

The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd, Photo by Steve Dellinger

We held our regular monthly meeting on March 12th at the Centerville Diner. We had 27 of the faithful attending. The restaurant is very accommodating and provides a great venue for us to gather, eat, conduct our meeting and socialize. The calendar was reviewed and noted that our next meeting on April 16th will be at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA at 1 PM. The club will present our \$750 donation to the Museum at the meeting. We have a very busy calendar planned for this year. In addition to eating, we'll actually provide some opportunities to drive our LBC's!! It's very gratifying to see the interaction between the Central PA Triumph Club (CPTC), Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club (AH Club) and LANCO. CPTC has conducted some great tech sessions and the AH club is holding the 2nd annual movie night on June 10th. (The feature will be a showing of the original (1969) version of "The Italian Job".) The cross pollination amongst the 3 clubs will keep us all busy. Amazingly, everyone noted the time change and the meeting went well. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Al L's dog joke. I'm sure if you ask him he'll retell. Not to be outdone, Steve and Lucy shared their pictures from their recent trip to Spain and Portugal. It was quite the trip and quite the driving experience. After that experience, I think we'll put Steve and Lucy in charge of parking cars at TOB!

We have some outstanding events planned this year hosted by several members. Make sure you check the web site for details. We're working on several road trips and there is interest in heading to Summit Point, stay tuned for details.

I received an email from a young man in the Netherlands. He's 15 and a big British car fan. He's requested some club related badges or pins, so we collected some club regalia and I'll forward to him. What a wonderful experience that we can connect globally with people all over the world to share our passion for British motoring right here from central PA.

As we're halfway thru March, hopefully you're in the process or making plans to wake up you "sleeping beauties" for the driving season. We've been very fortunate this year to be able to drive our LBC's through this mild winter. I've been putting some quality miles on the TVR this winter.

Finally, on the club front, our A Taste of Britain (TOB) car show is set for August 27th at the Forney Polo Field in Rothsville. We have expanded the show field to include all Antique and Classic European Sports Cars and registration is open via Eventbrite. We're looking for an interesting eclectic mix of cars.

Now for my monthly "soapbox" ramblings and it's all about connections. I worked in the connector/electronics business for 30+ years. So, on Sunday when Gregg S showed me his detailed schematic for his rewired MGB I was blown away. It is outstanding and if/when he ever sells the car, the next owners are getting a wonderful gift. They will understand the connections in the car. As we emerge from 3 years of COVID and other restrictions, I'm very proud of the way LANCO has stayed connected. We understood the need to stay connected and we did. We're no different than our cars when it comes to connections. Sometimes we need a tweak here and there. We may need to refresh our grounding, but hey, it's all just part of our process of staying connected. When I leave a club meeting, I feel that connection as we come together to banter and share our interest in our cars and each other. This year's calendar is our "schematic" and reflects those connections. We're an interesting schematic of people and cars and I'm humbled that I can be a part of that circuit.

"Realize that everything connects to everything else" – Leonardo DaVinci

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.



The Prez is back!

March Coffee – Cars and Conversation By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

The 3rd Coffee, Cars and Conversation of the year was held on Saturday, March 4th at the Burger King in Columbia. Nineteen people attended – and 4 British cars were driven, including 3 new MINIs and Steve D's "new" 1995 Monte Carlo Edition Classic Mini. A couple of Porsches, a BMW Z3 and Trex's VW Bug were also on the lot. Attendees included LANCO, Central PA Triumph and Carlisle MINIs representatives. Along with the "usual suspects" there were some faces that we've not seen for a while. Steve Rineer was back from his trip and promised that he would be driving a British Car "soon". After many interesting conversations, the meeting was adjourned to April Fool's Day (the 1st) at the same place and time.



Familiar Faces



Breakfast Conversations



Monte Carlo Edition – surrounded by the Germans!