

LANCO MG CLUB (January 2025)

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

Welcome to 2025 as we start another year with LANCO. The year promises to be a busy one - providing lots of opportunities to drive your LBC. We had a wonderful Holiday Banquet on December 7th at the Fireside Inn – The Willows at Historic Strasburg Inn or better known as FITWAHSI ... lol! Lots of serious and not so serious business was conducted at the event. The turnout was very good, and the time change to an early afternoon banquet works well. Thanks to all the organizers for the Banquet.

We held our January CCC on the 4th at the McDonalds in Columbia as the BK is under renovations, we'll also meet there again for our February CCC. Now I would be remiss if I didn't comment on that morning. It was VERY cold with a wind chill of 13d. So cold even Deb didn't drive her LBC, but, but Steve R. did drive his Lotus 7 that morning sans heater, top or whatever. He was bundled up like the abominable snow man. Steve recently won the brown wire award, but I think I'm going to add a 'blue' wire award ... I'll let you each fill in a mental image!!

Our tentative calendar for 2025 is posted on the web and we still need to fill in some blanks and add some events. We'll be holding our first Board of Directors meeting on Jan 23rd at the "epicenter" to work on those details. Speaking of the Board let's all welcome Pam P. as our newest Board member-at-large. The recent by-laws change did increase the Board by one additional member. For the first time in recent history, we actually had to vote on members running for board positions. That is a VERY good sign of the health of our club. Looking to 2025, I have several goals for the coming year. I want to continue our goal of being a purpose driven club and expand our reach into the community. To help facilitate that goal, I'm planning on establishing several committees to expand our reach. I'd like to establish the following: Car Shows/Road Trips; Club Liaisons; Tech Squad; WEB Guru's; TOB 2025 and beyond. The coming year will continue to be a transition year for our club and with an expanded committee structure involving more members in the planning and execution, we can ensure our continued success and future. Soooooo, please - when called upon to help on a committee - remember no isn't an option, it was really more of a rhetorical question. Reflecting on 2024, I can sum up the year into four items: growth, volunteer participation, friendships and a purpose driven club. What an amazing year for the club and certainly something we can all take great pride in our accomplishments. Innovating and staying relevant will continue to take work, but the involvement of more members in our planning will help to keep us moving forward, relevant and growing.

"We have to keep transforming ourselves to stay relevant for the future."

Maurice Levy

That's the key to the future for LANCO. We are not the same club as we were 20 years ago, and we'll not be the same club 20 years from now. But by managing and planning our transformation we'll be here for the next generation of British Motoring enthusiasts. I'm excited about our future and grateful for the opportunity to serve the club. 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.



Brits at McDonald's in December



December "Crew"



December "Crew" - 2



December "Crew" - 3



13°F Wind Chill!



January "Crew"



January "Crew" - 2

LANCO Annual Holiday Banquet by Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger

On Saturday December 7th we held our annual Holiday Banquet at The Willows at Historic Strasburg Inn. In addition to our holiday celebration this year, we had to conduct some business at the gathering to approve the revised club by-laws. Steve D. did an excellent job of swiftly conducting the business portion. Now, all this happened after the cash bar, so there might be future lessons here!! Before we get into the Banquet details, a big thank you to Dennis and Carol for setting up this year's banquet, also to Deb for the poinsettias and Larry and Gloria for working out the details. All this happens very seamlessly, but not without the effort of the planning team ... thank you. We always recognize the members for their years of service and this year we had several 40-year member anniversaries. We recognized Tim and Joan Martin, Joel Beck and Mike and Carol Schmuck. It was impressive that they all joined whilst in elementary school ... congratulations for your years of service to LANCO. Something we can all be very proud of is our donation to the Schreiber Pediatric Center. We use the proceeds from our Taste of Britain show to fund our donation. This year Kristen Masengard from Schreiber accepted our \$1000 donation to the center. For me, it's very gratifying we as a club continue to recognize our responsibility to share our good fortune with others. Well done LANCO! The banquet is a lot of fun with both well-deserved and "tongue in cheek" awards. I won't dwell on

