

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2021 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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About Michiana Brits

This car club is open to lovers and/or owners of British cars. All paid members receive this monthly newsletter as part of their annual dues.

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.

The newsletter's deadline is the **20th** of the month. Material is subject to editorial revision. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the 2020 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Michiana-Brits-Car-Club-164771726997939>

**Rescheduled date for the
car show:
Sunday, July 25**



UPCOMING EVENTS



**Next Board meeting –
Wednesday
July 7, 7:30 EST
via Zoom**
Contact [Mike Scullion](#)
for a Zoom invitation



**Breakfast – Saturday
July 17,
10am EDT/9am CDT -
Jennie Rae's in
Rolling Prairie**

**Pre-Show Dinner –
Saturday, July 24,
6:30 – Beef O'Brady's**

Save the Date:



**Fall Tour – Nashville,
IN
September 23-26**

Welcome New Members!



Mike Nichol

From Mishawaka, IN - Owner of a 1971 Triumph TR-6

Don and Ethel Bartley

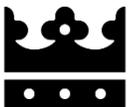
From Valparaiso, IN - Owners of a 1967 MGB and a
1959 Morris Minor

Terry & Holly Light

From Union Pier, MI - OwnerS of a 1952 MGTD

Membership report: 81 memberships (147 members)

Members, Don't have a name tag? Contact Herm to order one at
hmarrese@comcast.net



Mad Dogs and Englishmen

The nearby Mad Dogs and Englishmen 30th Annual British Car Faire at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI is **Sunday, July 11, 2021**. This year's featured marque is everything **Healey** - the early Healeys, Nash Healeys, Jensen Healeys, the Big Healeys, Austin Healeys and Austin Healey Sprites. Special Guest author Bill Emerson will be at the show on Sunday with a talk and stories at 10:00am and 2:00pm. He has written several books on Austin Healey and has produced Healey DVDs. Mr. Emerson was a personal friend and associate of Donald Healey.

2021 Michiana Brits Proposed Event Calendar

Month	Date	Event
January	6	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
February	3 13	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
March	3 13	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
April	7 10	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
May	5 15	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Spring drive! See details in the newsletter!
June	2 1-4 12 27	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *British V8 2021 in Auburn, IN Breakfast at ... 2021 Michiana Brits car show! CANCELLED
July	7 11 17 24 25	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *Mad Dogs at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners. Breakfast - Jennie Rae's in Rolling Prairie, 10am EDT/9am CDT Dinner – Beef O’Bradys, 6:30 pm Rescheduled 2021 Michiana Brits car show.
August	4 21	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *Woodward Dream Cruise, Woodward Ave, Detroit
September	1 4 26-28	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 8 to 10 am EST - Cars and Coffee - Studebaker Museum. Fall Tour, Nashville, IN
October	6	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
November	3	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
December	1	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.

Notes: *Not a Michiana Brits Event. Enjoy at your own leisure.
Watch this schedule each month for changes.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

First, I want to sincerely apologize for the abrupt postponement of our annual car show. We are looking to reschedule the show in late July. I hope no one incurred any expenses due to the cancelation.

And now, the originally scheduled President's Message:

Vicki and I just returned from our, "Fully Vaccinated Tour of America." No British cars were used during the 4,800 plus miles we drove. (How else could we have driven over 4,800 miles in just 19 days?) While we were on our trip, we missed the first breakfast meeting since quarantine. A great group of Brits showed up at Perkins on Saturday, June 12, to enjoy our first indoor gathering in over a year. I understand that there was a great turnout: 28 members showed up! It is wonderful that so many of our members are vaccinated.

Because we were gone most of June, I don't have much to talk about in this newsletter. How about I just show you some photos related to cars from our vacation?

