

President's Message

This fall driving season has been as busy as advertised. Stan Mason provided another good LBC event on September 9th at the Round Barn Winery Sports Car Show, the club had a good time last Wednesday at Villa Macri for the monthly meeting/dinner, and now the Fall Tour begins tomorrow, Thursday September 21st. It appears that we will have about 10 cars and 19 members traveling to Mackinac City for two days of fun in the sun of Mackinac Island, Charlevoix, etc. The Fall Tours have been a great annual event of the Brits, and those who have attended can tell you about a lot of fun, and sometimes crazy, times away from home in our LBCs.

October will be highlighted by our annual Fall Colors Drive on October 21, hosted again by Randy & Bev Glanders in Elkhart. This is a really nice one day event with driving in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan topped off by a fun potluck dinner in the evening. We are setting up the monthly meeting/dinner location for mid-month, as usual.

November will include our annual Membership Appreciation Dinner, date to be selected. Same for our annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party, date and place to be selected.

Once again it is time for the fall election of Board members. Being an odd numbered year means that we will elect three members to the Board of Directors. I'm completing my second term so, per the Bylaws, will be off the Board for at least one year. Roger Deacon and Kai Shepherd are completing their first two-year terms. So we have three spots open for the election. Those members interested in being on the Board (actually an interesting and fun gig), please let me know. We will soon be asking for nominations for election to the Board.

Wednesday, September 14, Board Meeting Minutes

Board meeting cancelled due to members being unable to attend. Larry had a cold from his return flight to the US, Kai was baking in Grand Cayman, and Roger and Bob K. were repairing roofing in Florida. Next meeting is October 4th at Roger and Ruth's home.

2017 Odometer Contest

We are in the middle of our Michiana Brits odometer contest. After some input from members, we made 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 pertains 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 vintage 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

Stagmans Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

Car #1

I talked about this car last month. It has been an interesting month working on cars with clutch problems. One MGB had 130,000 miles on it and was still working and had never been changed. The throw-out bearing had 1/3 of the metal chewed away and there was no carbon disk left.

Car #2

When I go to pick up a car I always check all fluids. Water, oil in crank case, brake fluid and clutch fluid. There was no brake fluid in the clutch master cylinder. I assumed that this would be an easy fix to just add fluid to the master clutch. Found out that the slave cylinder was leaking and drained the master cylinder. Upon starting the car there was a noise coming from the bell housing. Pulled the engine and tranny and found that the throw-out bearing carbon disk was loose and going round and round, and fell out of the metal throw-out bearing when I pulled the tranny. This could have been avoided if the owner had done his monthly checks of water, oil in crank case, master cylinder and slave cylinder. He would have seen that there was a problem because the master clutch cylinder was low. If you don't want me to come and see you -- do your monthly checks and you won't get your car laid up with a big bill for what could have been prevented by checking the clutch master cylinder to see if it was losing clutch fluid.

Next month I'll be telling tales about why your speedometer quit working.

Till then drive safely.

For those going on the trip to Mackinac Island, get your cars checked out because you don't want to be going home on the back of a flatbed truck.

For those that don't have a CB radio, please buy one so everyone is in contact with each other. Last year there were problems with people getting lost

because they didn't have a CB radio. Randy Glanders and I have some extra CB radios that we will share for the trip.

Michiana Brits Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, August 27th

By Larry Palguta

The Club's annual membership meeting and Pot Luck lunch was held at Noon on Sunday, August 27th at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage near Howe, IN. We had a good turn-out of 25 members including some new members. The weather was great, Roger conducted his usual pontoon tour of the lake, and everyone had a very relaxing afternoon at the lake.



Brits before the pontoon tour of the lake



Joe Opferman, Larry Palguta, Barbara & Doug Bohs, Jim Webb



Jim Webb, Paul Noeth, PJ Dillon, Tom Shumaker, Mike Scullion

September Monthly Meeting Dinner at Villa Macri

By Mary Petersen

The Brits September dinner meeting was held at Villa Macri Italian Restaurant located behind Heritage Square in Granger on Wednesday, September 13th. There was a threat of rain so not many drove their LBCs. Yet twenty-three members were present. Villa Macri is known for their delicious Italian cuisine. Not only was their food enjoyed by all but the service was amazing! Villa Macri is definitely on our list for a return dinner.

