

## **LANCO MG CLUB (10/14/24)**

### **The View from Behind the Wheel**

**By Ralph Spayd**

**Photos by Steve Dellinger and Charlie Baldwin**

Although the car and calendar year are winding down this is my favorite time of the year with warm temperate days. Makes for some perfect LBC driving weather when neither the cars nor driver overheat! September provided plenty of opportunities to get out and drive. Charlie led a caravan of hearty drivers to Watkins Glen on September 5<sup>th</sup>. What we did learn from that event is the Larry M. is quite the poet! Hopefully his work will make the British Marque this month ... well done Larry! We also held our monthly meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.with a change of venue to the Centerville Diner. And two regular monthly gems ... CCC at Jim Macks on the 7<sup>th</sup> and of course ice cream at Down on the Farm Creamery on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our own Gregg S. led a caravan to the Hunt Country Classic on the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup>. Gregg must have some good connections with the weather gods as it was perfect weather. We held our last outside CCC on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Jim Macks. The next CCC will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Burger King in Columbia. Still to be held as of this writing, we'll be dining on ice cream on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Twisted Sisters Ice Cream in Manheim and caravanning to Woody's in North East Maryland on October 20<sup>th</sup>. To my great disappointment, we did cancel our Halloween Party scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> ... the event proved to be too scary for the club. But not to be deterred, I'm going to plan a formal attire Valentine Dance in February 2025, details to follow!!!! We have just about exhausted a very busy calendar for 2024 but still have two CCC events planned for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 14 both at the Burger King in Columbia. Make sure you see Steve R. for your discount coupon. November 20<sup>th</sup> will be our final ice cream/hot chocolate nite at Friendly's on Centerville Road in Lancaster on November 20<sup>th</sup>. January 2025 will kick off our hot chocolate sugar fix event with locations TBD. And the last big event for the year will be our annual Holiday gathering on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Strasburg Inn; like last year it will be a luncheon event at 1 PM. Like Porky Pig says ... "that's all folks", well at least for 2024. The planning for the 2025 calendar will begin soon and we can use your valued input and ideas to help shape the coming year. The past year has been very busy with just loads of things to do and be part of but not without some challenges to our plans. The Schreiber event did not go as planned for either group, so we'll need to work on that for the coming year to better coordinate the effort. Our planned Halloween Party was met with less than robust interest by the club. But you never know until you plan and test the waters with new ideas to see where the club's interests fall. Plan, change and adapting your direction are the key to any successful organization and we will continue to present new and creative ideas and events to our members. Staying relevant and interesting is the challenge to any organization, especially to a car club. Speaking of change, I've been experiencing that for the last several weeks. While working on my TVR I took a tumble off my roller stool and did a world class split hyperextending my right hip. Some things you take for granted like mobility. Well, I'm rehabbing my hip, learning to adjust and rebuild my mobility and as Linda can attest, I'm not a good or patient, patient!! Just like our LANCO MG Club, we all at times need to plan, change and adapt as we move through time.

**Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.” — Stephen Hawking.**

I'm personally looking forward to 2025 and the entire new and exciting thing we as an intelligent and eclectic collection of friends and car enthusiasts will plan and accomplish in the coming year.

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



**The Down on the Farm Crew**



**Sunny CC&C Day**



**Bentley, TD and More**



**BGT**



**Not British ... but Nice!**



**Also not British ...**

## Hagley Car Show: British Invasion

By Steve Dellinger

Photos by Steve Dellinger

The theme of this year's Hagley Car Show in Wilmington, Delaware was "British Invasion". So, I registered my 1994-build Rover Mini Monte Carlo Edition ("Monte") for the show. Unfortunately, I missed the cut-off to get in the "Feature Car" display fields – and was destined to be parked with the approximately 500 other cars in the "General Car Display" area. I got there shortly after registration opened and, although I had a "General" parking pass, the car enthusiasts parking the British cars found a space for Monte under a tree next to the access road in the Feature Car display area (thank you British Car Club of Delaware!). The Feature Car display is located along the access road to the other display area, so all the show cars had to pass by my spot – what an interesting mix of cars! A short time later, LANCO members Charlie Baldwin and Margaret Sultner arrived in Charlie's '52 MG-TD, as did Liz Haines in her '77 MGB. The weather was sunny and warm, the food was great, and everyone was more than happy to talk about their cars.



