

President's Message

The month of June brings us to our annual car show at Saint Mary's College on the 25th. Let's hope for good weather this year to offset the rainy weather at last year's car show. Pre-show registrations are good, as usual, and the facilities will be set up the same as last year. We have almost all of our Volunteer spots filled in a year when a number of our members are unable to attend the show.

Sad news about the sudden passing of Marna Prine – a member of both Mad Dogs and Michiana Brits. Marna always had a sunny smile and a positive attitude that will be missed. The memorial service was well-attended by members of the car clubs.

We had a good drive to the Fair Oaks Farms on June 3rd. Despite early dire weather predictions, the weather turned out to be sunny and warm. If you have a chance to see Fair Oaks Farms while traveling on I-65, do stop and enjoy the good restaurant and take the Dairy Tour. You will see a meg-milk production facility that is run by state-of-the art technology to produce 40 tanker trucks of milk every day of the week.

On a threatening night of bad weather, 21 Brits were at Lindy's Restaurant north of Cassopolis, MI for a good dinner and lots of camaraderie on June 14th. Only one British vehicle (Jaguar) was driven, but we had a really good turnout given a nasty weather forecast.

July 8th & 9th is the Mad Dogs and Englishmen car show at Hickory Corners, MI. We'll probably have a caravan drive up from the Elkhart area for this large and always enjoyable show. Later in the month we'll meet at Giannetto's Pizza for our monthly meeting/dinner. The August 9th meeting/dinner will be at Zeke's in Dowagiac, MI. Note the Ridge Auto Parts Summer Cruise-In dates below on page 4. They have prizes, music, food, etc.

Our annual meeting at the Deacon's Twin Lakes cottage is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th. Join us for a relaxing afternoon at the lake.

June 7, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

- **Financial – Bob reported on our bank account**
- **June Newsletter – Mary is working on the Newsletter**
- **Fair Oaks Drive – really good drive for those who attended; impressive mega-milk production facility, good restaurant, reserved room for our group**
- **Fall Tour – no new information**
- **2017 Car Show – media notices distributed for TV stations, goody bag stuffing night picked, Roseland sign permit obtained & sign is up, meetings with Sodexo and Special Events set**
- **Back up for Larry during vacation – Herm volunteered**
- **Monthly Meeting/Dinner – July 19th – Giannetto's; August 9th – Zeke's**
- **July 12 Board Meeting – Kai's house**



Hosted by Ridge NAPA Auto Parts, Wellbrooke of South Bend & Still Cruisin' Group

Summer
Cruise-In

June 13th **August 8th**
July 11th **September 12th**
5 - 8 pm

Ridge NAPA AUTO PARTS
Wellbrooke of South Bend
Still Cruisin' Group

Ridge NAPA & Wellbrooke
Parking Lots:
52519 St. Rd. 933N &
52565 St. Rd. 933N

Your Favorite Music
by DJ - WJOEpm

Raffle | Contests | Music | Food | More!

INFO FOR MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN XXVII

Sunday, July 9 Events Held at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners

8:00 am – REGISTRATION OPENS – enter at show car entrance Gilmore Car
Museum – M-43 at Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI. Museum phone –
269-671-5089. (See elsewhere in the brochure for vendor/car seller information)

9:00 am – OPEN to the public – general admission at the Heritage Center entrance

11:00 am – MOTORING GAMES BEGIN

12:00 noon – REGISTRATION CLOSES PROMPTLY AT NOON. Late arrivals must enter through spectator Admission gate and pay any additional museum fees (no exceptions).

1:30 pm – VALVE COVER RACING - Google ‘valve cover racing’ for the rules and specs then bring your Valve Cover Racer and try out our new track. (see below for a quick overview)

2:00 pm – TEA TIME at BETTY’S TEA ROOM

2:00 pm – VOTING CLOSES, ballots must be deposited in ballot boxes at the gas station

3:00 pm – 1967 FASHION PARADE A new event this year, see the details on the next page.

3:30 pm – AWARDS PRESENTATION

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

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!!

WELCOME TO THREE NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Wayne & Evelyn Stutsman, Union, MI – 1957 MGA

Tyler & Paul Marshall, Michigan City, IN – 1975 MGB

Joseph & Ardith Opferman, Granger, IN – 1965 MGB

Stagmans Tech Tips

By Roger Deacon

What do you do when you put a rebuilt engine into your MGB? You install everything new that you can. Here is what I did when I put a rebuilt engine into my 1971 MGB/GT:

New or rebuilt alternator, starter, distributor, carburetors, fan belt, oil lines (including the little one from the block to the oil pressure gauge), water lines from engine to heater core, new water hoses from radiator to engine block. I used the latter bottom one piece because mine had a 3 piece with the center one a steel 35 degree angle which is tough to take off and put back on. New clutch and throw out bearing. If your master brake and clutch cylinders are working OK, don't bother with it. Mine had been replaced 5 years ago with a complete brake job. Water shut off valve from block to heater core.

If there is something that I have missed, replace it.

