

**May 2024**

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

It took some coordination with the Keystone British Car Club, the AH Club and LANCO as we all shared the cost of a tent at the Carlisle Import show this year. Now I must admit, I personally have not been to Carlisle in many years, but through the efforts of all three clubs, we were working to reenergize the interest. I didn't take a head count yesterday, but the turnout was respectable and a very good start to regenerating interest. Carlisle has figured out how to maximize the interest with the car crowd. The show is much, much more than just British as every conceivable Marque and type of car or motorized conveyance is represented!! It's truly a cornucopia of vehicles! Our shared tent offered chips and cookies, a respectable and welcome treat for the many visitors we had. Dennis B and I went on the hunt for a cup of coffee and just happened to pass the CPTC tent. The ever-gracious Rich R and Maryann welcomed us to share lunch with the club. Hard to beat grilled dogs and baked beans and a picnic. Thank you CPTC, we enjoyed the lunch and looking at some spectacular GT6 resto's and a beautiful TR3. The weather was iffy but held up. I'm sure it dissuaded some from attending. I went back to our Tent and met/talked with lots of very interesting people. You just can't beat the camaraderie at these events as everyone enjoys telling their stories and reminiscing. I wandered over to the Rolls-Royce tent as Rob S was there with his "car". Just for the record, I have a car, but Rob has a CAR...as you might guess, no chips, cookies, dogs and beans there. They were serving tea, scones, croissants, and sandwiches. Thank God Rob S was there so I could butt in!!! I met some old friends there and we chatted for a long time just enjoying the day. LANCO was well represented at Carlisle. Was it worth the effort to reignite interest, heck yes! Do we need to do this next year only bigger, heck yes! I really can't explain why I stopped going to Carlisle, but I'm back on track. If you missed this year's event, reserve the date for next year and join us. PS, our cookies left an oil spot...hummmm, just a coincidence, I guess.

Well, that was yesterday, but LANCO did have another busy past month. We did Fox Meadows for ice cream, a CCC at Jim Mack's and our monthly club meeting. That's the rear-view mirror look, but through the windshield we have a great tech session planned thanks to Jim H and Jack B. A drive-in movie night, thanks to Pam P and a ton of other things planned in June. You'll need to check out our new WEB pages to stay current. Speaking of, sadly we received confirmation that our beloved British Marque will end publishing after next year. Hopefully someone will pick up the mantle as it's not only an integral part of our club, but a wonderful resource of news and ideas from other clubs. In their absence, we'll be utilizing our WEB as THE communication tool for our club. The British Marque will be sorely missed.

Several new events are planned for this year. Mark your calendars for our 1<sup>st</sup> joint club picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup> with the AH and CPTC at Rocky Ridge Park in York. Also, we have nailed down the location for our Halloween party. It's on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Marietta, PA. Costumes are required, so get your creative juices flowing. And we'll be participating with Schreiber Pediatric on September 8<sup>th</sup> at their Rubber Ducky Race. We'll provide cars and rides for their clients. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to share our cars with some very excited people.

Well, 'nuff said, time for the Soapbox. This month I'm all about amazement and wonder on different levels. Yesterday at Carlisle was amazing on a macro level. All the cars, the people, the ingenuity, the creativity of design, the mobile works of art that the cars represent and the people that are attracted to all this is amazing. The details like the leather covers on the leaf springs on an old Rolls-Royce, the integration and progression design from a motorized carriage to bruit force machines. There really is something for every interest and passion. Then there is the wonder and amazement at the micro level with our LBC's. For example, my TVR driver's door wasn't closing correctly, so initially I just closed it with more force...then I started to look at why it wasn't closing. Now understanding the timeline here, this just started from one day to the next. To my wonder and

amazement 4 large Philips head screws had come loose simultaneously on the closing mechanism. How did 4 screws become loose simultaneously...wonder and amazement!! There is always something to keep you amazed from the macro crowd at Carlisle to the micro 4 Phillips head screws. And our club is no exception as we are an amazing collection of friends sharing our collective wisdom and stories of amazement.

**“Wonder is the beginning of wisdom”. Socrates**

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



**The British Car Clubs' Tent**



**MG Row**





**Aaron's here to buy car parts.**



**Ralph's TVR and Charlie's TD**





**Andy, Dennis, Owen and Alyssa**



**Flying the LANCO Flag!**





**Rolls-Royce Hospitality**



**MINIs in the Friday Rain**

### **Ice Cream Nite at Fox Meadows Creamery By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

The April edition of Ice Cream Nite was convened at the Fox Meadows Creamery in Ephrata, PA on Wednesday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The weather was dry, but cool – so everyone met inside the building, instead of out on the porch/patio. Fourteen members were in attendance and seven British Cars were driven – 3 Midgets, 3 new MINIs, and a TVR! Ralph showed up with a “new” car – a MINI Cooper JCW (John Cooper Works) to replace the Ford Mustang. And Ben Roth was there with his TVR. As usual, the conversations were great – as was the ice cream!





Great Turnout!



Gregg and Ralph





**One of three Midgets in attendance**



**TVR!!**





**Ralph's new ride!**

### **May Coffee, Cars & Conversation By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

Well, it's May, so the weather will be unpredictable! Our first visit to Jim Mack's in York on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> was a rainy, miserable morning. But despite the rain, nine members and four British cars showed up, including Aaron in his MGBGT (with nonworking wipers), Gregg in the Midget and Pam and Steve in their MINIs. Fortunately, there was adequate seating inside – and the ice cream and food were good. Pray for sunshine when we're back at Mack's on July 6<sup>th</sup>!



**Wet Day at Mack's!**





**Aaron's here too!**