

The Burble & Squeak

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Current # of memberships is 74

Upcoming Events

August

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Bob & Mary Petersen, 51620 Fox Hollow Ct.
Granger, IN 46530 574-850-7602

Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 18, 2019
Roger & Ruth Deacon's Lake Cottage
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September

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Larry Palguta
55596 Country Club Road
South Bend IN 46619 574-288-3923

Monthly Meeting/Dinner

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:30 p.m.
Wyatt Beef and Brew 66714 SR 331
Bremen, IN 46506 574-633-2181

Annual Fall Tour

September 19-22
Madison, IN
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Newsletter Submissions

This is the Newsletter of the Michiana Brits, Ltd., Car Club and is distributed to all paid Annual Members as part of their dues. If you would like to submit articles for publication, they are most welcome. The deadline is the 25th of each month. Send all correspondence (electronic submissions are preferable) to the President, bring it to a General Meeting, or send to the Newsletter Editor at mkpete@sbcglobal.net.

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Michiana Brits
On the Road Again



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President's Message

Hello All,

Our car show was a great success this year. We ended up with 94 cars registered. This led to a bit of a traffic jam on some rows as many more than anticipated of some marques showed up. Not too big of a deal as we were able to accommodate overflow by spreading them to other rows. This is always a learning process so next year we'll try a bit harder to properly distribute the field. To help us in this task, I recommend registering early. We only had about 1/3 of the field pre-register this year. If we could get 2/3 or more preregistered it would help us with the layout.

The weather was nice and we had a lot of foot traffic. The children's craft table was enjoyed by all the kids that attended the show. The silent auction and t-shirt sales were a success. Also, the Food Bank received 94 pounds of food and a nice donation from the 50-50 raffle, with an equal amount of money going to the lucky winner of the raffle.

The Mad Dogs and Englishmen show in Michigan proved to be well represented by the Michiana Brits. We (not me of course) placed well in several categories. The weather for that show was also great and all the Brits had a nice time socializing amongst ourselves as well as with our fellow enthusiasts from other clubs.

Our Eastern Region has set up a winery tour for Saturday, July 27. We will begin the tour at the McDonalds in Ligonier (on Route 5 just north of Route 6) at 11:30 am and depart for the first stop about 11:45 am. If you can't make every stop, please feel free to join us at any point. I expect to be at the Fruit Hills Winery about 1:00 - 1:30 pm and the Tippy Creek Winery at 2:30 - 3:00 pm. I hope you enjoy the tour. For complete details, see the email Larry forwarded from Dick Birch on Friday, July 19. Vicki and I will be taking the tour. Those of you from further west that would like to convoy to Ligonier with us, please let me know. We can meet somewhere around Elkhart between 10:15am and 10:30am. Contact me and let me know if you're interested.

Happy Motoring,

Mike

Welcome to New Members of Michiana Brits

Michael & Laurie McCartin Fort Wayne, IN 2017 Jaguar XF

July 10 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Bob K. reported on our bank account**
- **July Newsletter – Mary prepping articles, Larry to write article on the Concours D'Elegance car show**
- **Fall Tour – Keith and Randy planning trip, Mike S. to arrange lodging**
- **Annual Car Show – T-shirt sales & silent auction successful, look for garage decorations throughout the year, future awards will have no dates, craft table successful, Kids Car for 2020, Beef'O'Brady's successful, fee to be \$25, auto jumble/vendor fees to be eliminated**
- **Eastern Region – read report from Dick Birch**
- **Monthly Meetings/Dinners : August 18th – Annual Meeting at Deacon's cottage; September 11- Wyatt Beef & Brew, 66714 SR 331, Bremen, IN**
- **Board Meetings – August 7th – Petersen's; September 4th – Palguta's; October 2nd – Wishmeier's; November 6th – Deacon's**

Michiana Brits Eastern Region News

June 21, 2019

We held our meeting on June 20th at the Rozella Ford Golf Course El Faro Restaurant in Warsaw, IN. We had a great turnout of 17 members including Mike Scullion and Roger Deacon. I had intended to launch a new activity of quizzes about British lore, but screwed it up by inadvertently copying the answer sheet instead of the question sheet. However, I will attempt a re-launch at our next meeting.

