

President's Message

It is now mid-LBC driving season and we have had much cooler weather than expected and in prior summers. So it is a good time to be driving your LBC here and there. Car shows and cruise-ins are everywhere almost every weekend, providing many opportunities to drive and show your LBC.

Following the cool weather theme, our car show at Saint Mary's College was held on one of the coolest, low humidity days ever for our show. We experienced a large crowd of public attendees, a very good attendance by vehicles registered for the show, and our largest donation of food to the Food Bank. Overall, it would be hard to have better weather, crowd size, and venue for a late-June car show in this part of the country.

July and August will be busy months for our club members who can get out to numerous events. This Wednesday the 19th is our monthly meeting/dinner at Giannetto's Pizza, Saturday the 22nd is the first annual Treasure Hunt North on the west side of downtown South Bend (page 4 below), Wednesday August 9th is a nice drive to our monthly meeting/dinner at Zeke's in Dowagiac, MI, and the 27th is the annual meeting at the Deacon's cottage near Howe, IN (page 5 below). Lots of opportunities and hopefully nice weather to drive your LBC.

It has been a pretty busy summer and I have to admit to not having driven our MGB very much, certainly not as much as we should have in the exceptionally nice weather. But there will be time for more driving in July and August, and some squeezed in around fall activities like college football games. We should enjoy this weather and our LBC's before the driving season comes to a predictable close.

Monday, July 10th Board Meeting Minutes

- Financial – Larry reported on the results of the car show
- July Newsletter – Mary is working on it
- Fall Tour – no further news from Keith Wishmeier
- 2107 – car show – Larry reported on the 50/50 Raffle results; the weight of the food in the donation barrel; two classes to be combined for next year's show; public attendance; changes on media notice, time of coffee & donut sales, time change on second Parking shift, and problem of volunteers not reading instructions
- Herm will be back-up for Larry while he is on vacation
- Monthly Meeting/Dinner – July 19th – Giannetto's; August 9th – Zeke's in Dowagiac, MI; September 14 – Bob P. to line up Villa Macri at Tuscany Square, Granger, IN
- August 27th - Annual Meeting at Deacon's Lake Cottage, Howe, IN
- Board Meetings – August 2nd – Kai's house; September 13th – Herm's house

Welcome to the following new members:

**Kurt & Vella Anderson, Valparaiso, IN: 1967 Austin-Healey
3000 BJ8**

Jan Cervelli, South Bend, IN: 1953 MGTD & 1958 MGA

Al & June Malin, Granger, IN: 1962 Austin-Healey 3000

David & Lisa Sexton, South Bend, IN: 1974 MGB/GT

Saturday July 22nd Treasure Hunt North Festival in South Bend 8AM-2 PM

The Michiana Brits are participating in a car show that will be a part of an event called Treasure Hunt North on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (rain date of Sunday July 23). It will take place in the National West Washington Street Historic District of South Bend, and includes antiques and collectibles, food trucks, live entertainment, Informational Booths, a scavenger hunt, and a car show.

The car show includes cars from the local Studebaker Club, Porsche Club, BMW Club, and Michiana Brits. Closed will be Washington Street from Chapin Street west to Elm St, and La Porte Avenue from Washington Street north to Colfax Ave, by St. Paul's Memorial UMC. The cars will be displayed in two areas, one being along La Porte Avenue, the other being in a lot of the west side of the Notre Dame Arts and Culture Center. The Tire Rack is a sponsor and will have things for drawings, and there will be something like the Dunlop Bridge that goes from one side of the street to the other. A commemorative pin for each person who displays a car. Indiana Landmarks has been doing this in Indianapolis for several years and the hope is for this to become a regular annual event here in South Bend.

For those attending with their LBC, you can drive west on Colfax to the corner of West Colfax and LaPorte Avenue (St Paul's Memorial UMC) and then you will be directed to parking spots on LaPorte Avenue.

Michiana Brits member Tom Thews is the pastor of St. Paul's Memorial UMC.

SPONSORS: Tire Rack, Indiana Landmarks, The History Museum, Studebaker National Museum, Notre Dame Center for Arts & Culture, Indiana University Civil Rights Heritage Center, The Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St Joseph County, St. Paul's Memorial UMC, and a few others.

