

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

We're just back this afternoon from our annual picnic at Rocky Ridge Park in York County. It was another successful event and thanks Gloria, Larry, Dennis, Carol, Bruce, et al for making it happen. The food was diverse and tasty as always. Now we've run this picnic for years and today Bruce came up with the idea of the century. Now to put this in context ... if we had 30 people attending with an average of 40 years working in many and varied professions we had 1200 years of work experience sitting under the pavilion and today Bruce finally suggested why don't we pre-cook the chicken then final season and grill it at the picnic to avoid the long wait....amazing with 1200 years of experience singularly focused on chicken today we solved the problem. Makes me believe there is still hope for society to solve our problems. In all seriousness, what a great group to be associated with, we are all very fortunate to know and enjoy our time together. Speaking of time, I honestly don't know where the time is going. We're midway through August and staring at fall. I'm OK with that part, it's the following season that makes me shiver.....pun alert. Again, we were busy beavers in July and August with 6 scheduled events over the last month since our last update. Car shows, ice cream, meetings and just hanging out time at CCC. Our club member Phil G hosted our August CCC at his garage. See the separate article for a summary of the day. There are still plenty of activities on our calendar. What you may ask? Well let me elucidate. We will have hosted our 33rd A Taste of Britain car show on August 27th. The show continues to morph and grow as we adapt to a changing car show environment. We're dusting off an oldie, a POKER Run on September 2nd starting and finishing at Jim Mack's in Hellam. We have our annual road trip to Woody's on October 15th and lots and lots of ice cream nights thru October. So, while we're winding down our calendar were not quite finished with our shenanigans as of yet. Stay tuned and stay in touch and pick your shenanigan (spelling) or shenanigan to be part of! Well you all know what time it is....soapbox time!! I was struck by this when we were at Phil G's for CCC on August 5th while looking at his 59 double bubble Abarth Zagato. To some it would be the most frightening thing you'd ever seen. Something to be trashed and removed and a real mess with rust, no interior or engine....yikes! But like Phil I could see something beautiful in the shell of a car. Quite a few of us have been there looking at pieces of a car and working to restore to whatever level we wish. I've done that on 2 cars, one a 70 MGB and my most ambitious project my 59 Bugeye Sprite. Figuring it out, then piecing together sometime redoing and finally completing a portion of the car. Then off to the next assembly and so on and so on till completion. Then the day comes to turn the key and see what happens. Sometimes nothing and sometime success, but you keep at it till you take that first drive. It's a truly exhilarating experience with immense satisfaction and pride. And this is only for a car but is no different for anything we have a vision. Be it home projects, hobbies, work, the list is endless for anything that we can see and carry a vision forward in our minds eye. I believe we are all builders by nature. Building things, relationship and friendships is our purpose and the purpose of our club through our collective vision.

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. – Henry David Thoreau

What do you see, what is your vision, what can you build? I know we as a club can and do build relationships by sharing our collective good fortune. We share our gifts and vision with each other and the public through our passion for cars. Let's continue to have people look at our cars but see LANCO and who we are. 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.



Back at the Pheasant Pavilion



Food Line



Time to Eat!



Top (Hood) Down Day



More British Cars



Brown Wire Award Candidate?

Drive in Movie Night and Coffee – Cars and Conversation By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger

We held our 3rd annual drive in movie night on July 14th at Haar's Drive in Dillsburg. The event has never been a big club draw, but it is a fun way to throwback and watch a movie. The feature was "Elemental" an animated movie with a cute story. We brought our lawn chairs and portable radio and sat outside our car. And after securing a small home equity loan Linda and I purchased popcorn and drinks. To be fair, the snacks weren't all that outrageous. The weather was perfect to enjoy the movie. The Swartleys are experienced campers and brought a small table to hold their goodies.....note to self, pack a table next time...duh! (Sure beats holding the radio for 2 hours) I'm amazed how full the drive in was. The high lite was a big and I mean big late 50's Pontiac which pulled in with 5 passengers all seated comfortably in the car. We couldn't help ourselves, so we had to see the car. It was her dad's car and they got permission to take her out to the movies. It certainly looked period correct at the drive in. Great night, great weather, good friends and got to watch a movie.....pretty sweet night!

On August 5th Phil G, hosted our monthly CCC at his garage in Marysville. Phil's property sits right on the Susquehanna River and has a great view. There were about a dozen brave souls who ventured all the way to Marysville. You may not be aware, but Marysville is across the river and fortunately there IS a bridge to cross the Susquehanna! The key direction is to take a sharp right when you see Phil's green mailbox – and keep driving until you can't drive any further. If not, well you're on your own from there. We all brought a snack to share and your beverage of choice. Phil has a killer coke machine to help if you forgot your beverage. Phil's collection is eclectic with a beautiful work in progress – a 1959 double bubble Abarth Zagato. It has a long road to travel, but Phil is working it one panel at a time. His killer B was interesting and I'm sure a hoot to drive. It would be especially interesting when you punch it and lift the front end off the ground. To keep thing a bit more mundane, Phil's MGA is beautifully restored with a second MGA TBD. Phil exemplifies the spirit of tinkering and his garage is chocked full of stuff, both necessary and not! We had a great day viewing his stuff, chatting cars and enjoying a great collection of cars. Thank you Phil for helping us to understand we can actually cross the river and come back!



At Phil's Garage



Driveway Full of Cars



Hanging out at Phil's Garage



Abarth Zagato Double Bubble



MGA Project

LANCO at Das Awkscht Fescht _By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

For many years, the people of Macungie and the Ontelaunee Region AACA have conducted Das Awkscht Fescht for the benefit of the Borough's Memorial Park. Das Awkscht Fescht includes three days of car shows showcasing hundreds of antique and classic cars and trucks. I was the only current LANCO member that made it to the show. I drove my '95 Mini Monte Carlo Edition (avoiding highways on the way). I ended up being parked next to maybe the most interesting car on the field - Joe and Fran McDonald's "Pembleton Brooklands." According to Joe, he constructed the car with a frame supplied by Phil Gregory of The Pembleton Motor Company from Worcestershire, England; suspension, brakes, steering and transaxle from a Citroen 2CV; an engine from a BMW R100GS motorcycle; four sheets of aluminum and 1,200 rivets! Other cars of note included Bill Petro's 1935 Riley 1 ½ liter Kestrel Aero 4 Light Saloon and a 1963 Austin Mini 850 – bored out to a 960 cc – that was raced in historic rallyes (including the Rallye Monte Carlo Historic) in the late 1990s and early 2000s.



Brits on the Field



More Brits



Triumphs and a Jag



Pembleton Brooklands Replica



1935 Riley



Rallye Mini