

President's Message

It's the middle of July and already folks are saying "Where did the summer go?" It seems like this summer has been much busier than usual. And as I look at what I've been doing with my time – it actually has been quite a bit busier. Hopefully all of us will be on a slower pace for the remainder of the quickly disappearing summer.

This Wednesday we have our monthly meeting/dinner at Lindy's Restaurant up on M-62; always a good time and good food too. August 7th is the SBN Cubs Classic Car Day at Four Winds Field (see page 4). Our August meeting/dinner will be on the 17th at Zeke's in Dowagiac, MI. And make plans for the August 28th Annual Meeting at the Deacon's Lake cottage west of Howe, IN.

For those who may not have made it to our annual Car Show at Saint Mary's College, we did get a steady rain for about 30 minutes between 10:30 – 11:00 AM. Bad timing for us – that's when we usually have cars lined up at registration. Lets hope next year's show on June 25th has better weather.

Two weeks later, Mad Dogs had great weather and temperatures for their annual show. But attendance seem a bit light and public attendance was also down. Even with great weather, you just don't know what can affect your event.

September will be a bit quieter for the Brits as a result of our Fall Tour not occurring until September 29 – October 2. Join us for the drive, sight-seeing, dining and fun.

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- **FINANCIAL : THE ACCOUNT HAS MONEY**
- **JULY NEWSLETTER : TECH TIPS, NOTICES, PRE-CAR SHOW DINNER WILL BE COVERED**
- **CAR SHOW: DALLOWAY CLUB HOUSE – MADELEVA HALL SET UP WORKED OK; SODEXO FOOD GOOD AS USUAL; LOCATION OF DONUT/COFFEE SALES TO BE MOVED FOR 2017; INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED CONCERNING VOLUNTEER ATTENDANCE AND FUNCTION LEADER JOBS**
- **FALL TOUR : SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 2 TO FRANKFORT, KY, HAVE HOTEL BLOCK OF ROOMS SECURED, ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED**
- **MONTHLY MEETING/DINNER : JULY 20TH - LINDY'S ON M-62; AUGUST 17TH – ZEKE'S IN DOAWAGIAC; SEPTEMBER 21 – EL RANCHO GRANDE, NEW BUFFALO, MI**
- **BOARD MEETINGS : AUGUST 2ND – ROGER DEACON; SEPTEMBER 6TH - TBD**



2nd Annual Michiana Brits Odometer Contest

Did you remember about the odometer contest? It's not too late! There are a couple of reasons to keep track of your miles. One reason is we as a club can keep track of all the miles the Michiana Brits drive in a season. The second reason is to win the coveted Michiana Brits Motorway Award and the \$50 gift card! Specifics for the contest are simple. You can keep track of your miles yourself and report your results at the end of the driving season. (A future notice will be sent via the newsletter.) The other option is to send me, Bob Petersen, a picture of the odometer now and at the end of the driving season. You choose how you want to do it. The important thing is to participate! If you have any questions give Bob a call at 574-850-7604 his email address to send pictures or ask questions is bpete56@sbcglobal.net



South Bend Cubs Classic Car Day 2016 - Sunday August 7th

It is summer and a good time to enjoy minor league baseball with the South Bend Cubs at the wonderful Four Winds Field in South Bend. The South Bend Cubs have offered our club the opportunity to participate in their Classic Car Day on Sunday August 7th. Here is what you need to do to both show your car at the Four Winds Field and enjoy the baseball game with the Great Lakes Loons.

The game is at 2:05 PM, but they are letting cars park starting at 11 AM on the large walkway at the northeast corner of the stadium (by gate D). Tickets are

\$11/person and that gives you a ticket to the game and the ability to show your car. While the classic cars remain in their parking spots during the game, the car show participants will be in section 103 (first base side beyond the infield). They have reserved a block of tickets for all the classic car day participants at that location.

If you would like to show your car and see the baseball game, contact Roxanne Felde <rfelde@southbendcubs.com> via email or tel.574-235-9988 x 276. She would fill out an order form and once the payment is processed, they can send the tickets to you or leave them at the stadium for pickup on the day of the car show. The day of the show, they will have a list of all those attending and their vehicles, which will be checked in and then the parking attendants will ensure the vehicles are properly parked.

