

## **LANCO MG CLUB – May 2023**

### **The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Linda Mascelli**

Well again, Steve D needs the BM article before our monthly meeting, but actually it's not his doings. With Mother's Day we moved the regular meeting back a week, so Steve you're in the clear. Lot's to recap this month as LANCO has been very busy. We held our April meeting at the AACA Museum in Hershey. We presented our \$750 donation to the front desk with minimum fanfare....the Museum was gracious enough to let us use a room for our meeting and Tiger Tom gave us an excellent in depth tour of the museum. Thanks to Tiger Tom for an excellent tour with lots of history to explore and explain. We then adjourned to the Soda Jerk in Hummelstown for a great meal with outstanding service. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we held our Ice Cream Night at the Hayloft in Leola with the usual diehard sugar cured regulars attending. Then on May 6<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly CCC at Jim Mack's. This kicked off the outside gathering season and it was very well attended as the weather was picture perfect. On May 7<sup>th</sup> we held our annual covered bridge tour. This time we covered 4 bridges in the southern part of Lancaster County. The Amish Buggies were out in force. Check out the attached covered bridge article for a full explanation of BPM. Now for the preview of coming attractions, well actually it all will have transpired by the time you read this. But here goes, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, Mark and Cat will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> BBQ Brisket Bash. Mark is quite the chef and we're all looking forward to the event. The next day on the 21<sup>st</sup>, we're off to Jim H's garage for our tech session. We'll have Gregg S. aka "sparky" presenting schematics and how to not let the smoke out of your system. Bruce H. will present how to set up a fool proof 2<sup>nd</sup> fuel pump to keep you rolling and avoid cursing the Prince of Darkness or at least keep him in check to the next "event"! As a 2<sup>nd</sup> option that day, Bonnie will teach "hooking"...personally, I understand wiring and I'm more inclined to become a hooker!!! Whew, quite the month, something for everyone. I say this often but want to reiterate how much the Club appreciates the support from the AH and Triumph club's respectively via Pam P. and Rich R. thank you both. We're running tag on events and sharing our calendars....perfect way to expand our British Motoring passion.

June will be just as busy with the AH Club Movie Night on the 10<sup>th</sup> and our monthly meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be at Rob and Jim's for our CCC, just a spectacular event. The 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be ice cream events to keep you on a sugar high. July will feature our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Drive In Movie Night at Haar's Drive In in Dillsburg. Remember, never miss an event due to your car, we're wayyyyy more interested in see you! I know this will be hard to believe but it's soapbox time...yeah. Helping and sharing, isn't that what it's all about? Well it is!. Mark and Cat share their culinary expertise, Rob and Jim host CCC at their "garage". Gregg shares his wiring expertise; Bruce helps us avoid fuel pump problems. Pam and the AH Club share movie night. Rich and the CPTC share tech sessions. It just goes on and on. We share our time, friendship and advise with each other. Two weeks ago, I got a call from a fellow LBC owner in upstate New York. He has a TR 250 and let the smoke out of the system. He read the BM article from LANCO about the wiring session I attended. He had questions and I shared some ideas, supplier contacts and advice. Great conversation and just good fun helping someone I probably will never meet. That IS as good as it gets and helps us to fulfill our real purpose as a club. We're not just an assemblage of cars, but an assemblage of people with knowledge, compassion and passion for helping each other. Keep up the great work, makes me proud to be associated with such a great group of friends both old, new and yet to be discovered.

**"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do." — Jana Stanfield**

Stay safe and positive and remember to check out our web site at [www.lancomgclub.com](http://www.lancomgclub.com) and follow us on Facebook and Meetup. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.



**Meeting at the Museum**



**On the Deck at the Soda Jerk**

**Remembering a Friend By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Ralph Spayd and Steve Dellinger**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> a dozen or so members of the LANCO MG Club had the privilege of attending a dedication hosted by the Penn State University Berks Campus in Reading, PA for Cliff Maurer. Cliff was a professor at the campus and the University dedicated a beautiful Seven-Sons tree in his memory. Cliff was an active member of the LANCO MG Club, and we all knew he was a larger than life “character” and we were not surprised to learn from Cliff’s colleagues that he was the same persona at Penn State. The weather was beautiful, and we all shared our stories and memories of Cliff enjoying the memories and our time together that day. Cliff and Diane were always available to help and support any and all club events. We all miss Cliff and his presence. I speak for the club Diane that LANCO will always be your extended family.



