

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2021 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

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About Michiana Brits

This car club is open to lovers and/or owners of British vehicles. All paid members receive this monthly newsletter as part of their annual dues.

Newsletter Submissions

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication to the Newsletter Editor at vbloom01@sbcglobal.net

You may also submit material for the newsletter to the Club president online, through mail, or in person at a general club meeting.

The newsletter's **deadline is now the 10th of the month.**

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Cars and Coffee at Studebaker was a big hit!



Despite some rain, there were 21 British cars and lots of people at the event.

See more pictures inside newsletter and on Facebook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise-In, Middlebury, Thurs., September 16, 4:30-8pm (come earlier for reserved parking)

Fall Tour – Nashville, IN September 23-26

OCTOBER

Next Board Mtg., Wed., Oct 6, 7:30 pm via Zoom, Contact [Mike Scullion](#) for a Zoom invitation - anyone is welcome to join

Fall Colors Drive, Sat., October 9

Dinner, The Brass Rail, 225 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN, Oct. 20, 6:30pm

Membership report: 90 memberships (164 members)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Bob Paol and Kathy Flynn, Elkhart,
IN
1980 MGB**

**Peggy Needham-Mrva and Bob Mrva,
Portage, IN
1976 MGB Roadster**

**Kevin Wilson, South Bend, IN
1970 MGB**

**James and Vida Pranckus, Union
Mills, In
1979 MGB**

Members, need a name tag? Contact Herm to order one at hmarrese@comcast.net

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Thanks to all that showed up at the Cars and Coffee show at the Studebaker Museum on Saturday, 9/4/21. We had over 20 Brits show up with their cars as the show's featured club. A great turnout for a cloudy morning. This was the start to a busy month for our club.

Next up, the **Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise In**, in Middlebury. This is a Thursday event on **September 16, from 4:30pm to 8pm**. (Note: You'll want to get there earlier than the start time to get a space with the club.) We are the featured club for the Essenhaus car show. Then, at the end of September, we have the **Fall Tour**. This year we are going to Nashville, IN, from September 23 to 26. Thanks to Randy Glanders for putting this trip together. I hope everyone's cars are ready for all of this driving.



In October we'll be wrapping up the formal driving season with the **Fall Colors Drive** on Saturday, October 9th. More on this later. Also, in October we'll begin holding our member meetings on Wednesday evenings. The first one will be at the Brass Rail in Plymouth on October 20. Details to follow.

Last year we didn't have the Membership Appreciation Dinner due to Covid-19 restrictions. It looks like we should be able to hold it this year so save the date -- **Friday, November 19, 6:30 pm at Papa Vino's in Mishawaka**. We've reserved both rooms so we should be able to accommodate everyone wanting to attend. Full details will be sent out in a separate email as the date gets closer.

Larry Palguta, our current and longstanding Car Show Chairman for the Michiana Brits, has begun the process of stepping down from those duties. He has agreed to coordinate one more car show in order to train his replacements. He is looking for two club members to work with him during all phases of putting together our annual car show. Luckily, Larry has fully documented every single step.

Please let Larry know if you are interested or have any questions concerning the duties by contacting him at **574-288-3923** or by email: palguta@sbcglobal.net.



Don't miss out on this opportunity to give a little back to the club.

Volunteer to coordinate the Annual Car Show!

Cheers,

Mike

Cruise on over to the Essenhaus Cruise-In
Let's make sure we really have a good showing of British cars!



The British
Invasion of the
Essenhaus
Cruise-In!!

Thursday September 16th 2021

Officially 4.30pm until 8pm (can park from noon)

Registering your classic car is completely **free** and includes **coupons** to the Essenhaus Restaurant and Essenhaus, Village Shops. Enjoy strolling through the vintage vehicles and comparing makes, models and memories.

Most important is to show off our British cars! As the featured club on September 16, we will have our own special area at this show.

Questions? Please contact **Philip Wiltshire** at 574-202-8919 or via email at pwiltshire@comcast.net

The show is located at **240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540**

Fall Tour Itinerary, Brown County - September 23-26

9/23/21

8:00AM - Angelo's Family Restaurant, 4301 South Michigan St., for breakfast

9:00AM - Leave for Nashville

~12:30PM - Arni's Restaurant, Lebanon, for lunch

9/24/21

Morning and early afternoon - shopping and sightseeing in Nashville.