We discussed the car show on the 30th and the Studebaker Museum Cars and Coffee event on Sept. 7. Mike mentioned some other aspects of the Cars and Coffee event. Roger gave a mini-tech session on electrical connections and then sold a few T-shirts.

I passed out a map with the location of several of the wineries in the northern part of Indiana, and solicited comments from everyone on personal choices of wineries. Several came forward and enthusiasm was high for a winery tour. We will be working on the details of the tour in the coming weeks and hope to have it set up as an event for the last half of July. All Michiana Brits members will be welcomed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 16th at a place to be determined.

Dick Birch

Michiana Brits Eastern Region Winery Tour Info

July 27th

We will have our first winery tour on Saturday, July 27. The 3 wineries that we will visit are:

Stoney Creek Winery

10315 CR 146

Millersburg, IN 46543

574-642-4454

This is a very small winery that I almost considered skipping on our tour until I found out that the owner had a couple of MG's (which he let me see in a back building). I decided to keep it on the tour in hope of picking up another club member. The tasting room is very small, but the wines were quite nice, and the location is a very pastoral country setting. Tastings are free.

Fruit Hills Winery

55504 SR 15

Bristol, IN 46507

574-848-9463

This is a much larger winery with a nice assortment of traditional and fruity wines. Tastings are \$5 for 5 tastes, but you get a card that entitles you to free tastings throughout the calendar year. Food is available if a food truck is present during a music event. Otherwise, prepackaged cheese and sausage snacks are available.

Tippy Creek Winery

5920 N 200 E

Leesburg, IN 46538

574-453-9003

This is quite a large facility with a broad spectrum of wines which also includes wine slushes and sangria. On the day of our visit they are hosting a sangria festival and introducing a new sangria formulation. Tastings are \$6 for 6 tastes, participation in the sangria festival is an additional \$5, and a food truck will be on site with burgers, hot, dogs, tacos, etc.

We will begin our tour at the McDonalds in Ligonier (on Rte 5 just north of Rte 6) at 11:30 am and depart for the first stop about 11:45 am. If you can't make every stop, please feel free to join us at any point. I expect to be at Fruit Hills about 1:00 - 1:30 pm and Tippy Creek at 2:30 - 3:00 pm. I hope you enjoy the tour.

Dick Birch

Michiana Brits Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, August 18th

The Club's annual membership meeting and Pot Luck will be held at approximately Noon on Sunday, August 18th at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage. Call Ruth Deacon at 574-350-4692 or email her at whybrew@yahoo.com 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 120. 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.

Fall Tour Information 2019

Our 2019 Fall Tour will be a return trip to Madison, IN located on the Ohio River. During the 2010 Fall Tour, the Brits enjoyed scenic routes, Madison's old river town architecture, antique shops, Clifty Falls State Park, LBC-friendly roads, Hanover College, Skyline Chili, and the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site at Metamora. Join in for another memorable visit to Switzerland County, IN.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS - WE HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS

The hotel for our Fall Tour to Madison, IN will be the Comfort Inn. 3717 Clifty Dr., Madison, IN 47250. To reserve your room call 812-273-4443 to get the room rate of \$110.49 plus tax. Mention Michiana Brits to get this price. Reservations must be made by 8-19-19. After that date they will release any rooms we have reserved and members will have to pay full price for any rooms still available. Around \$139 per night plus tax.

If you plan to attend please make reservations as soon as possible. If we go above ten rooms prior to 8-19-19 they may be able to make a few more available at the discounted rate. We are looking forward to fun drive as usual.

Michiana Brits at Mad Dogs & Englishmen Three Award Winners

By Mary Petersen



On Sunday, July 14, a number of Michiana Brits traveled to the Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan. The weather was a little chilly in the morning but changed to hot and sunny shortly after we arrived.

