

# The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2025 Michiana Brits, Ltd.

**September 2025**

## 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.

**Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication** to the Newsletter Editor at [leonard@dalenberg.org](mailto:leonard@dalenberg.org)

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 the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

This gives me time to put it all together and get it, ideally, eMailed by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Material is subject to editorial revision. Opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the 2025 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts. Final review is done by Bob and Larry.

## Daily holidays and observances in October 2025

1 Wed	International Coffee Day Homemade Cookies Day Day of Older Persons
3 Fri	Mean Girls Day
4 Sat	Vodka Day Golf Lovers Day Do Something Nice Day
12 Sun	Arthritis Day
13 Mon	No Bra Day
15 Wed	Grouch Day
16 Thu	Cat Day
22 Wed	Nut Day United Nations Day
24 Fri	Bologna Day
25 Sat	Pasta Day Opera Day
26 Sun	Pumpkin Day
27 Mon	Black Cat Day American Beer Day
28 Tue	Chocolate Day First Responders Day
31 Fri	Halloween Breadstick Day Caramel Apple Day



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1 and November 5: Monthly Zoom meetings
- October 18: Fall Colors Drive details via email

### Monthly Meeting/Dinner

- September 24: 6:30 at El Maguey Grill, 56028 Parkway Ave A, Elkhart, IN 46528
- October 15: 6:30 at Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, 204 Red Bud Trail N, Buchanan, MI 49107

## AUSTIN (1905-1987)

Austin was massive in the 20th century, and largely responsible for mobilising Britain with its 1922-1939 Seven, 1959 Mini, 1960s 1100/1300, and Metro. Rover discontinued the name in 1987.

Owner now: Shanghai Automotive Industries Corporation.

Chance of revival: A rumored comeback a few years back came to nothing.

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## **President's Message**

### **September President's Message**

It's September. There's a crispness in the air. The days are getting shorter. The leaves are starting to change. Autumn is upon us. For me, this is my favorite time of year for Little British Car driving. Before we have to put our cars to rest for their long winter's nap, now is the time to get out and enjoy some top-down driving. To that end, the club has one more driving event this year, The Fall Colour (That's the British spelling) Drive. In mid-October, we will head out for a one-day drive through Northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan to enjoy the fall foliage. This is one of our club's most popular events. So, circle October 18th on the calendar, and join us for a day of nature's beauty and British mates.




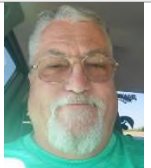



Cheers, Randy

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## **September Board Meeting Minutes**

1. Financial - bank account balance; Leonard to report on website costs - Jim Betz
  2. Name Badges, Club Roster, Membership Email List : name badge process- Jim Webb & Randy have established handling of name badges
  3. Car Show Items:
    - a. Moved show date to last weekend of June - June 27, 2026
    - b. Bob Peterson will organize the 2026 Car Show Committee
    - c. Featured Marque - use the Leeper Jaguar in the lapel pin design
    - d. Paul Dillon to obtain two food trucks and one ice cream truck for 2026 show
    - e. Tom to get signed contract with Trinity; the contract to include requirement for 1 month of car show notice on electric sign
  4. Club Activities:
    - a. Sept. 11-14 - Fall Tour, Madison, IN - 9 cars registered
    - b. October 18th - Fall Colors Drive - Randy to set rally place and time for same route as 2024; Paul to get restaurant reservation
  5. Monthly Meetings/Dinners:
    - a. Wednesday Dinner Meetings, 6:30 PM: September 24 - El Maguey Grill, 56028 Parkway Ave A, Elkhart, IN 46528 Phone: (574) 522-1100; October 15th - Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, 204 Red Bud Trail N, Buchanan, MI 49107, tel. (269) 362-4063
    - b. November Membership Appreciation Dinner - send restaurant suggestions to Paul Dillon
  6. Monthly Board Zoom Meetings - October 1, November 5; Bob Peterson will take minutes for October and November meetings during Larry's absence
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## 2023 Board Members

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## ABOUT

### Latest British Sports Car News

#### New Brands and Models

- **Longbow:** This British EV startup is developing lightweight sports cars, aiming to emulate the classic British sports car ethos with its "Featherweight Electric Vehicles" (FEVs). The Speedster will be the first available, weighing under 1000kg and offering impressive performance for an EV.
- **Marcos:** The historic British sports car manufacturer is returning to production, with plans to release an all-new model and build continuation versions of its classic cars.

#### Established Brands and Models

- **Martin:** The company is focusing on its high-performance models, with the [Valkyrie](#) continuing its racing season in both IMSA and the FIA World Endurance Championship. Aston Martin is also celebrating 60 years of its Volante models with anniversary editions.

- **McLaren:** The new flagship McLaren W1, a lightweight plug-in hybrid hypercar, is set to debut in the first half of 2026. It will feature an in-house 4-liter twin-turbo V-8 engine and a track-oriented design inspired by Formula One.

### Key Themes in Current News

- **Electrification:** The industry is seeing a push towards electric sports cars, with startups like Longbow championing lightweight EVs to capture the spirit of traditional sports cars.
  - **Lightweighting:** There's a strong emphasis on reducing weight in the new generation of sports cars, a hallmark of classic British sports car design.
  - **Hypercars and Endurance Racing:** Leading British brands are involved in the hypercar segment, with cars like the Aston Martin Valkyrie competing in top-level endurance racing series.
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### A few things that I found interesting:

From [Ranker - Lists About Everything Voted On By Everyone](https://www.ranker.com/) (<https://www.ranker.com/>)

- Dog heaven and squirrel hell are the same place.
  - My dog keeps bringing me the same toy. I wonder if that is his favorite toy, or if he thinks it is my favorite toy.
  - The object of golf is to play the least amount of golf.
  - What if all the Ancient Greek sculptures are actually victims of Medusa?
  - The worst part about food poisoning is that you paid for it.
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### FUN Photos





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**Addendum to September 2025**

## September Meeting/Dinner at El Maguey Grill, Elkhart, IN



**A group of 26 Brits were at the El Maguey Grill for the monthly meeting/dinner**



**Two long tables enabled lots of discussions**



**Stan Glanders, Roger Deacon and Bob Kerstetter hold down this table end**



**Ruth Deacon, Bev Glanders, Pam Smith and Wendy Kerstetter**



**Mary & Bob Peterson, Deb Palguta, Michele Shepard, Philip and Jan Wiltshire**





**PJ and Janet Dillon across from Jim Wilson**