

President's Message

As I write this message, it is pouring down rain. We've gone from two weeks with no rain to days of heavy rain and possible flooding. Not so great for driving your LBC. Rumors are that some of our LBCs don't have the best seals on their convertible tops, but don't tell anyone!

We are a little busier in August, in preparation for a very busy September. On August 17th, its back to Zeke's in Dowagiac for our monthly meeting/dinner. Then we go over to near Howe, IN on August 28th for our annual meeting at the Deacon's lake cottage. See the directions on page 5 and come on over for a Pot Luck lunch and relaxing afternoon at the lake.

September 3rd is a chance to drive over to Auburn, IN for the annual Auburn/Cord Duesenberg Auction (see page 4). September 10th is the second annual Sports Car Show at the Round Barn Winery & Distillery in Baroda, MI, headed up by Stan Mason (see page 10) Enjoy a beautiful day of Sports Cars and live music with Round Barn's own Wine, Beer, Spirits, Food, water and soft drinks.

September 21st we try a new dining spot – El Rancho Grande in New Buffalo, MI. This is an opportunity for a nice drive through the country side and trying out a good local restaurant by Lake Michigan.

The highlight of the month is our annual Fall Tour on September 29th through October 2nd to Frankfort, KY. A good drive to and through Madison, IN, over the Ohio River, and into Kentucky to see the local sights around historic Frankfort, the capitol of Kentucky.

Get ready for some driving in September and join in the fun as we visit destinations in Michigan and Kentucky.

Tuesday, August 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – David reported that we had money**
- **August Newsletter – Mary is preparing the newsletter**
- **Car Show aftermath – June 25, 2017 is the date for next year's car show; final payment for 2016 show is due; contract to be signed for 2017 show; new backing material for Roseland sign to be purchased**
- **Fall Tour – meet on Sept. 29th at Stack's Restaurant on east side of Elkhart, leave by 8 AM; hotel rooms available; local activities being planned; to and from routes being planned**
- **Auburn/Cord Duesenberg Auction – Sept. 3rd – meet at Das Dutchman Essenhaus for breakfast at 7 AM, leave by 8 AM**
- **Monthly Meeting/Dinner – August 17th at Zeke's in Dowagiac; Sept 21st at El Rancho Grande in New Buffalo, MI; October 12th being arranged**
- **Board Meetings – Sept. 6th at Petersen's**



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

Auburn~ Cord~ Duesenberg

September 3, 2016



If you would like to visit the Auburn~Cord~Duesenberg Festival on September 3, with a group of the Michiana Brits, we will be meeting for breakfast, 7 AM at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, 240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540, and leaving at no later than 8 AM. If you have any questions, please call Roger Deacon 574-292-0004

https://www.acdfestival.org/images/resources/ATA_2016.pdf

Michiana Brits Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, August 28th

The Club's annual membership meeting and Pot Luck lunch will be held at approximately Noon on Sunday, August 28th at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage. Call Ruth Deacon at 574-679-4332 to let her know what you are bringing to this Pot Luck 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 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.

July 20th Meeting/Dinner at Lindy's

By Larry Palguta

The Brits met for our monthly meeting/dinner at Lindy's Restaurant on M62 between Cassopolis and Dowagiac, MI. An old stand-by dining spot for the club, it delivered as expected. I begged a ride with Kai Shepherd and we headed up in his TR-6. The drive was very nice due to the good rural roads, and the weather pleasantly warm without being hot. We arrived early, staked out seats in the side room with the early birds, and greeted Brits as they arrived. A table was occupied by an earlier dining group but they left after 15 minutes and we had more than enough seating. It was needed as we had a turn-out of 27. Our dinners are consistently being attended by 25 – 30 members, so we have to increase the estimated attendance number given to the restaurants ahead of time. We were joined by Jim & Gail Bajdek who were attending their second meeting/dinner, and they subsequently joined the club. The food was good, conversation lively and service good. Lindy's delivered as usual and remains as one of our favorite spots to have a meeting/dinner coupled with a nice drive through rural Southwestern Michigan.



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

by Mary Petersen

Sunday, August 7th was a hot, 85 degrees when the Michiana Brits met at 10:45 a.m. at the walkway at the northeast corner of the stadium by gate D. Bev and Randy Glanders, Debbie and Tom Shumaker and Bob and Mary Petersen drove together to the ballpark. As we were parking, PJ and Janet Dillon drove up. We parked all the cars together and left space for another car or two. A few minutes later Deb and Larry Palguta and Kai and Michelle Shepherd arrived. The Carlsons from Michigan City were also there, arriving at 10 a.m. After parking the cars, we settled into our lawn chairs behind the cars. There we covered ourselves with sunscreen and talked about attending the game.



