

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 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 May 2026

01 Fri	May Day / National Space Day
02 Sat	Kentucky Derby Day
04 Mon	Star Wars Day (May the 4th!)
05 Tue	Cinco de Mayo
06 Wed	National Nurses Day
08 Fri	No Socks Day
09 Sat	National Train Day
10 Sun	Mother's Day
12 Tue	National Limerick Day
14 Thu	National Dance Like a Chicken Day
15 Fri	National Chocolate Chip Day
16 Sat	National Barbecue Day
18 Mon	International Museum Day
20 Wed	World Bee Day
22 Fri	National Vanilla Pudding Day
23 Sat	World Turtle Day
24 Sun	National Brothers Day
25 Mon	Memorial Day
25 Mon	National Wine Day
28 Thu	National Hamburger Day
30 Sat	National Mint Julep Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Board Meetings (Zoom):

May 6, June 3, July 1; 7:30 AM

Cars & Coffee – Studebaker Museum, May 2nd, 8:00 AM

Spring Drive – Saturday May 16th, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, IN

Das Essenhaus Cruise-In – Featured club June 4th & August 20th

BIG Auto Show – Saturday June 27th, Trinity Church & School (British, Italian, German)

MG International Show – August 23rd–27th, Sandusky, OH

Fall Tour – Sept. 24–27, Vincennes, IN

Colors Drive – October 17 – TBD

Membership Appreciation Dinner – Nov. 14th, 2026, Das Essenhaus; 6:30 PM

Winter Saturday Breakfast Meetings, 10:00 AM: 2nd Saturday at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN

Aston Martin V12 Vantage

Any time you find a V12 mated to a manual transmission, you're going to have a good time. Aston Martin did it twice with the Vantage, once with a six-speed, then again with a dog-leg seven-speed. This one is listed for \$115,000 on eBay

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President's Message

I joined our club 30 years ago. At the time I had not owned my car very long, and was looking for likeminded individuals to share information about British car ownership. What I found was some of the greatest people I have had the pleasure to know. Through the club I have met several people that have become some of my best friends. I guess that is why after 30 years I'm still a member. They say that friends are the family you choose. I don't think I could have picked a better group. Thank you.

Cheers, Randy

April Board Meeting Minutes

April 1st Board Meeting

1. FINANCIAL – Bank account balance: we have money. Dues received via AffiniPay and mail – Jim Betz

2. MEMBERSHIP – 61 renewals to date, others still to renew – Jim Webb

3. CAR SHOW ITEMS:

- A. Show date confirmed: Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Trinity Church & School
- B. Featured Marque: Jaguars – Leeper Jaguar design selected for lapel pin; ordering 100 pins – Jim Betz
- C. Food vendors confirmed: Who Gives A Crepe, Porta Vallarta, and an Ice Cream Truck – Paul Dillon
- D. 7 Sponsors confirmed: Anderson Windows, Riverbend Industrial Solutions, 1st Source Bank, Car Guys, Eurasia Imports, Auto Import Specialists, and Tire Rack (gift certificates for 50/50 raffle) – Mark Firnhaber
- E. Show name: “Michiana Brits BIG Auto Show” (British, Italian, German). Open to German & Italian vehicles. 18 classes set; Porsche, Alfa Romeo and BMW clubs are participating.
- F. Two Featured Marque awards: Pre-1975 Jaguar and Jaguar-Present. Online pre-registration is active; 3 cars and 2 memberships already paid online.
- G. Publicity: Paul Dillon will appear on WNDU before and on the day of the show. Other TV/radio contacts being pursued. Next committee meeting: May 13th.

4. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

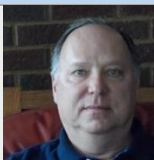
- A. Tech Session at Ed Battjes' garage – April 18th (carry-in lunch; start/end time TBD) – Jim Betz
- B. Cars & Coffee at Studebaker Museum – May 2nd, 8:00 AM (Philip)
- C. Spring Drive – May 16th to Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, IN. Philip to arrange group rate for 20 and identify a lunch destination.
- D. Das Essenhaus Cruise-In – Featured club June 4th and August 20th (Philip)
- E. MG International Show – August 23rd–27th, Sandusky, OH (added to 2026 schedule)

- F. Fall Tour – September 24–27, Vincennes, IN. Philip to reserve block of 10 rooms by late May.
- G. Colors Drive – October 17th, destination TBD
- H. Membership Appreciation Dinner – Das Essenhaus, Saturday November 14, 6:30 PM (Philip)

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS/DINNERS:

Saturday Breakfast: April 11, 10:00 AM at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Elkhart, IN.
 Monthly dinner: May 20th, 6:30 PM at Hunter's Hideaway, Nappanee, IN (reservation made). June 17 – Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, Buchanan, MI (reservation made).
 Brass Rail in Plymouth and Lindy's to be scheduled for summer.

6. MONTHLY BOARD ZOOM MEETINGS: May 6, June 3, July 1

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ABOUT

AI Overview: Latest news on British, German, and Italian sports cars – April 2026

The European sportscar scene is full of excitement as we head into the 2026 driving season. Ferrari has launched its 2026 Formula 1 challenger, the SF-26, with Lewis Hamilton taking the wheel for its debut at Fiorano. Maserati is being honored at the 2026 Goodwood Revival – the legendary Italian marque is the featured celebration, marking 100 years since its first Targa Florio victory. Porsche has made headlines by agreeing to divest its entire stake in Bugatti Rimac, clearing the way for founder Matěj Rimac and a new investor group to lead the brand's next chapter. For classic car fans, Le Mans Classic is now an annual event starting in 2026.

Italian Sports Cars

Ferrari: The new SF-26 F1 car made its track debut at Fiorano with Lewis Hamilton at the wheel for the 2026 season. Ferrari's first fully electric road car – informally nicknamed "Luce" – is also in development, reportedly featuring design input from former Apple design leadership.

Maserati: The 2026 Goodwood Revival will celebrate 100 years of Maserati motorsport glory. Expect a spectacular gathering of historic Maseratis from the 1930s through the 1960s racing at the circuit.

Lamborghini: Lamborghini continues its push into plug-in hybrid territory for upcoming SUV models, while maintaining its thunderous naturally aspirated V10 lineup.

British Sports Cars

Aston Martin: The DB12S has arrived as the latest iteration of the acclaimed DB12, adding power and refinement. The Bentley Continental GT Super Sports also debuts for 2026–2027. TVR: The long-awaited TVR revival continues, with the brand restructuring and preparing to launch a new petrol sports car aimed squarely at traditional driving enthusiasts.

German Sports Cars

Porsche: After agreeing to sell its entire Bugatti Rimac stake to a consortium led by HOF Capital, Porsche is refocusing on its core lineup. The new Cayenne Coupe EV reportedly matches the 911 Turbo S in the 0–60 sprint.

BMW: The 2027 7 Series facelift is expected to embrace the new Neue Klasse design language. BMW M continues to set lap records worldwide. The Audi RS6 GT, packing a 630PS V8, had all 60 UK-allocated units sold out immediately.

Events: Le Mans Classic is now an annual event from 2026. The Techno Classica Salon moves to Dortmund, Germany in September 2026 with 1,250+ exhibitors from 30 nations.

Photos

Submitted By Robert Petersen – April 11th Breakfast at Perkins, Elkhart





1955 Austin-Healey 100S AHS-3504 – sold for \$1,012,000 The first chassis of just fifty built of this special alloy-bodied racing model. The fourth car to be finished; custom-ordered for actor Jackie Cooper. Delivered to Cooper at the 1955 12 Hours of Sebring race. Driven by Cooper, with co-driver Roy Jackson-Moore. The only 100S delivered in Spruce Green.

Auction Source: 2015 Amelia Island by RM Sotheby's

The 1970s, when cars were colourful.



84% of modern cars are manufactured in gray, tan, black, or white. You're not imagining things!

2016 Global Color Popularity

Percentage by color based on 2016 Model Year vehicle build data

