

# The Burble & Squeak

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

**May/June 2025 (late)**

## 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 July 2025

July 4	Independence Day
July 6:	International Kissing Day, National Fried Chicken Day
July 10	Teddy Bear Picnic Day.
July 14	Bastille Day
July 27	Parents' Day
	National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
July 16	World Snake Day
July 20	National Moon Walk Day
July 26	National Bagelfest Day.
July 30	International Day of Friendship

## TRIUMPH (1885-2004)

The former bicycle builder branched out into motorcycles and cars in 1921, and became a popular small car marque postwar. After producing a string of popular TR-badged sportsters, it was destroyed by the 'curse' of British Leyland.

Owner now: BMW.

Chance of revival: There was talk of a rebirth in the late 1990s. It didn't happen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Brits' Annual British Car Show
- **July 28-31**  
MG2025 Crystal Lake, Illinois
- **July 2<sup>nd</sup> August 6, September 3**  
Monthly Zoom Board Meetings
- **September 11-14**  
Fall Tour to Madison, IN
- **Wednesday Dinner Meetings,**
  - July 16 - Oak and Ash BBQ & Catering (former Zeke's), Dowagiac, MI;
  - August 13th - Lindy's being contacted;
  - September 17 or 24 - TBD



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## **President's Message**

### **June President's Message**

It's June. The month of our car show. The hard work of many club members will be coming to a conclusion. I would like to thank all the volunteers that make the day possible. I encourage all club members to come out on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> and support our biggest activity. The show supports the club, and the club supports the show. Let us all come together to have a special day.

Cheers, Randy

### **May President's Message**

The driving season has just begun, and we are already three events into it. I must say that I have been pleased with the turnout for each event. I truly believe that activities are a large part of what makes our club special. When we sit around swapping stories about our exploits, they often revolve around a tour, drive, show, or other events. From Linda Carpenter kissing a moose head in Traverse City, to Keith Wishmeier off-roading in a Spitfire in Paducah, to my wife Bev and I walking over the Ohio River on the Big 4 Bridge in Louisville in the rain, my mind is full of memories from many club related events. Because of that, I believe that the club has made my life better in many ways. We still have several driving events this year. Lets get together and create more memories.

Cheers, Randy

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## **June Board Meeting Minutes**

➤ Subject: June 4th Board Meeting Minutes

1. FINANCIAL - bank account balance - Jim Betz reported on the bank account balance
2. NAME BADGES, CLUB ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST : name badge process; access to membership email list -Jim Webb \_\_\_\_\_
3. CAR SHOW COMMITTEE- met on 1/15; 1/29; 2/12; 3/12; 4/9.; 5/21 Bob Petersen is Coordinator of the Car Show Committee; Jim Betz will be Co-Coordinator for the remainder of the year.
  - 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).
  - 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; 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.

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 will double check for food truck attendance on June 12th.

b. FLYERS, LAPEL PINS, AWARDS: JIM BETZ: flyer has been distributed (two versions), lapel pins received; Jim purchased awards; charity - 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; Mary will receive emails from Affinipay with car registrations and payment details. Leonard set up the website for online payment and pre-registration.

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 adjusted the parking space dimensions; Bob, Phil and others met on 5/18 to discuss the layout for parking on the show field. Show field parking will be set up at 3 PM Friday June 20th - Jim & Bob

G. DAY OF SHOW PAPERWORK: LARRY & DEB PALGUTA: Jim prepared 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 emailed documents, and will have ballots printed. Volunteers: Ballot Counting, Registration and Parking have spots open.

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. Check for labels, markers, Affinipay card reader, etc. for the sale, sent out request for donations - Larry.

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 was set out about June 6th at the Cleveland/933N intersection.

#### 4. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

A. Tech Session - success with ~ 15 attendees - Jim Betz

B. May 3 - Studebaker Cars & Coffee, 17 attendees - Philip

C. May 17 Spring Drive - started with 5 cars, increased to 7 at Peru Circus Museum, lunch at Club 14 (a bar- no area for children), Hall of Fame, and finally Grissom AFB aircraft display.

D. June 5 - Das Essenhaus Cruise-In, about 13 cars, we will also be Featured Club on August 21st - Philip

E. June 21 - Brits Annual Car Show, Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkhart, IN

F. July 13 - Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Hickory Corners, MI

G. Sept. 11-14 , Fall Tour, Madison, IN; several people have made reservations - make phone call direct to the hotel, not national reservation number - Paul, Randy

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS:

A. Wednesday Dinner Meetings, 6:30 PM: June 11 - Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN; July 16 - Oak and Ash BBQ & Catering (former Zeke's), Dowagiac, MI; August 13th - Lindy's being contacted; September 17 or 24 - TBD

6. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS - July 2, August 6, September 3

## **Combined May Board Meeting & Car Show Minutes**

1. FINANCIAL - bank account balance - Jim Betz

2. NAME BADGES, CLUB ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST: around 14 memberships not renewed - Jim Webb; badge pick up and payment - Jim Betz will look into handling

3. The Car Show Committee met on 1/15; 1/29; 2/12; 3/12; 4/9. Bob Petersen is the Coordinator of the Car Show Committee; Jim Betz is Co-Coordinator for the remainder of the year; NEXT ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING IS MAY 21st.

