

The Burble & Squeak

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Our current club membership is 59

Upcoming Events

May

Monthly Meeting/Dinner

Wed, May 16, 2018 6:30 EDT/5:30 CDT
Monroe's Crossing
7038 N. Chicago Road
New Carlisle, IN 46552
574-654-7222
Rally 5:30 EDT, leave 6:00 EDT from
Palguta residence
55596 Country Club Road
South Bend, IN 46619
574-288-3923

June

Board Meeting

Wed, 6:30 PM, June 6, 2018
Bob Kerstetter
54573 Gilman Drive Mishawaka, IN 46545
574-259-0330

Monthly Meeting/Dinner

Wed, June 13, 2018 6:30 PM
Lindy's Restaurant
57983 M-62
Cassopolis, MI 49031
269-782-5111

31st Annual Michiana Brits Car Show

Sunday, June 24, 2018 10 am – 3 pm
St. Mary's College Notre Dame IN

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Newsletter Submissions

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President's Message

I am sure by now that most of you have had your LBCs out of storage and on the road. Be it a long or short drive, it sure is good to have them out to enjoy.

Some of us just returned from the spring trip to Grand Rapids and I am happy to say there were no hiccups with the cars, and the weather was very cooperative on both days. Seeing the cars in front of us and behind us in the rear view mirror was a sight for sore eyes.

As we go into the month of May, we should see better weather and with dinners starting, more opportunities to drive our cars. More email reminders will be coming, but the new dinner spot at Monroe's Crossing will be another chance to drive our cars.

Before you know it, we will be having our car show on June 24th at Saint Mary's College. Pre-registrations are being received. Summer driving is coming on strong and I must say just in the nick of time!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday May 16th at Monroe's Crossing just northwest of New Carlisle, IN. Safe travels; see everyone soon.

Thanks,

Bob

May 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Bob K. provided Larry with our account balance**
- **May Newsletter – Mary is working on it, waiting to include the Spring Drive article**
- **Spring Drive and Fall Tour – Keith discussed last minute items for the Spring Drive, confirmed the Fall Tour to Paducah, KY on September 20 – 23**
- **Annual Car Show – flyers mailed on April 27, some pre-registrations received; lapel pins arrived; meeting to be held with Sodexo (meeting confirmed that Club House is now available for our car show usage!)**
- **Annual Membership Fees notices sent to those few who have not paid; we will have the usual turnover**
- **Annual Tech Session – Roger provided a recap; possible Tech Session next year in May; none in April**
- **Monthly Meetings/Dinners – May 16th – Monroe’s Crossing, New Carlisle, IN; June 13 – Lindy’s Cassopolis, MI**

Recipe of the Month

Tortilla Soup

By Mary Petersen

This is from a co-worker of mine. It is delicious!

1 onion chopped and sautéed

Red pepper chopped and sautéed

1 large jar of Black Bean and Corn Salsa

1 15oz can tomato sauce

1 can chopped tomatoes with spices added (you can use 2 cans if you want it a little spicier)

2 cans corn (drained)

2-3 cans northern beans

2 cans black beans

1 can refried beans

½ box chicken broth

2-3 chicken breasts cubed and browned

Stir all ingredients together into your large crock pot. All you have to do is warm it up.

Serve with toppings: tortilla chips, shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped avocado.

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

There were 22 souls that showed up and brought a lot of food to the Annual Tech Session. It was eagerly devoured. Everyone had a good time talking with each other. Larry Palguta conducted a short meeting as to what was coming up for future activities. Don Neely told everyone that he would like to sell his MGB (it subsequently sold before it was publically offered or advertised).

I gave a short talk with pictures about the new 2018 Mazda MX-5 MIATA RF. It has a retractable hard top that goes behind the seat and not into the trunk. Selling price was \$35,500.00 completely loaded.

Then I discussed the 2018 4 door Mini Cooper clubman. This also came completely loaded for \$35,000.00.

If you wanted 4 wheel drive and the big Mini Cooper like a SUV you are looking at \$50,000.00 plus.

Before lunch there were 2 cars that needed a little attention. Tom Shumaker said that he was having trouble getting his car to idle right. Tom took off the air cleaner, but the bracket that held the air cleaner on needed to be removed. The temp was 45, sunny with a wind so we put his TR6 in the garage and on the hoist to bring it up to working height.

After disconnecting the carbs from each other, the back carb was running ok when I blipped the throttle. When I blipped the throttle, the front one would bog down and the piston wouldn't rise. I took off the carburetor cap or dome. I then pulled up the piston and inspected the rubber diaphragm. It had a hole in it. The guys jumped on that and gave Tom some good-natured kidding about his rubber having a hole in it.

Tom said that he had another one in the trunk, but it wasn't there (he said that he must have taken it out). Paul Noeth volunteered to take Tom to his house to retrieve it. This is one nice thing about this club - everyone helps another to get up and running.