This next one is very important and should be done at least every 10 years. **REPLACE ALL OF YOUR FUEL LINES BECAUSE THEY SIT OVER THE EXHAUST PIPES.** A little leak can ruin your whole day including your car. I should have replaced mine 5 years ago when I bought the GT. It has now been done. When I replaced them, I was still running the original gas lines with the factory steel bradded lines. They were hard in the middle and gooey on the ends. Cost was \$7.00 and change for 7 feet of fuel line. Also replace the ones in the trunk. Cheaper than buying a new car. I think somebody upstairs was looking out for me.

I have installed a Datsun 280 Z 5 speed transmission into my 1971 MGB/GT. It was cheaper to install verses a 5 speed from Moss. It shifts smoother up and down. 3,000 rpm at 60 mph 5 speed verses a MGB 4 speed (with no overdrive) 3,500 at 60 mph.

The club is getting new members - Dave and Lisa Sexton who have a 1974 MGB/ GT with a Datsun 5 speed. I have worked on the car over the years but there was only so much that I could or wanted to do to the car. I told him to take it to John Twist and John had the car for a year while fixing things. When John returned the car to Dave and Lisa, Dave wanted to get it painted so I gave him several names. He took the GT to Gene's in Edwardsburg. But the head liner, seats and carpet were needing attention so he took it to Berry's in South Bend. He hopes to have it back in time for our car show.

PJ Dillion wanted me to adjust the Stromberg carbs on his TR6. First thing we checked was the timing. Then we pulled the spark plugs and the front carb was to rich and the back carb was so lean that the spark plugs were very white. I tried adjusting the front carb and it was a little difficult adjusting the screw. The rear carb screw wouldn't budge. PJ asked if he could run it like that until fall. I told him if he kept running the car like that we'd be pulling the engine and getting the carbs and the engine overhauled. By the time you read this Tech Tips, PJ will be racing around town with rebuilt carbs plus new FUEL lines.

On the Spring Drive, Mike Scullion was only going part way up to Saugatuck and then heading on back because he had other plans for the afternoon. His car seemed to be missing. Mike and I were checking things over and I said take off the distributor cap. I saw that there was a white carbon build up on the copper electrodes inside the distributor cap. I told him to scrape it off and it should run OK. He told me that he had been driving MGBs for years and had never heard to do that. Well, he did it and decided to go home. The car didn't miss a beat all the way home. Also told him to buy a new distributor cap.

I'm installing a cruise control on my MGB/GT and Kai Shepard has one that he wants installed on his TR6. Keith Wishmeier has had one installed on his Spitfire for 17 years. Next month I will write about the good, the bad and the ugly of installing the cruise controls on these two cars.

Till next month have fun driving with new FUEL lines.

June 3rd Drive to Fair Oaks Farm

By Mary Petersen

With the threat of rain looming over northwestern Indiana for Saturday June 3rd, the Hoosier MGB Club from Indianapolis decided not to drive their cars to Fair Oaks Farms and meet up with the Michiana Brits. About 4-5 days in advance they made the mistake of postponing the drive, too far ahead in view of how much our weather changes.

We had a small group of 11 at the Farms; 5 cars on the drive from South Bend. It turned out to be a beautiful day. We met at the Walmart parking lot on Ireland and 933 South in South Bend at 10:00 AM, and left around 10:30. We took some nice scenic highways through Indiana and stopped for a break after about an hour of driving in Knox. Fair Oaks is located at the intersection of SR 14 and I-65, in Newton County north of Lafayette. We arrived just before noon and ate lunch at the Farm House Restaurant. Their style of food is known as American Farm Food - nothing fancy just great, fresh dishes that are created from ingredients that are grown and harvested on the Farm and from other farms that are located within the region.



Fair Oaks Farms is a mega-milk production operation that is a combination of eleven local farms operated via state-of-the-art techniques and facilities. They have tours to see how these facilities are operated, including large scale feeding of animals, computer tracked cow milking, calf birthing facilities, etc. We could choose either the Dairy or Pig Tour or both but because of the limited time we were visiting, we chose only the Dairy Tour. Before the tour we watched a 3 D

MOOOvie about how well-treated the cows are at Fair Oaks. “A Day in the Life of



Diva Mooreau”.



After the film, we boarded this bus for the tour, which took us to just one of the many cow barns located on the farm. On the drive to the first farm, it was explained that riding in an enclosed bus protects the cows from illnesses.



