

# The Burble & Squeak

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

**January 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 February 2025

2 Feb	Groundhog Day
7 Feb	National Wear Red Day
9 Feb	Super Bowl
12 Feb	Lincoln's Birthday
13 Feb	International Condom Day
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
17 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidents Day</li> <li>Random Acts of Kindness Day</li> </ul>
18 Feb	National Drink Wine Day
20 Feb	National Love Your Pet Day
22 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington's Birthday</li> <li>National Margarita Day</li> </ul>
28 Feb	National Tooth Fairy Day

## JENSEN MOTORS (1934-1976, 1998-2002)

Jensen originally supplied car and lorry bodies to marques such as Austin, Ford and Volvo. It launched its first own-brand car in the 1930s, and moved into GT cars in the 1950s. The iconic Interceptor arrived in 1966, and made a brief comeback in the late 1980s, and then again in 1998. In 2002, the administrators moved in. Owner now: The Jensen Group. Chance of revival: Minimal, even though the name retains great cachet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 3rd**  
Studebaker Cars & Coffee
- **May 17th**  
Spring Drive
- **June 5th**  
Das Essenhaus Cruise-In
- **June 21**  
Brits' Annual British Car Show
- **July 28-31**  
MG2025 Crystal Lake, Illinois
- **September tbd**  
Fall Tour to Madison, IN



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## EVENT CALENDAR 2024

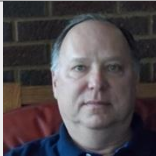

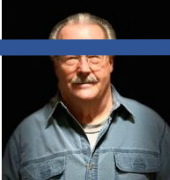
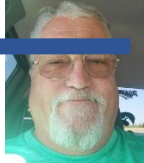



Month	Date	Event
January	15th	Car Show Committee ZOOM Meeting
	29th	Car Show Committee ZOOM Meeting
February	8th	Breakfast Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart
March	8th	Breakfast Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart
April	12	Breakfast Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart
May	17th	Spring Drive May 17th

## President's Message

It's cold and snowy. The days are at their shortest. Top down LBC driving is probably the last thing on your mind, but it has been on the minds of the club officers. We have spent the last several months laying the foundation for a fun and memorable driving season. Please pay attention to the events calendar for the list of driving season activities. We may plan the events, but you make them happen.

Cheers, Randy

### 2023 Board Members

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## January Board Meeting Minutes

1. Financial - Randy will send an email to the club to find a new Treasurer; Jim Betz has the Affinipay card reader and will continue working with Paul on changes. A notice for the payment of dues, either by check mailed to Jim Betz or online payment through Affinipay, will be sent to the club by either Randy or Paul. Paul asked Leonard to remove his photo from the Newsletter, and will bring the Treasurer materials to the breakfast to give to Randy.
2. Election Results - both Randy and Jim Webb were re-elected. The Board members decided to remain in their current positions for 2025: President - Randy; Communications - Bob; Membership - Jim Webb; Activities - PJ. The club will be informed of the election results.
3. Name badges - status of any name badge requests: no change - Jim Webb
4. 2025 Car Show:
  1. Establishing a formal Car Show Committee - Larry will send notice to the club of the formal establishment of the Car Show Committee. Randy sent an email to some of the Committee members; a ZOOM meeting for the Committee will be scheduled for next Wednesday 15th.

(Jim Betz will send out materials to those Committee Members who need to start working now on their tasks.)

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## CAR SHOW COMMITTEE

### A. Volunteer Leader Functions for Show:

- 1) ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS: Create and send media announcements (this would include other car clubs identified in the email list); club updates of car show news (emails & Newsletter). - DANTE KOBEK; PETE VAN BLARICUM
- 2) EMAIL LIST/ DATABASE: Update the email list of other British Car clubs around a 250-mile radius and the past participants email list along with the past club membership list. (easier said than done) - CHUCK & CARRIE OWEN
- 3) SPONSOR SUPPORT FOR CAR SHOW AND CLUB: We always need to be looking for potential Sponsors (not as hard as you would think) - MARK FIRNHABER WITH ASSIST BY JIM BETZ
- 4) 4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND OBTAINING OUTSIDE SERVICES:
  - A.) food trucks, certificate of insurance, Trinity Church, Food Bank. - PAUL & JANET DILLON
- 5) 4B.) COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND OBTAINING OUTSIDE SERVICES: poster and lapel pin artist, lapel pin vendor, awards - JIM BETZ
- 6) PRE-REGISTRATION: Fill out the Pre-Registration List and car windshield cards used on the day of show and communicate with the treasurer for those pre-paying by cash or check; send Volunteer sign-up emails - DEBBIE SHUMAKER; MARY PETERSEN
- 7) SHOW FIELD AND CHURCH DRIVEWAY LAYOUTS: Field layout, set up lines, traffic flow and parking signs, parking - BOB PETERSEN