Michiana Brits Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, August 27th

The Club's annual membership meeting and Pot Luck will be held at approximately Noon on Sunday, August 27th at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage. Call Ruth Deacon at 574-679-4332 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 Shipshewana. 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.

2017 Odometer Contest

We are in the middle of our 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 LBC 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!!

Hosted by Ridge NAPA Auto Parts, Wellbrooke of South Bend & Still Cruisin' Group

Summer
Cruise-In

June 13th **August 8th**
July 11th **September 12th**
5 - 8 pm

Ridge NAPA AUTO PARTS
Wellbrooke of South Bend
Still Cruisin' Group

Ridge NAPA & Wellbrooke
Parking Lots:
52519 St. Rd. 933N &
52565 St. Rd. 933N

Your Favorite Music
by DJ - WJOEpm

Raffle | Contests | Music | Food | More!

Round Barn Winery Sports Car Show Sept. 9, 2017

This exclusive Sports Car Show held at Round Barn Winery on Saturday September 9, 2017 is the only one known in the Northern Indiana / South West Michigan area. There are quite a few attendees from last year that identified this event as their most favorite car show of the year. One of the strongest reasons they liked this event was for the ability to invite friends that may not share the same level of excitement about sports cars as you may, but enjoy the ambiance of a being at a Winery and listening to live music while enjoying cars. Some of the sports cars that attended were Ferrari, Porsche, British, German, Swedish, French and Japanese Sports Cars. We have signs to organize cars by their country of origin. This event has no registration or awards, just show up and enjoy a beautiful day of Sports Cars, Live Music with Round Barn's own Wine, Beer, Spirits, Food, water and soft drinks. Most car owners arrive before Noon and can leave anytime later. Car tours are encouraged to this event and are a great way to make it a club event by winding through the beautiful wine country of Berrien County.

Once you arrive at Round Barn proceed down driveway to paved parking lot and drive to gate just East of Round Barn and an attendant will let you in. Vintage clothing is also encouraged.

Fall Tour to Mackinac Island - Sept. 21-24

The 2017 Fall Tour, to occur September 21-24, has a destination of Mackinac Island. We will visit interesting sights around Petosky and Charlevoix on Saturday after going over to the island on Friday (when there are fewer tourists).

Keith Wishmeier arranged a block of 10 hotel rooms for the club on the south side of the bridge at Mackinaw City. The rooms are split into two groups - 5 lakeside rooms (with a view) and 5 court side rooms (hotel parking area, etc.) Thus, the group rate room prices vary and also vary according to the nights reserved (no control over that). We will be there 3 nights, September 21-23. Google it and check out the amenities.

Below is information about the hotel. As of July 15th, 8 rooms have been reserved; two court side rooms are left but several lakeside rooms are still available (they will book more than 10 rooms since rooms are still available).

Best Western Plus Dockside Waterfront, 505 South Huron, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 1-800-944-1615 (toll free)

**REQUEST YOUR ROOM FROM THOSE RESERVED FOR MICHIANA
BRITISH CAR CLUB**

The rooms will be held until August 31st, and then released back into the general inventory.

Lakeside rooms; Thur. \$119; Fri. \$129; Sat. \$169, for a total of \$417 before taxes, etc.

Court side rooms: Thur. \$89; Fri. \$99; Sat. \$139, for a total of \$327 before taxes, etc.

Hotels tend to have high occupancy rates at this time of year (e.g., no rooms were available in Petosky)

Time to join in on the Fall Tour 2017 and make your room reservation. We always have a good time on these 4 day trips.

Stagman's Tech Tips

by Roger Deacon

Well our car show was a success this year. No rain and cool temperatures. There was a bigger crowd of tire kickers who really enjoyed themselves. As they left, Ann Rutledge and I thanked everyone for coming, which was appreciated. Ann and I will sign up for that job next year.

I was pretty busy fixing a car or answering questions about someone's problem. It was nice to see some of our new members helping this year.

Now for the cruise control (mentioned in last month's newsletter) that I was installing on our MGB GT. The good bad and ugly of installing it. It took me about 4-5 hours and 7 days as other things and cars kept interfering with getting it installed. There wasn't anything ugly or bad about installing it. It was fairly simple following the instructions. I could now probably get it done in 2 hours on an MGB, so that would be the good.