3:15 - Tour T.C. Steele Historic Site (noted Indiana artist -1847-1926 - and member of the Hoosier Group of Impressionist Painters)

9/25/21

Morning - Additional shopping.
~12:30 - Lunch at Abe Martin Lodge in Brown
County State Park
Afternoon - Scenic drive with several photo
opts.

9/26/21

Drive home

Contact **Randy Flanders** for more details at:
rgglanders@yahoo.com



Figure 1 T.C. Steele Historical Site

The Brit's Autumn Color Drive – Saturday, October 9th



Phil has put together a nice run of eighty miles, based upon Randy Glanders' 2019 event that wanders along some great tree-lined winding roads just into Michigan.

We will start at the Perkins Restaurant & Bakery parking lot on the west side of Cassopolis St, Elkhart at 10.30 am and run half of the route, stopping at Hank's Tavern On The River, in Three Rivers, MI, for lunch at 12:30 pm.

After the lunch stop, we will continue to meander around the countryside until we arrive 40 miles later at Bonneyville Mill Country Park in Bristol, IN. We have a shelter booked and there will be an ice cream truck nearby, provided by the club, for free refreshing ice cream to smooth out the eighty miles you just rode in your British car.

Key addresses are:

- Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 107 Northpointe Blvd, Elkhart, IN, 46514
- Hank's Tavern On The River, 601 W Hoffman St, Three Rivers, MI, 49093
- Bonneyville Mill Country Park, Co Rd 131, Bristol, IN, 46507

Questions? Please contact Philip Wiltshire at (574) 202 8919 or via e mail at

2021 Michiana Brits Event Calendar		
Month	Date	Event
January	6	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
February	3 13	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
March	3 13	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
April	7 10	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 10:00 am EST Breakfast Meeting via Zoom.
May	5 15	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Spring drive! See details in the newsletter!
June	2 1-4 12 27	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *British V8 2021 in Auburn, IN Breakfast at ... 2021 Michiana Brits car show! POSTPONED
July	7 11 17 24 25	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. *Mad Dogs at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners. Breakfast - Jennie Rae's Rolling Prairie, 10am EDT/9amCT Dinner – Beef O’Brady’s, 6:30 pm. Rescheduled 2021 Michiana Brits car show.
August	4 15 21 28	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Annual Meeting at the Deacon’s *Woodward Dream Cruise, Woodward Ave, Detroit Breakfast, American Table Restaurant, Warsaw, IN
September	1 4 16 23-26	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. 8 to 10 am EST - Cars and Coffee - Studebaker Museum. Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise In , Middlebury, 4:30-8pm. Fall Tour , Nashville, IN.
October	6 9 20	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Fall Colors Drive. Dinner, 6:30 PM, The Brass Rail, 225 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN.
November	3 19	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom. Annual Member Appreciation Dinner at Papa Vino’s, Mishawaka.

December	1	7:30 pm EST Board meeting via Zoom.
Notes: *Not a Michiana Brits Event. Enjoy at your own leisure.		

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<p>Board Member at large: Richard Birch Phone: 336-309-3847 Email: birchtr6@gmail.com</p> 	 <p>British stamps of cars!</p>

September 1st Board Meeting

1. Financial - bank account balance; St. Mary's lease balance payment – Paul
 Balance is healthy. Our account needs to be a minimum of \$1,000 to avoid monthly fees.

2. September Newsletter – Vicki
Have a few articles – will include pictures from Cars & Coffee and breakfast in Warsaw.

3. Club's Facebook page - Deb/Tom (not present)
Vicki alerted the Board that there are three sites about the car club on Facebook:
 - An organizational page (about 209 likes and 238 followers)
 - A public group page (25 members)
 - A public group page for the Michiana Brits Eastern Chapter (49 members)

She posed whether we need both an organization and group sites, if members know the difference, and how to ensure that key information like the rescheduled car show be posted on all the sites.

She also did not know if Deb/Tom manage both the group and organization pages.

Dick said he would talk with the administrator of the group page for the Eastern Chapter about coordinating with Deb and Tom. Vicki will follow through with Deb and Tom, too.

4. 2021 upcoming activities

- September 16th - Essenhaus Classic Car Cruise-In
- September 23-26 - Fall Tour
- October 9th - Fall Colors Drive

Randy will be sending information about the Fall Tour. It is not certain how many members signed up for the trip – Larry estimates 10 cars so far. Phil received route information from Randy about the Fall Colors Drive.

