

The Burble & Squeak

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

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication to the

Newsletter Editor at 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 15th of the month.**

This gives me time to put it all together and get it, ideally, eMailed by the 20th. 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 January 2026

1 Thu	New Year's Day
	National Hangover Day
	National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
2 Fri	World Introvert Day
4 Sun	National Spaghetti Day
	National Trivia Day
	National Whipped Cream Day
	Epiphany
	National Clean Off Your Desk Day
14 Wed	National Dress Up Your Pet Day
16 Fri	National Nothing Day
	Penguin Awareness Day
	National Squirrel Appreciation Day
24 Sat	National Peanut Butter Day
	Opposite Day
30 Fri	National Croissant Day

Caterham Seven



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monthly Board Meetings** (Zoom): January – April; first Wednesday of the month
- **Spring Drive:** 3rd Saturday of May,
- **Studebaker Museum:** May 2nd, 2026 – we are the first club to partner with them for their Cars and Coffee events in '26; 8.00am start.
- **Car Show:** June 27th,
- **Fall Tour:** 3rd Weekend of September
- **Colors Drive:** 3rd Saturday of October
- **Membership Appreciation Dinner** – November 14th 2026 at the Essenhause. 6.30 pm; reserved.

R&T

Based on an iconic Lotus, the Caterham Seven remains one of the most enjoyable small cars you can buy. There's not much to it, save for four wheels, a tightly packed two-seat cabin, and an engine. That's why it's so great

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President's Message

It's December. The first snowfall of the year has covered the ground with a white blanket. My cars are tucked away for their winter's nap. Before you know it, the sun will warm the earth, and we will be pulling our cars out of storage to hit the open road. In the interim, we need to put together our "to do" lists and order the parts for any desired repairs that will need to be done before the driving season.

The Board also requests that you, the membership, let us know what activities you would like for us to pursue in the coming year. Please pass along any ideas or suggestions for activities to any board member. Together we can have a wonderful year.

Cheers, Randy

December Board Meeting Minutes

1. FINANCIAL - bank account balance - we have money - Jim Betz
2. NAME BADGES, CLUB ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST - Jim Webb
3. CAR SHOW ITEMS:
 - A. Moved show date to last weekend of June - June 27, 2026
 - B. Bob Peterson held the first 2026 Car Show Committee meeting on November 11th - Bob will schedule the next Committee meeting.
 - C. Featured Marque - all pre-2026 Jaguars; use the Leeper Jaguar in the lapel pin design
 - D. Tom got a signed contract with Trinity; the contract includes a requirement for 3 weeks of car show notices on their electric sign
 - E. There was a lively discussion about allowing other European vehicles to attend the show, no decision made
4. CLUB ACTIVITIES:
 - A. November 14th - Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner - well attended at Das Essenhaus; cost was about \$36/person, club subsidized \$20/person; people were happy with the facility and food; will hold next year's dinner there.- Paul Dillon
 - B. The club calendar needs to be organized and distributed; included will be a Tech Session at Ed Battjes garage (Jim Betz); Cars & Coffee at Studebaker

Museum; Spring Drive - 3rd Saturday of May, car show - June 27th, Das Essenhaus Cruise-In - 2 times as Featured club; Fall Tour - 3rd weekend of September, possible route along Michigan US12; Colors Drive - 3rd Saturday of October. Phil will schedule Das Essenhaus and Studebaker.

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS:

A. Saturday Breakfast Meetings, 10:00 AM: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11 at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN - Bob got reservations set for the second Saturday each month

6. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS - January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1

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Classifieds (Click [HERE](#) to see listing on our website)

- Jill Cozart: Looking for a new home for my daughter's 1979 Triumph Spitfire.
 - Bob Breidenbach: I have a beautiful tr6 that I would like to sell.
 - Jim Webb: This is a nice driving 1976 MG Located near South Whitley IN.
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ABOUT

Submitted by Jeremy Holdsworth, Vice Chairman - NAMGBR

MG NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF MG REGISTERS

Invites ALL MG Owners
to join us August 24-27, 2026
in the Sandusky, Ohio / Lake Erie area
for the every-five-year ALL-MG Event
mginternational2026.org

