

## LANCO MG CLUB (11/11/24)

### The View from Behind the Wheel

**By Ralph Spayd**

**Photos by Steve Dellinger**

The view from behind the wheel this month is more a look down a short road and into the garage as we prepare to park our LBC's for the season. Well, not everyone is parking, as I'm sure Deb, Gregg, Charlie et. al. won't park but keep on driving. If you think I'm kidding, ask Charlie B about his college daze (not a typo) and his driving experiences! And not to disappoint on a late fall day with temps in the 50's and some light rain, Deb did drive her TD to the monthly club meeting today. We had a nice turnout for the November monthly club meeting and covered some key business issues. Steve D. presented some proposed changes to the by-laws. There were no additions, so we'll publish a copy to the club members for review via email. If no changes are voiced, we'll vote on the proposal at the December Holiday banquet. Gregg S. displayed his laser cut brackets for his MGB. The supplier did great work and was quick and cost effective. (Contact Gregg for details.) Bruce H. shared his refurbished Bugeye burl wood dash. It was spectacular, a true professional work of art. We've been holding our meetings at the Centerville Diner in Lancaster for quite some time. They are very accommodating as we have our own private meeting room and as always, the service and food today was spot on.

To wrap up the 2024 driving season, we had a spectacular caravan to Woody's in North East, MD on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather was truly spectacular for the trip. We had a small, but hardy group at Twisted Sisters Creamery for ice cream on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Manheim. The venue was great and deserves a reschedule for 2025. It's always better to be lucky than good and we lucked out for our November CCC at Burger King in Columbia with 21 members and 16 cars attending. With the great weather and the large crowd, we worked on solving the world's problems one oil leak at a time!!

Just some end of year reminders. Sadly, the British Marque will publish their last edition in May 2025. Its ending is certainly a loss for the global car community. It was a wonderful way to keep in touch with lots of car clubs and their news, activities and re-purpose some of their ideas ... hummmm! What does all of this mean for LANCO? We use the British Marque as our newsletter, and I can assure you we are not restarting a club newsletter. So, we'll be using our email blasts to keep you updated on articles, reviews and news of upcoming events for the club. If YOU want to be kept in the know, make sure your email address is current and up to date. If not, you'll be checking your mailbox in June to no avail. But hey "you've got mail" but only if we have your correct email address. We do have another option if 3, 4 or 5 members want to form the editorial staff and start a newsletter, please feel free to contact me directly and I'll direct you to Steve D ... hahahahaha! Whew, that felt good. Looking forward to 2025 we have some work to do. We need a final review of our club by-laws to ensure they are up to date and reflect current needs. We'll form a committee to review the future of TOB. The 2025 show will be our 35<sup>th</sup> event and we need to look at the future and plan where and what we want to do moving forward with a car show. To that end, the board has discussed possibly restarting British Invade Gettysburg. The Outlets currently do not allow the use of Main Street for shows, but host car shows in another part of their parking lot. Finally, we'll do a general review of how we conduct business for the club. If reelected for 2025/26, I want to set up a committee structure for all of the above and directly involve as many members as possible. As they say, "many hands make light work". We are topping out at 150+ members and that is no accident. That is only because we have a concerned and involved membership. It takes some work to stay relevant, interesting and FUN, but always worth the effort. I'm excited about the New Year, new possibilities, events and just enjoying unraveling the future with my friends at LANCO. Yep, it's that time ... soapbox ramblings. I enjoy reflecting on the past month and the lessons and experiences I've encountered. I work part-time for Enterprise Holdings and jockey cars from our office to wherever

they are needed. I was off for several weeks due to my self-inflicted hip injury ... duh! When I returned it was like the prodigal son returned, what a warm welcome for a part-time employee ... humbling and appreciated. This past week, Ian, a fellow TVR owner whom I see at TOB and occasional TVR breakfast meeting bought me an intake manifold for my car. We both discussed upgrading the fuel injection to a Holly Sniper system and it requires a low-profile manifold. He saw the unit on eBay, thought of me and snagged it, knowing I would need it. It was an amazing kindness and a thoughtful gesture. Jim H. called me this week to let me know about the beautiful stained glass MG project he was making for the club's Holiday Banquet. He wants to raffle it off and have the proceeds go to the club. Three separate events, but all connected by friends thinking and helping others. There was nothing to be gained by these actions, only the satisfaction of helping and sharing with each other. Each one presenting a spontaneous kind offering ... wow they certainly made my day, week and month!

**“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.”**

Not sure who to credit for this quote, but it made me reflect on the times I've had good intentions, but didn't follow through. The coming year will be full of good intentions, but let's vow to follow through with that bit of kindness, sharing our good fortune and showing everyone why we are the premier British Car club.

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.



**Bugeye Burl Wood Dash**



Neither rain ...



Someone's new Toy



**Midget Sandwich**



**Look – but don't touch!**



**The “Twisted” Crew**

## **Annual Road Trip to Woody’s**

**By Steve Dellinger**

**Photos by Steve Dellinger**

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the day for our annual road trip to Woody’s Crab House in North East Maryland, the sky was clear, and all was good. It was a tad chilly in the morning, but by midafternoon, the temps were in the mid-70s. This event is a favorite for the club and always well attended. We had twenty-six members attending and a total of twelve British cars made the trip – including several with their hoods (tops) down! Those brave souls who went “topless” included Deb in the MGTC, Gregg in the Midget, Pam and Bob in the Sprite, Lucy and Steve in the Lotus, Jerry and Jenn in the TR6, Ralph and Linda in the TVR, and Rob in the Alpine. The drive to Woody’s is a very nice and relaxing drive down PA Route 272 through the Southern Lancaster and Chester Counties’ farm country with minimal highway traffic – but numerous Amish buggies. It’s a perfect drive for your LBC ending with a great meal. (A question was asked – but not answered. What were Linda, Ralph and King Charles doing in the ladies’ room??). With the sunny and warm afternoon weather, the majority of the group took advantage of the ice cream shop next door to Woody’s. Another fun annual pilgrimage to Woody’s!!!!



**Top down weather?**



**Pre-departure discussions**



**Steve and Lucy are here!**



**Pam talks Sprite!**



**We made it to North East!**



**Heading in!**





**The Crew – Part 1**



**The Crew – Part 2**



**Ice Cream on the Porch**

### **November Coffee – Cars and Conversation**

**By Steve Dellinger**

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We held our 1<sup>st</sup> CCC of Fall 2024 on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Burger King in Columbia, PA. Mother Nature cooperated with a sunny day that was a bit brisk in the morning, but which made it past 60 degrees by lunch time. Twenty-one members were in attendance, as were sixteen British cars! I decided to drive E.T. (the '74 Mini 1000) CCC for the first time since last December (2023) – when the car died (electrical gremlins) and had to be towed. Fortunately, E.T. made it home safely this time!! Many of the “usual suspects” were in attendance, as well as some members we only see occasionally. Milt M. drove his '64 Morgan +4; Pam P. drove her AH Sprite; Aaron W. and Brooks T. both drove their BGTs; Shawn and Tammi M. showed up in the MGB; Rob P. in the Alpine; Trex in the Magnette; and many more. Lots of discussions ensued – both in the building and in the parking lot, including an extensive discussion of which used MINI models to buy – and which models to stay away from.



**Great early Fall turnout**



**Nice mix of British Cars**



**Two GTs, a Magnette and a B**



**Rob's Alpine and Deb's TC**



**Milt drove the Morgan**



**Coffee, Car and Conversation!**



**E.T. made it here (and home)!**