



# **THE BURBLE & SQUEAK**

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## **President's Message**

Thank goodness that cool fall weather has arrived quickly. The hot weather of this summer limited the amount of LBC driving, and was highlighted by the temperature spike at the beginning of this Labor Day weekend. Hopefully it is smooth cool driving from here on out.

This Saturday, September 10th, some of us will attend the Austin Healey Club's Car Show at the Round Barn Winery near Baraoda, MI. We're looking forward to the change of venue and hoping it is a successful new location. That is followed by our Wednesday 14th monthly General Meeting/Dinner at the Wheatberry Restaurant & Tavern on the north side of Buchanan, MI. The menu is varied, reasonably priced, very casual dining, and we'll have our own room for the dinner and meeting. Oh, did I mention they have a HUGE selection of domestic and foreign beer.

I'm trying to get our MGB ready for the Fall Tour on September 22nd-25th, but seem to have continual problems with a small leaky oil hose. Ready or not, we'll head out for the 4-day trip to Brown County, IN. And then the following weekend is the Fall Out Car Show at Winona on October 1, always a popular destination for club members. Note that the Fall Colors Drive has been scheduled for Saturday October 22nd and is again hosted by Randy & Bev Glanders in Elkhart.

Throughout this busy driving season we'll also hold our annual fall election of Board members (three this year). We encourage participation by as many club members as possible; we have a lot of experience and talent in the club that can benefit everyone.

There are lots of activities in September and October, so come on out and join in the fun and driving.

## **General Meetings**

<b>September 14, 2011</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Wheatberry Restaurant &amp; Tavern</b> 15212 N, Redbud Trail Buchanan MI.	<b>(269) 697-0043</b>
<b>October 19, 2011</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Last Summer Season's Dinner/General Meeting</b> <b>Papa Vino's.</b> 5110 Edison Lakes Parkway, Mishawaka. IN 46545	<b>(574) 271-1692</b>
<b>November 19, 2011</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>First Fall Season's Breakfast/General Meeting</b> <b>Jan Marie's Portage Ave. Café</b> 1519 Portage Ave., South Bend, IN 46619	<b>(574) 234-5555</b>

Location: 1 Block North of Martin's on Portage Ave. Parking: Behind Restaurant on the West side

## Board Meetings

October 4, 2011      6:30pm      Maurice Levitt      (574) 231-1565  
5321 S. Lee Ct. South Bend. IN 46614

## Our Club Activities for the 2011 Season



Sept. 22 – 25	<b>Fall Tour to Brown County, Indiana.</b>	See details on page 4 of this Newsletter.
Oct. 22	<b>Fall Colors Drive through Elkhart County, IN &amp; Cass &amp; St. Joseph Counties, MI</b>	See details on Page 4 of this Newsletter.
Dec 10	<b>Club's 2011 Christmas/Hanukkah Party</b>	Jim & Kim Betz – Details to follow

## Other Club/Organizations Activities for the 2011 Season



September 10	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Healey Club of America, Northern IN Chapter Show</b> At the Round Barn Winery ( <b>new location</b> ), Baroda, Michigan.
October 1	<b>5th Annual Fall Out at the Village at Winona, Winona Lake, Indiana.</b> NILBMC is the host club for this growing event. 56 cars in 2010 and we have room for more. More information at <a href="http://www.nilbmc.org">www.nilbmc.org</a> .

Club's Web Site - [www.michianabrits.com](http://www.michianabrits.com).

## New Members

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Philip & Denise Keller of Granger, IN – 1977 Triumph Spitfire.

Dan & Beth Pishkur of Michigan City, IN – 1971 Triumph TR6

**Annual Memberships** – to date, we have 71 memberships for 2011.



**Don't forget to Buckle Up!!**

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## **'British Marque' Car Club News**

If you are not receiving this publication, please advise Herm Marrese at (574) 271-7550.

## **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, they are most welcome, the deadline is the 25th of each month. Send all correspondence (electronic submissions are preferable) to the President, bring it to a General Meeting, or send to the Editor at [ladakimbrala@comcast.net](mailto:ladakimbrala@comcast.net)

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## **Nominations for Annual Election of Board Members**

All - its time to compile a list of candidates for election to the Michiana Brits Board of Directors. This year we will choose three members to fill the three Board positions that are up for election this year. Each Board position has a term of two years.