A few of us decided to tailgate while there. We thought it would be nice to have a shady place to sit and visit. Many thanks to Randy and Bev Glanders for bringing their canopies. We all brought lawn chairs, our own coolers, lunch and some snacks to share.

There were some beautiful cars to admire and touring the car museums is always fun. But we also had three of our members' cars win awards. Congratulations to:

Ken Geljack who received a 1st place award for his 1962 MGA Police Car,

Tom and Debbie Shoemaker for their 2nd place award TR7, and

Roger Deacon for his 2nd place award 1971 MGB/GT



Mad Dogs show and relaxing Brits

Michiana Brits at Studebaker Museum Concours D'Elegance Two Award Winners

By Larry Palguta

On July 13th, the Studebaker Museum in South Bend held its second annual Concours D'Elegance car show on the grounds of the adjacent Oliver mansion house museum – Copshaholm. Two Michiana Bits received invitations to enter their vehicles in the European Economy class. Deb Loper entered her 1952 Singer and Deb Palguta entered her 1957 Morris Minor. Both entries won special awards: Deb Loper's Singer won a Champion Award and Deb Palguta's Morris Minor won a Premier Award – the "Tom Cotter Digs This Car" Award.



Deb Loper's 1952 Singer



Champion Award



Deb Palguta's 1957 Morris Minor



Premier Award – “Tom Cotter Digs This Car” Award

Stagman's Tech Tips

The last week of June has been one busy week. Five days at Traverse City at the North American MGB Register car show. The best part of the show is watching John Twist tune up our MGBs. John knows our cars inside and out. People will ask John about a problem and he will give an answer that is usually correct. He does this all day long at the car shows.

I told John that I have been having a hammering problem and miss coming from the engine ever since I had it rebuilt. He asked what grade of gas I was using and I told him low grade. He said to use a higher grade since the compression was higher. I have filled the gas tank up with the highest grade and the hammering has gone away.

He then took off my spark plug wires and tested them for continuity. Some didn't pass, he also found green mold on the distributor cap and wire ends. What a shock that was because I had bought a good grade of wires. They were only 8 years old. He told me to buy a new distributor cap and wires. He recommended buying wires from NAPA - 700171 Belden Edge wires - at \$32.00.

Upon returning home I stopped at NAPA on Home Street in Mishawaka. They had one set so I bought them. The counter man was shocked to read that they would fit all cars from the 50s to present. What you have to do is cut them to the length you want. One end comes with the end that goes onto the spark plugs. John said to also tighten the nut at the top of the spark plug as he has found when checking spark plugs most are loose so tighten them with a pair of pliers not finger tight. The other end goes onto the distributor cap. You have to crimp the metal piece onto the wire and then work it into the rubber boot. I hope to get the wires installed this week and the miss in the engine goes away.

New rebuilt engine - high grade of gas. Engine missing - replace wires and distributor cap. Now check that your carbs are in synch with each other.

How many wish that their wing vent would stay open with holding it open with your hand? Take off the door panel so you can get to the nut under the wing vent. Spray the nut with P B Rust Buster. Let it work on the rust for a couple of hours as the nut could be rusted to a small bolt hanging down. Take a small socket or nut driver and gently see if it moves a little. If you break the bolt off you have to remove the whole frame to replace the bolt so be very gentle with it. Now that it is loose, tighten it until the vent is snug and stays in the open position. There is a spring above the nut to hold tension. As the books always say, reassemble your door panel in reverse order.

I'm always happy to answer questions. But please don't call me after July 12 for 2 weeks as I

won't be able to answer from where I'm going.

All spelling errors courtesy of my iPad and me.

Roger Deacon. 574-292-0004

T-Shirts

If you would like to buy the T-Shirt that was sold at our car show, we have all sizes. They are \$20. Please contact Herm Marrese 574-360-9438.

July Monthly Meeting Dinner

By Mary Petersen

Zeke's Food and Spirits in Dowagiac Michigan is always a popular spot to have one of our monthly meeting/dinners. On July 17, that is where our meeting was held. It was very hot and humid during the day but there was a nice breeze in the late afternoon, so driving the LBCs was not out of the question. David and Judy Dean get kudos for being the only ones to drive their LBC – a TR-8.

