

The View from Behind the Wheel

By Ralph Spayd

Photos by Steve Dellinger

Spring has been a challenge this year. Since January, we've had rain on 70% of the weekends. It's been a tough early car show season, but LANCO has been keeping busy. Pam and Bob P hosted an outdoor movie night on June 1st at their house. It was a club event with the AH Club and they graciously invited LANCO to join. The turnout was great, the dogs, popcorn and assorted snacks were perfect. The movie and the weather all worked together, and we beat the rain odds! We've finalized our plans for the Halloween party. It will be on Saturday Oct 19th from 3PM till 10PM. Costumes are mandatory and there will be prizes for the most creative costumes. The event will be held at 264 W. Market St in Marietta. There will be a minimum cover charge with the cost TBD. We will be holding our 1st Poker Run on July 6th right after CCC at Jim Mack's in Hallam. The 1st cars will leave the parking lot at 11:30AM and we'll finish back at Jim Mack's. The total route is approximately 40 miles, so fill one tank and empty the other before you leave! Here is some more rear-view mirror stuff to report. By the time you receive this we will have enjoyed another spectacular CCC hosted by Rob and Jim. We'll have attended the Hellertown Car show and enjoyed our first ever joint picnic with the CPTC, AH Club and LANCO at Rocky Ridge. We'd have dined on fine ice cream at the Freeze n Frizz and attended the Golden Age Air Museum car show. June was/will be a busy month....Humm mixing past and future tense, my English teacher Mrs. Trexler is spinning in her grave!! (FYI - not the 1st time I've frustrated her with my grammatical prowess) But looking forward, we'll be at Haar's drive in on July 19th. As mentioned a Poker Run on July 6th and more ice cream at Boehringer's on July 17 with a possible post ice cream surprise....stay tuned! Oh yes, we'll sneak in a club meeting on July 14th at the Centerville Diner. Now looking way down the road, we'll be moving the September 8th meeting to coincide with the Schreiber Pediatric Ducky event at their facility. We'll be providing car rides for their clients at their Good Drive location in Lancaster. You won't want to miss this it is gratifying to help their clients. There are lots going on and lots more to do this year. Lest I forget, our Taste of Britain car shows on August 25th at Forney Field in conjunction with the Lancaster Polo Club match. That should provide enough opportunity to get out and blow the dust off your car.

I want to reflect back personally on the past couple of months for my soapbox rambling. I've had 3 major property issues to deal with the last few weeks. The issues have consumed considerable time and energy to address sometime zapping my joie de vivre. But what can I always circle back to, all the positive energy that surrounds me. Such as: last Sunday at our monthly meeting. It was a nice turnout and just a good time laughing and sharing; this week attending my granddaughter's High school graduation; attending CCC at Rob and Jims today; my family, Linda and my TVR. The list can go on and on if I can see the proverbial forest for the trees. But not always easy to see them trees!! Back during covid I read a book the "Power of No" detailing we're 10X more likely to accept bad news over good news, yikes! Finding the positive and good is really not that difficult but it does take work and requires paying attention to all the good we're given by living in the moment to accept the positive. I'm very thankful and fortunate that I have our car club or really my extended car family to help keep me seeing the positive.

"Our life is what our thoughts make it." — Marcus Aurelius

When I put it all in perspective my issues the last several weeks seem pretty small now. Join us at one of our many upcoming events and be part of that positive energy we all share. 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.



Movie Nite Get-together



Dogs are Ready!



Chillin' on the Deck



Talking Cars



Hot Dogs and Chat



Show Time!

Annual Tech Session

By Ralph Spayd

Photos by Steve Dellinger and Gloria Ciarrocca

On Sunday May 19th we held our annual tech session at Jim H's shop. We kicked around several ideas as to what to discuss/present when Jack B. offered to bring his MGA chassis sans body for all to see and discuss. Well Jim and Jack coordinated the deliver and viola we had a rolling MGA chassis to view. Like most clubs we have a mix of hands on and off members. So it's a real treat to see a frame without the body attached. It certainly makes access to fuel/ hydraulic lines a snap as well as suspension. Jack is a master of MGA's and does show quality work. The chassis was his brother Bill's and Jack is working to finish the project. This is something you can't view on an MGB as they are a monocoque assembly. A rolling chassis without a body is sooooo innocent looking, but as Jack explained you better have a good plan for reassembling the car. As the parts and pieces pile on access gets exponentially more complicated. A good example was the clamps for the steering boots. If the screw to tighten the clamp is pointing up, well after the radiator is in place, you can't access the adjustment. As most of us have learned over time, experience can be a very cruel teacher.... We did answer the question, how many LANCO mechanics does it take to install front springs? Well on the 19th, not enough!! What we did have was an abundance of suggestions. And I quote Jack "think I'll finish this at my shop". It was a true voice of wisdom Jack. As we are not a one trick pone at LANCO, Bonnie did offer a non-tech session craft option. Looking to next year, I'm thinking Jack will join Bonnie.....We did adjourn to Bespoke Brewing in Strasburg to recap the events and shared a great meal. Thank you to Jack B for sharing his work and to Jim and Bonnie for hosting our sessions.



Jim's Garage



Garage Envy ...



Jack Talks MGAs



And how do we do this?



After-Session Food and Drink

June Coffee, Cars and Conversation

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I think this is the 3rd CCC that Rob and Jim have hosted at their GULF Garage and each year it keeps getting better. Their venue is absolutely spectacular, from the landscaped grounds to the amazing collection of cars they enjoy. The food, fun and atmosphere were wonderful. The weather was perfect and was reflected in the eclectic mix of cars and attendees. Just wandering around looking at the car memorabilia and the cars is exhausting. (car pun) To top off the extravaganza we were graced in the presence of Steve R's "Phararri"....you just can't put a price on that, I mean seriously you CAN'T put a price on that!! There are so many highlights from the day, but for me I most enjoy when we gather around and introduce our cars to each other. We, like all our cars, have stories to share and it's fascinating to hear them all. The LANCO MG Club and me personally thank Rob and Jim for another excellent event.



The cars are pouring in!



New this year!



Heading to the Garage



What a spread!!



Auburn "Boattail"



Antiques



Chatting with Rob



More fan favorites!



Checking out the cars



Checking out Deb's new upholstery



Tell us about your car



Steve R. talks about his Pherrari!

British Motorcar Gathering in Hellertown

By Steve Dellinger

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On Sunday, June 9th, three intrepid LANCO members drove their OBC's all the way to Hellertown to participate in the 30th Annual British Motorcar Gathering presented by the Keystone British Car Club. Deb Eckert drove her "recently upholstered" 1948 MG TC and I drove my 1995 Rover Mini Monte Carlo Edition. It was "touch and go" but Ralph Spayd also showed up in the 1986 TVR 280i! Keystone British President (and LANCO member) Diane Maurer was in charge of a well-run event! The rain stayed away, and the sun eventually broke through! It was well worth the long trip!



Checking out the new Interior



Ralph talking TVRs



Minis/MINIs in the trees



Lots of MGs!



Lonely Midget



Show Winners