Those who would like to make nominations to the slate of candidates should send their nominations to Larry Palguta via email at [palguta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:palguta@sbcglobal.net) no later than September 19th, after which nominations will be closed, and ballots will be sent to all members. The three nominees who receive the most votes will be announced at the October 19th monthly General Meeting & Election/Dinner.

The slate of candidates currently has two nominees: Herminne Marrese and David Piser. We need at least one more nominee for the third Board position.

We look forward to receiving nominations for election to the Board. Michiana Brits has a wide range of talent and experience among its members, and the club will continue both to grow and to improve its activities as more members participate.

Thanks,

Larry

## **Board Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Board meeting was attended by Larry, Herm, Maurice, Keith, David and Roger.

- 1) Financial Report – the Club's account has \$ 2,098.30.
- 2) Memberships: new – Dan and Beth Pishkur, Michigan City; Philip and Denise Keller, Granger. Total membership is now 71.
- 3) British Marque publication annual Club subscriptions have all been paid except for one new member.
- 4) Car Show – the 2012 featured marque car will be the Jaguar XKE Series I, II and III. Ken, our webmaster, will be advised on redrafting the Club mailer. Winners' plaques – costs, new provider to be investigated.
- 5) Board Elections – three Board member positions will be open – Herm and David have agreed to be nominated, a third person is considering nomination. See notes in this Newsletter.
- 6) Upcoming Events – Larry discussed these activities as outlined above in this Newsletter, page 2.

### **Michiana Brits 2011 Fall Tour**

The Fall Tour to Brown County is scheduled for Sept. 22 to the 25<sup>th</sup>, and 8 rooms were placed on hold on May 24<sup>th</sup> for our Club's members' accommodation:

Comfort Inn  
75 W. Chestnut St.,  
Nashville. IN 47448      Tel. # 812-9886118

The hotel was contacted, and all 8 rooms that were on hold have now been taken by our members. Would those 8 members who have booked rooms, please advise Randy Glanders at [rbgladders@frontier.net](mailto:rbgladders@frontier.net) (574) 294-8950). Randy needs to know who will be going on this Tour.

The Hotel had also advised that (for our dates) they had 4 rooms available at our Club's discounted price (\$311.97 plus tax for the three nights) and 10 other rooms at a slightly higher rate. So, any other members still on the fence as to going on this event, should firm up their plans ASAP to take advantage of this discounted price, and call the Hotel to make their reservation (ask for guaranteed late arrival).

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### **Michiana Brits 2011 Annual Fall Colors Drive on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Come out and enjoy the colors of Indiana and Southwestern Michigan on a one day drive. The tour will start at 10:00 am from Randy and Bev Glanders' house, at 28614 C.R. 16, Elkhart, IN 46515, Tel.# (574) 294-8950.

The morning drive is scheduled to be for 2 1/2 hours to finish up at the Fisher Lake Inn in Mendon, MI for lunch. The drive after lunch will be for approximately 3 hours, that will finish up back at the Glanders for a carry-in pot-luck dinner. Members may leave their carry-in pot-luck dinner in Randy and Bev's refrigerator when they arrive in the morning to start the drive. For further information call Randy at (574) 294-8950.

## The Annual Pot Luck Picnic and General Meeting on Aug. 21, 2011

The weather for this annual Pot Luck Picnic and General Meeting was what we ordered, sunny, warm, a few showers and a breeze coming off the lake for the 38 members who made the trip to Roger and Ruth's hideaway by the lake. The Pot Luck lunch was great with plenty of food that was all consumed. After lunch and the General Meeting, 12 members boarded Roger's boat, and cruised the lake seeing all the places of interest.

Everyone enjoying the good food!



Cruising the lake!



Larry ran the General Meeting reporting on the following items:

Our Club Membership is now up to 70 annual members, with new members: Eric & Judy Singly, Carlos Jauregui and Tatiana Botero attending this meeting. The Michiana Brits are certainly getting known in this region.

