

## **President's Message**

**We seem to have turned the corner on the sporadic winter weather. But only after an early April dusting of snow and some mornings in the 30's.**

**Time for all of those LBCs to roll out of storage and onto the road for some early Spring driving. This Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a meeting/breakfast at the Yellow Cat Café followed by a tour of the historic Saint Paul's United Methodist Church on the near west side of South Bend. Good time to drive your LBC if its ready – the temperature is predicted to reach 75.**

**On the 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch at the Deacons on Anderson Road (see page 4). I'm bringing our MGB to get the engine idle worked on, and the lift will be available for those who want to see or work under their car. Remember to call ahead to Roger or Ruth and let them know which potluck dish you will bring to the luncheon, which starts at noon. Cars can be worked on/discussed from 8 AM – to noon.**

**Notices have been sent out to those who have not renewed their annual membership in the club. Hopefully we will get some delayed payments so each member can continue to have an opportunity to participate in club activities.**

**If you are interested in going on the Fall Tour to Mackinac Island in September, consider looking into the activities and making plans, including a hotel reservation, well in advance. The Fall Tour trips are always a lot of fun.**

## **April 4, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

- **Bob Kerstetter reported the \$ in the club's account**
- **April Newsletter – Mary working on it**
- **Spring Drive – May 6<sup>th</sup> to Saugatuck, MI**
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Drive – Fair Oaks Farms – Bob Petersen handling coordination with the Hoosier MG Club in Indy**
- **Fall Tour – Sept. 21-24, Mackinac Island, MI; rally point will be 8 AM, JD's Truck Stop, St. Joe Valley Parkway (US 31; the "By-Pass") at US 12, breakfast at Cosmos Galaxy Pancake House, leave 9 AM**
- **2017 Car Show – will obtain dash board plaques to commemorate 30<sup>th</sup> show; lapel pins received; posters printed; flyers being printed for mailing on 24<sup>th</sup>; menu set and contract signed with Sodexo**
- **Monthly Meetings/Breakfasts/Dinners : April 15<sup>th</sup> – breakfast at Yellow Cat Café, St. Paul's United Methodist Church tour; April 29<sup>th</sup> – Tech Session at Deacon's; May 17<sup>th</sup> – dinner pending at Brass Rail and Grill in Plymouth**
- **Board Meetings – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Herm's house**

## Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch

Don't miss our always-popular April 29th, 2017 Annual Tech Session and Potluck Lunch at the home of Roger and Ruth Deacon, 10688 Anderson Road, Granger, IN 46530 574-679-4332 or 574-292-0004

CARS ON LIFT 8 AM - NOON; POTLUCK LUNCH - NOON

*Please call Ruth or Roger by April 26th and advise what kind of dish you will bring to the potluck lunch.*

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## 2017 Odometer Contest

We will once again have the Michiana Brits odometer contest. After some input from members, we will make some small changes to the contest rules. I had several members suggest that we make the contest for our vintage LBCs. For 2017, the contest will pertain to LBCs built in 1980 or earlier. If you have more than one vehicle, you can still use the miles for all your odometers, as long as the LBCs are all 1980 or older. Be sure to take that picture or write down your odometer reading before you forget. Remember - if you win, you receive the coveted Michiana Brits Motorway Award and a \$50 gift card! How do you win? Send your LBC odometer reading(s) to Bob Petersen at [bpete56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpete56@sbcglobal.net)

Then drive your LBC as much as possible, participate in club events and enjoy yourself and LBC. Odometer readings will be collected in the fall. Good luck to all!!

# Stagman's Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

I am going to miss all of these cars here in Florida.

Triumphs, Simcas, Austin Healeys, Alpins, Ferrari, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Vanwall, Citron, Peugeot, Lola, Bentley, Fiat, Bristol, Hillman, Porsche, Mercedes, Scarab, Corvette, and Lark and Hawk which used to be built in South Bend.

Time is getting short for Ruth and me here in Florida. We will get home just in time to open the house up and clean up the garage for the carry-in dinner. Then sweep up the floor of the shop and wash the floor. There is a lot of cleaning up of the counters and putting things away, that didn't get done before we left. Hope that the weather is warm and sunny this April 29 and look forward to seeing every one - rain or shine.

I have already been getting calls from people wanting to schedule their cars to be worked on during the days before I have returned home. Then this spring people have called me wanting my expert opinion on some problem that they have.

April Fool's Day will be long gone by the time we get home, so here is your April Fools from me to you. All of those cars that I wrote about above - those aren't cars, they are roads here in our neighborhood in Florida.

## March 18<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting/Breakfast

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Eight hardy Brits met at Jennie Rae's Restaurant, Rolling Prairie, IN for breakfast and visiting with each other. There was plenty of seats reserved for our group but we had a surprisingly small turnout. We had the usual good service, good food, and good discussions.



Steve Peterka, Judi Dean, Randy Glanders, Keith Wishmeier,

Stan Glanders, David Dean, Tom Thews