

# The Burble & Squeak

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

**2025 February**

## 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 2024 Michiana Brits, Ltd., British Car Enthusiasts. Final review is done by Bob and Larry.

## Daily holidays and observances in March 2025

March 1	National Pig Day
March 3	Peach Blossom Day
March 6	National Oreo Cookie Day
March 9	Get Over It Day
March 14	National PI Day
March 15	International Sports Car Racing Day
March 17	Submarine Day
March 20	Extraterrestrial Abduction Day
March 22	National Goof Off Day
March 23	National Cheesecake Day
March 39	Take A Walk In The Park Day
March 31	National Crayon Day

**SARAH  
BRADLEY|AUTOCAR**  
**30 JUNE 2017**

There was a time when British car marques ruled the world, and brands such as Austin, Hillman and Morris were established in the furthest-flung outposts around the globe. As the 20th century progressed, empires shrunk and new world powers emerged, which saw the demise of many small and not-so-small automotive brands

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 8th**  
Perkins Meeting/Breakfast
- **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



[www.michianabrits.com](http://www.michianabrits.com)

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## EVENT CALENDAR 2024

Month	Date	Event
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

I am concerned. I am concerned about the health and future of our club. As most of you know, I have been a member from almost the beginning. I was there, although not a participant, in 1995 when a handful of British car enthusiasts gathered on the lawn of the Howe Military Academy to organize into a club. Through the years I have seen the club go through many twists and turns, and I'm not talking about the roads in eastern Ohio. Most of the founding members are no longer in the club, and sad to say, many of those are no longer with us. They may be gone, but they left us a well-organized club that has with stood the test of time by making sure the duties and responsibilities were distributed across the membership so no one person or small group of people were overloaded and burned out.

We stand at a crossroads. This winter, our Treasurer, Paul Noeth, after several years of service, resigned. I wish to thank Paul for his service to the club. The call has gone out several times requesting that someone assume the responsibility of the treasurer. No one has stepped forward. No one has even inquired as to what the job entails. This is a position that needs to be filled as soon as possible. If interested, please contact me and we can discuss it

Cheers, Randy

### February Board Meeting Agenda

- 1) Financial - bank account balance, status of annual dues payments and locating a new Treasurer – Randy
- 2) Name badges, Club Roster, membership email list - Jim Webb
- 3) 2025 Car Show:

Formal Car Show Committee was established, met twice (1/15 & 1/29), Jim Betz volunteered to be interim Coordinator, ZOOM meetings being held every two weeks as Jim disperses documents & information, and the members become familiar with their responsibilities.

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE - Interim Coordinator - Jim Betz Ongoing Communication:

- 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 KOBEC; 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; sub group will meet to discuss email lists, etc. - CHUCK & CARRIE OWEN
- 3) Sponsor Support: Bronze (Individual \$50; Business \$100), Silver (\$200), Gold (\$350); Jim responded to Anderson Windows request to be at show - MARK FIRNHABER WITH ASSIST BY JIM BETZ
- 4) Communication with and obtaining outside services:

- a. Food trucks, certificate of insurance (Jim to help), Trinity Church, Food Bank. - PAUL & JANET DILLON
- b. Food trucks - Boxes (full meal) - status; Smothers (French Fries); talking to a crepe/coffee vendor and other vendors - Paul
- c. Poster and lapel pin artist, lapel pin vendor (order 75), awards (Jim making these); Charity - Kim to check on Beacon Children's Hospital - JIM BETZ
- d. Car Show Classes - Jim provided history of class attendance at several prior car shows; decided to eliminate Jag 120/140/150 class; check with Phil Wiltshire on Jaguar classes - Jim Betz
- e. New 4X4 sign for portable support - obtaining quote on a new sign to attach to support - Tom

5) Pre-registration (\$20; Day of Show \$25): 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

6) Show Field and Church layouts: Field layout, set up lines, traffic flow and parking signs, parking; area for awnings should be included b/c no shade - BOB PETERSEN

7) 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

4. Spring Drive May 17th - discussed a 2-for-1 of the circus museum in Peru and the aircraft museum at Grissom Air Base; Paul contacting the museums; find a restaurant - Paul, Randy

5. Use of Website for phishing - Leonard has made changes on the website

6. Email communications for February - Randy will handle communications (Board Meeting Feb. 5th; Breakfast/Meeting on Feb. 8th, etc. ) while Larry is on vacation

7. Tech Session - tentatively April at Ed Battjes garage - Jim Betz

8. 2025 Officers - no change in Officers positions

9. Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts: Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart - March 8; April 12: Bob Petersen has made reservations each at 10:00 AM on these Saturday mornings.