The gates opened at noon. A few of the Brits wandered in and picked up their free Gleyber Torres bobble head and free South Bend Cubs hat, and headed to the concession stands for lunch. At 2 p.m., it was about time for the game between the South Bend Cubs and the Great Lakes Loons. As we entered the gates the second time, we browsed at the many choices for drinks and food. Four Winds Field has something for everyone. What a fantastic field! Although it was sunny and very hot, we all had a fabulous time and I think I would like to go back next year. The Brits had a great turnout for our club. And yes, the Cubs won 5-2.

Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

When changing out a gas tank this month, a club member's car didn't run quite right. He said that he didn't have a fuel filter. Well it didn't take long before we were putting one on. We couldn't use the old hoses as they were too hard and brittle to slide the fuel filter into the rubber hoses. When putting new or attaching old hoses onto the carbs one needs to take care that you don't scarf the hoses attaching them to your carbs. Did a piece of rubber get scarfed off and wound up in a carb?

Larry Palguta has his rebuilt engine along with an overdrive, both put back into his car. I tuned the carbs and Larry took it for a ride around the block but when he returned the front carb wasn't working. It was dead, so off they came and we sent them to get rebuilt. Larry said that they were working OK last year when they were removed. So read the above paragraph.

Did a piece of old hose get scarfed off and wound up in the front carb? When the carbs came back the front carb choke spindle was bent and when the carb linkage was hooked up the choke seized up to where it wouldn't move. Off came the carb and we sent it back again to get fixed. Larry did replace all of the old hard hoses and fuel filter while awaiting the carb to come back. So be careful when putting hoses back onto the cars. A little oil at the end of the hose will let it slide on, hopefully not scarfing the hose and getting a piece of rubber into the carbs.

While removing an engine, I couldn't get the nuts loose from the tranny to the drive shaft. Very carefully I took my cut off grinder and cut the nuts off. Now these are special bolts and you aren't going to go to your local hardware store to buy them. So order them from Moss or Victoria British if you are planning to bolt up the drive shaft the same day.

You have to remove the drive shaft to replace the universal joints on the drive shaft. I take my cut off grinder and cut the universal joint out of the drive shaft as age has rusted the universal joint onto the drive shaft. Then I hammer out the caps on the drive shaft and clean up the rust so the new caps on the universal will fit back into the drive shaft with a bit of oil.

On MGB's, have you ever wondered why your starter motor has a long bolt with coarse threads for the upper threaded opening and a short bolt with fine threads for the lower threaded opening? This is to prevent the longer coarse threaded bolt from being used in the lower threaded opening where its longer length would cause the end of the bolt to rub against the fly wheel and cause damage that you don't want to know about. There are times when engineers aren't so dumb.

Have you ever tried to do something under the dash and there just isn't much room to get under there? If you were to pull the steering wheel it opens up more room. Here comes the problem of how to get the steering wheel off. There are no holes in an MG steering wheel to use a wheel puller. Pop off the center cover on the steering wheel. Loosen the nut to where it is at the top of the steering shaft. Get a friend to sit in the car and put his knees up against the steering wheel. Right hand at the 1:00 position. Left hand way down on his lap and lean over to the right and push up with his knees and pull up with his right hand. Take a ball peen hammer and put the rounded part on the steering shaft and with a 3-4 pound hammer hit the ball peen hammer and the steering wheel should pop loose. The reason that you leave the nut on the steering shaft is to prevent your friend from eating the steering wheel when it comes flying off.

If anyone has questions on how to do something, feel free to give me a call and I'll try to answer your questions.

Roger Deacon 574-292-0004

Sports Car Show at Round Barn

This exclusive Sports Car Show held at Round Barn Winery on September 10, 2016 is the only one in the area. We had up to 60 sports cars show up last year and we are expecting twice as many this year. 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 the ability to invite friends that may not share the same level of excitement about sports cars as you may, but enjoyed 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. Please contact me for a scenic route to the winery. We will add a special racing sports car area this year along with opening to American sports cars.

Please invite anyone you know that might be interested and if you belong to a car club please add this to your list of events for the season.

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