

President's Message

It's a frigid Sunday morning as I write this message. Many churches are closed and most activities are canceled; real winter has finally arrived in the Midwest. While we are hunkered down in our homes, it's a good time to think about what we can do with our LBCs during the 2015 driving season.

Notices continually arrive from other clubs and organizations asking us to list their events (and many have received our media notice of the June 28th Annual Michiana Brits Car Show at Saint Mary's College). Here is what is listed on our EVENTS website page (btw - how many of you actually visit our website?):

Michiana Brits & Nearby Activities

City of Lakes Car Show

May 17, 2015
Warsaw, IN
(All-Cars Show)
Contact: Jennifer Lucht 574-377-479 or Alan Lucht 574-527-1060

19th Annual British Car Week **Annual Drive Your British Car**

Please help promote the British car hobby in your own community by taking the time to get your cars out and drive them whenever possible during this annual awareness week.
May 30 - June 7, 2015

Champagne British Car Festival

May 30-31, 2015
Bloomington, , IL.
Contact: Denny Elimon. Phone: 217-649-6925. Email: dgelimon1945@gmail.com

28th Annual Michiana British Car Show

June 28, 2015 - Saint Mary's College
Check out the 2014 show

The Mad Dogs & Englishman XXV Car Show

July 11-12, 2015
Hickory Corners, MI

Rolling into Roanoke

July 25, 2015
Roanoke, IN
(All-Car Show)

Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion

August 31-September 2, 2015
Put-in-Bay, OH
(All-Car)
Contact: Manley Ford. Phone: 735-502-2535. Email: manley776@yahoo.com

Michiana Brits Fall Tour
Fall 2015. Destination TBD
[Check out the 2013 Tour](#)

Fall Out 2015
October 3, 2015
Winona Lake, IN

Michiana Brits Fall Colors Run
October 18, 2014
[Check out the 2013 Run](#)

As we determine the destinations and dates for our Fall Tour and Fall Colors Drive, those items will be updated. There are numerous other events that we don't have room to list, so there is no shortage of events to attend. Start planning now and put some time aside to enjoy the driving of your LBC.

February Board Meeting Minutes

Financial: \$1098.09 in bank account

Spring Drive: some former destinations were discussed

Membership renewals: Larry to send email notices

Annual Car Show: media notice sent, poster being worked on and then mailer, meeting to be set up with Sodexo

**Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts: February 21st – Perkins & RV/MH Hall of Fame visit;
March 21st – Jennie Rae's Restaurant at US20/SR2, La Porte County Historical Society
Museum visit**

Board meetings: March 3rd – David Piser's home

Reminder

Just a reminder that the fee for your 2015 Annual Membership in Michiana Brits is due no later than March 31st. The annual membership fee is \$25/year.

If you are a NAMGBR member (North American MGB Register) and that membership is affiliated with Michiana Brits, your Annual Membership fee is \$15/year. Larry has notified those who are eligible for the reduced Michiana Brits Annual Membership fee.

January 17, 2015 Monthly Meeting

By Mary Petersen

The Brits met on Saturday, January 17th for their monthly meeting at Perkins Bakery and Restaurant in Elkhart. There were about 20 members in attendance. It is always nice to see everyone in the winter months. The breakfast and service is always good at this restaurant, and we usually have a separate room for our meeting. After a short meeting led by Larry, the Brits caught up by discussing their winter activities. Kai Shepherd was welcomed back after his three years of “exile” in Iowa. Next month’s meeting will be at Perkins, also. It will be followed by a tour of the RV/MH Museum which is nearby.



Enjoying breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in Elkhart

BREAKFAST AND MUSEUM VISIT !!



Don't Miss our February Breakfast Meeting! After breakfast at Perkins restaurant in Elkhart, we will be touring the RV/MH Hall of Fame Museum. The museum features displays of trailers, photos and memorabilia reaching back to the 1920's and 1930's. The museum presents chronological and technological advancements in the industry from before WWI to the present.

We will meet at Perkins Restaurant at 8:30 for breakfast. Perkins is located at 107 Northpoint Blvd, Elkhart, IN 46514, across from the Elkhart Toll Road Entrance/Exit.

At approximately 10 a.m., we will be meeting at the RV/MH Museum located by the Elkhart East Toll Road Exit #96 on the north side of CR 6.

Please join us for a fun Saturday morning!

A little laughter to brighten up a winter day...

A couple were out driving their car. They park, get out, and shut the doors when the man realizes that they have locked themselves out. The wife says. " We can get a coat hanger and try to unlock the door." The husband says. "Or perhaps we could try to pry the door open." "Well whatever we do, we'd better hurry." says the wife. "A storm's coming and the top is still down."

A car jumper cable walks into a bar. The barmaid says. "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

A husband is out driving his MG with his wife. "Can't you slow down when you're turning corners?" she complains. "You are scaring me to death." "Do what I do." replied the husband. "Shut your eyes."

My car has been up and down on the garage lift so often it's the only vehicle with a higher mileage vertically than horizontally.

Driver to passenger: "Lean out the window and tell me if my indicator light is working."
Passenger: "Okay, Yes...No...Yes...No...Yes...No..."

And now for something a little different....

Darwin Award Nominees

(people who have effectively removed themselves from the human gene pool)

Nominee No. 1: [San Jose Mercury News]:

An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriends windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged, blowing a hole in his gut.

Nominee No. 2: [Kalamazoo Gazette]:

James Burns, 34, (a mechanic) of Alamo, MI, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police describe as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft."

Nominee No. 3: [Hickory Daily Record]:

Ken Charles Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, NC. Awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed instead a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which discharged when he drew it to his ear.

Nominee No. 4: [UPI, Toronto]:

Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death. A police spokesman said Garry Hoy, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early Friday evening as he was explaining the strength of the buildings windows

to visiting law students. Hoy previously has conducted demonstrations of window strength according to police reports. Peter Lawson, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the Toronto Sun newspaper that Hoy was "one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man association. A person has to wonder what the dimmer members of this law firm are like.

Nominee No. 5: [The News of the Weird]:

Michael Anderson Godwin had spent several years awaiting South Carolina's electric chair on a murder conviction before having his sentence reduced to life in prison. While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell attempting to fix his small TV set, he bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Nominee No. 6: [The Indianapolis Star]:

A Dunkirk, IN man, using a cigarette lighter to check the barrel of a muzzleloader, was killed Monday night when the weapon discharged in his face, sheriff's investigators said. Gregory David Pryor, 19, died in his parents' rural Dunkirk home at about 11:30 PM. Investigators said Pryor was cleaning a 54 caliber muzzle-loader that had not been firing properly. He was using the lighter to look into the barrel when the gunpowder ignited.

Nominee No. 7: [Reuters, Mississauga, Ontario]:

A man cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his condominium apartment in this Toronto suburb slipped and fell 23 stories to his death. "Stefan Macko, 55, was standing on a wheelchair when the accident occurred," said Inspector Darcy Honer of the Peel Regional Police. "It appears that the chair moved, and he went over the balcony," Honer said.