The club had 2 members that didn't show up due to blowing one of their oil lines going to the oil cooler radiator, just before the show.

I have been writing about changing brake hoses and water hoses but I don't think that I have ever mentioned changing out the oil lines. There are 2 oil cooler lines if you have an oil cooler, plus the 1/2 inch line that is 12 inches long feeding your oil pressure gauge.

If you don't have an oiler cooler, you only have 1 line: the 1/2 x 12 inch line feeding the oil pressure gauge. But there is also another one from the oil filter to the engine block. This one could also be a steel line so check where the nut connects at each end of the hose (filter & block) because they can crack at those connections. If it is a rubber line, change it.

To change out the oil cooler lines, first you have to remove the oil filter if it is a top loader. Then pull the distributor. Third, remove the 1/2 inch line to the oil pressure gauge. Now you will be able to get at the nuts going into the block to remove the hose that goes to the oil cooler. Simple right? Wrong! Do you have some 1" to 1 1/8" wrenches?

Don't try taking them off with a crescent wrench as it is hard to get a grip to turn it and you take the chance of rounding off the nut. I also buy a new oil cooler (radiator) because it is aluminum and the hose ends are steel and they might mess up the threads when trying to remove the hoses.

Just remember - if you haven't changed these lines yet, a failure is going to happen when you don't want it to happen, as these 2 club members will attest to that.

When replacing the oil hoses, I found out that you can slide the hose back on and using a hose clamp, you will be able to run the engine without leaking oil and still get back home.

How to Reduce the MGB "Heat" in Summer

By Roger Deacon

If you are an MGB owner, you are probably familiar with the summer time heat that comes into the cockpit to warm up the driver and passenger, particularly their feet. Well here is a way to make certain that none of that unwanted and unnecessary heat comes from your heater.

Oh, you say your heater valve is turned all the way off? Even so, some engine coolant still flows through the heater and produces heat for the inside of the B during the summer. Solution - here is an easy and inexpensive way to bypass coolant around the heater in the summer.

At the local auto store, buy 2 foot of new water hose with an inside diameter of 1/2 inch. Engine coolant passes through a metal tube located over the top of the

engine. The back end of the metal tube has an existing water hose connected to it and the other end of the existing water hose attaches to the coolant fitting at the top of the heater.

Remove the existing water hose from the back end of the metal tube and remove the clamp from the hose (the other end of the existing water hose can be left attached to the heater, or you can simply remove this existing water hose and save it for reattachment when cold weather arrives). With the removed clamp, attach the new water hose to the back end of the metal tube, tightening the clamp.

Remove the other existing water hose from the heater valve mounted on the side of the engine (be ready to collect coolant draining from the heater). The other end of the existing water hose can be left attached to the heater, or you can simply remove it and save this existing water hose for reattachment when cold weather arrives. After collecting coolant draining from the heater, remove the clamp from the end of the existing water hose.

Place the free end of the new water hose at the water valve fitting and eyeball where you need to cut it to remove extra hose length (the total length of the new water hose will be roughly 14 inches when you have cut off the excess hose). Put the clamp on the end of the new water hose and clamp the end of the new water hose to the water valve fitting.

Voila!! You have successfully rerouted hot engine coolant so it bypasses the heater. When cold weather arrives, simply remove the new water hose and re-attach the ends of the existing water hoses, or re-install the two existing water hoses you had in storage.

Many thanks to our Web Master Steve Peterka for letting us know about websites and an app that list ethanol-free gas:

<http://www.buyrealgas.com> and <http://pure-gas.org>

They list ethanol-free stations around the country. Buyrealgas shows six in northern Indiana:

Bellman Oil Co
550 E 2nd St, Bremen, IN 46506

Templeton Oil Co Inc (Must have account)
201 S Jackson St, Nappanee, IN 46550

East Chicago Marina
East Chicago, IN

Jackson Oil and Solvents Bulk Sales Only)
North Webster, IN 46555

Countrymark
610 W Broad St, Angola, IN 46703

Countrymark
707 Wayne St, Fremont, IN 46737

Pure-gas shows a lot more (106 in the state), but there's no map. You have to view by city. There are three in Mishawaka and one in South Bend.

Pure Gas is an app for your smartphone that you can get free at the app store (iphone) or Google play store.

The icon looks like this:

