

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. Final review is done by Bob and Larry.

Daily holidays and observances in May 2025

May 3	Kentucky Derby
	National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
	Native American Day
May 9	Military Spouse Day
May 11	Mother's Day
May 17	Armed Forces Day
	Preakness Stakes
May 22	Harvey Milk Day
May 26	Memorial Day

RILEY (1890-1969)

In hindsight, Riley over-diversified by manufacturing bicycles, motorbikes, engines and cars. It led to the company's demise, and William Morris added the brand to his stable for the purposes of his Wolseley-style badge engineering program.

This produced models such as the Morris 1100-based 1968 Riley Kestrel.

Owner now: BMW. Chance of revival: In the late 1990s BMW considered using the name on a Rover 75-based model. It didn't happen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 26th**
Tech Session: Ed Battjes garage
- **May 3rd**
Studebaker Cars & Coffee
- **May 6th**
Monthly Zoom Board Meeting
- **May 7th**
The Brass Rail Bar and Grill, 225 N Michigan St, Plymouth, IN 46563
Phone: (574) 936-7004
- **May 12th**
CarGuys Car Show, Osceola, IN
- **May 17th**
Spring Drive
- **June 3rd^h**
Monthly Zoom Board Meeting
- **June 5th**
Das Essenhaus Cruise-In
- **June 11th**
Hunters Hideaway Bar and Grill, 153 S Main St, Nappanee, IN 46550
Phone: (574) 773-7121
- **June 21st**
Brits' Annual British Car Show
- **July 28-31**
MG2025 Crystal Lake, Illinois
- **July 2nd**
Monthly Zoom Board Meeting
- **September 11-14 (New Dates)**
Fall Tour to Madison, IN

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President's Message Board ZOOM Meetings - May 6, June 3, July 2, August 6

It's April, and it's hard to believe that we are two months from the car show. Things are progressing nicely. This year has presented several challenges. We have a new location, a new committee, and a new chairperson for the committee. The call was made, and people stepped forward. It makes me proud to be part of such an organization. I would like to take this time to thank Jim Betz for his leadership in managing the car show over the last two years. I would also like to thank the show committee members for ensuring the show continues.

So, mark your calendar for June 21st, and come out to the Trinity Lutheran Church at the intersection of Cleveland Road/County Road 6 and Ash Road/West County Line Road for the areas only all British, all marques, all years car show.

Cheers, Randy

May Board Meeting Minutes

Subject: Board Meeting & Car Show Minutes

1. Financial - bank account balance, status of annual dues payments - Jim Betz (new Treasurer) reported on the bank account balance; Jim Betz, Randy Glanders and Larry Palguta are authorized to sign checks.
2. Name badges, Club Roster, membership email list : Jim Webb reported 19 unpaid membership renewals, will send letters with two-week period to renew the membership
3. The Car Show Committee met on 1/15; 1/29; 2/12; 3/12; 4/9. Bob Petersen is Coordinator of the Car Show Committee; Jim Betz will be Co-Coordinator for the remainder of the year; NEXT ZOOM MEETING IS May 14.
 - A. Ongoing Communication: DANTE KOBEC; PETE VAN BLARICUM: Create and send media announcements (this would include other car clubs identified in the email list); club updates of car show news (emails & Newsletter). Pete will check again to ensure that our show date will be listed in the May/June issue of the MG Driver; (notice to NAMGBR needs to be submitted in January).
 - B. Email List / Database: CHUCK & CARRIE OWEN: 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 (Betz, Owen, Webb, Palguta) met on 2/28 and Chuck has provided a spread sheet of addresses for notification of the car show.
 - C. Sponsor Support: MARK FIRNHABER WITH ASSIST BY JIM BETZ: Bronze (Individual \$50; Business \$100), Silver (\$200), Gold (\$350); Jim reported that we have 4 Gold sponsors: 1st Source Bank, Riverbend Hose, Renewal by Andersen, and CarGuys Auto Detailing. CarGuys has a car show on the second Saturday of each month - we should try to have some cars there on May 10th. Mark developed an information sheet for potential sponsors and distributed it to Committee members. He is working with Auto Import Specialists on SR2 for sponsorship of an award.

D. Communication with and obtaining outside services:

- a. PAUL & JANET DILLON: 3 food trucks scheduled: Fox's Smoke "N" Grill; (full BBQ meal), Smothered & Covered Fries and More (toppings on French Fries); Who Gives a Crepe - all day crepe/coffee vendor; certificate of insurance provided to Trinity Church. Paul continues to double check for food truck attendance and is advising them of Cleveland Road's closure in June.
- b. JIM BETZ: flyer has been printed (two versions), lapel pins ordered; Jim will purchase awards; charity - Kim to check on Beacon Children's Hospital

E. Pre-registration (\$20; Day of Show \$25): DEBBIE SHUMAKER; MARY PETERSEN: 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. Mary will receive emails from Affinipay with car registrations and payment details. Leonard has set up the website for online payment but the info page needs work before the registration page can go live.

F. Show Field and Church layouts: BOB PETERSEN: Field layout, set up lines, traffic flow and parking signs, parking; area for awnings should be included b/c no shade; Phil Wiltshire has adjusted the parking space dimensions; Bob, Phil and others will meet to layout the parking at the show field. Jim will order some new signs for the new Jaguar classes.

G. Day of Show Paperwork: LARRY & DEB PALGUTA: 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. Jim will email documents.

H. Tag Sales/Silent Auction: Mary Wishmeier has donated a number of illustrations that can be auctioned; Randy and Jim have items for the tag sale.

I. Road Work/Directions:- Beech/Cleveland intersection closed during show: Bob has located a good spot for a yard sign on SR 23 route; our 4X4 sign will have new location information and be at the Cleveland/933N intersection.

4. ACTIVITIES:

- A. Tech Session - April 26th at Ed Battjes garage, South Bend - Jim Betz will see if a potluck is OK; publicize immediately
- B. May 3 - Studebaker Cars & Coffee, 8:00 AM Studebaker Museum, South Bend, IN
- C. May 17 Spring Drive May - Rally at Meijer (Bypass at 331) at 9:00, leave 9:30, first go downtown Peru to Circus Info/Museum, to lunch, then Hall of Fame, and finally Grissom AFB aircraft display
- D. June 5 - Das Essenhaus Cruise-In
- E. June 21 - Brits Annual Car Show, Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkhart, IN

F. Sept. 11-14 (NEW DATES) Fall Tour, Madison, IN - Paul, Randy

5. CarGuys Auto Detailing - hosts every second Saturday of the month a Cars & Coffee meet, starts April 12th - Jim Betz
6. Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts:
A. Saturdays, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at Elkhart - April 12, at 10:00 AM; B. Wednesday Dinner Meetings, 6:30 PM:
May 7th -The Brass Rail, Plymouth, IN; June 11 - Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN; July 16 - new restaurant, Cassopolis, MI - Paul Dillon
7. Monthly Board ZOOM Meetings - May 6, June 3, July 2, August 6

Submitted By : Larry J Palguta

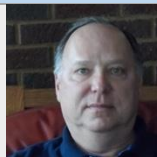
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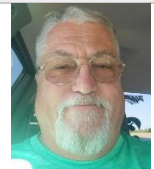


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All – this Saturday you and your LBC can show up at Ed Battjes' during the morning and have your car put on the lift to see what is going on under there (other than the expected oil leak).

The details are below.

The Tech Session will begin at ~8:30 AM and be followed by a potluck lunch at ~ noon in the same building. This is an opportunity to get your LBC on the lift and see what the bottom side looks like (oil drips, rust and all!). No maintenance work will be done, but perhaps some grease applied where needed.

All members, with or without LBCs, will enjoy this early opportunity to meet and share plans for the 2025 Brits' season of big changes (new car show location, more driving activities, tech session, new car show committee, etc.)

The noon time potluck lunch will be in the same building. Drive on the concrete driveway to the house and then continue on the gravel drive to the garage/barn.

PLEASE RSVP by either email or phone and advise how many in your party will attend so we can get a head count, and advise what kind of potluck dish you will bring.

Here is Ed's contact information: Ed Battjes, 61303 Fellows Street, South Bend, IN 46614, Email - edbattjes@gmail.com tel.: 574-536-3579

I hope you can attend and enjoy the time with your fellow Brits.

Larry Palguta Secretary, Brits



Lake Erie British Car Club (LEBCC)

The British Return To Fort Meigs

Sunday, June 1, 2025

26th Annual Event

British Car Show

Fort Meigs Historical Site

29100 West River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio

10am to 3pm

(Registration 10am till noon)

Rain or Shine

Pre-Registration \$18 online at

msreg.com/26LEBCCFtMeigs

or use form below

Pre-registration deadline May 23, 2025

Day of Show Awards Only (No mailings)

Day of Show \$25

International news reveals that some European car brands and models, particularly those focused on smaller, economical, or niche vehicles, are not available in the US market due to factors like differing consumer preferences and market demands. For instance, Stellantis has stated they won't bring their European brands like Citroën, Lancia, Opel, or Peugeot to North America. Also, smaller models from German brands like Mercedes, BMW, and Audi, aimed at volume markets in Europe, don't fit the US market's perception of these brands. Additionally, brands like Skoda and Seat/Cupra, which are part of the Volkswagen group, are not available in the US.

President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on imported passenger vehicles and light trucks, including many European cars, starting on April 3, 2025. This tariff, on top of the existing 2.5% duty, aims to protect the U.S. automobile industry. The move is expected to increase the price of imported cars from Europe in the U.S.