Our first stop was the Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska. Any car enthusiast will enjoy spending hours in this 150,000 square foot museum. Along with great cars, there are tons of displays, along with a music room filled with record covers for music related to cars and racing. For those of you who may want to visit there, the website is: <https://www.museumofamericanspeed.com/>
Here are a few pictures:





For Vicki, we also visited the International Quilt Museum located at the University of Nebraska, also in Lincoln. Then it was on to Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, etc. We drove at the top of the Rockies on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway (the highest paved road in North America) through the Garden of the Gods, and across the Red Rock Scenic Byway. We saw the Penske Racing Museum and the impressive Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix. While in Tucson we experienced a 115° degree record daily temperature. The old record was 110° set 125 years earlier.

Finally, planning for the Fall Tour has been finalized. A big thank you to **Randy Glanders** for planning and arranging accommodations. Club members will be staying at the Quality Inn Nashville, 812-720-9031. The tour is planned for September 23 to 26. Additional details included later in the newsletter.

Cheers,
Mike

Fall Tour Hotel Reservation Information

We will be staying at the Quality Inn Nashville (Indiana) 812-720-9031. We have 8 rooms reserved, 4 with single king and 4 with double queen. Price for all rooms is \$471.00 total for the 3 nights. The rooms are held under Michiana Brits. The tour is Sept. 23 to 26.

June Board Meeting Minutes

1. Financial - bank account balance – Larry (Paul is on vacation)
2. June newsletter – need pics and articles - Vicki
3. Club's Facebook page – post please! (Debbie and Tom Shumaker)
4. 2021 activities - discuss what the club can do in 2021 to provide activities, activities agenda - Phil & Paul & Mike
5. VTR - chapter membership update – Dick sent an email noting that he recruited the requisite members (12) to receive VTR insurance. **Great work Dick!**

6. Annual Car Show - County Health Board approved a Covid plan; changed to "Masks Recommended" due to size of crowd, and subject to St. Mary's requirements. St. Mary's currently requires masks everywhere but that should change now that graduation is over but probably masks will remain required for the Club House with max of 30 persons. Herm scheduled dinner at Beef O'Grady's, flyers mailed, new posters printed with no mask text, lapel pins ship end of this week, awards on order, awaiting two items at sign maker. Met with Notre Dame Dining and with Special Events, got lime applicator from Roger and cleaned it up, emails for volunteers being drafted for distribution on June 3rd, submitted In The Bend online show listing and boost to header for two weeks before show, added show to SB Tribune's online calendar EVVNT - Larry

7. Monthly Meetings/Dinner/Drives – The club will be holding face-to-face breakfasts in June and July.

8. Board Meeting - **Wednesday July 7th, 7:30 pm – The Board has decided to continue Board meetings via Zoom.** It is a more convenient option, particularly for members who do not live close to each other.

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Pre-Car Show Dinner at Beef O'Brady's







The Fourth MG Regency Run

Sunday May 17th 1987

By Philip Wiltshire

Before we talk about the Regency Run, we need to understand the inspiration for this event. Perhaps you have heard of the annual London to Brighton Veteran Car Run? This event is steeped in motoring history and was created in 1896 and called "The Emancipation Run", celebrating the recently passed Locomotives on Highways Act 1896, which liberalized motor vehicle laws in the United Kingdom. This Act defined a new category of vehicle, *light locomotives*, which were vehicles under 3 tons unladen weight. These 'light locomotives' were exempt from the 3-crew member rule, and were subject to the higher 14 mph top speed, although most Local Government Boards had the authority to reduce it to 12 mph. It is the World's oldest car event, and you need to be running something older than 1905 to be able to participate! It is not a race and just to finish the 54 miles from Hyde Park in London, to Brighton on the south coast of England in Sussex is a feat!

Back in 1896, 33 cars started out and just 17 finished. Most Brit's know all about this run and we have watched it in person or on TV many times, mainly to see the cars chug and puff along the main A23 road between London and Brighton and then see the interviews of the motorists who have stopped for something minor like requiring a new back axle, wooden wagon wheel or head of steam.

Back to the Regency Run. It has run right up to recent times, but Jan and I applied to participate in 1987, which was only the fourth time it had run. The idea was to follow the London to Brighton route (but from Battersea Park in London) and end up on the Madeira Drive esplanade at Brighton, overlooking the English Channel with France just across the way.

