

Our Club Activities for the 2010 Season



April 24	Michiana Brits Tech. Session & General Meeting at Roger Deacon s home. 10688 Anderson Road, Granger, IN 46530
May 15	Spring Drive to Wabash County Details to follow.
June 27	23rd. Annual Michiana British Car Show at Saint Mary s College, South Bend. Details to follow.
July 25	18th. Annual Michiana Brits Tea at the Vicarage at Howe, Indiana. Details to follow.

Other Club/Organizations Activities for the 2010 Season



Feb. 28	14th. British Swap Meet and Auto Jumble, Chicago, IL. 8:00am to 3:00pm (For information on this event contact Jim Evans at (630) 858-8192 or e-mail: swapmeet@chicagolandmgclub.com)
June 6	The British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show. Located at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio. While you show your car, tour the restored fort from the War of 1812. Contact: Tony Shoviak. Phone: 419-878-2041. Email: Tenntony@worldnet.att.net .
July 11	The Mad Dogs & Englishman XVIII Car Show This years featured Marque is the Jaguar

Club's Web Site - www.michianabrits.com.

Membership Dues – Michiana Brits Annual Members

The Michiana Brits, Ltd. British Car Enthusiasts membership dues for Annual Members is \$25.00.
Michiana Brits Annual Members, who are also NAMGBR members, their membership dues will be \$15.00.

All dues are payable by March 31st each year and should be sent to Kai Shepherd our V.P.of Membership at 59281 High Point Dr., South Bend, IN 46614 or passed to Kai at any Club meeting prior to March 31st.

Membership Dues – NAMGBR Members

Members are advised that all Michiana Brits activities are covered by the North American MGB Register general liability policy, as long as there are at least eight of our club members that are paid-up NAMGBR members.

Current NAMGBR members are reminded to renew their annual membership dues of the NAMGBR on the anniversary month when you originally joined the NAMGBR. This information is printed on the address label of the NAMBR magazine that is mailed to you. If in doubt on this information, contact Bob Kerstetter, our club's NAMGBR liaison contact, who has your anniversary month that you originally joined the NAMGBR.

'British Marque' Car Club News

If you are not receiving this publication, please advise Kai Shepherd at (574) 233-6967.

Newsletter Submissions

This is the Newsletter of the Michiana Brits, Ltd., Car Club and is distributed to all paid Annual Members as part of their dues. If you would like to submit articles for publication, that are most welcome, the deadline is the 25th of each month. Send all correspondence, (electronic submissions are preferable), to the **Newsletter Editor**, at maurice116@att.net or bring it to a General Meeting.

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Activities Reports

General Meeting at Perkins Restaurant – January 16th, 2010.

19 members attended this breakfast meeting in Elkhart. The food was good, and we were all seated at one table in a quiet back room of the restaurant.

Larry ran the meeting, and the minutes are as follows:

- Two Samples of the new Name Badges were passed around, one sample with a magnetic closure, the other with a pin and clip closure. Larry advised that the Club was paying a one-time \$60.00 set up fee and also \$ 9.00 towards to cost of each badge. Member cost for each badge was then \$ 10.00 each. Members wishing to order their badges should contact David and Dayle Piser. **Members who placed their orders at the January General Meeting will receive their Name Badges at the February 20th General Meeting. This spring an email for ordering the Name Badges will be distributed to members.**
- Larry showed the Club's Indiana Sales Tax Exemption Certificate that has been received.
- David Piser reported the following 2009 Michiana Brits Financial Report:

Bank Balance as of 12/23/08	\$ 2,214.00
Bank Balance as of 12/23/09	\$ 53.00
CD Maturity Date of 05/07/10	\$ 2,500.00 (With an Interest Rate of 1.5%)
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,584.00
Total Income	\$ 2,945.00
Profit for 2009	\$ 361.00
- The possible date for the Club's Spring Drive is May 15th. Suggestions for this drive are: The Indiana National Dunes & Rag Top Car Museum in Michigan City; Peru Grissom Air Base Air Museum on US 31; Circus Museum or the Kokomo Car Museum on US 31 at the north end of the

