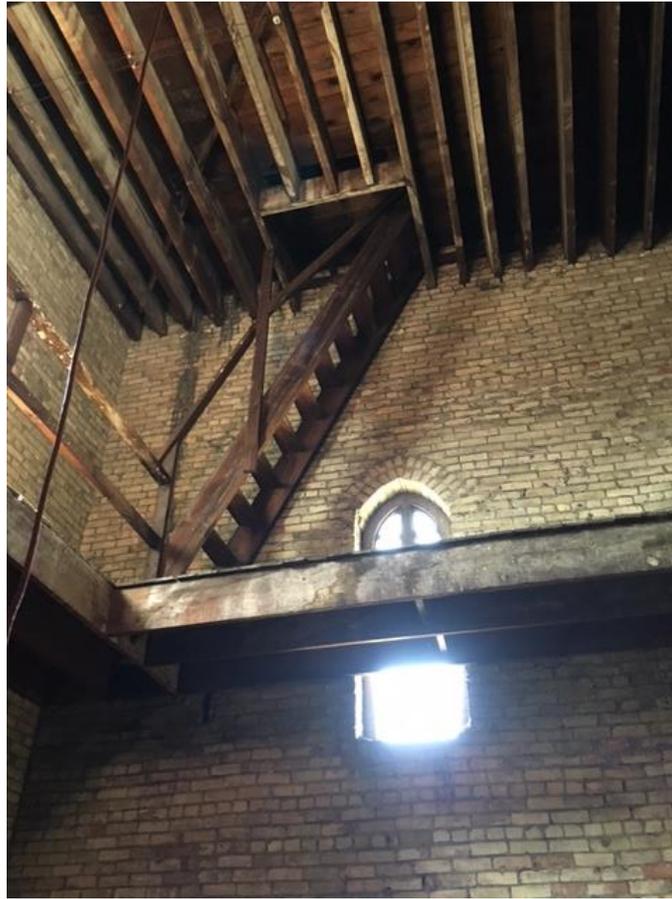
Can you see where Clem photo bombed this window? He is to the right of the red robed person's head

There were stained glass windows in every room; they were all breathtaking



The baptismal font was presented by Mr. J.M. Studebaker in loving memory of his brother Clem Studebaker. It is believed to be the oldest baptismal font (400 years) still used in the United States.





Some of us were brave enough or curious enough to climb to the belfry





What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning! Who knew this gorgeous church was right under our noses? Thank you so much for the tour of your church, Tom Thews. We all enjoyed it.