the "Enthusiast of the Year" Award, as I was presented with the award. I appreciate the recognition and am honored to continue to serve and lead such a wonderful group of friends - thank you. Our "Most Active New Member" Award was presented to Aaron Wolfe. Aaron is a wonderful young man with emphasis on young ... he truly embodies the spirit of the club. One of the highlights of the event is the presentation of the "Brown Wire" Award to a most deserving member. As you may know, a brown wire in your British car is a mainstay of the electrical system and is typically not fused or protected, just like the award winner. This year we had several viable candidates, but Steve R. went over and above to win with 3 disabled LBC at one time ... well done Steve! Dennis B. did present the "Hard Luck" award to his Grandson, Owen L. Owen, like Frank Sinatra, is doing it "MY Way" with three head gaskets under his belt or some place. Dennis, please explain to Owen who Frank Sinatra is ... oh to be young again! Under the President's remarks, we did introduce the new Board of Directors for the 2025/26 term. Deb is back as VP; Gloria as Treasurer; Steve D as Secretary; Trex, Schnegg and Pam as members at large serving on the Board. Thank you to all for serving and I look forward to working with the Board. We did a special recognition to Charlie B and Gregg S for car shows and road trips. A special recognition went to Dennis B and Karen G for being our web Guru's. We also recognized the Tech Squad members Steve R; Bruce H; and Jim H. We get a goodly number of tech questions during the year which our tech squad fields and helps to keep 'em on the road or safely off to the side!!! Finally, we concluded with my remarks about the past year summed up into growth, volunteer participation, friendships and purpose driven. What a true delight to be allowed to lead this group. The involvement by so many members makes my job as President a piece of cake! We can't do what we do without the participation of many ... thank you for another wonderful, fun and productive year. Remember to check out our web site at www.lancomgclub.com and follow us on Facebook. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

Service awards for the year included the following:

Years of service in the Club:

40 Years of Service

Tim and Joan Martin

Joel Beck

Mike and Carol Schmuck

35 Years of Service

Pete Slesser

30 Years of Service

Mark Anderson

25 Years of Service

Stephen and Barb Weaver

20 Years of Service

Tom and Mary Lynne Naples

Taylor and Mary Jane Miller

15 Years of Service

Philip Grosklos

Cor Engelen

10 Years of Service

Margaret Sultner

Al and Joan Nagy

Joe and Kerch McConlogue
David and Karen Schultze
Ralph Ludewig
Russ Vollmer

5 Years of Service

Diane Maurer
Ron Wardell
Liz Haines
Mark and Cathyann Litwin
Richard and Ann Larrick
Stanley Beaver
Bruce and Jamie Kogan



