

LANCO MG CLUB (April 2024)

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

Have you checked out our new WEB site? It is really just spectacular, and Dennis B and Karen G are doing a great job capturing the essence of who and what the LANCO MG Club is about. It presents our club as the premier British Car Club that we are. Kudos to you both for all your hard work and vision on behalf of our club. March is a teaser month and a transition from winter to spring with sunny warm days and then snow showers, but we were not deterred as we ran 4 events in the past 30 days. We did our annual trip to the Whip Tavern with 10 members attending. It's a very authentic British Tavern with good food. Our April Saturday morning CC&C event was attended by 18 members with Steve R's coupons for all. We did sneak in a Hot Chocolate AKA Ice Cream Nite at the Hayloft in Leola and our monthly Club meeting at the Centerville Diner with one of our largest attendances in memory. So, take that March Transition as it's LANCO's own version of March Madness. (You gotta be a basketball fan to get that one, sorry). April and May are shaping up to be VERY busy with 8 events planned. You really need to go to our NEW WEBSITE to keep track (Click on "EVENTS" when you get there). I know another plug for the new site, but seriously you need to check it out. We've been invited to participate in the CPTC Apple Blossom Tour on April 25th, RSVPs are required. We will be attending the Spring Carlisle event on May 11th and sharing a tent with other clubs. We have not done this as a collective club event in several years. We will have our Poker Run on May 25th in place of our covered bridge tour. We have moved the June club meeting to June 2nd so we can attend the Hellertown Car show on June 9th. Of course, we have our monthly CC&C and ice cream nite scheduled. The May meeting will be our Tech session at 1PM at Jim H's garage. Now to get the details, you'll have to visit our new WEB site.... are you sensing a pattern here!!! A busy spring is planned and there is something for everyone. Looking forward, check out our "Join Me" events as we group up to caravan to various events as posted on our NEW WEB site.... can't help it! Finally, we will be hosting our first ever joint picnic on June 13th at Rocky Ridge Park starting at 11AM. We'll be joining with The AH and CPTC to celebrate our clubs. Not to be eclipsed by all this activity, it's soapbox time. Did you catch the eclipse on April 8th? I went to Sandusky, OH (long story) to see it with my grandkids. It was pretty spectacular as we had 4+ minutes of total eclipse. Lots of people going ooh and ahh as the sun went dark. I've never experienced a full solar eclipse, so it was really neat. For me it just reinforced my sense of wonder for all the things around me. I found this quote from Helen Keller and think it summarized our club and members.

"One should never count the years -- one should instead count one's interests. I have kept young, trying never to lose my childhood sense of wonderment. I'm glad I still have a vivid curiosity about the world I live in."

[Helen Keller](#)

If we count the years we've all accumulated it's quite impressive, but it's our interests that always impress and amaze me. Listen to the conversations at any club meeting or at a CC&C on Saturday morning. We're not recounting our years but sharing our interests with each other. The breadth of knowledge and various skills/interests are remarkable. Our club provides the vehicle to share and acquire new interests with each other. Let's keep on participating sharing our interests and passions with each and of course check out our new WEBSITE.....lol!

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



“New MINI Roadster at Hayloft!

Dinner and Coffee By Ralph Spayd, Photo by Steve Dellinger

Well, kinda, but on two different occasions and yet on the same night a real conundrum. Let me explain. On Friday March 22nd we held our annual trip to the Whip Tavern in Chatham. It is a real British Pub and just a fun place to dine. We scheduled this year’s event to avoid a canine conflict and you’ll need to check with Deb on that one.... The beer and food are authentic, and the restaurant is always very accommodating to LANCO. The online reservation process is a bit cumbersome to navigate if your party is larger than 6 persons. If you’ve been there before and you want to stump the valet, bring your manual shifting car and they’ll let you park your own car! The biggest surprise of the night was the Beef Wellington, which by itself was no surprise, but did have a surprise finish. Now Chatham is a tad off the grid, and I made the mistake of trusting my directional instincts even though I had two competent passengers to help me navigate. They both sat quietly as we took the road less traveled. FYI - I did have a cup of coffee to finish dinner to un-conundrum (is that even a word) the titled article.

The “Dinner and Coffee” riddle was solved on Saturday April 6th with our monthly CC&C event at the Burger King in Columbia where we did have coffee and conversation. We also had 18 members (and 8 British cars) attending the event as it was a great spring day. CC&C starts at 10am, no 9:30ish, and lasts an hour and a half, not umm, 3 hours. Let’s just say time flies by when you’re having fun, and we did. The conversations are always lively, varied and just fun as we catch up on each other’s

doings and plan the club's next adventure. In reality, the event is just a convenient excuse to drive your LBC and put the "honey do" list on hold for a bit, but that's OK, LANCO has your back as it's a club sanctioned event!!!!



Al and Bonnie ordered the Beef Wellington

April Meeting Recap By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

The weather was sunny, with temps in the mid-70s – perfect yard work weather - but 25 Club members and 10 British cars still made it to the April Club meeting at the Centerville Diner in Lancaster. Most of the meeting was spent discussing details on many of the upcoming Club runs and events, as well as getting updates on the numerous car “projects” in the works. Next month’s meeting will be a tech session at Jim Harbold’s garage in Strasburg, PA. (check out the new and improved Club website for the details).



Good Turnout!



Waiting for Food



MGs!



More Cars!



Old Jag



“New” Jag



Post-Meeting “Meeting”