

The Burble & Squeak

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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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Website:

www.michianabrits.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/374723067057280

CHECK IT OUT



NEW TECH/REPAIR TAB on Michiana Brits website!

<http://www.michianabrits.com/links.htm>

Includes mechanics, part suppliers, storage, plus British car terminology.

p.s. Always looking for reliable, knowledgeable mechanics to add – contact Vicki Bloom or Larry Palguta with info.

Many thanks to webmaster, Steve Peterka!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.
See page 3 for more information – RSVP requested

JUNE 7 – Board Meeting, 7:30, EST

JUNE 14 -
Dinner, 6:30pm EST, at the Brass Rail, Plymouth.

JUNE 25 – Michiana Brits Car Show

CHECK OUT THE FULL

EVENTS CALENDAR

BELOW!

EVENT CALENDAR 2023

Month	Date	Event
May	3 6-7 10 20	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom Sports Car Racing, Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI* 6:00pm EST, Dinner at Lindy's, Cassopolis 8:30am EST, Spring Drive to Grand Rapids, MI
June	3 4 7 14 10 11 16-17 20-22 25	JAGIN Concours, Jaguar Assoc. Greater IN, Tom Woodward Aviation, Fishers, IN (Contact Jim Webb for info) * Lake Erie British Car Show, Fort Meigs Historic Site, Perrysburg, OH* 7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm EST, Dinner at the Brass Rail, Plymouth Plymouth Cruz'n, 8am-12* Eddy Street Commons Car Show * SVRA, Sportscar Vintage Racing Assoc. Indianapolis Motor Speedway (car show and vintage racing, drive around track) * Gathering of the Faithful, St. Mary's College * Annual Car Show, St. Mary's College
July	5 8 9 15	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom 5 th Annual Concours D'Elegance, Studebaker Museum * Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show, Gilmore Museum * Annual Luncheon Meeting of Club at Webb's, noon
August	2 12 12 16 18-19 24	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom Brits Featured Club, Cars and Coffee, Studebaker Museum 25 th Annual Indy British Motor Day, Lion's Park, Zionsville * 6:00pm CST, Dinner at Christo's LaPorte, IL University Motors Reunion, Grand Rapids, MI John Twist's MG gathering * Brits Featured Club, Essenhause Classic Car Cruise-In, 4pm or earlier
September	6 10 21-24	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom British Car Festival, Palatine, IL (near Chicago) * Fall Tour, Springfield, IL
October	4 21	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom Fall Color Drive
November	7 TBD	7:30pm Board Meeting via Zoom Members Appreciation Dinner

CARS & COFFEES / CRUISE-Ins CALENDAR 2023

MAY

- May 13, **Cars & Coffee**, 436 W 250 N. Warsaw, IN (at Rice Ford on SR 15)
Contact Bruce Woodward for more info.

JUNE

- June 10, **Plymouth Cruz'n**, 8am - noon

ONGOING

- **Cruise In at the American Legion**, 2nd Friday of every month from April thru October, Garrett, IN, 5-9 PM, Broasted Chicken & entertainment. 260-357-5133
 - **Black Sheep Coffee & Cars**, 1st Sunday every month from April thru October, LaPorte, IN, Solder's Park, 8-10 AM
 - **Carguys and Coffee**, 2nd Saturday of the month from April thru October, Carguys Auto Detailing, 1724 Lincolnway west, Osceola, IN, 8-11 AM
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More details on Upcoming Events

Brit's Spring Fling to Grand Rapids, May 20

On **Saturday, May 20th**, join us on the Spring drive 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 RSVP if you are attending to **Paul (PJ) Dillon** at **574-272-7391** or **paul.j.dillon.3@nd.edu**

- Depart from **Perkins in Elkhart @ 8.30am EST**.
- 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 @2.30pm and arrive at Perkins Elkhart approximately 5.30pm.

35th Annual British Car Show, St. Mary's College, June 25

It is time to start pre-registering your car(s) for our show! Details and the pre-registration form can be found at:

http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm

When you submit your registration at the bottom of that page, you will then be sent to a pay option page. That page will give you 2 options:

Pay online with a credit card via the secure Affinipay system or **send a check** to the address listed on that page.

