

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 August 2025

Fri 1	International Beer Day
Sat 2	National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
Sun 3	Friendship Day
	National Watermelon Day
Wed 6	National Root Beer Float Day
Fri 8	International Cat Day
Sat 9	Book Lovers Day
Sun 10	National Lazy Day
	National S'mores Day
Wed 13	International Left-Handers Day
Fri 15	National Relaxation Day
Sat 16	National Roller Coaster Day
	National Tell A Joke Day
Sun 17	Black Cat Appreciation Day
Wed 20	National Radio Day
Thu 21	Senior Citizens Day
Thu 28	National Bow Tie Day
Sat 30	International Bacon Day
	National Beach Day

Daimler is one of the most established names in motoring, having supplied cars to the British monarchy from 1902. The distinctively styled V8-powered SP250 Dart was its most famous sports car. Jaguar bought the name in 1960 and labeled its range-toppers as such until 2007. Owner now: Tata Motors, via Jaguar Land Rover. Chance of revival: Mercedes-Benz's parent firm is called Daimler AG, which means any small-scale revival might be problematic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 26** – Eastern Group Breakfast, Big G's, Columbia City
- **July 28-31**
MG2025 Crystal Lake, Illinois
- **Aug 6, Sept 3**
Monthly Zoom Board Meeting
- **August 9 – Winery Drive Tour**
- **August 21** –
Das Essenhaus Cruise-In – Middlebury, IN
- **September 11-14**
Fall Tour to Madison, IN
- **September 13**
Block Party that includes a car show. It is located near the intersection of Lincolnway W. and Bendix Drive in South Bend.
- **Wednesday Dinner Meetings,**
 - August 13th - Lindy's
 - September 24 - El Maguey Grill, Elkhart

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President's Message

July President's Message

We made it! This month Michiana Brits turns 30 years old. On Sunday, July 23, 1995, at *The Tea At The Vicarage* British car rally, a group of British car enthusiasts pulled their bag chairs into circle on the lawn of the Howe Military Academy, and laid down the foundation for a new club.

In the early years, the club was more of a social club held together by verbal agreements and handshakes. As we grew, we have changed and adapted to ensure the club's membership is served as best as possible. The club perseveres because of you. Three decades in, and the club survives because the membership is strong. Thank you all for getting us to this point.

Dozens of car shows, hundreds of meetings, social gatherings, and drives, all creating memories. Hopefully, we will be creating many more memories for years to come.

Cheers, Randy

July Board Meeting Minutes

1. FINANCIAL - bank account balance, Car Show proceeds and costs provided by Jim Betz
2. NAME BADGES, CLUB ROSTER, MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST: name badge process- Jim Webb will contact vendor and discuss mailing badges
3. CAR SHOW WRAP-UP: 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. JIM BETZ - Reported on the Car Show (60 registrations and 5 no shows) and Board made following changes:
 - a) Move show date to last weekend - June 27, 2026
 - b) Move Registration tent to east side of tree; move lines for Parking; ensure all cars are parked to left of signs (viewed from driveway); signage on roundabout and at church drive entrance; cold water jug & cups was a very good idea
 - c) Tom will talk with church about electric sign - must have car show notice about a month before show
 - d) Much more online publicity needed - X, Face Book, In the Bend, etc. by Ongoing Communication team
 - e) Jim B. said Featured Marque, date, etc. need to be set by February in order to get sponsorships while \$ is available
 - f) Board will decide next month on Featured Marque.
 - g) Jim B. will provide Bob a timeline for show activities' starts & completions
 - h) Board felt (in view of the new location, new weekend, new day, and the predicted high temperatures) that the Car Show was a success despite smaller attendance by exhibitors and public

- B. 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).
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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; Board suggested that only two food trucks needed and ice cream vendor from Goshen to be contacted for 2026; Paul will contact 2025 vendors for feedback.
 - b. FLYERS, LAPEL PINS, AWARDS: JIM BETZ - flyer printed (two versions), lapel pins received; awards purchased; charity - Beacon Children's Hospital
- F. 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 has set up the website for online payment and pre-registration. 1 Registration & 1 Membership paid via AffiniPay card reader. NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS AT EACH REGISTRATION SHIFT WAS OK
- 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; layout for parking on the show field done on Friday afternoon, need to have predetermined number of tables & chairs needed for 2026; plenty of trash cans provided by Trinity, location of PA & Tag Sales was good; REDUCED 10:30 AM - 1 PM SHIFT TO 3 VOLUNTEERS
- H. 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 ballots printed. Volunteers - 33 of 37 spots filled; NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS OK FOR BALLOT COUNTING AND 50/50 RAFFLE; CLEAN UP (REDUCED TO 2 VOLUNTEERS)
- I. TAG SALE: sent out request for donations; used AffinPay card reader for several sales, NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS AT EACH TAG SALE SHIFT - OK