SHORES&ISLANDS OHIO
CEDAR POINT SANDUSKY PUT-IN-BAY

Registration opens
year-end 2025

INTERNATIONAL 2026
SANDUSKY, OH

North American MMM MG Register

THE NEW ENGLAND MG T-REGISTER

NORTH AMERICAN MGA REGISTER

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Current British sports car news highlights:

A blend of electric innovation, classic revivals, and track success, with **Lotus** pushing EVs, **TVR** aiming for a comeback via merger, **McLaren** prepping powerful hybrids like the W1, **Aston Martin** dominating racing and launching new models (Valkyrie, Vantage), and startups like **Longbow** focusing on ultra-lightweight EVs, all while iconic brands like **Caterham** adapt to new engine tech.

Longbow, a UK startup, is making waves in the EV sports car scene with its ultra-lightweight "Featherweight Electric Vehicles" (FEVs), recently unveiling a functional Speedster prototype and announcing a Roadster version, both featuring sub-1000kg designs, fast development, and experienced leadership from Lotus, McLaren, and Lucid, aiming for 2026 deliveries to bring classic British sports car feel to electric power with impressive performance and pricing.



Major Brand Updates

- **Aston Martin**: Celebrated racing success (Valkyrie, GT3) and forged new tech alliances, while also unveiling a new digital configurator and luxury residences.
- **Lotus**: Moving towards an electric future, but offering special editions like the Clark Edition Emira (last of its kind) and facing financial challenges.
- **McLaren**: Developing F1-inspired hypercars like the W1 (plug-in hybrid) to expand beyond traditional sports cars.
- **Caterham**: Partnering with Renault-Geely for engines and marking the end of Ford Sigma-engined models with the Seven 310 Encore.

Revivals & New Players

- **TVR**: A potential comeback for the Griffith model is on the horizon following a merger framework with **Charge Holdings**.
- **Longbow**: A startup aiming to disrupt the EV market with featherlight electric roadsters (Speedster, Roadster) under 1000kg, challenging convention.

Classic & Custom Reimaginings

- **Encor**: Creating high-performance V8 "remasterings" of classic Lotus Esprit Series 1 models.

Key Themes

- **Electrification**: Major players and startups are navigating the shift to electric, balancing performance with classic driving feel.
- **Lightweighting**: A strong focus on keeping weight down, even in electric models, to preserve the traditional British sports car ethos.
- **Digital Innovation**: Brands are enhancing customer experience with advanced configurators.

FUN Photos

Submitted by John Bushnell

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the land
Not an MG was stirring: they were all up on stands.
The tires were stacked by the garage with care
In hopes that soon new inner tubes would be there.
The engines were nestled all snug in their bays
While visions of summer filled all their days
And Mom in her race suit, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down to a good "T" time chat.
When out on the lawn there arose such a racket,
It sounds just like a worn out set of tappets.
Safety fast, I flew to the window,
Pulled back the drapes and peered below.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Looked like the gleam of a new paint job aglow.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But an MGTC and four tiny cylin-deers.
With an Octagon nose so bright
It looked a great sight.
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment the car had been given some stick.

More slowly than Robin Reliants these horses they came,
And he cursed and complained, and called them by name:
"Now, Magnette! Now, Lucas! Now, Midget and Morris!"
To the top of first gear, to the top of the tach,
Don't blow the muffler off out the back
So up the lane the MG it drove,
With the boot full of spare parts, a real treasure trove.
It drew to a halt outside my door
And out stepped Mr. Moss as I stared in awe.
He was dressed all in leather, as befitting his toil,
And his clothes were all covered in old engine oil.
A bundle of parts he had jammed in a sack,
And he looked like a dealer ready to un-pack.
His eyes-how the mis-focused! His pupils, how large!
His cheeks were like BMC rosettes, He looked ready to charge.
A stump of an exhaust pipe he held in his hand.
And the smoke it encircled his head like a band.
He was all business and mark-ups, a right cursed old blighter,
And I laughed out of fear for I knew my wallet would be lighter.
With a rub of his fingers and a twist of my wrist,
Soon gave me to know I'd be taking a risk.
He spoke not a word, and went straight to my grille,
And filled all my wants; then handed me my bill.
He jumped into his TC, pulled the starter and stated,
"Merry Christmas to all, and I'll see you again sooner than later"