5. Annual Car Show – Larry informed Board that the balance of the lease payment was paid to St. Mary's College. Costs for next year's show should be reduced by several activities: approximately \$100+ due to printing only a one-sheet flyer; discounting NAMGBR members \$10, instead of \$15; and resuming the silent auction with more donated items. He has also updated the mailing list as part of reducing the cost of flyers.

6. 2022 Car Show and beyond – Larry reminded the Board that we will have to aggressively find new people to manage the car show for 2022 and beyond.

Larry will work with new persons on 2022 show to provide transition. Vicki noted that she has advertised the need for new Car Show coordinators in the Sept. newsletter.

7. Monthly Meetings/Dinner/Drives –

- October 20, 6:30 PM, The Brass Rail 225 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN 46563 574/936-7004
- November Membership Appreciation Dinner - Papa Vino's
Date still unknown (as of the Board meeting). Mike will meet with someone from Papa Vino's about date, prices, and menus. Some board members suggested holding the dinner on a Wednesday and some recommended a Friday.

8. Board Meeting - Wednesday October 6th, 7:30 pm; ZOOM

**Cars & Coffee at the Studebaker Museum on Sept 4
(and donuts, too!)**



Kai Shepherd and Philip Wiltshire talk LBC's



Pictures from the Warsaw breakfast



Philip Wiltshire and Dick Birch check email while Jan Wiltshire watches



Randy and Bev Glanders peruse the menu with Bob Petersen

NOS Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke Kit

Article from Ebay submitted by Dick Birch

Have you inadvertently let the smoke out of the wires on your classic British car? This, then is the solution to your problem!



Here is presented for your perusal one **Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke kit**, P/N 530433, along with the very rare Churchill Tool 18G548BS adapter tube and metering valve. These kits were supplied surreptitiously to Lucas factory technicians as a trouble-shooting and repair aid for the rectification of chronic electrical problems on a plethora of British cars. The smoke is metered, through the fuse box, into the circuit which has released it's original smoke until the leak is located and repaired. The affected circuit is then rectified and the replacement smoke re-introduced. An advantage over the cheap repro smoke kits currently available is the exceptionally rare Churchill metering

valve and fuse box adapter. It enables the intrepid and highly skilled British Car Technician to meter the precise amount of genuine Lucas smoke required by the circuit.

Unlike the cheap, far-eastern replacement DIYsmoke offered by the "usual suppliers", this kit includes a filter to ensure that all the smoke is of consistent size, It has been our experience in our shop that the reproduction Taiwanese smoke is often "lumpy", which will cause excessive resistance in our finely-engineered British harnesses and components. This is often the cause of failure in the repro electrical parts currently available, causing much consternation and misplaced cursing of the big three suppliers.

These kits have long been the secret weapon of the "Ultimate Authorities" in the trade, and this may be the last one available. Be forewarned, though, that it is not applicable to any British vehicle built after the discontinuing of bullet connectors, so you Range Rover types are still on your own...

This Genuine Factory Authorized kit contains enough smoke to recharge the entire window circuit on a 420 Jaguar, and my dear friend and advisor George Wolf of British Auto Specialty assures me that he can replace ALL the smoke in a W&F Barrett All-Weather Invalid Car (147 CC) with enough left over to test a whole box of Wind-Tone horns for escaped smoke. How much more of an endorsement do you need?

More, you say? Well, I once let the smoke out of the overdrive wiring on my friend Roger Hankey's TR3B, and was able to drive over 200 miles home from The Roadster Factory Summer Party by carefully introducing smoke into the failed circuit WITHOUT even properly repairing the leak. Another friend, Richard Stephenson, was able to repair the cooling fan circuit of his Series 1 E-type by merely replacing a fuse and injecting a small quantity of smoke back into the wires. So there!

So, if you're troubled by lost smoke, bid early and bid often! Thanks for looking!

Here are some questions asked about this kit:

Q: I have a fourteen year old son named Lucas who I have caught several times in the back of the garage smoking. Can this item help him to respect a little firm parental intervention and aid him in smoking less...or even stopping altogether?



A: Part of the problem may be the fact that you named your son after the Prince Of Darkness. Mayhap you should be happy that all you have caught him doing in the back of the garage is smoking! My suggestion is: since you already have spoiled him for life with his moniker, you search the 'Bay for a proper Little British Car to restore as a father-and-son project. That way, he'll have a way to fill the idle hours he'd have spent chasing girls had he been named Rocky or something more suitable. Plus, he'll learn first-handed how disgusting smoke can be. Alas, though, not with this unit, because whilst trying to photograph it for a spread in "Popular Ether Technology", it was unfortunately broken. Therefore, the auction must be terminated early. Thanks for the heartwarming interest!