10. Monthly Board ZOOM Meetings - March 5, April 2

## 2023 Board Members

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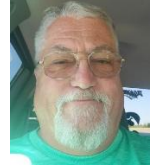
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Your Board of Directors have some exciting events planned for this year. We hope you will remain a member and renew your membership right away! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings, drives and of course our Annual Car Show at its new location on June 21st.

If you have any changes: a new phone number or address, if you've bought or sold a car or anything else, please let me know by replying to this email. We need to update our club rooster to the most current information. Or you may send them to: [webbsclassic@gmail.com](mailto:webbsclassic@gmail.com)

Thank you for making this the Best British car club in Indiana!

Best regards,  
 Jim Webb: VP Membership – Michiana Brits

Greetings Michiana Brits car club members! It's that time of year again when your club membership needs to be renewed. The dues are the same as last year, \$25 per family, or \$15 if you are a current NAMGBR or VTR member affiliated with Michiana Brits. Please include your membership number to qualify for the \$10.00 discount. Note: Some member families receive more than one email from the club. Please coordinate with your spouse to avoid duplicate payments. Payment deadline is March 31, 2025.

We still have the option of on-line payments. It is safe, secure and easy to do. If you are a current member and have a credit or debit card, you can pay your dues right now by clicking on this link.

If you prefer to pay by mail, please make your check payable to: Michiana Brits and send it to:

Best regards,  
Jim Webb: VP Membership – Michiana Brits

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# COMING SOON

Michiana Brits British Car Show

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## NEW LOCATION

Trinity Lutheran Church

30888 CR 6 Elkhart, IN

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**Car Pre-registration to  
start**

**April 1, 2025**

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Dear British Car Enthusiast:

Submitted by: Chicagoland MG Club

**"March 23, 2025 Wheaton, IL.** - All Sports CarSwap Meet & Autojumble

28th Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble. (Formerly known as the All British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble). Sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club. Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 8 am to 2 pm. All marques welcome. All vendor spaces indoors. Free parking. Located about 30 miles due west of Chicago. Vendor offerings include regalia, tools, and services as well as new, used, and refurbished parts. This event draws both vendors and shoppers from throughout the Midwest.

**This event includes all marques of American, Asian, British and European sports cars.** Vendor space available. Shopper admission\$7

GPS to: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W Manchester Rd, Wheaton IL 60187

Info: [www.britishcarswap.info](http://www.britishcarswap.info) or Jim Evans 630-858-8192" South Bend, IN. 46614

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Rolls-Royce was the topic of a recent article in the Economist of 11 January 2025. The article reports that the company sold 5,712 vehicles last year at an average price of \$615,000 each. The profits went to BMW the owner of Rolls-Royce, the profits were not released though the term a 'meaningful contribution' appeared in the article. The article also reported that this year the company will expand the plant in the U. K. where the vehicles are constructed. Even more extras will be available to future potential buyers on their vehicles. In summary it looks as though British vehicles will still be produced though the vehicles are, as the director noted, best thought of as 'luxury items' not just cars.

Submitted by Robert Rowland

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## ABOUT

### Brooke Double R



Photo: Historic Auctioneers

We've avoided sports cars inspired by more popular models in this list, which is why you'll find no small-volume Seven replicas, Cobras, or one of the innumerable models inspired by a 40s or 50s MG or Morgan. But we'll allow the Brooke Double R, which took more than a little inspiration from Chris Craft and Gordon Murray's Rocket.

