

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

Writing my final article for the British Marque seems very surreal and if my math is correct, this is my 48th consecutive article for the Marque. But I'll elaborate more on that subject in my soapbox ramblings. I got the latest membership headcount from Larry at our last meeting and we're up to 154 members. What a wonderful accomplishment by everyone in the club to keep our momentum and enthusiasm for our British Motoring Heritage alive and growing. We're a true British car club encompassing MG, Triumph, Austin Healey, Morgan, Lotus, TVR, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Mini Cooper (both old and new), Austin Mini, Morris Mini, Sunbeam, Caterham and Austin Marina. Now that's just the British side of the club with "other" marques also represented by our members, truly amazing. So, with all that rolling artwork available to drive, here's a recap of your opportunities to keep moving them cars. Our club meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3 PM. The date does move occasionally based on holiday conflicts and we hold the meetings at the Centerville Diner in Lancaster. Our Coffee – Cars and Conversation (CCC) are held the 1st Saturday of the summer months at 10 AM at Jim Mack's Ice Cream in Hallam. Winter, we retreat to the Burger King in Columbia. Our infamous Ice Cream Nights are a moving target shifting to venues over both Lancaster and York County on the 3rd Wednesday night at either 5:30 or 6:30 PM, depending on the location.

Well, why this entire recap, without the British Marque it's important you keep updated and current via our club web site at www.lancomgclub.com. We have a covered bridge tour on May 3rd, a tech session on May 18th and an ice cream night on May 21st. We'll be at Carlisle Imports on May 16 and 17. We'll be meeting with the Keystone Club on the 31st at the Union Jack Pub in Oley, PA. That's just the May events and June is a bustling month, you gotta keep current on our web site - can't over stress the importance!! We have good cars, good people and good reasons to drive our LBC's. We need to work to stay connected.

Now to the soap box for a final British Marque message. I can't thank the staff of the British Marque enough for their tireless work on publishing a world class newsletter. For me and the LANCO MG Club it's served as our newsletter, calendar and general communication tool. It's provided me with ideas from other clubs and inspiration to keep making our club better. The British Marque will certainly be missed by me and the British car family. I wish my fellow clubs the very best as we manage a changing car club environment. We've all lived with change in our personal lives, work and with friends and the times we've been successful are when we've been able to embrace the changes in our lives and manage our future. This change with the British Marque will present just another opportunity for us to learn and grow as we move forward. I've never met any of the staff of the British Marque, but I count you all as my friends. Best wishes to you as you move forward to new adventures and opportunities.

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

— Søren Kierkegaard

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.



Happy Retirement from the LANCO Crew!!

Ice Cream Night, April CCC and Breakfast with Monty By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger and Ralph Spayd

We held our 3rd. Ice Cream Night of 2025 at Hayloft Ice Cream in Leola. The turnout was inspiring, well at least very good. The original “concept” of this event was to gather for some desert mid-week to keep us all connected during the month and who among us doesn’t like desert. I stand corrected as that “concept” melted away quicker than your cone on a hot summer’s day. I remember fondly the first event...Ralph, where’s the food, we gotta have dinner, they don’t have food here. Hummmm, it was advertised as ICE CREAM NIGHT, but I was mistaken. I won’t mention names, but we all know who led the insurrection. After the first event, we did change venues to locations that serve both ice cream and food, preventing a coup d’état. But looking back, possibly I should have just stuck with ice cream and let the events play out ... lol! Actually, the change was good, and the event confirmed that. Like CCC, our ice cream nights are full of conversation, good fun and food. As someone noted, we need club tee shirts stating:

“LANCO MG is an eating club with interesting cars”

Gentlemen (and Ladies), start your appetites. Now I hate to be redundant, but like the Tee shirt says, we held another dining event on April 5th with our monthly CCC at the Burger King in Columbia. The turnout was outstanding. But just to double our options, we met PRIOR to CCC at 8 AM at the Bulls Head Tavern in Lititz for a “full Monty” English Breakfast. The turnout was sparse with only Gregg, Pam and me attending. The breakfast was a full serving of eggs, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, a tomato, beans and toast. I almost forgot the blood pudding and as the song says, two out of three ain’t bad as Pam passed on the pudding. It was a great breakfast event so check out the club calendar for our next “full Monty” road trip to Lititz. But one final note, we do like the fast-food restaurants because, like our cars, the breakfast sandwiches mark their spot ... yummy!



Midgets and More



Steve R. made it!



Food and Ice Cream!



Bullwinkle Hat???



Breakfast at the Bulls Head Public House



The "Full Monty"!

April Club Meeting By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Ralph Spayd

Well, “they” said it couldn’t be done, that it was just a scam and hoax perpetrated by the management. But they were wrong; we actually had a name tag winner at the April 6th meeting at the Centerville Diner. Actually, I’m not sure how it happened. Steve D. wasn’t there to give me the “random member number”. Maybe that’s where it all broke down, I just don’t know. All that being said, Rich L. won the April drawing of \$40 dollars. Our only consolation is Rich introduced Gloria to her 1st MGB, so not sure he’ll ever get the check from her ... whew, we might have dodged a bullet after all!! The trivia question was based on the “full Monty” breakfast with blood pudding that several of us enjoyed the day, well actually only two, right Gregg? What can’t you include in blood pudding when shipped to the USA? It’s not real restrictive, but Steve R. won the cash prize, so check with him. We did have a good turnout with 21 members attending. I sorely missed our secretary Steve D as I had to take my own minutes and now must read my own handwriting. Per the agenda, we reviewed dates and recapped past events. Jim H. has agreed to host the tech session on May 18th at his garage and we’ll gather at 1 PM. We had an email request to supply a ride in a TD. The request was from the daughter for her father. We had a similar request years ago and Charlie B. has responded to the request. We have also received a request through the tech squad for assistance in restoring a 1962 Daimler SP250. We did agree to recommend several quality restoration shops. Bruce H. presented a potential tour of an exclusive private car collection. We’ll work on dates, times, etc. Finally, TOB wasn’t finalized as old business at the meeting, but we did receive details after the meeting from the Lancaster Polo Club. The Polo Club has changed their agreement for all organizations and will charge a fee and collect all the gate monies for the event – a significant change from the arrangement in past years. As a result, we **will not** be holding TOB at Forney Field this year. The additional cost and loss of the gate revenue would not allow LANCO to present a profitable car show. We’ll be holding a board of directors meeting in late April to discuss options. It was a productive and informative meeting.



Good Meeting Turnout



The Rest of the Crew