Pre-Dinner Conversations



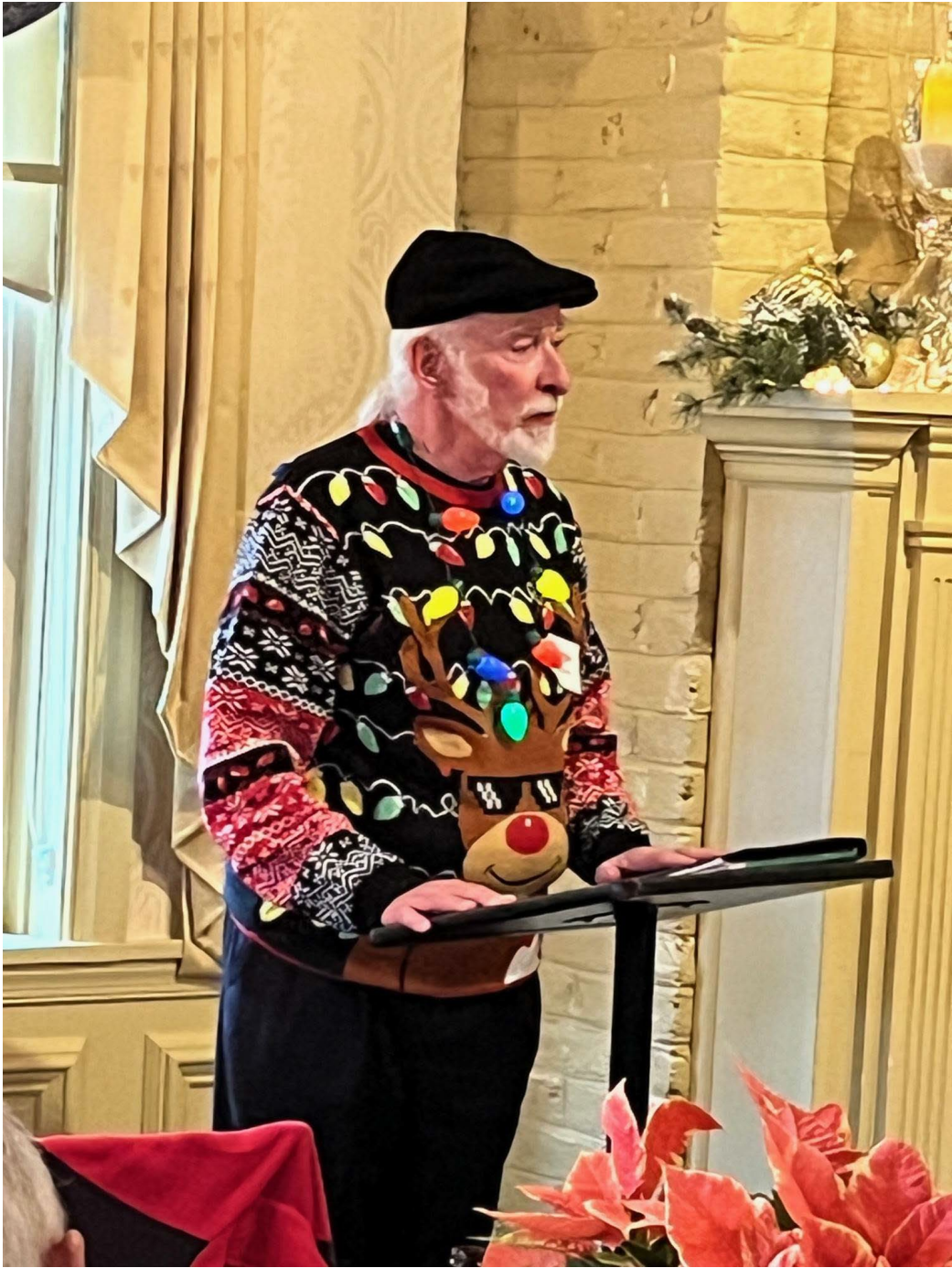
Pre-Dinner Conversations - 2



Pre-Dinner Conversations – 3



Pre-Dinner Conversations – 4



Listening to the Prez



“Enthusiast of the Year” – Ralph Spayd



“Most Active New Member” – Aaron Wolfe



“Brown Wire Award” Winner – Steve Rineer



“Hard Luck Award” Winner – Owen Lesher



The "Hard Luck" Midget!



Charlie the "Car Show Guy"



The "LANCO Tech Squad"



Check Presentation

Coffee – Cars and Conversation _by Steve Dellinger

Due to the scheduling of the Annual Banquet, the December 2024 edition of Coffee, Cars & Conversation was pushed back to Saturday, December 14th. It was discovered that the dining area of our usual Winter location (the Burger King in Columbia, PA) was closed for renovations – so we moved to the McDonald's at the east end of town. The weather was partly cloudy and seasonal (30°F) and the turnout was good (15 people and 9 British cars)! Aaron Wolfe was there to accept his "Most Active New Member" Award. On January 4th we were back at McDonald's. The weather was less friendly – overcast skies with a wind chill of around 13°F. Despite the weather, Steve Rineer still drove the Lotus! (Although he didn't take his coat off the whole time that he was inside). It was a slim turnout – with only six people and four British cars in attendance. We will be at McDonald's again on February 1st but hope to be back at the Burger King for the March CC&C (stay tuned for updates).