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). Our show date is listed in the May/June issue of the MG Driver.

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, Chuck provided a spread sheet of addresses, Jim will work on the list.

C) Sponsor Support: MARK FIRNHABER WITH ASSIST BY JIM BETZ: Bronze (Individual \$50; Business \$100), Silver (\$200), Gold (\$350); 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 will have some cars there on May 10th. Mark developed an information sheet for potential sponsors and distributed it to Committee members.

D.) Communication with and obtaining outside services: 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 reports that all 3 vendors have been advised of Cleveland Road's closure in June.

E.) Communication with and obtaining outside services: JIM BETZ: flyer has been printed (two versions), lapel pins received; Jim is purchasing awards; charity - Beacon Children's Hospital

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G) 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 at 3 PM on May 18th to layout parking at the show field, the location of awnings, and number of tables and chairs to be provided by Trinity. Check with church to see that info is placed on their electric sign.

H) 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 update documents and print ballots. Larry will send Volunteer sign-up emails, and subsequently send instructions to the Volunteers.

I) 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, Larry will ask club members for donations, Jim will bring (electrically charged) Affinipay card reader to car show.

J) 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, Tom to have a new cover made. Yard sign(s) needed for detour turns.

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B. May 3 - Studebaker Cars & Coffee, 8:00 - 10 AM Studebaker Museum - good turnout of 17 cars

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 (on Broadway), lunch at Club 14, then Hall of Fame, and finally Grissom AFB aircraft Museum - Paul Dillon

D. June 5 - Das Essenhaus Cruise-In - early people show up 1-2 PM

E. June 21 - Brits Annual Car Show, Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkhart, IN



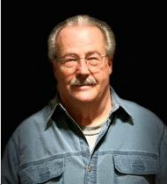
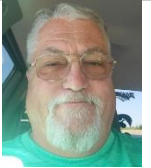



F. Sept. 11-14 (NEW DATES) Fall Tour, Madison, IN - Paul, Randy

#### 5. OTHER EVENTS: CarGuys Auto Detailing - Cars & Coffee, May 10th, 8-10 AM - Betz and Peterson to attend

6. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS: Wednesday Dinner Meetings, 6:30 PM: May 7th -The Brass Rail, Plymouth, IN; June 11 - Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN; July 16 - new restaurants in Dowagiac, Three Rivers, and Cassopolis, MI being checked by Paul Dillon

#### 7. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS - June 4, July 2, August 6

## 2023 Board Members

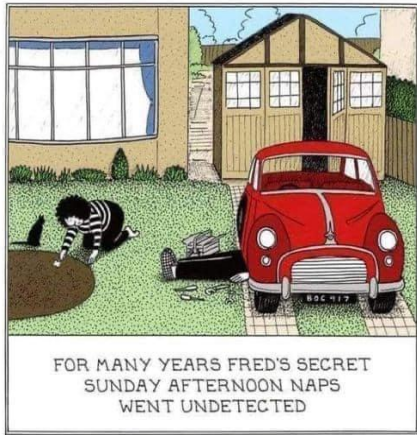
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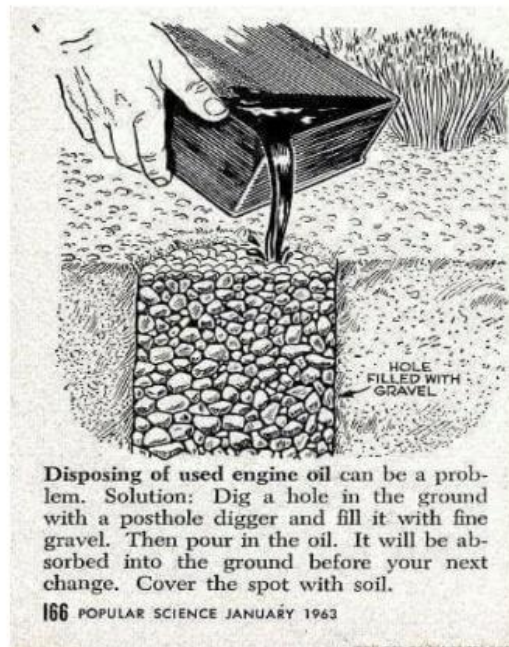






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Newsletter/Webmaster

Sorry guys, I inadvertently broke my dominant (right) arm a couple of months ago which resulted in my NOT being able to get the May newsletter out, and delayed the June one. I have attempted to review my emails to do my best to make sure I have included all input in this issue. If I missed something, please send it again.

Leonard

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## ABOUT

Larry Palguta





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## **FUN Photos**

From: [Triumph Bullet and Lynx prototypes – Canley's last shot at a sports car](#)



The Triumph Bullet offered everything that the Americans told the British what they wanted from their sports cars: it was simple mechanically (front-engined, rear-wheel drive), which gave a greater potential for long-term reliability. The above full-scale model was a last-gasp facelift of the original Triumph Bullet before the Harris Mann wedge (below) breezed in.



The Harris Mann-led Longbridge Design Team's effort was chosen over Triumph's more conservative scheme...