A MGTD LOVE AFFAIR

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This 1952 MGTD's first affair allegedly began with a disc jockey from South Bend, Indiana. Next in line was a young woman owner in 1966; she left the car with her parents who took it with them when they moved to Lake James, Indiana. Dale and Judy Zinn fell in love with the car when they first saw it in the 1980s; it was stored in their neighbor's garage, neglected and covered with dirt and dust. The Zinns had a 1958 MGA at the time and weren't interested in taking on another classic, yet the TD haunted them for years. The owners moved away, taking the TD with them, and the Zinns figured they'd never see it again. But the family moved back to the area in 2004, and remarkably, they still had the TD in tow. After 35 years of storage and one aborted restoration attempt, the classic was in pieces. Finally, ownership passed to the Zinns, who hauled it and five boxes of cruddy old parts home on a trailer owned by a friend (the car was pushed onto the trailer by the guys).

Restoration consisted of parts, parts and more parts. The UPS man made Moss Motors deliveries on a regular basis until June 2009 when the car was beautiful and the Zinns declared it finished.

During the five-year restoration process, there were the usual unexpected and unappreciated surprises. Newspaper had been wadded up and used for filler in the bottom main rail, packed in with wood putty. The gas tank end caps no longer fit after they were re-chromed; the Zinns later discovered they belonged on a TC. The wiring sets fizzled instantly when they were installed incorrectly (Dale's fault).

Not everything went poorly though. The Zinns took a trip to the Gathering of the Faithful (*GOF*) in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in 2006 to survey paint colors. There were 1,200 MGs present at the show, but when the Zinns found their dream hue, the owner shared the paint formula. The biggest and best surprise came later-it was a perfect match for the Moss Motors piping.

Even though there were discouraging times, each step along the way held rewards. When the car was finally road worthy, the Zinns had fun driving the "Queen" around the Notre Dame Campus in South Bend, back where its journey began. They also took pride when the TD earned a first place trophy In July at the Mad Dogs and Englishmen car show at the Gilmore Museum near Kalamazoo, Michigan. Now that the project is complete, the Zinns have plenty of time to enjoy it and show it off, and they love it.

Dale and Judy Zlnn's 1952 MGTD was a basket case when it came into their lives, as it had spent years in a disassembled state. Friends pitched in, however, and today the car looks beautiful. Speaking of baskets, the one now on the trunk adds just the right touch of charm, and was handmade by Judy.

In every month's Newsletter, I will include a topic that I hope you will find useful in connection with the maintenance and enjoyment of our cars.



So this month there are the following three topics:

(These topics were taken from the Little British Car Co. website).

1. Help Your Tail Lights to Be Brighter

(Tech Tip Is From Ric Johnson)

Here's a simple and cheap way to make sure you're getting all the illumination from your tail lamps. This is particularly applicable to the MGB, but I'm sure all LBCs can benefit. Over time the gasket material between the bulb housing and lens of the tail lamps and reverse lights tends to shrink or crumble allowing dust to enter and collect on the inside of the lens, the bulb, and reflector, greatly reducing light output. All you need to do is remove the lens and use a paper or shop towel moistened with a light cleaner like Windex or my favorite window cleaner, Invisible Glass, to clean the bulb, reflector and inside surface of the lens. You'll be surprised at how much brighter your lights will be. This is also a good time to replace those rusty screws with some nice shiny 6-32 stainless steel screws from your local hardware store.

2. Cleaning Clear Plastic Convertible Windows

(Tech Tip Is From Greg Lemon)

I was not making much progress while trying to clean the plastic window on the convertible top of my Austin Healey. I decided to try something different and reached for some Meguiars 84 Compound Power Cleaner, a high tech rubbing compound for automotive paints. It worked great, removing all but the deepest scratches and all the dirt and grime and did not scratch the window.

3. Help Stop Rust!

(Tech Tip Is From Dave Purdy)

Like many car enthusiasts, I have devoted a lot of time to chasing the tin worm and guarding against its return. Most restorers, after carefully cutting out and repairing rusted areas will rely on a treatment of Waxoyl or a similar treatment. My tech tip takes this one step further.

The marine industry has known about the merits of a sacrificial anode for years. Car owners can also benefit from this protection by simply attaching a zinc electrode to the underside of the car. Provided it forms an electrical connection with the body and frame of the car, the zinc will corrode and leave the steel panels untouched. (This is the same principle behind galvanizing steel). Zinc electrodes are available from marine suppliers and provide inexpensive insurance.