

The Burble & Squeak

Official Newsletter for Annual Members of the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts © 2026 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

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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 April 2026

01 Wed	International Fun at Workday
02 Thu	National Burrito Day
03 Fri	Find a Rainbow Day
04 Sat	Tell a Lie Day
05 Sun	Go for Broke Day
06 Mon	National Beer Day
07 Tue	Golfer's Day
08 Wed	Eight Track Tape Day
09 Thu	National Peach Cobbler Day
10 Fri	Blah, Blah, Blah Day
11 Sat	National Garlic Day
12 Sun	National Jellybean Day
13 Mon	Pig in a Blanket Day
14 Tue	National Pretzel Day
15 Wed	National Prime Rib Day
16 Thu	National Zipper Day
23 Thu	National Zucchini Bread Day
25 Sat	World Penguin Day
29 Wed	National Shrimp Scampi Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monthly Board Meetings** (Zoom): monthly on first Wednesday; 7:30 AM
- **Tech Session** – April 18th, Ed Battjes garage
- **Studebaker Museum:** May 2nd, 2026 – first club to partner with them for their Cars and Coffee events in '26; 8.00am start
- **Spring Drive:** Saturday May 16th
- **Das Essenhaus:** Cruise-In June 4th and August 20th
- **Car Show:** Saturday June 27th
- **Fall Tour:** Sept. 24-27, Vincennes, IN
- **Colors Drive:** October 17 - TBD
- **Membership Appreciation Dinner** – Nov. 14th, 2026, Das Essenhaus; 6.30 pm; reserved.
- **Saturday Breakfast Meetings, 10:00 AM:** 2nd Saturday at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN

Jaguar

Of course, the E-Type isn't the only great Jaguar. The legendary automaker's modern two-seater, the F-Type, is incredibly fun as well. [This SVR model](#) can be yours for under \$80,000.

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President's Message

It's March. The time of year when our lives are captivated by 68 NCAA teams throwing an orange ball at a metal hoop. A time when very little work gets accomplished. A time to fill out your brackets, and watch your picks blow up as half of your choices lose in the first round. So let us enjoy this distraction, and plan on getting together next month at the Tech Session to kick off the driving season. Until then, may your picks win.

Cheer, Randy

March Board Meeting Minutes

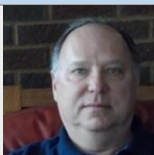
1. FINANCIAL - bank account balance, we have money; dues received via AffiniPay and mail; Leonard will be paid quarterly for the website fees - Jim Betz
2. NAME BADGES, ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS; sent out email notices; 59 renewals - Jim Webb
3. CAR SHOW ITEMS:
 - A. Moved show date to last weekend of June - June 27, 2026
 - B. 2026 Car Show Committee meetings on March 11, April 8th - Bob Petersen
 - C. Featured Marque - all pre-2026 Jaguars; use the Leeper Jaguar in the lapel pin design, Jim Betz discussed text on pin, order 100 pins
 - D. Paul Dillon has arranged for three food vendors: Who Gives A Crepe, Porta Vallarta and an Ice Cream Truck.
 - E. Tom got a signed contract with Trinity; the contract includes a requirement for 3 weeks of car show notices on their electric sign
 - F. Committee: show open for German & Italian vehicles; as show sponsors Brits will retain all entry fees and handle awards; the show name will be "Michiana Brits BIG Auto Show"; ("BIG" - British, Italian, German); Jim Betz submitted request for Insurance Certificate from VTR; Mark Firnhaber has lined up sponsors - Anderson Windows, Riverbend Hose, 1st Source Bank, Car Guys, Eurasia Imports, Tire Rack will provide gift certificates for the 50/50 Raffle; sponsors have their names on awards for car classes
4. CLUB ACTIVITIES:
 - A. Tech Session at Ed Battjes garage - April 18th (Jim Betz);
 - B. Cars & Coffee at Studebaker Museum - May 2nd, 8:00 AM (Philip)
 - C. Spring Drive, May 16th - Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN (Philip & Randy)
 - D. Das Essenhaus Cruise-In - Featured club on June 4th (Philip)
 - E. Car Show - Saturday June 27th, Trinity Church & School
 - F. Das Essenhaus Cruise-In - Featured club on August 20th (Philip)

- G. Fall Tour - September 24-27, Vincennes, IN (Philip to look into activities, etc.)
- H. Colors Drive - October 17th, destination TBD
- I. Membership Appreciation Dinner - Das Essenhaus. Saturday November 14, 6:30 PM (Philip)

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS:

Monthly Meetings: 10:00 AM, March 14 and April 11 at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN; first dinner Wednesday May 20th, 6:30 pm at Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN; (reservation made) June 17 - Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, Buchanan, MI (reservation made) - Larry has reserved both dinners; Brass Rail in Plymouth for later in summer

6. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS - April 1, May 5, June 3, July 1

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ABOUT

AI Overview: latest news on British German or Italian sports cars

As of March 2026, the European sports car market is dominated by the upcoming 2027 Ferrari Amalfi Spider, Porsche's 911 Cup car releases, and new British models like the Aston Martin DB12S. Key trends include a hybrid of high-performance EVs and refined ICE, with Alpine targeting Porsche and Abarth launching a 280hp 600E.

Italian Sports Cars

- **Ferrari:** The 2027 Ferrari Amalfi Spider has been unveiled, aiming to rival the Porsche 911 Turbo S Cabriolet, featuring a focus on lightweight performance. Reports indicate Ferrari's first EV, nicknamed "Luce," will feature a high-end interior designed by Apple's former design leadership.
- **Lamborghini:** Lamborghini is strengthening its commitment to plug-in hybrid technology for upcoming SUV models.
- **Abarth/Fiat:** Abarth is releasing a "Scorpion" version of the 600E, featuring 280 horsepower and a 0–62 mph time of 5.85 seconds, available in a limited run of 1,949 units.

British Sports Cars

- **Aston Martin/Bentley:** New models for 2026-2027 include the Aston Martin DB12S and the Bentley Continental GT Super Sports.
- **TVR:** TVR is restructuring and preparing to launch a new petrol sports car, with potential future electric variants.
- **Niche Producers:** Specialist manufacturer Petit is ramping up production of its hand-built "Vertige" sports coupe to 12 units in 2026, doubling to 24 by 2027.

German Sports Cars

- **Porsche:** Porsche continues dominating motorsport with the release of the 911 Cup car, while its top-tier 911 Carrera S Cabriolet is being featured as a prize in the 2026 Tennis Grand Prix.
- **Audi:** The Audi RS6 GT, a 630PS V8, has been launched, with all 60 UK-allocated units sold.
- **Wiesmann:** The brand is entering the electric market with "Project Thunderball," an all-electric two-seater convertible.

Upcoming Developments

- **Alpine:** Alpine is developing an electric successor to the A110, targeting Porsche with plans for a 2027 US debut.
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FUN Photos

Classic Porsche 911



Classic Cobra Roadster



Classic BMW



Classic Fiat 24 Sport Spider