- J. ROAD WORK/DIRECTIONS: Beech/Cleveland intersection closed during show; need more readable 4X4 sign for the Cleveland/933N intersection.
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4. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- A. July 13 - Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Faire, Hickory Corners, MI - Randy will send email advising where to meet for drive to show
- B. July 26 – Eastern Group breakfast at Big G's, Columbia City
- C. August 9 Winery Drive Tour - The drive will begin at Jim Webb's home where we plan to meet at 10:30 and leave by 11:00 am. See details below on Page 7.
- D. August 21 - Das Essenhaus Cruise-In, arrive early 1-2 pm – Phil
- E. Sept. 11-14 - Fall Tour, Madison, IN - number registered at hotel, send out notices of Fall Tour – Randy will send out more notices to increase those going on Tour








5. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS:

- A. Wednesday Dinner Meetings, 6:30 PM: July 16 - Oak and Ash BBQ & Catering, 109 S Front St, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone: (269) 462-9213.
- B. August 13 - Lindy's Restaurant, 57983 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 Phone: (269) 782-5111 - Paul to confirm reservations.
- C. September 24 - El Maguey Grill, 56028 Parkway Ave A, Elkhart, IN 46528 Phone: (574) 522-1100 - Paul to contact in late July

6. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS - August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5

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

2023 Board Members

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Submitted by: Robert Petersen

The Michiana Brits held their 37th British Car Show at a new Location, Trinity Lutheran Church on CR6 and Ash Rd. We had a great group of Members that helped make the show a great success. Thanks to all that attended and all that helped make it a good show. We had a lower number of attendees than in the past. Weather being hot and humid did keep some folks away, but those that were there enjoyed the benefits of the new location. Thanks to Tom Shumaker for finding our new location. We could not have felt more welcomed by the Church. They were very helpful and went above and beyond to help us with the show from beginning to end. We look forward to many more years at this great location.

We had 3 food trucks, several canopies for shade (not rain). The grounds worked out great and we will have plenty of room for expansion.

There was access to the bathrooms and air conditioning to get out of the heat. The other big plus was no one had to park too far as the parking for the public was close. Thanks again for all that helped make it a success. Thanks to Mason and the church for their hospitality.

2025 MICHIANA BRITS WINNERS LIST

CLASS	BEST IN CLASS	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
	Owner, Car	Owner, Car
BEST IN FEATURED MARQUE: TRIUMPH TR7, TR8	David Dean, 1980 Triumph TR8	Scott Picha, 1979 Triumph TR7
TRIUMPH TR-2, TR-3, TR-4	Don Nuner, 1961 Triumph TR3A	Melissa & Tim Rosin, 1960 Triumph TR3A
TRIUMPH TR-250, TR-6	Mark & Anna Firnhaber, 1969 Triumph TR6	Peter Van Blaricum, 1975 Triumph TR6
TRIUMPH SPITEFIRE / GT6	Paul Price, 1973 Triumph Spitfire	David Dillon, 1977 Triumph Spitfire
MGA	Jeff Rensberger, 1962 MGA MKII Coupe	Terri Dennehy, 1961 MGA
BIG AUSTIN-HEALEY	Mark & Anna Firnhaber, 1957 Austin Healey 100-6	
MG MIDGET, AH SPRITE	Paul & Gail Noeth, 1966 MG Midget	Gary Browning, 1965 Austin Healey Sprite
MG TC, TD, TF	Jim & Kim Betz, 1949 MGTC	Dave Yoder, 1948 MGTC
MGB, C, & GT CHROME BUMPER	Dan Craft, 1968 MGB GT	Kathy Bushnell, 1968 MGC GT
MGB RUBBER BUMPER	Bob & Mary Peterson, 1977 MGB	Tom & Christine Derwent, 1977 MGB
LOTUS	Don Nuner, 1974 Lotus Europa Twin Cam Special	Mike Bessinger, 1997 Lotus Esprit
JAGUAR E-TYPES, XJS & MODERN SPORTCARS	Don Nuner, 1967 Jaguar E- Type Roadster	Troy Sherk, 1988 Jaguar XJ SVR
JAGUAR MODERN SALOONS & SUV'S	Tie James Webb, 2003 S Type-R Gary Honnert, 2020 P250 S	
JAGUAR CLASSIC SALOONS & SPORTCARS	Rob Reilly, 1938 Jaguar SS	John Nuiver, 1987 Jaguar XJ6
OPEN CLASS PRE 1970	Tom VanDiepenbos, 1960 Jensen 541 R	Larry & Deb Palguta, 1957 Morris Minor 1000
OPEN CLASS 1970 & LATER	Don Nuner, Jensen Interceptor Convertible	Don Nuner, 1987 Morgan +8
BEST IN SHOW	Tom VanDiepenbos 1960 Jensen 541R	

Photos from June Car Show

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ABOUT

From: Chuck Owen <cpowen1980@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 2:41 PM
Subject: MlchianaBrits Eastern Group August Drive

All members are invited to come along with The Eastern Group organized August 9th Winery Drive Tour.