The interesting thing is that only one of every type and year of each MG is allowed in the event. We had just finished rebuilding our MGBGT and applied to the committee for permission to participate. We were accepted! And so took part with over 300 other MG's ranging from a 1927 MG 14/28 up to a 1986 MG Maestro EFI.



The weather was cool and cloudy (typical for May in England), but the rain held off. We drove uneventfully to Brighton, nearly running down my Uncle, who waited for us to drive by and jumped out onto the highway at Hickstead, to wave at us. With so many wonderful cars all lined up on the esplanade at Brighton, it really was a moving feast of MG's. Being an enthusiast for all things MG, it was a wonderful opportunity to go talk to the owners and being part of the run made us all feel like a band of (oily) brothers and sisters.

Close to these words is a picture of the very last MGBGT V8 towing "old Number 1", the first MG. Syd Beer was the owner of these fine vehicles and many other MG's. He participated in the run with style and created quite a stir! By luck he and his son ran the last official MG garage in England, literally just around the corner from our home in Cambridgeshire! Very handy for parts, service and advice.

The Mighty Stick Shift

Submitted by Bob Rowland

As the LBC drivers all have manual shifts, the article, entitled, "Collectors salivate over the withering stick shift" in the *New York Times* from 28 June 2021 includes a few points that may be of interest to the Michiana Brits membership.

To summarize the text:

"In 1980 35% of cars produced for sale in the US had manual transmissions."

"Today about 1% of the cars produced in the US have manual transmissions."

"Just 18% of US drivers can drive a stick shift, according to *US News and World Report*."

"The last Ferrari with a stick shift left the factory in 2012."

"A 2007 Ferrari with a manual transmission sold last month for \$692,500."

"This was 3 to 4 times higher than a comparable car with and automatic transmission."

In conclusion:

"Stick shifts have become an anti-theft device and feature."

As the owner of a manual 6 speed manual transmission VW TDI, I was pleased to see the article and perhaps other Michiana-Brits members will be pleased to learn that they are a rare breed of car aficionados.

Humour

No it's not for sale I'm going to fix it up one day





Both submitted by Herm

From the Web: Cruella's Car

In Disney's new film, **Cruella**, the lead character played by Emma Stone drives a **Panther De Ville**, produced by the Panther Westwinds company in the distant past of the mid-1970s. Panther Westwinds was founded in the 1972 by Robert Jankel, manufacturing cars based on standard production underpinnings but sporting throwback styling to the pre-war period. The De Ville was the company's second model, following on from the success of [the earlier J72 roadster](#). Each De Ville was hand built, with a total of only 60 made over a stop-start production run from 1974 to 1985. The styling of the De Ville was inspired by the Bugatti Royale, also known as the Type 41—sporting a small passenger cabin at the end of an extraordinarily long hood. Full article and picture:

<https://www.thedrive.com/news/40996/cruellas-hero-car-is-a-forgotten-piece-of-british-luxury>

RESCHEDULED



NEW SHOW DATE: JULY 25, 2021

July 25, 2021 - Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN - Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show - FUN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY - contact Larry Palguta (574) 288-3923 - the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts Club invites you to join them at their Michiana Brits 33rd Annual British Car Show. This highly popular all-marque show is on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College on the north side of South Bend, IN, across the street from the University of Notre Dame. The Featured Marque is the Triumph TR-4, 4A, 250 & 6. Judging will be by popular vote, with awards given for each class and Best in Show. The entry fee is \$25 per vehicle, and for club members who have their Michiana Brits membership affiliated with their NAMGBR membership, the fee is \$10 per vehicle. Vehicles may arrive after 8:30 AM, judging from 11 AM - 2 PM, awards shortly thereafter. Goody bags and collector show pins for the first 100 vehicles. Food sales (credit cards accepted) by Saint Mary's College, air-conditioned indoors area. Open to the general public 10 AM - 3 PM, free admission & parking, indoor restrooms. Bring a can of food for our "Help Michiana Brits Drive Out Hunger" donation to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Entrants may register at the show or pre-register at the Michiana Brits website, www.michianabrits.com. Please watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

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