

LANCO MG CLUB (08/125/24)

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

We've put the summer doldrums behind us as we move into late summer and fall. I'm no longer a fan of winter, but a tad cooler is OK with me. July was a mixed bag of tricks, and the drive-in movie night was a bust as I had to head out of town and the only other "regulars" chose other entertainment venues...we've run this event for the last several years with scant attendance so I'm thinking Haar's won't make the cut for 2025. I'm guessing all the mature members of our club weren't geared to actually watching a movie at the drive-in ... hey it's not 1968 and you actually watch the movie at the drive in ... lol!! A sturdy group did caravan to the PVGP. Jim H. did an outstanding job of coordinating the event, thank you Jim. Rain was an issue for our ice cream night on July 17th at Boehringer's. We did have the diehard sugar addicts attending. The ice cream was great and if you wanted a wet walnut sundae you just needed to stand outside. We're holding our annual picnic at Rocky Ridge Park today, August 11th. It's always a great time and the weather today is cooperating with a great group attending. We're changing it up a bit today with a chicken break thru ... and all worked well, thanks Dennis B. Also, a big thank you to Larry, Gloria, Dennis, Bruce and everyone for organizing the picnic today, great job. It was great to see Larry, Gloria and Steve R. joining today as they recover.

As the year winds down so does our event calendar. But we still have plenty of opportunities to drive your LBC. We'll be showing our cars at the Long Home in Lancaster on August 16th, and we have 22 cars to show. This will be a great turnout from the club. Andy S. is working OT to make TOB2024 a huge success on August 25th at Forney Field. Charlie B. is coordinating a caravan to Watkins Glen on September 5th. We're holding our Poker Run on September 7th after CCC. Dennis B., in addition to being our WEB guru, is coordinating the event ... whew!! We've added a new car show to the list on August 31st with the help of Larry M. - the "Sunset on Summer" show in Dover, PA. We're coordinating with the Schreiber Pediatric Center on September 8th. We'll show several cars at their Rubber Ducky event for their clients to enjoy and join Schreiber in their celebration. We'll be donating our proceeds from the TOB car show to Schreiber this year. Gregg S. is working on the Hunt Country Classic for October 13th and Larry and Gloria C. are putting together our road trip to Woody's on October 20th. I'm coordinating our first ever Halloween party on October 26th. The event will start at 3PM and costumes are MANDATORY. The event will be held at 264 West Market St. in Marietta, PA. Not to forget, we have our monthly CCC and ice cream events scheduled in September and October. We may be winding down, but we ain't done yet!!

Just a heads up, the British Marque will cease publication after May 2025. Our main communication tool will be emails to the members. I am personally saddened to see the Marque retire as it's been a source of ideas and a wonderful communication tool for many clubs. With that said, it will be important to update your email contact address to keep in the loop with club events.

Guess what ... soap box time, bet you didn't see that coming! I am a richly blessed individual. I get to lead a wonderful bunch of British car enthusiasts. Take note of the above and see how many members are coordinating events and helping to make LANCO a premier club. This makes my job a piece of cake leading the club. Which allows me the time to savor my other blessing, my grandkids. We went to Ocean City NJ recently with the whole family. I spent hours on end on the beach with my 7-year-old granddaughter making sand pies. It was pure delight with our imaginations working overtime and just being in the moment together enjoying our time. It made me think about all the other things in my life that bring me joy and keep me in the moment. It's very easy to get distracted by all the noise around us and not see the joy. Joy for me is family time, British cars, LANCO, Linda, music, bicycles and all my friends. I had the opportunity this week to attend two tribute band concerts, A Tom Petty and an Eric Clapton tribute band. Watching these musicians just being in the moment

and doing what they loved was amazing and refreshing to experience. I hope we can all still find that place and those things that keep us in the moment and do the things we love whatever they may be.

“Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.”

Alice Morse Earle

So, let's enjoy our collective “presents” that we're given, unwrap them and then share them.

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



Lunch on the way to PVGP



Stopping at the Flight 93 Memorial



Flight Path



Final Destination



MG in the Paddock



Minis in the Paddock



Morris "At Speed"



Midget racing up the Hill



Arriving at the Pheasant Pavilion



Jim and Rob are here!



Nice Morgan!



Gregg is here too!



“Chefs” Bruce and Ralph



After Lunch Conversations