

The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd

Well Linda and I are traveling the first two weeks of February and will miss the February CCC and regular club meeting. At the Board meeting on January 24th I was going to “dump” this chore onto Steve D., but decided that wasn’t really fair.....so here goes, besides I wouldn’t get to write my “soapbox” message. But more on that later! We held a board of directors meeting on January 24th at the epicenter. We did welcome our two new board members, Trex aka Richard T. and Andy S. Now Andy is recycled but Trex is a newbie, welcome both for stepping up to help lead the club. We did finalize our 2023 calendar and added 7 new ice cream dates to our regular Wednesday night schedule. Trex did a great job of laying out the locations so we are spread out over hill and dale with new locations so it shouldn’t be difficult to pack on some miles on your car and some pounds on the participants! Now, just to entice you to attend, we’ll start an ***Ice Cream Passport*** beginning in March. So, if you attend all the ice cream events through October you’ll receive a gift at the December Holiday event. I think I can probably pencil in Charlie B, Margaret and Gregg as filling in their passports. We have several new events this year. Mark and Cat L have agreed to host the Spring Time BBQ Bash on May 20th. Phil G has agreed to host a CCC event at his location on the river in Marysville on August 5th at 11 AM. We’re restarting our Tech Session on May 21st at Jim’s garage in Strasburg. The calendar is filling up with events, drives, car shows and food. It’s truly a thing of beauty. With lots of British cars, friends and food, what’s not to like as there is really something for everyone in the club. Remember though, we can’t do any of this without you, don’t be a stranger. We’ve had four members step forward this year to host events for the club. I’m not sure that is a record but it’s an indicator of how we come together as a club to enjoy and celebrate our passion for British Motoring.....well done all! And what a segue into the “soapbox”. Today the 30th of January it was 51° and just beautiful. So, I had to take the TVR out for a drive. What a gift to be driving the car at the end of January. I just finished rebuilding the headlight pods, but that’s another story. As I was driving, I was pondering what in the world IS the attraction to driving these cars? In the summer they are hot, in the winter they are cold and ride like a buckboard. They leak when it rains and are getting smaller. (Reference an article I did some time ago about British car shrinkage). And there is always two parts to a trip in a British car, getting there AND getting home. These cars were not designed to be on the road 40, 50 or 60+ years after being sold. Why oh why?? For some they are time machines taking us back to our youth. For some it’s the challenge of re-engineering them to keep them on the road. For some it’s the challenge of just driving them and having something that is unique. For some they are moving pieces of art, sculpted by creative designers with a vision for motion. Whatever your reasons, LANCO provides a reason to continue to drive your LBC. Robert Browning had sage advice and it’s fitting for both our members and our cars.

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be”
— **Robert Browning**

It is a new year and the best is yet to be! Let’s enjoy it together. Stay safe and positive and remember to check out our web site at www.lancomgclub.com and follow us on Facebook and Meetup. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

February Coffee – Cars and Conversation By Steve Dellinger, Photo by Steve Dellinger

The 2nd Coffee, Cars and Conversation of the year was held on Saturday, February 4th at the Burger King in Columbia. Fifteen people attended – and 7 British cars were driven. Attendees included LANCO and Central PA Triumph representatives, along with Deb E's brother Bob. Along with the “usual suspects” there were some new faces, as well as some faces that we've not seen for a while. After many interesting conversations, the meeting was adjourned to March 4th, at the same place and time.



Familiar (and some new) faces

Celebrating 100 Years of MG Cars at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Rob Shingle and Steve Dellinger

On Saturday, February 11th, 20+ LANCO members traveled to the Simeone Museum for the opening day of the “100 Years of MG” exhibit. A caravan of 9 cars, including Ed Cook in his 72 Midget – with Bob McFarland navigating, left from Sheetz in Lancaster at 9 AM. Ed bought his Midget new! Attendees included Steve Dellinger, Ed Cook, Charlie Baldwin, Margaret Sultner, Jon & Edie Arndt, Pam Preston, Larry & Gloria Ciarrocca, Deb Eckert, Scott & Mark Walter, Rob Shingle, Bob McFarland, Cor Engelen, and Pete Lobianco & his granddaughter Bailey. Bruce Hurley and Mark & Cat Litwin drove there separately.

The place was packed, with 400+ in attendance! The morning started off with a presentation by MG historian Jonathan Stein about MGs in America. Kevin Kelly followed with a presentation about Jaguar's presence at Le Mans with a great Demo Day, which included laps of the Museum's Jaguar C-Type, D-Type, and a XK120 FHC in the back lot. The Museum's 1934 MG K3 Magnette also joined in the fun!

According to Museum information, the 1952 Jaguar C-Type finished 3rd overall at Sebring in 1953; the 1956 Jaguar D-Type came in second in the 1957 Watkins Glen Grand Prix; and the 1934 MG K3 Magnette came in fourth overall in the 1934 Le Mans.