Q: Please can you tell me if this smoke will work on an old English (British) built land rover? They type with a single fuse. Only the smoke keeps escaping out of mine and as you say the non-genuine parts simply don't last.

A: This is the proper smoke for your Land Rover but must be metered VERY carefully or the wiring insulation will swell, resulting in even more leaks. 'Tis a tedious process, best tempered with frequent applications of Guinness.

Q: Not a question, but more of a general comment vouching for the capacity of this unit. I had a college roommate who kept one of these contraptions under his bed in our dorm room and with the help of a Pink Floyd album and a well-placed window fan we were able to "replace" smoke for days...man.

A: Another endorsement!

New use for British car shirt

From Robert "Bob" Rowland

Perhaps Michiana Brits members might like to know I found a new use for my British Car Life T-shirt.

I recently visited my cousin who trains and boards horses in Hermosa, South Dakota, south of Rapid City. While helping him move, feed and water the 10 horses in his care I wore my Michiana Brits T-shirt.

The T-shirt clearly set me apart from his clientele of western riding students and trail riders who were dressed in tired Wrangler Levi's with pearl buttoned shirts and dusty cowboy boots.

From them I learned the term "poser". These confirmed riders use the term "poser" for people who wear pressed jeans with large belt buckles and shiny cowboy boots.

I found I was accepted by his clientele as my Michiana Brits T-shirt clearly indicated that I was not trying to be a "poser".

About the Mini

Bob Petersen thought you would find this Wikipedia article interesting ...

Did you know that the Mini came about because of a fuel shortage caused the 1956 Suez Crisis? With petrol once again rationed in the UK, sales of large cars slumped, and the market for German bubble cars boomed, even in the UK where imported cars were a rarity.

The **Mini** is a two-door compact city car that was produced by the British Motor Corporation (BMC) and its successors from 1959 until 2000. The original Mini is considered an icon of 1960s British popular culture. Its space-saving transverse engine and front-wheel drive layout – allowing 80% of the area of the car's floor pan to be used for passengers and

luggage – influenced a generation of car makers. In 1999, the Mini was voted the second-most influential car of the 20th century, behind the Ford Model T, and ahead of the Citroën DS and Volkswagen Beetle. The front-wheel-drive, transverse-engine layout of the Mini was copied for other "supermini" designs including the Honda N360 (1967), Nissan Cherry (1970), and Fiat 127 (1971). The layout was also adapted for larger subcompact designs.

This distinctive two-door car was designed for BMC by the Greek Sir Alec Issigonis. It was manufactured at the Longbridge plant in England located next to BMC's headquarters and at the former Morris Motors plant at Cowley near Oxford, in the Victoria Park/Zetland British Motor Corporation (Australia) factory in Sydney, Australia, and later also in Spain (Authi), Belgium, Italy (Innocenti) Chile, Malta, Portugal, South Africa, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia (IMV).



The Italian version of the Mini which was sold under the Innocenti marque was produced in Lambrate, a district of Milan.

The Mini Mark I had three major UK updates – the Mark II, the Clubman, and the Mark III. Within these was a series of variations, including an estate car, a pick-up truck, a van, and the Mini Moke, a jeep-like buggy.

The performance versions, the Mini Cooper and Cooper "S", were successful as both race and rally cars, winning the Monte Carlo Rally in 1964, 1965, and 1967. In 1966, the first-placed Mini (along with nine other cars) was disqualified after the finish, under a controversial decision that the car's headlights were against the rules.

On its introduction in August 1959, the Mini was marketed under the Austin and Morris names, as the Austin Seven and Morris Mini-Minor.^[20] The Austin Seven was renamed Austin Mini in January 1962 and Mini became a marque in its own right in 1969. In 1980, it once again became the Austin Mini, and in 1988, just "Mini" (although the "Rover" badge was applied on some models exported to Japan).

BMW acquired the Rover Group (formerly British Leyland) in 1994, and sold the greater part of it in 2000, but retained the rights to build cars using the Mini name.

A few other fun facts (**not** on the Wikipedia page):

- The very first Mini did not have a radio.
- The original Mini sold for £497 (about \$1600)
- The most people ever packed into a Mini on record is 28.
- The pockets on the doors were not meant for maps. They were meant to hold a bottle of gin and several bottles of tonic water.

So all mini owners, we expect gin and tonics at our next outing!

Want to read more? Check out the Wikipedia page about the Mini.