

LANCO MG CLUB (09/09/24)

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

August was certainly an August month ... ha ha ha - that one's for all the LANCO English scholars!! Well, it was, and we should be proud of it with a caravan to the PVGP, our annual club picnic, the Long Community Cruise-In, CCC, some Sarah's Creamery ice cream and last but not least, TOB. Now you need to consult your secret decoder ring to decode all the acronyms but that's your homework and we will be checking. See how I worked that into a back-to-school month!!!! Seriously, it was another great month for the club. Now let's do some numbers for all that kerfuffle...26 members volunteering at TOB for show day. Taste of Britain (TOB) was a tremendous success with 125 cars on the show field. It was a very nice increase from last year and a great source of funds for our donation to the Schreiber Pediatric Center. Can't thank everyone enough and especially Andy Schnegg and the crew for making it happen. The weather cooperated and we presented the winning polo team with the "LANCO Cup" and a bottle of ginger beer to the captain. It was our 34th TOB car show and continues to be strong and relevant with the changes we've implemented. Speaking of more numbers, we had 28 tri-club members and 23 cars to show at The Long Community Cruise-In on August 16th. We've run several tri-club events with LANCO, CPTC and the AH club with great success this year - thanks to Rich and Pam for their great support. Our two big civic events this month, TOB and The Long Home Cruise-In demonstrate the depth of commitment and cooperation from our members and the support of our sister clubs. What an outstanding effort by everyone. The annual picnic at Rocky Ridge was a great success and well attended with no car drama! The magic of PCC (pre-cooked chicken) reduced the grilling angst and time from charcoal to palate, saving both time and frustration. And who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks ... only took 20 years to figure that one out and who knows what the next 20 may hold ... lol! September featured a caravan to the Watkins Glen celebration and our ice cream night. On October 11th Gregg S. will lead an intrepid group to the Hunt Country Classic in Middleburg, VA and on October 20th. we'll caravan to Woody's in North East Maryland for crabs. We'll host our last outdoor CCC at Jim Mack's on October 5th and for November will relocate the event to the Burger King in Columbia. But wait - there is one more soiree planned. We'll be hosting our first ever Halloween Party on October 19th at 264 West Market Street in Marietta. There will be a \$10 cover charge per person with food and drinks. Costumes ARE required and prizes will be awarded for the most original, funniest and best LBC themed costumes. FYI – the decision of the judges will be final. Then on the 16th of October, we'll be enjoying ice cream at "Twisted Sisters Ice Cream" in Ephrata. Hum, believe we should invite them to the Halloween Party. Even though it's September there are still lots left to enjoy this year. But next up are my soap box ramblings something by now you've figured out I enjoy. September was a month of sharing through our events and participation. At TOB we were able to share our time to help produce a very successful car show for the 34th year. In that sharing of our collective time we were able to generate the funds to share with our friends at The Schreiber Pediatric Center. At The Long Community event we were able to share our cars with some very appreciative guests at their home. We individually and collectively took the time to share our time, cars and good fortune with others in our community. As a bonus we've grown by 3 new members in our club. At The Taste of Britain show we met a 15-year-old young man who bought an MGB. To experience and see the excitement through his eyes for our British Motoring Heritage was very exciting and touching. He's not old enough to have a PA driver's license yet, but that's a moot point. He was just flat out excited and joined our club. Several weeks ago, the club received an email from a fellow in Massachusetts who will be attending the swap meet in Hershey and wanted to have dinner with some fellow MG enthusiasts while in town, so were meeting for dinner on the 10th. None of this happens by accident, but only through our collective effort to share with not just each other but everyone around us.

"There is no delight in owning anything unshared." — Seneca

For me and I hope for you it was a very delightful month to share our good fortune with others and see the world through the eyes of an excited 15-year-old. Together let's continue to share our good fortune and the gifts we've all been given. 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.



Great Day for a Car Show!



Nice Mix of British Cars



The Litwins' Jag



Emory's MG and a Mini Woody!



The Wardell Family Midgets



Jeremy's Porsche



Swedish Motors is represented!



Regalia for Sale!



Hat Contest Winner



The Trophy Winning Team

The Long Community at Highland – Cruise-In Night. By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger

The call went out to the 3 clubs, “Calling All Cars” seriously ALL cars and you responded. The club was asked back to support The Long Community’s second annual Cruise-In at their location in Lancaster. The event is for the enjoyment of community residents. We supplied the cars last year and this year was even better. We had a great representation of 23 cars from LANCO, CPTC and the AH club with a mix of 28 club members attending. Thank you all for your tremendous support! It was a beautiful evening with The Long Community supplying a food truck, ice cream truck and music via the “Swing Time Dolls” drawing their musical inspiration from the Andrews Sisters making for just a beautiful evening. As a car club it really doesn’t get much better than this. Enjoying the weather, the venue with good company and sharing our collective good fortune. But for me the evening was made even better when I spotted a group looking at my TVR. I went over to talk about the car, and it was a resident with his son and daughter in law. His dad is a resident in the Alzheimer unit at Longs. His dad owned a British car years ago and was excited to see all the cars. He didn’t speak, but just looked at the car and they shared they are very happy with the care provided by The Long Home. What a privilege to be there that evening helping to share memories!



Laura and Scott are here



Good Turnout



“Charles” the Delahaye is here!



Talkin' Cars



Chatting in the Shade



Long line for ice cream!

Ice Cream Nite at Sarah's Creamery. Photos by Steve Dellinger



Brits at Sarah's Creamery



Food at Greer's Burger Garage



Pete's Lotus



Checking Out Steve R's Car