**Friends Gathering**



**Jessica, Diane and Todd**



**In Memory ...**



## Ralph Talks about Cliff



## Annual Covered Bridge Run By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Ralph Spayd

We held our annual Covered Bridge Tour on May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at the Clarion Inn in Strasburg with 11 cars touring the southern part of Lancaster County. We toured Mercer's Mill CB, Pine Grove CB, White Rock Forge CB and Jackson Sawmill CB. They represent an interesting part of the county's heritage and are still engineering masterpieces with amazing workmanship. What a difference a year can make. The tour last year was held 2 weeks later, but it was a sweltering 90 degrees and humid....this year the weather was in the mid 70's and very comfortable. There were several noteworthy events for the day. Cor E. did redeem himself and was not listed as a DNF...good job Cor, nothing hit the fan this year!! As we covered 47+ miles and 4 bridges in the southern end of the county we averaged 2.26 BPM. Now you ask, what is "BPM"? Well it's buggies per mile, yep that's right Linda and I kept count and we passed 107 Amish buggies. There were a whole lot of Amish "courting" going on with Ma and Pa following in the family buggy. Sadly, I have to report I did not see any "courting" going on in the 11 cars participating in the tour! Was that TMI????? We had the typical eclectic mix of cars both British and non-LBC. I am babysitting my friend's BMW Z4

while he's in California, so the German's were well represented as Trex and Victoria did show up in their 911. Hum, LBC's meaning little British cars or just little bitty cars, don't know. We did finish up at the Strasburg Creamery in town and enjoyed some ice cream. The cars all held it together, but the bathroom at the restaurant was out of order. Between the two, I think the latter is a bigger catastrophe. It was a beautiful day with good friends and spectacular scenery. It was nice to see Rich R. cross over to the dark side.....lol!



**Getting Ready for the Run**





### **ICN and CCC By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Skip Partlow**

Well that should get your curiosity up and running. Let me decipher the acronyms. ICR = ice cream night and CCC = Coffee, Cars and Conversation. We held our ICN on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hayloft in Leola. What a wonderful venue AND great ice cream. Believe it or not, this was our 6<sup>th</sup> ICN of the year. I believe that Trex has stock in the local dairy industry as he's laid out an aggressive schedule for the season. It's a sweet schedule he's mapped out and we're finally getting our just deserts...ouch!! The hit of the night was Steve R's car. There were some young (pre driving age) kids that fell in love with his "7". We never really know how we impact people with our cars, but I'm sure Steve ignited the imagination of 2 young future motor heads.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> CCC was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and we made the switch to Jim Mack's. The weatherman got the message and the weather was perfect for our 1<sup>st</sup> outside CCC of the year. The turnout was spectacular with 15 cars spread around the parking lot. This is a great venue for the event as the parking is easy, seating with shade and good eats. Over the years this has become a very successful event and a great recruiting tool for the club. The AH club used the event as a starting point for a tour around the country and finished at The Burning Bridge Tavern in Wrightsville. What a wonderful connection when we can combine events with the clubs. Finally, thanks to Pam P. from the AH club and Rich R. from the CPTC for their support in our shared passion in British Motoring and helping to keep the spirit alive and well in Central PA.



**Back at Jim Mack's**



**Nice Mix of Cars**



**Rob and George**



**Plotting Something?**





**Happy Couple!**

**Lane Motor Museum By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

After spending the weekend watching the MINI John Cooper Works Team racing at the NOLA Motorsports Park in New Orleans, I made a point of making a stop on my way home at the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, TN. I've heard several people talk about the Museum, and I wasn't disappointed! According to the Museum's website, the Museum was founded by Jeff Lane in 2002. *"Jeff has been an automotive enthusiast since an early age. He began restoring his first car - a 1955 MG TF - when he was a teen. His personal collection was the donation that began the foundation."* *"Lane Motor Museum is one of the few museums in the U.S. to specialize in European cars. It is a working museum with the goal of maintaining all vehicles in running order. Some cars are in showroom condition, while others represent typical aging. Efforts are made to restore each vehicle to near-original specifications."* *"Over 550 vehicles are in the collection. We have room to display approximately 150 cars on the museum floor. Lane Motor Museum rotates its collection on a regular basis to keep the exhibit area fresh for returning guests."*

Both Jeff's 1955 TF and his father Gene's 1954 TF are on display at the Museum. When I was there, Fiat and Lotus were the featured marques – lots of Fiats of all sizes and a nice collection of Lotus cars. I saw a presentation on the Museum's propeller-driven 1932 Helicron, which was a year 2000 barn find in France. Interesting! I was also privileged to tag along with a group of high school students to tour the basement, where most of the rest of the collection is stored. The cars are stored by color – not by marque! Saw quite a few British cars downstairs, including Minis, MGs, Triumphs, Jags, Austin Healeys, etc. Definitely worth the stop if you are ever in the Nashville area!



Stopping at Lane Motor Museum



Lots of Unique Cars!



**The Fiat Section**



**Gene Lane's 1954 MG TF**



**Jeff Lane's 1955 MG TF**



**1932 Helicron Propeller Driven Car**



**In the "Red" Section of the Basement**