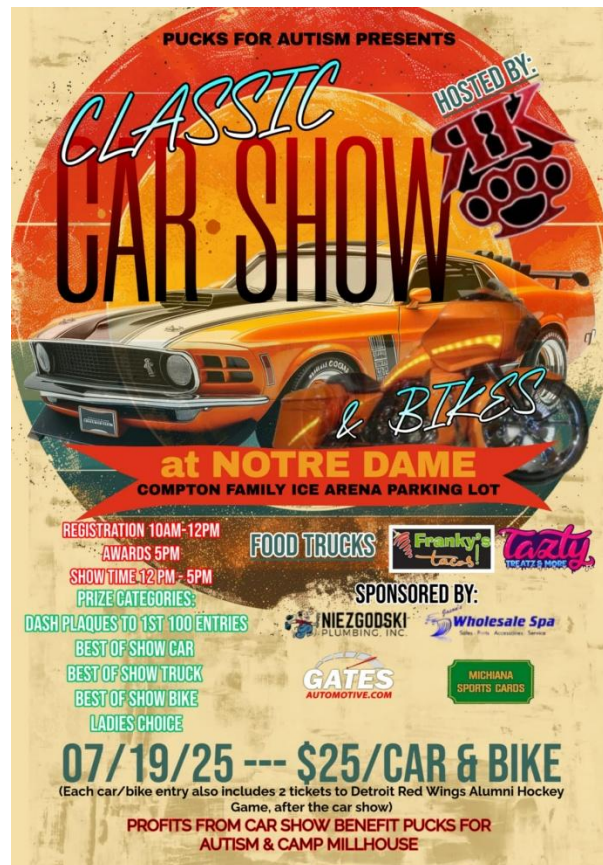
Brooke first appeared in the mid-1990s, but the Double R was a product of the early 2000s. Effectively, think a Rocket but side-by-side rather than tandem and you're pretty much there, though it used a 2.3-litre inline four (a Ford, as if you'd not guessed already given others on this list) rather than the Rocket's motorcycle power.

And well-received it was too. *evo Magazine* [gave the car](#) four and a half stars from five, praising its ride and handling, the grunt of the Cosworth-prepared engine, and its value – just under £28k fully-built. The company, though, has since disappeared into the ether, and the car, impressive though it was, seems to have disappeared from our collective memories.

Source: <https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/lists/10-british-sports-cars-you-probably-forgot-existed/>

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We are having a huge day at Notre Dame (Compton Family Ice Arena Parking Lot) on Saturday July 19th!

Charity Car & Bike Show during the Day, then a Detroit Red Wings Alumni Hockey Game in the evening all benefiting Pucks for Autism & Camp Millhouse (a local summer camp for children and adults with disabilities)

Last year we raised \$13,000 with just the hockey tournament & Alumni Game. This year we are adding the car show to hopefully blow that \$13,000 out of the water!

We would love for Michiana Brits to join the car show!

Here is the link for the Facebook event.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1Fgsyr48wb/>

We have 2 ways to Pre-register...

Credit & Google Pay:

<https://go.rallyup.com/pfa25carshow>

Paypal (goods & services) & Venmo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGr3yUIU1Xipmto0YatnkEDwaR5IfUMezd5jEfXHqBbQpYSg/viewform>

Each car/bike that signs up also gets 2 tickets to the alumni game.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, by email or phone 574-309-2942! Thank you for your time!

Submitted by: Larry; Pucks for Autism Sponsorship & Event Coordinator.

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## MG2025 Update

Submitted by: Melissa Gonzales, Chicagoland MG Club



We are on a mission from... well, not that mission, but close enough! Honestly, it still blows my mind. All it took was one unforgettable trip to the Peterborough, Ontario, for the MG2022 Convention. What a blast – hats off to Jeremy and the team! On the drive back, in my mom’s ridiculously stylish Mini Cooper (top down, obviously), with some bossa nova setting the mood, inspiration struck like a lightning bolt: “Hey, Melissa, it’s time for the Chicagoland MG Club to host a national

convention.” Fast-forward, and here we are just months away from what is bound to be the event of the year: MG2025 July 28th to 31st, folks!

The team is revved up to meet and greet every one of you. We have a massive kickoff party on Monday night that will be the stuff of legends – think dancing, laughter, and stories you will retell for years (or at least until next year’s convention). The website is live and let me give you this advice: register now before someone beats you to the finish line.

Now, let us talk about plans. Crystal Lake, Illinois, is where all the action’s happening. We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, which is fine. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events—trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries.

Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers’ reception—it is going to be a blast!

On Tuesday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

- **Sanfilippo Estate:** A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques.
- **Volo Auto Museum:** Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.
- **Anderson Japanese Gardens:** Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise.
- **Illinois Railway Museum:** Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice!
- **Chicago Architecture Boat Tour:** Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago’s skyline from the river.



- **Pizza-Making Session:** Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).
- **Drive-In Movie Night:** Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.
- **Car Show:** Show off your ride or marvel at others—there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries—take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT. No pun intended. Okay, a little pun intended. Cannot wait to see you there!

## FUN Photos

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