We were seated in the lower meeting room which was probably cooler than the upstairs one. It was a little smaller but proved to be fine for the 26 Brits that made it to Zeke's. The food was delicious and the drinks were so refreshing after the drive there. The service was good. They are always happy for us to be there.

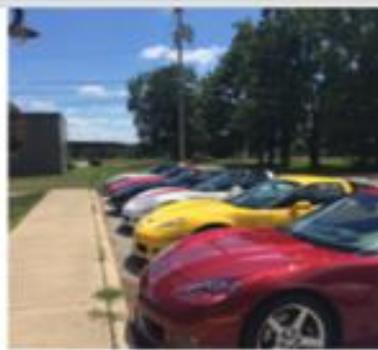
Mike Scullion held a short meeting. The Fall Tour was discussed. Hotel rooms are now available to reserve in Madison. There was a rundown on the Car Show which was fantastic! Herm Marrese showed the T-Shirts from the car show in case anyone wanted to buy one (she sold 2). Dick Birch filled us in on the Eastern Region and their Winery Tour.

It was a nice night to spend with some of our favorite people. Our next meeting will be at Roger and Ruth Deacon's Twin Branch lake cottage on August 18th.



Zeke's Food & Spirits in Dowagiac, MI

SEPT. 7TH ACTIVITIES – SOUTH BEND & FORT WAYNE



CARS AND COFFEE

8am-10am

DATES AND FEATURED CLUBS

July 6: St. Joe Valley Street Rods

August 3: Pioneer Automobile Association

September 7: Michiana Brits

You bring the cars, and we'll bring the coffee (and donuts)! All makes and models are welcomed to attend the event.

This event is free and open to the public and includes free admission to the Museum galleries throughout the event. Coffee and donuts while supplies last.

Cars and Coffee is the newest Studebaker National Museum event series. This year, Cars and Coffee will be held June - September on the first Saturday of the month. This is a rain or shine event.



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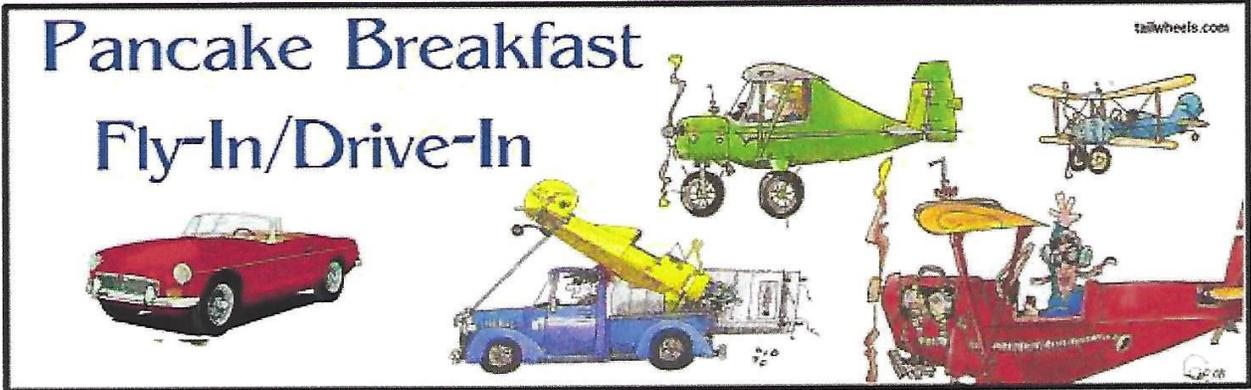
201 Chapin Street

South Bend, IN 46601

574-235-9714

info@studebakermuseum.org





Classic Cars
British Cars
Hot Rods

Sept. 7, 2019

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Hangar 2 - Smith Field Airport
426 W. Ludwig Rd, Ft. Wayne, IN (KSMD)**



**\$7.00 per person
Kids Under 12-\$4.00**

**Pancakes, Sausage,
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