5th Annual Concours D'Elegance at Copshaholm, July 8

This event takes place at the Studebaker Museum and Oliver Mansion. The 2023 featured marques are Oldsmobile and Jaguar. It will also be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Corvette as well as vehicles over 100 years old in the "Centennial Club" class. Some very deluxe examples will be on display for anyone interested. The Concours will open at 10am and close at 4pm. The Pass In Review and Awards ceremony will begin at 2:30pm. More info can be found on the website:

<https://www.concoursatcopshaholm.org/>

Pre-registration has started for Mad Dogs & Englishmen XXXII British Car Faire on July 8-9 (featured marque is the MG Midget/Sprite and the Rare Gem is the Rootes Group cars) **and the INDY British Motor Day on August 12** (featured marque is the Mini).

President's Message

On the 22nd of last month, Michiana Brits had its first driving event of year. Five cars (three British, one German, and one American) braved the colder weather and threat of rain to make their way to Shipshewana. Despite the inclement weather, all had an enjoyable day. Now it's time to look forward to our next event and hopefully better weather.

On May 20th, the club will be going to The Fred Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids. The drive will also include a tour of a private car collection. The club has made the trip to The Garden twice before. Being a combination of a botanical garden and a sculpture garden, it is very impressive and enjoyable place. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we'll have a good turnout for our second drive of the season. Everyone, please keep your fingers crossed.

Cheers,

Pandy

May Board Meeting Minutes

1. Financial and Membership:

- Paul provided the bank account balance. He now can check the account online so the club will be saving \$3.00/month for going paperless.
- So far there have been 40 payments using AffiniPay. For the car show, the Club will need to acquire a card reader at a cost of \$125 and have the app downloaded on the phone of some of the people working registration.
- Currently there are **83 memberships**. (4 of which are honorary).

2. Name badges: Herm reported having difficulty downloading the mailing list of members. Paul said he would email the current list to her.

3. May newsletter: Vicki is adding a section on Cars & Coffee meetups in the area.

4. Website changes:

- The Tech/Repair Info page was created.
- Larry noted that the revised membership form needs to be added.

5. Car Show, **Sunday, June 25.**

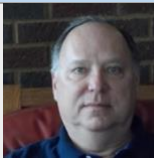
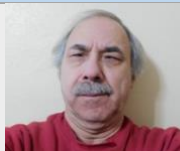





- a. Twelve pre-registered so far.
- b. One of the lapel pin designs was approved with E type added to the car.
- c. Three food trucks have been secured for the show. They will be available from 11:30-2:30.
- d. St. Mary's has new Events personnel. They are working on getting leasing for the 2024-2026 shows.
- e. The Gathering of the Faithful (June 20-22) being held at St. Mary's has a 40 page newspaper that is handed out at registration. An ad for our car show will be featured.

6. Activities:

- Randy reported that 5 cars came to the Dust off your cars event
- **Spring drive, Saturday, May 20** - no one has RSVP'ed. Larry will send a reminder to send RSVPs to PJ.
- **Dinners** are scheduled for May and June.
- **Annual Membership meeting, Saturday, July 15** - Jim offered this home again but in July, not August.
- **Fall trip in September, Thursday – Saturday, Sept. 21-24.** The Board approved the location for the Fall trip in September – Springfield, IL. It has been a while since the club has been in that area. Randy also noted that Kia's brother-in-law has a huge car collection near Springfield, IL. He is eager for the club to visit.
- **Fall Color Tour:** scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 21.**

Next Board meeting: **June 7.**

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Lucas Humour

Why is there no death penalty in England? Lucas makes electric chairs.

Back in the '70s Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which didn't suck.

Lucas—inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

<https://hooniverse.com/hooniverse-asks-whats-your-favorite-british-car-industry-joke/>

Members' Cars



Spitfire owned by new member, **Julie Kahl** (love the flames!)