- 8) DAY OF SHOW PAPERWORK: Prepare all the documents needed for the day of show (Registration forms, Instructions, voting cards [participants and public], Registration List, Votes Tally Sheets, Winners' List) except the Pre-Registration List LARRY & DEB PALGUTA
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- B. Food truck and Advertising Sign - Paul Dillon has secured Foxes (full meal); Smothers (French Fries); is talking to Tom's coffee/rolls truck; and will contact Keim's elephant ears truck; Portable Sign for 933N/Cleveland Road intersection - Tom will get a quote on a 4X4 sign, Jim B. to provide text.
5. Spring Drive May 17th - discussed possibly going to two circus museums and the aircraft museum at Grissom Air Base, in addition to having lunch somewhere; PJ to check on museums and find lunch location - PJ, Randy
6. Tech Day - Jim has set April 26th as tentative date for a tech day at his neighbor Ed Battjes' garage.
7. Use of Website for phishing - Leonard has removed the Board members' email addresses and set up a means of contact for the public
8. Email communications for February - Randy will handle communications (updating the Agenda for Feb. 5 Board meeting; Breakfast/Meeting on Feb. 8th, etc. ) while Larry is on vacation; Larry to send Randy a reminder in late January.
9. Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts: Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart - February 8; March 8; April 12: Bob Petersen has made reservations at 10:00 AM.
10. Monthly Board ZOOM Meetings - February 5, March 5, April 2

Larry Palguta, Secretary, Michiana Brits

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## **Treasurer Needed**

Greetings,

After several years of dedicated service, our treasurer, Paul Noeth, has decided to step back from his position. This leaves the club with a hole to fill. Please let me or any board member know if you would be interested in assuming this position, as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Cheers, Randy

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## **Election Results, Formal Car Show Committee**

All - here are the Election Results and a formal CAR SHOW COMMITTEE has been established by the Board.

- a. Election Results - both Randy Glanders and Jim Webb were re-elected to fill the two open positions on the Board. At the January Board meeting, the Board members chose the following positions for 2025:

President - Randy Glanders; Communications - Bob Petersen; Membership - Jim Webb; Activities - Paul Dillon; Board Member - Tom Shumaker

- b. The Board has established a formal CAR SHOW COMMITTEE. Below are the various responsibilities for the listed COMMITTEE members. This COMMITTEE will work throughout the spring to set up our annual Car Show on June 21st at our new location - Trinity Lutheran Church & School, located at the County Road 6/County Line Road intersection, Elkhart. Shortly before the Car Show, we will (as usual) ask for volunteers to staff the various function on the day of the show.

Thanks,  
Larry Palguta, Secretary, Michiana Brits

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## **Get Ready to Rev Up for MG2025! July 28-31 Crystal Lake, Illinois By Melissa Gonzales**

Hold onto your steering wheels, folks, because the Chicagoland MG Club is about to host the automotive extravaganza of the decade—MG2025! From July 28-31, 2025, we're rolling out the red carpet (or, more accurately, the blacktop) for MG enthusiasts from all corners of North America, including our friendly Canadian neighbors. And who knows, maybe even the birthplace of these beloved cars, England, might make a surprise appearance!

We've got an action-packed agenda that promises to keep everyone – from the hardcore gearheads to those just here for the snacks—engaged and entertained. First up, our swanky hotel isn't just a place to crash – it's a veritable paradise of amenities. Imagine a place where your biggest dilemma is choosing between the heated pool and the ultra-modern fitness center. Tough life, right?

And speaking of tough choices, get ready for dinners that'll have you raising your goblets – no, not to the King of England, but to another equally royal figure. Picture yourself mingling with the noble courts, encountering majestic creatures (don't worry, we're talking about well-behaved animals here), and feasting like kings and queens. The menu? A culinary adventure you won't forget—unless you're too busy savoring it!

For those who like their fun with a side of mystery, our website (which goes live about December 1st—mark your calendars, folks) will have all the juicy details. You can look forward to other fabulous dinners or opt for a daring escapade with your fellow club members or network with other clubs' members. We won't judge. Just imagine the fun!