This happened to Tom several years back when we were on a trip south to the hills around Nashville, IN and his midget had trouble going up those hills. Randy Glanders said that he thought that he knew what the problem was. Randy took off the dash pot and pulled out the piston with the diaphragm, inspected it and found a hole in it. Randy had a diaphragm with him and put it on Tom's piston. They put everything back together, had Tom start it and we were all on our way. I have never seen anybody with so much trouble with his rubbers.

Tom and Paul came back and I showed Tom how to install the diaphragm because it can only go one way to make the carb work right. We put everything back together, then I had Tom start it, checked both carbs and hooked them together. Blipped the throttle and both pistons rose up at the same time. Tom put his air filter on and he backed his TR6 out, a happy man.

Chuck & Blanch Knight showed up as Tom was backing his TR6 out. I had Chuck drive in because last year he was having trouble with his left seat lever not releasing. We put Chuck's car on the hoist to get it up to working level. I tried to get the seat lever to move but it wouldn't move. I got a hammer and hit the lever. It now moves freely.

It was now time for lunch so we all moved into the house garage.

I'm always available for questions about your cars. I have retired and don't want to get into those 40 plus hour weeks of working on cars. I have my own cars needing attention that I haven't been able to give them.

I have 2 granddaughters and they have come of age, so I want to get them started on flying. They will be our fifth generation of pilots in the family.

I want to wish everyone a safe driving season.

Roger & Ruth Deacon



LBC's at the Tech Session on a windy, cool day in Granger



Comfortable Dining- In, Michiana Brits style



Brits enjoying a great lunch and time with friends



The guys discussing LBC's, etc. in the working garage



Roger's granddaughter Emileigh ready to drive Kai's Mini (and did she!!)

2018 Annual Spring Drive to Grand Rapids (Part 1)

By Mary Petersen

The day started out cool but three of the five cars that drove to Grand Rapids decided to have their tops down. Randy and Bev Glanders, Kai and Michelle Shepherd, Keith and Mary Wishmeier, Mike Scullion and Bob and Mary Petersen went on the trip.

After meeting at Eleni's Restaurant on SR 933 for breakfast at 8:00, the group left for Grand Rapids at 9:00. The breakfast was tasty and we were all excited to embark on our trip.



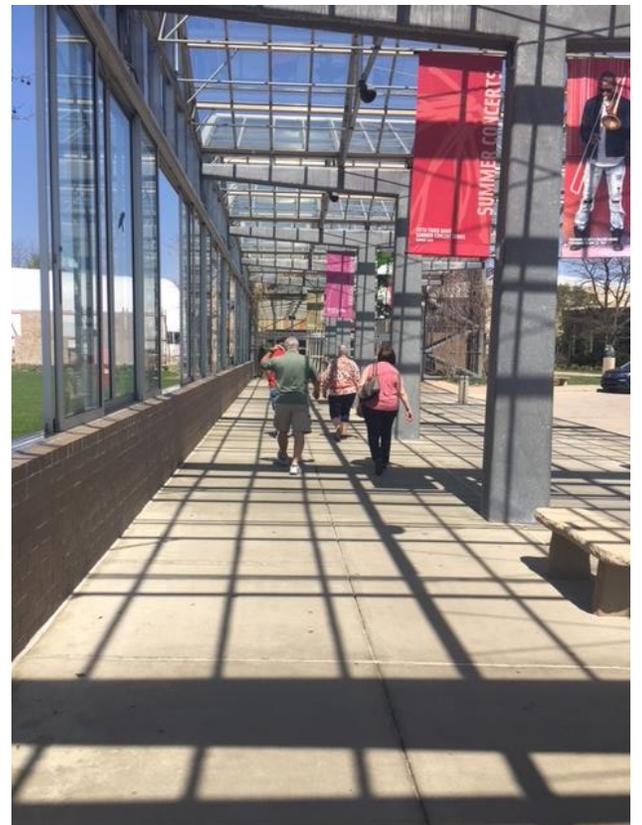
It was a gorgeous spring morning. The trees were blooming and everything was green. It was a welcome sight after the long winter.

After a couple of stops for gas and breaks, we made it to Grand Rapids without any problems. We decided to eat lunch at the Gravity Tap House Grill.



Delicious food and drinks at the Gravity Tap House Grill in Grand Rapids.

The next stop was the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. There were many visitors to the garden on this sunny, warm day.





Bob, Randy and Bev enjoyed seeing the cactus in the desert room.



Kai and Michelle taking a break in the shade





Taking in the beautiful Japanese Gardens.



Bob and Randy in the snack bar after the tour; the ceiling was covered with Chihuly glass flowers.



After a full day of driving and walking, the group enjoyed dinner at Old Chicago Pizza and Pasta.

After dinner, we went back to the Country Inn and Suites where some of us visited in Kai and Michelle's room. Before retiring for the evening, Kai, Bob and Keith enjoyed a cigar out on the grounds.

Part 2 covering Sunday's Tour of the Meyer May House will be in June's newsletter.