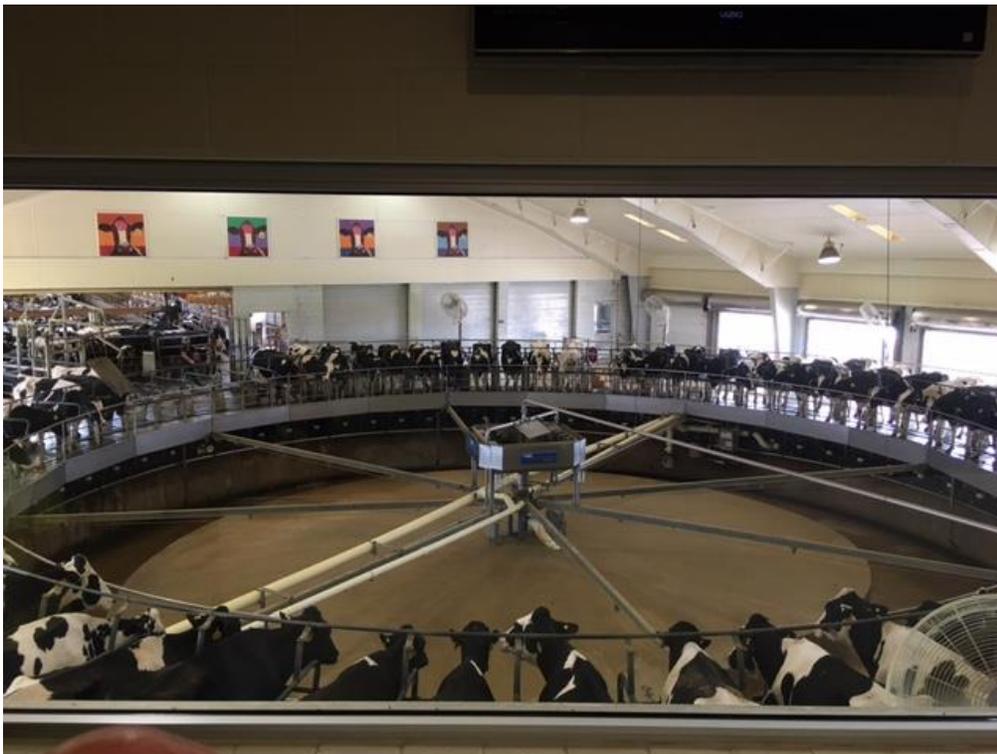
It was amazing to find out that this farm brings Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to a whole new light. The entire facility runs on cow & pig manure. They transform their farms' waste into energy by way of anaerobic digesters. Fair Oaks Farm is fully sustainable.



All of the free stall barns have sand bedding for the cows because it is more comfortable and all have misters and fans to keep them cool in the summer.



There are birthing barns where you can see a calf being born. After the calf is born, it is then moved to one of the barns seen above.



The next stop was the milking carousel. The cows get on and off this independently and apparently love this. It is interesting to watch.

There were numerous exhibits and short films to see.



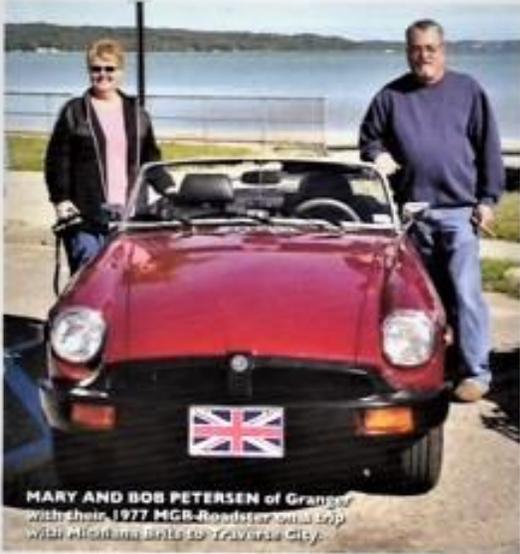
Watch out for that cow behind you Roger!

It was a fun day although too short to see everything at Fair Oaks. Maybe another time?

Granger Living Magazine asked us for a short story to advertise the car show.

LOCAL EVENT

Vintage Beauties on Display at British Car Show



MARY AND BOB PETERSEN of Granger
with their 1977 MGB Roadster and trip
with Michigan Belts to Traverse City.

Debbie Shumaker

You do not need to be an aficionado to enjoy looking at beautiful, vintage cars. Compact, racy, fun British imports will be on display on the grounds of Saint Mary's College on Sunday, June 25, 10am-3pm during the 30th Annual British Car Show hosted by the Michiana Brits British Car Enthusiasts Club.

Bob and Mary Petersen of Granger have been members of the club since 2010. Bob has been interested in 2-seat sports cars since high school and stumbled upon their 1977 MGB Roadster on eBay. Mary said, "We enjoy the camaraderie with the other members of the club. The stories of prior trips, the break downs, the quick repairs and the ribbing that goes with it." If you go to the show, you may hear a few stories yourself from car owners and admirers alike.

The show is free and open to the public and easy to access near the front of campus. You are invited to "Help Michiana Brits Drive Out Hunger" by bringing a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Food sales for guests will be offered by Saint Mary's College in an air-conditioned indoor area adjacent to the show.

If you would like to participate with your own vehicle, the show is open to all makes for a \$20 entry fee per vehicle. Vehicles may arrive after 8:30am, with popular vote judging from 11am-2pm and awards at 3pm. Entrants may register at the show or pre-register at www.michianabrits.com. — *Sharon Miller*

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