

## **LANCO MG CLUB – April 2023**

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

Well Steve D has moved up his editorial deadline this month sooooo ... I'm going to assume we had a great meeting at the AACA Museum on April 16<sup>th</sup> as today is the 6<sup>th</sup>! But I do write that with some trepidation. We will/did/have presented a \$750 donation to the Museum. As you may recall, that was the proceeds from the auction of the donated BGT that Tony S gave to the club. Not to digress, but I did see the movie, "Everything Everywhere All at Once". It's about parallel universes. So, writing about past, present and future events leave me "tense". Any English majors out there...get the pun"?

OK, back to business. Past activities this month included ice cream, CCC, a monthly meeting, The Whip Tavern road trip and a CPTC sponsored tech session, not bad for March. A preview of coming attractions include more ice cream, more club meetings, CCC and just some spectacular member hosted events like June 3<sup>rd</sup> CCC hosted by Rob and Jim. The Spring Time BBQ Bash on May 20<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Mark and Cat and Outdoor Movie Night on June 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Pam and Bob via the AH Club. Thanks to all for graciously hosting. This year is shaping up to be very busy with club events and gatherings. We're planning a road trips to vintage racing later this season. I think that's a new one for the club. I'd like to work in a poker run this fall and welcome any ideas from past events. I know we've run them in the past so let's resurrect one for the fall. Our Taste of Britain (TOB) is coming together for August 27<sup>th</sup> and will be open to all antique European cars. That is another first for the club. Just like last year, registration will be via Eventbrite. Our August CCC will be hosted by Phil G at 11 AM in Marysville by the river, yet another first for the club. I sense a pattern forming here. Lots of same old, same old, but yet we still manage to add new events. That's really what our club is all about, enjoying the past, but managing to grow and add new events. Speaking of new, here's a quick summary of "new" things I learned this past month: Margret S had a tragic flat tire event involving loose hardware. You'll need to quiz Charlie B for details; Steve R, has a joke to share about the foreign legion and a trip in town; Gregg S is the club official wire nut; Larry C is not good at following a car; Steve D is a VERY demanding editor; Mark L can share some exciting driving stories and last but not least, nah that it for new stuff, but what a lead in to the soapbox. How do you measure the success of any club? Is it in the number on members? The treasury balance? The number of activities we run in a month? Nope, it's measured by time spent hanging around after an event. CCC now lasts 2+ hours. A group drives to Coatesville for dinner and has to be asked to leave as there is another group coming in. Club meeting go 2+ hours and then continue in the parking lot. The conversations are about cars, family and experience we want to share with each other. It's all about getting together and sharing our stories. That's the measure of the health of any organization.

"There is something special when creative people get together."

**Joy Mangano**

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 and Meetup. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.



**New MINIs only at April CC&C**



**E.T. went for Ice Cream!**

## **British Wiring Tech Session Sponsored by the CPTC By Ralph Spayd**

The Central PA Triumph Club sponsored a British wiring tech session on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Rolls Royce Foundation. The Foundation is located at 189 Hempt Road in Mechanicsburg. It is very impressive and well worth your time to visit. You can contact them at 717 795-9400.

Rich R and Ron W were very gracious to invite the LANCO Club to attend. LANCO had 5 members attending a very excellent and informative program conducted by Jack Merryman. CPTC provided coffee, pastries and lunch. Geeze Louise, talking British cars, hanging with good friends and enjoying food....what was not to like. Jack did a great job of reviewing relays, color coding, and all things Lucas which by itself is no small feat. I've never attended a tech session and not picked up some new tidbit of info to use or help me to demystify the wonders of British wiring. To be honest, over the last 50 years of working on LBC's I've had very few problems with Lucas wiring or components. What I have had was issues with previous owners doing some really "impressive" and "creative" repairs. Jack gave a very positive spin on the status of the supply chain and availability of components in today's market. It's not a perfect world, but with some effort we can and do continue to make it all work. Thank to Jack and the CPTC for sharing the event with the LANCO MG Club. Oh yah, Gregg S is recovering from a severe case of schematic envy. But he can trace the problem.....yuck, yuck, yuck!!

## **The Whip Tavern Rod Trip By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Ralph Spayd**

We made our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual road trip to the Whip Tavern in Coatesville on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a St. Paddy's day celebration and the "Tavern" although English style was the perfect place to celebrate. We had 15 attending and the food and service were excellent. The parking is best left to the valets and best if you don't peak to see your car being parked. I also suspect it best if you don't drive a manual shift car to be parked....except for a brave Mini and a Fiat, our LBC's were left at home. The Whip Tavern is located close to nowhere, but a beautiful drive. I'm sure if I consulted a map, it's not really THAT far from civilization. A group met at our usual spot at the Sheetz on Oregon Pike to caravan to the restaurant. Pam P knows the back road to bypass the Rte. 222 traffic fiasco. The rest of the group braved the trip solo and met us there. Larry C followed Pam part of the way as he knew a short cut, sorta, kinda, better road thing and amazingly we did arrive! This event is staying on the books as an annual road trip and well worth the drive!



**The Crew, Part 1**



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Linda and The Prez



**Mark and Cat**



**Happy Couple!!**