Rain or shine, we've got a Drive-In Movie planned. Picture this: you and your classic British beauty cruising to a vintage Drive-In theater where the owner is just as excited to meet you as you are to meet him. And yes, the movie will be tailored to our car-loving crowd. Don't miss out!

Now, if you're thinking Chicago is all about deep-dish pizza and windy weather, think again. We've got local attractions galore! We're talking about the Chicago Architecture River Boat Tour. Don't worry – no need to drive your MG downtown. Hop on a tour bus and let the fun begin. In Chi-Town, even the bus rides are a blast!

And for a dose of local flavor, check out the Volo Auto Museum. This place has everything from iconic Hollywood vehicles to military memorabilia, gangster crime exhibits, and medieval torture instruments (just a casual Tuesday, right?). With attractions like a carousel and Disney Gallery. There is something for everyone, and if you're willing to spend a little extra, you can check out the Jurassic Park section. After all, who wouldn't want to see some dinosaurs? It's the only place where T-rexes still believe they're ruling the food chain –poor things, with their tiny little arms! Even the backroads to Volo are as charming as the museum itself.



Our Chicagoland MG Members are eager to showcase the scenic roads and inspirational spots that might just ignite your next big project – whether it’s painting, songwriting, or building the MG of your dreams.

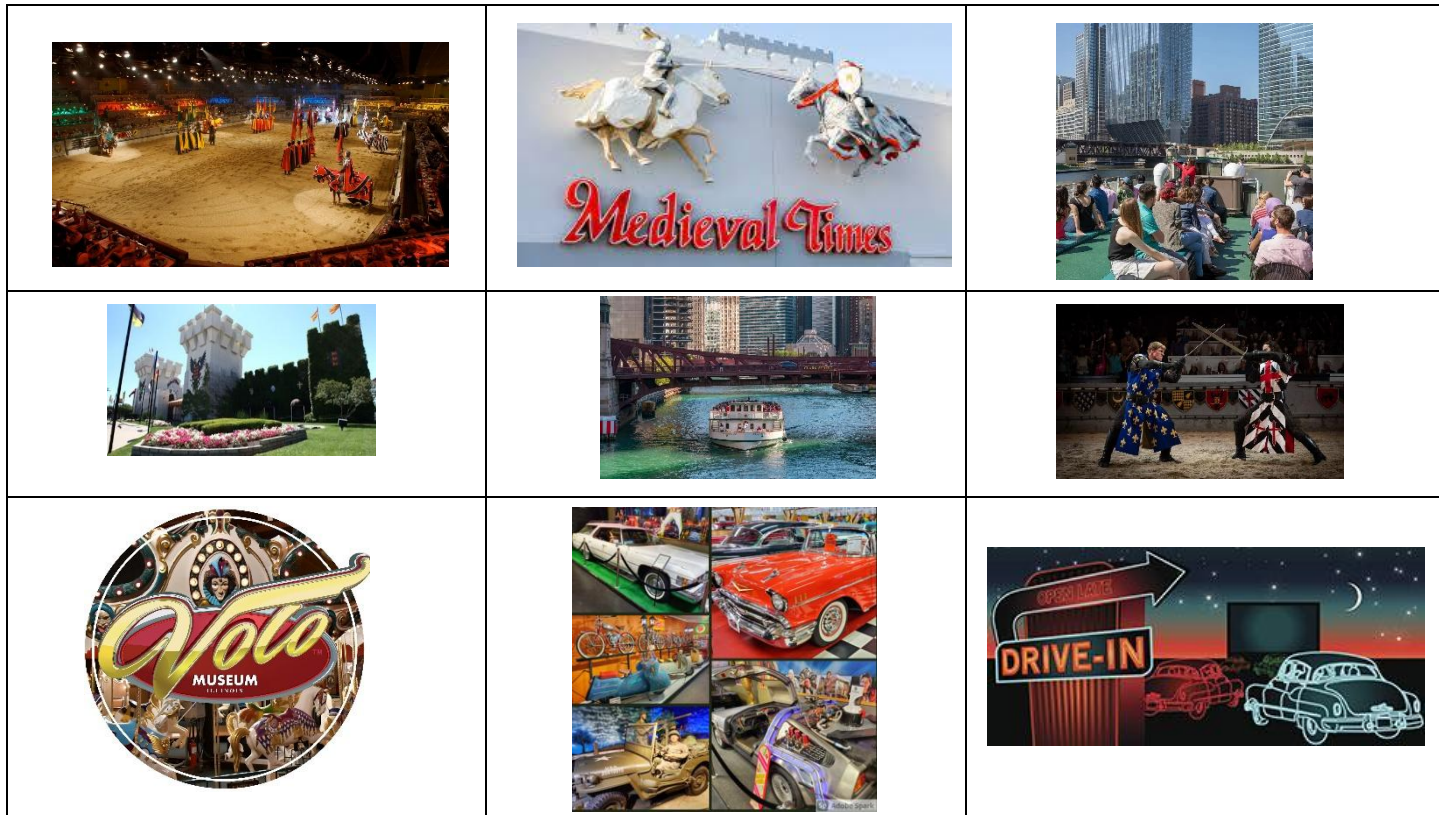
And don’t forget to brush up on your MG knowledge. Remember that song, “We Don’t Need No Education”? Phooey to that! We all need a little learning now and then. So, get ready to soak up knowledge from some of the best tech people in the MG/British car world—John Twist, one of the best-known MG mechanics and a frequent writer on automotive technical subjects. John does his own zoom MG Tech Sessions and is willing to train others. A legend in the MG Community. Mark Huff – Director of Motor Works classic car restoration. Mark’s extensive knowledge came from his manager who taught him everything he needed to know in order to make an engine sing again. Steve Skeggs – a retired Engineer who has worked all over the world in various Engineering roles for large corporations. Steve is passionate about long-distance running and cars, and he channels that enthusiasm into his role as the Tech Coordinator for our Chicagoland MG Club...and perhaps maybe a few more surprise experts. They’re all here to turn your MG know-how from “meh” to “wow”!