We hope to see some of you at the show and game.

Michiana Brits Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, August 28th

The Club's annual membership meeting and Pot Luck will be held at approximately Noon on Sunday, August 28th at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage. Call Ruth Deacon at 574-679-4332 by August 23rd to let her know what you are bringing to this potluck lunch. The club will provide the meat (fried chicken). Email Roger at rogerdeacon61@yahoo.com so he will have a head count and know how much chicken to buy. Lunch will begin at approximately noon, so plan to arrive earlier. Roger has requested that people bring their own lawn chairs due to the minimum number at the cottage and also bring their own drinks although some soft drinks will be provided.

Roger and Ruth Deacon 1785 W. 570N Howe, IN (Call 574-292-0004 if you get lost)

There are 3 ways to get to the Deacon's cottage:

1) East on the Toll Road: east to the Sturgis/LaGrange exit. Leaving the Toll Road, turn right at the stop light onto Hwy 9, go approximately 2 miles to the next stop light and turn right onto Hwy 120. You are at the south edge of Howe, IN. Go 2 miles until you are about 1000 feet past the Twin Lakes Resort and Campground, and turn right onto road 185 West. Go straight in, up the hill until it dead ends and turn right, go down the hill until you come to a cul-de-sac. Keep going onto a white gravel drive bearing left around a tree. You have arrived.

2) East on McKinley Hwy: go to Elkhart, turn right at the Chevy dealer when you go across the river, turn left at the next stop light and follow this road through town. At the edge of Elkhart, you will come to the R.R. tracks and a stop light, keep going straight until the next light and go straight. Do not take the right fork to the right. You will now be on the south side of the St. Joe River and eventually Hwy 20. Follow this through the town of Bristol past Hwy 13 and past Hwy 5 which goes to Shippshewana. You will go about 5 miles and across the Pigeon River about ½ mile and the first road you come to on your left will be Road 185 West. Turn left and go straight in, up the hill until it dead ends and turn right, go down the hill until you come to a cul-de-sac. Keep going onto a white gravel drive bearing left around a tree. You have arrived.

3) East on Hwy 20: go until you come to the town of LaGrange. At the light, turn left onto Hwy 9 and go about 6 miles to the town of Howe. At the intersection/light of Hwy 120 on the south side of Howe, turn left and go 2 miles until you are about 1000 feet past the Twin Lakes Resort and Campground and turn right onto road 185 West. Go straight in, up the hill until it dead ends and turn right. Go down the hill until you come to a cul-de-sac. Keep going onto a white gravel drive bearing left around a tree. You have arrived.

Hotel Rooms for Fall Tour to Frankfort Kentucky

Best Western Parkside Inn, 80 Chenault Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. tel. 502-695-6111. We have 10 rooms reserved under Michiana Brits. Be sure to use the group name when making reservations to get the group rate. All rooms have two extended double beds (bigger than a double, but smaller than a queen). Room rates are \$89.00/night. 3 nights: in Thursday Sept. 29 and out Sunday Oct. 2nd. They will hold the rooms until 8/29/2016.

Amenities: Complimentary Breakfast, WiFi, High Speed Internet, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness center.

There is a lot to do in the Frankfort area; activities are being planned. Hope you can join us for another great Fall Tour.

June Happenings

by Roger Deacon

June has been a busy month for every one doing their thing. On June 5th, Bob Kerstetter and I went to the Ft. Meigs car show in Toledo, Ohio. The rain held off until noon and it would come and go all day. Finally, Bob and I left and it cleared off by the time we got to the edge of town. We both received first place awards. Bob for his 1967 MGB roadster and me for our 2006 MINI Cooper S convertible. We didn't get our plaques from the president of the Toledo car show until the NAMBGR show June 13 - 17 in Louisville, Kentucky as we had left Toledo early due to the rain.

Larry Palguta, Kai Shepherd and I went to John Twist's University Motors in Grand Rapids, Michigan to pick up two overdrive transmissions that John had rebuilt for Larry and I. We removed the engine and tranny from my 1978 MGB roadster to install the overdrive tranny. That is now 99% done.

Larry's engine was finished being rebuilt by Kaley's machine shop, so we picked it up. We put on the fly wheel, clutch and mated the overdrive tranny to the engine. Now it sits until after the club car show at Saint Mary's College.