**Fall Club Election:** Ballot Forms with the list of nominees will be sent out to members.

**Financial Report:** David Piser reported that the current cash balance of the Club is \$ 2,090.00, with \$ 78.00 to be paid for food bought in for this annual meeting.

**Food Bank:** Larry reported that a total of \$354.00 had been donated to the Food Bank for the year 2011.

**Membership Appreciation Dinner:** This was a successful event that was held in a restored railroad coach at the New York Central Railroad Museum at Elkhart, IN. 35 members attended and enjoyed good food and getting together.

### **Future 2011 Club Activities:**

- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. - Austin Healey Car Show at the Round Barn Winery in Baroda, MI.  
**Club members wishing for breakfast before driving to this event, will meet at 8:00am at JD's Gas Station/diner located at the junction of US 12 interchange of the 31 Bypass. After breakfast, we will leave JD's between 9:00 to 9:30am to caravan onto the show.**
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. – The next general Club meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Wheatberry Restaurant and Tavern, 15212 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI.
- Sept. 22 – 25 – Club's Fall Tour to Nashville, IN. Details in this Newsletter, Page 3. For more information, contact Randy Glanders at 574-294-8950.

- Oct. 1st – Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club Fall Out annual Car Show at Winona Lake, IN. Further details at [www.nilbmc.org](http://www.nilbmc.org).
  - Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Our Club's Fall Color Drive – further details above on page 4.
  - Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas/Hanukkah Party – Jim and Kim Betz has kindly volunteered to have this party in their home. Further details to follow.
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In every month's Newsletter, I will submit a topic that I hope you will find useful in connection with the maintenance and enjoyment of our cars – *Maurice Levitt*.



This month the topic is a few Triumph Technical Bulletins that were originally provided to Triumph dealers directly from British Leyland.

### 1. Vinyl Back Rear Windows - All Convertibles

The vinyl back rear window on convertible tops sometimes becomes badly creased due to incorrect stowage of the soft top assembly. We have found that these creases in most cases can be removed satisfactorily by simply filling a plastic bottle with hot water and rolling it across the creased area and at the same time supporting the opposite side of the window.

### 2. Rear Axle and Gearbox- All Models

November, 1973

We have noticed quite an increase in the number of rear axle pinion seals and gearbox rear main shaft seals being replaced under warranty. As a result, a field check has indicated that, in many cases, this has come about as a result of the transmission and rear axle being overfilled, which causes a build-up of pressure within these units, forcing oil out past the seals.

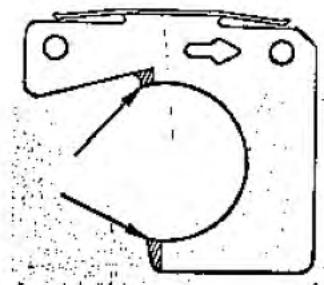
We would recommend that, during P.D.I. and subsequent servicing, the filter plugs are removed and the vehicle allowed to stand for a few minutes in order for the oil to find its correct level.

### 3. Disc Brakes- Spitfire and GT6

June 5, 1969

**Complaint:** Brakes squeal.

**Remedy:** Remove disc pad shims and cut back approximately 1/8" (3.175 mm) at the two points shown arrowed on the illustration below.





## Recipe Corner

I thought it might be a nice idea to include members' favorite recipes in the Club's Newsletter. Renie Williamson brought a Spinach Soufflé to the Pot Luck at our Annual General Meeting at the Lake which was enjoyed by everyone. Renie kindly gave me permission to include the recipe in this Newsletter.

### Spinach Soufflé

1 - 10oz box of frozen spinach \* thaw and drain.  
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese (cubed). I would think you could shred cheese to blend in more evenly.  
1/4 cup butter ( I melted to blend in better).  
1 cup large curd cottage cheese  
3 eggs  
1 tablespoon flour  
salt and pepper about 1/3 teaspoon each

Squeeze water out of spinach, beat eggs, add everything and mix.

Bake for 1 hr. at 375\*

I have made this recipe but I used broccoli. Some people do not like spinach.

I hope to include a recipe in all future Club Newsletters, but of course this will depend on you, yes you! If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to be included in the Newsletter, please Email it to me at: [mlfnl@att.net](mailto:mlfnl@att.net).

Thanks in anticipation.

Naomi Levitt