**"Monte" watching the Show Cars arrive**



**Liz, Margaret and Charlie lounging in the Shade**



**1938 Riley Special Race Car**



**1961 Morris Mini Traveller**



**1948 MG-TC with Cycle Fenders**



**Healeys!**



**1959 Riley One Point Five**





**1957 Morris Minor 1000 4 Door Coupe**



**1967 Lotus Elan S3 SS Coupe**



**The Sharkmobile ("Bruce") was there!**

### **Watkins Glen MG Festival 2024**

**Poem by Larry Mellott**

**Photos by Bonnie Mellott and Charlie Baldwin**

(A poem memorializing LANCO's pilgrimage to the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival)

So how'd it go at Watkins Glen  
I thought you'd like to know  
I'll tell you all as best I can  
About the "100 Years of MG" show  
    The drive to there was chilly and bright  
    Four hours more or less  
    Tops were down and the wind was light  
    Sweatshirts were the dress  
Charles and Margaret led the tour  
With Bonnie, Larry and Andy  
Then Liz showed up and we picked up Cor  
And from there all was dandy  
    Halfway there we stopped to eat  
    At a place they call Trout Run  
    Where Subway, Wings and Fatburger meat  
    Were three shops all in one  
Back on the road in caravan style  
With three LANCO MGBs  
And mixed with them in that single file

Was a pair of MGTDs  
Five cars in the group...yes five  
Crossed over the New York line  
To bring a century of MG alive  
In the villas and country of wine  
At the motel we finally got to rest  
And relieve our road-worn sore  
At our corner table we had the best  
Dinner and a birthday cake for Cor  
Then we relaxed in that corner where  
We used the time to chill  
Another guy came to join us there  
It was Andy's brother Phil  
Friday morning began at 7  
To join the "Tour de Marque"  
On miles and miles of back road heaven  
In a parade of all MG  
Then a hearty lunch and a parade downtown  
Through the streets of Watkins Glen  
With people waving from all around  
And cheering us on again  
The town was a party...yes and more  
With music and vendors in the street  
Block after block you could feel the allure  
Of a racing town on a beat  
We drove the old course as it might have been  
In the original first Grand Prix  
Over the hills-and-dales and bridges in  
None other than an old MG  
We finished the day on the manicured lawn  
At the park in the center of town  
As the public milled around looking on  
At the MGs all around  
It rained that night and into dawn  
So we waited out the weather  
Then started home when the rain had gone  
With only three MGs together  
Cor left early in his TD  
And challenged the rainy road  
While Liz had trouble with her B  
And had to have it towed  
But it was a beautiful time we had  
At that Watkins Glen event  
And I believe everyone was glad  
To have participated and went

Larry Mellott  
September 2024



**LANCO Heading North**



**Ready for the Tour de Marque**



**Bonnie and Margaret**



**On the Tour**



**MGs by the Lake**



**Cruising through the Woods**



**Some of the LANCO Crew**



## MGs in the Park

### Rocks - 2024

**By Steve Dellinger and Charlie Baldwin**  
**Photos by Charlie Baldwin**

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, more than a dozen LANCO Members headed to the Rocks State Park 4H Camp in rural Harford County, Maryland for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual “MGs on The Rocks” British Car Show. The show is put on by the MGs of Baltimore Club. Unfortunately, the weather was overcast, with intermittent showers, but there still was a good turnout. Dennis Blevins’ grandson, Owen Lesher drove his grandfather’s 1994 Jaguar XJS and won second place in its class. (Owen would have driven his Midget – but it blew another head gasket on the way to the A Taste of Britain show the month before. Owen reports that it will be back on the road shortly!). Lillian and Joe Jason drove their 1957 Morris Minor (named Matilda), and their daughter Jillian and fiancé Eric traveled from their home in Chicago to attend the show - and drove Lillian and Joe’s 1966 BJ8 Healey 3000.

Four Club members ended up winning awards, as follows:

- MGB/GT, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brooks Thompson, '74 MGB-GT
- MG Midgets, 1961-1974, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron Wardell, '73 Midget
- MGTC, TD, TF – All Years – 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Baldwin, '52 MG-TD
- Jaguar, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dennis & Carol Blevins (Owen Lesher) – '94 Jaguar XJS



**Ready to head to The Rocks!**





**The Jason Clan (and Matilda)**



**Charlie's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**



**Brooks' '74 BGT**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner for the Jaguar XJS**



**"54 Arnolt Bristol**