On June 12th, Bob Kerstetter took his 1967 MGB roadster and I took my 1971 MGB GT and left for the NAMGBR car show in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a hot 7 1/2 hour drive. Once there, we met up with Jim Webb and his 1972 MGB, Ken Geljack and his 1961 MGA police car, Dale and Judy Zinn and their 1952 MG TD, John and Kathleen Bushnell and their 1949 MG TC and Dave Terhune driving his 1957 MGA Coupe. Former Brits member Dave moved to Tennessee a couple of years ago but I still keep in contact with him.

John Twist comes every year to the NAMGBR car. He does a quick tune up on the cars which is timing and adjusting the carbs. John found a vent hose completely blocked on my GT. The biggest surprise was that he couldn't adjust the carbs. It seems back in the 70s the government mandated that there had to be a

block put on the adjustment screws so we couldn't adjust the air mixture. The reason for this was the government thought that we weren't smart enough to do it. John told me how to take the block off, and the next day he adjusted the carbs because I didn't have any tools with me. On the way home I got 25 miles per gallon verses 18 miles per gallon going to the car show.

Bob Kerstetter came home with a third place plaque for his 1967 MGB. There were 821 cars registered at NAMGBR. Fifty-two MGB GTs, 110 MGAs and 400 MGBs. The rest were an assortment of MGs.

Notes from Mad Dogs and Englishmen's Car Show

By Roger Deacon

By my count there were 15 Michiana Brits that went to Mad Dogs and Englishmen's car show at the Gilmore Museum by Hickory Corners, MI on July 10, 2016. There were 2 Michiana Brits that came home with awards of excellence : Dan Craft for his 1968 MGB GT and Dale & Judy Zinn with their 1952 MGTD. Ken and Kathy Geljack won the People's Choice and The Featured Marque Awards. Congratulations to the winners.

Pre-Car Show Dinner at Legends of Notre Dame

By Mary Petersen

As is their tradition, the Michiana Brits met on Saturday night, June 25, at the Legends of Notre Dame Restaurant and Alehouse for their annual pre-show dinner. This dinner is held the evening before the Brits' Car Show. The menu is filled with an array of delicious foods and drinks. Thirty members attended on a beautiful summer evening. Some of the Brits even drove their LBCs. After a brief



welcome and meeting by Larry Palguta and then dinner, the Brits were off to rest in anticipation of the next day's big event.



Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

I found out that I wasn't quite tuning the carbs right. After adjusting the idle to where both carbs are idling the same, I lock them down to the throttle shaft and take it for a spin around the block. When I come back I remove a spark plug from each carb. I check the spark plug to see if it is black (too rich), tan is just right, and white is too lean.

Then I make an adjustment to the mixture jet and take it for another spin around the block. I come back and pull the plugs again to check the color. This is for the HSU and HIF carburetors. Always check the manual for initially setting the carbs up.

The Stromberg, Zenith type 175 CD 5T is adjusted from the inside. You have to take the damper assembly off and put the special tool S353 (you can buy them from Moss or Victory British.) into where you pulled out the damper assembly and turn it until it is locked into place. Pull a spark plug and check for the tan color. Clockwise to enrich the mixture and counter-clock wise to lean it. Take the car for a spin around the block and check the spark plug to see what color it is. Read the manual on how to adjust the idle, etc. Then adjust the mixture.

A tip from John Twist is to always use 90 weight oil in your carbs. Everything wears out and by using 90 weight oil this tightens up the damper and the bore. Also, use 90 weight oil in your steering rack.

For those who bought the color tune kits, throw them away as they are useless. John Twist doesn't use them. The instructions say to get a nice blue flame. When you check the plugs, a blue flame will indicate the plugs are running too lean.

At Louisville while waiting in line for John Twist to check our cars, Zelda from California (who weighs 99 pounds if she weighs that much) was waiting also. She drives her 1974 MGB every year, alone, cross country, no back up. Every year she has a problem and John fixes it. She told me that at times the car would start bucking. It was funny to see her bucking like the car. I told her that something was shorting out the spark plug wires. When she got up to John, he got out his probe and started to move the spark plug wires around and got BIT. He told Zelda to buy a new set of spark plug wires. When she got back, I put her new wires on and the car ran great.