Match the TV Detective to their car

Inspector Morse	Volvo 240
John Luther	Broadspeed Jaguar XJ
Vera	Rover P5
Avengers	Jaguar Mark 2
George Gently	Landrover

Answers on last page

Carbon Dioxide Weight & Volume

Sent by Paul Noeth, written by Tom Taylor at RockAuto.com

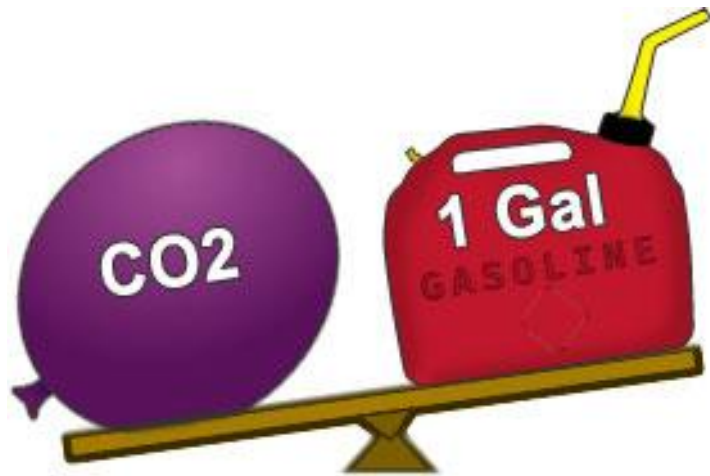


I sometimes wait too long to ask a question. It becomes awkward to admit I do not fully understand something that I have been nodding along to. The weight of carbon dioxide (CO₂) is one of those things. For years, I have been reading and hearing about the massive weights of CO₂ generated by all sorts of things. Human breathing alone creates about 1.7 gigatons (1 trillion kilograms or 2.2 trillion pounds) of CO₂ annually (ref 1).

Let us talk cars. Building a new car generates 6.2 tons (5.6 metric tons) of CO₂. Building a new electric car releases 9.7 tons (8.8 metric tons) (ref 2). One factory can produce 600+ vehicles every work shift. Do new car factories have snowplows working to shove those thousands of tons of CO₂ out of the way?

Describing a gas such as CO₂ in terms of its weight rather than its volume makes it harder to grasp why we are not wading through a thick layer of heavy carbon dioxide or attempting to push it around with snowplows. CO₂, nitrogen, oxygen and the other gases that make up air all have weight, but gases diffuse to fill available volume. They do not settle out in layers based on their weights (ref 3). The huge volume of the Earth's atmosphere gives gases plenty of room to spread out and move around as temperature and pressure changes. All those tons of CO₂ spread out in the atmosphere until any cubic foot of air contains only about 0.0004 pounds (0.02 grams) of CO₂ (ref 4), not enough weight for us to notice pushing through as we walk around.

Burning a gallon (3.8L) of gasoline that weighs about 6 pounds (2.7 kg) creates about 19 pounds (8.9 kg) of CO₂ (ref 5). How can burning a fuel make CO₂ that weighs so much more than the fuel itself? Chemistry class was many decades ago for me, but I remember one of the laws said mass was neither created nor destroyed during a chemical reaction.



CO₂ is one carbon atom bonded with two oxygen atoms. The new weight comes from the oxygen that is pulled out of the air to be part of the chemical reaction. The fuel provides the carbon atom and the surrounding air provides the two oxygen atoms.

The weight of the oxygen atoms makes CO₂ weigh about 3.7 times as much as a single carbon atom (ref 6). Gasoline is about 87% carbon (ref 7). That means

the carbon atoms in a gallon of gasoline weigh about 5.2 pounds (87% of 6 pounds). Take the 5.2 pounds of carbon atoms in the gallon of gasoline and combine it with oxygen from the air and the resulting CO₂ weighs about 19 pounds (5.2 pounds x 3.7 = 19 pounds). 19 pounds is the weight of a good sized dumbbell, but that 19 pounds of CO₂ quickly spreads out into tens of thousands of cubic feet of air. There is never a 19 pound blob to bump our heads on.

References:

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- 4) www.hcmut.edu 5) www.epa.gov 6) www.eia.gov 7) www.climatekids.nasa.gov

Tom Taylor,

RockAuto.com

On the Web

[“Land Rover name killed off after 75 years as part of JLR’s dramatic plans”](#) from CarDealmagazine.co.uk, submitted by Jim Webb

[Miss MG North America 1961](#)

Answers

Inspector Morse - Jaguar Mark 2

John Luther - Volvo 240

Vera - Landrover

Avengers - Broadspeed Jaguar XJ

George Gently - Rover 5