There were two dozen MGs in the exhibit, ranging from a 1926 Bullnose Supersport to a 1996 MGF. The Lancaster contingent hung around the Museum until 1:30 PM, then headed for the Texas Roadhouse in Glen Mills (on US 1) for lunch. Everyone made it successfully home from there.



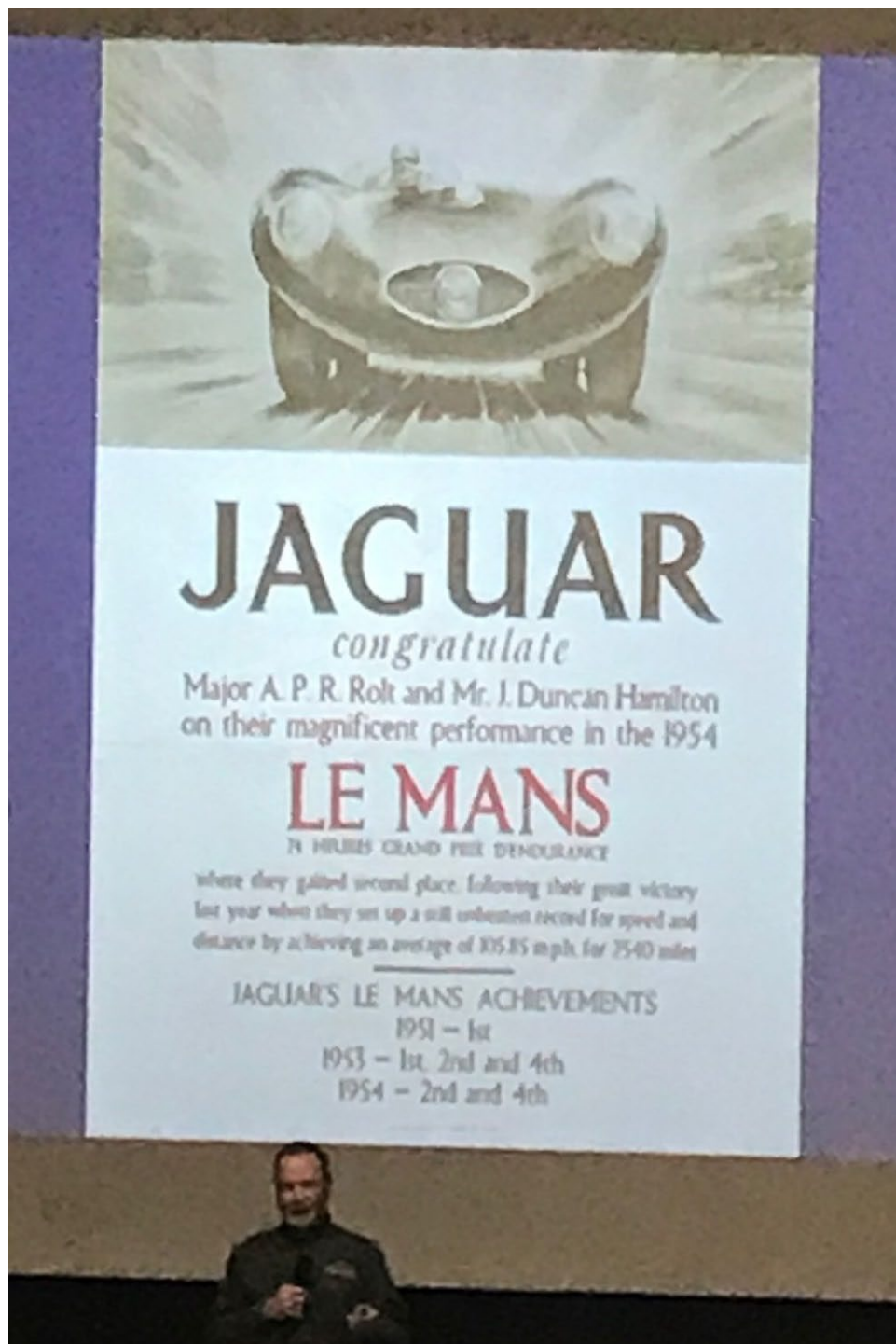
Ed's Midget!!



Some of the LANCO Crew



MGs in America



Jaguars at Le Mans



Three Ts and an A



Midgets and MGBs



MG K3 on the Move



A Closer Look



The Shop

February Club Meeting By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

The second Club Meeting of the year was held at the Centerville Diner in Lancaster on Sunday, February 12th. Seventeen Club members were in attendance and four British cars were driven (all new MINIs) – plus Rich Trexler's old VW bug! In the absence of President Ralph (who was off somewhere warm and sunny), Secretary Steve Dellinger held a very brief club meeting. No decisions were reached, and discussion was limited (perhaps everyone had Super Bowl plans?). Then it was time to eat! Someone who will remain nameless (but who did have his nametag on) decided on chocolate cake and a couple of scoops of Moose Tracks ice cream for dinner (?) Which is a reminder that Ice Cream Nite is scheduled for this Wednesday!



Dessert/Dinner!



After Dinner Chat