The drive will begin at Jim Webb's home where we plan to meet at 10:30 and leave by 11:00 am.

Jim's address: 5144 West State Road 114-92, Huntington IN. 46750

We will be visiting the following wineries on our tour.

- McClures Winery: Peru, IN
- The peoples Winery: Logansport, IN
- Indian Trails Winery: Royal Center, IN

So mark your calendars for August 9th to come along with us on a relaxing drive with your British car through some beautiful country roads, and visit some wineries you may have never experienced with the fellowship of the club.

Foot Note: We are suggesting the drive for adults only to avoid any member not being allowed entry due to minors present.

Eastern Group Breakfast

Saturday, July 26th, at 10:00 am. is the next Brunch. It's at Big G's in Columbia City's. Big G's prides itself on slow service, so you might want to grab a bite at home so you're not starving. The round tables will make it easy to discuss the upcoming Winery Drive Tour for the next weekend while waiting for service.

Hope to see you there!

Charlie Loew

Submitted by Robert Petersen

May 2025 Cars and Coffee at Studebaker Museum





We had a good showing at the Cars and Coffee. 16 British Car's with a nice variety of Marks.

Submitted by Robert Petersen

Old Speckled Hen

Old Speckled Hen is a bitter beer made by the [Morland Brewery](#), now owned by [Greene King Brewery](#). Old Speckled Hen was first brewed in 1979 in [Abingdon-on-Thames](#), [Oxfordshire](#) in England, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the [MG](#) car factory there on 30 November 1979. Since 2000, when Greene King bought Morland and closed down the Abingdon brewery, it has been made in Greene King's [Bury St Edmunds](#) brewery.^[1] It is available in more than twenty different countries in bottles, cans and on tap from cask and keg. The brand has been expanded to include Old Crafty Hen, a 6.5% ABV ale, Hens Tooth, a 6.5% ABV ale, Old Golden Hen, a golden coloured 4.1% beer, and Old Hoppy Hen, a 4.2% ABV [pale ale](#).



The Old Speckled Hen logo

History



An original bottle of Old Speckled Hen

Old Speckled Hen took its name from an experimental car called the [MG Featherlight Saloon](#). The car's body was made of a wooden frame covered with gold-speckled black cellulosed fabric. It was used as a runaround for workers in the [MG](#) factory in Abingdon and was nicknamed the "owd speck'ld un". In 1979, the MG Factory celebrated the 50th anniversary of the MG Car Company's move from Oxford to Abingdon. They asked Abingdon brewers Morland & Co to create a special commemorative beer for the occasion, for which they would suggest the name and would also design the label.^[2]

Daniel O'Leary ([brewer](#) and former [cooper](#)), had developed the recipe for a private beer in his garden shed in Abingdon and the recipe was then used when the brewery decided to release a celebration beer for the MG anniversary.^{[3][4]} The beer, an amber coloured Pale Ale, was then brewed at the brewery. It was brewed at a gravity of 1050 to denote the 50th anniversary. 25 barrels, 1200 dozen half-pints bottles, were produced, mostly for the promotional

activities at MG, but also for limited distribution to Morland houses in the Abingdon area. What had been produced as a one-off celebration brew, proved so popular that a second batch had to be brewed in time for the main celebrations which were to be held in Abingdon over the weekend of the actual anniversary.^[5]

After the MG factory closed in 1980, production declined and Old Speckled Hen was almost exclusively available only in [pubs](#) operated by Morland due to financial constraints and a different direction being taken by the [brewery](#), which believed its future lay in the production of [lager](#). Within a few years, Morland began to re-explore ale production, reviving Old Speckled Hen and launching the [draught](#) version in 1990 with considerable success, with Old Speckled Hen proving to be a beer that Morland could market outside their own estate.^{[6][7]}

FUN Photos

Submitted by John Bush



M G	
14/28---1924-1927	SA-----1936-1939
14/40---1927-1929	TA-----1936-1938
18/80---1928-1932	VA-----1937-1939
M-----1929-1932	WA-----1938-1939
18/100---1930-1931	TB-----1939
C-----1931-1932	TC-----1945-1949
D-----1931-1932	Y-----1947-1953
F-----1931-1932	TD-----1950-1953
J-----1932-1934	Z-----1953-1958
K-----1932-1935	TF-----1954-1955
K3-----1933-1934	MGA-----1958-1962
L-----1933-1934	MK-----1959-1968
N-----1934-1936	MIDGET--1961-1979
P-----1934-1936	MGB-----1962-1980
Q-----1934	1600-----1962-1971
R-----1935	MGC-----1968-1969

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