So, pack up your car, and join us in Crystal Lake, Illinois, for a bluesy, fun-filled journey with the friendliest car enthusiasts around. MG2025 is an event you absolutely don’t want to miss. Buckle up—it’s going to be one heck of a ride!

For more details (and let’s be honest, you want more), our website goes live about December 1st. Visit [MG2025.ORG](http://MG2025.ORG) to get the whole scoop. We can’t wait to see you there! Our Chicagoland MG members are eager to meet you!

## Photos from

Melissa Gonzales: Get Ready to Rev Up for MG2025!



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## ABOUT

### DS sets bold plan to rival Bentley and Rolls-Royce

Stellantis-owned French brand currently rivals BMW and Mercedes-Benz but has loftier ambitions for the future



DS No8 is "premium" but brand wants to be "more than premium"



Its interior is inspired by Bentley's use of materials

DS aspires to rival [Rolls-Royce](#) and [Bentley](#) as it targets a move beyond the premium segment and into the luxury sphere.

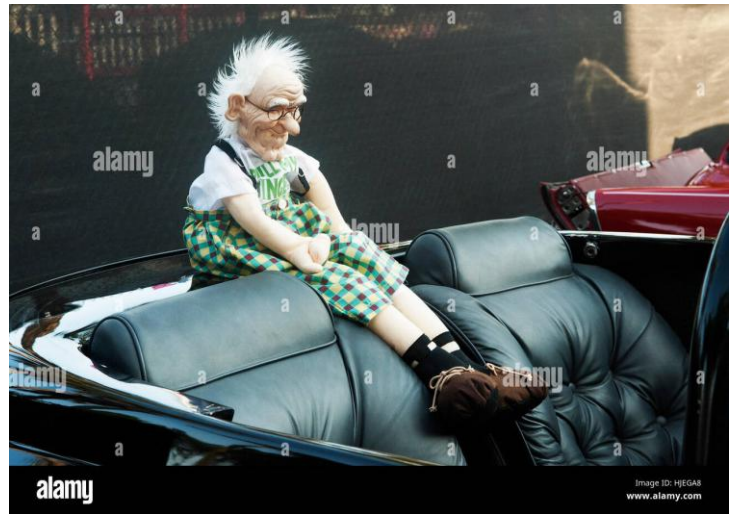
That's according to design director Thierry M troz, who said the Stellantis-owned French brand's "dream is to be the Louis Vuitton of the automotive industry".



Speaking to Autocar at the Brussels motor show at the first public outing of [its new No8](#) (pronounced 'number eight') flagship, Métroz said: "We are premium [now] but our mission is to be more than premium. We would like to try to touch the luxury feeling."

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