

The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Gregg Swartley

Another month is in the books as we are wrapping up the fall driving season for 2023. The month's activities are paring down, and we could only manage some ice cream (a club staple), a final wet CCC at Jim Mack's and our club meeting at the Centerville Diner. We were also able to muster a nice turnout at MG's on the Rock's with several members collecting awards and Gregg S did snag 2nd place at the Hunt Country Classic. So not a bad wrap up to a very busy season. FYI - the CCC events will now move to the Burger King in Columbia until the warmer weather returns. We held a Board of Directors meeting on October 10th at the "epicenter". You may want to check with Larry and Gloria for the exact location of the meeting. But to be exact, we met a few feet from the epicenter. The Board recapped TOB 2023 and it was another financial success. Remember that we donate the profits from the event to a local charity at our annual Christmas Luncheon - putting our collective hard work to a good purpose. We're already planning TOB 2024 for Sunday August 25th, 2024. We do have several "twists" planned for the event, but more to come later. We did discuss 2024 and how we keep the club moving forward and staying active and relevant in a changing environment. We are planning to be more purpose driven in our future endeavors. Taste of Britain (TOB 2024) will reflect that goal. We also want to include more group events/rides for the club to share while dusting off some old events. And we want to form a "Tech Squad" to help other LBC owners and neophytes to assist in keeping our British Motor heritage literally and physically moving forward. So, don't be shy when you're asked to join our newly chartered tech squad. We're not quite finished with 2023 yet as we'll come together to share at our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 9th at 1 PM at the Historic Tavern. There are also some residual ice cream nights left and our always popular CCC at the Burger King in Columbia on the 1st Saturday of each month commencing at 10 AM. If you get there early Steve R typically has BK coupons....

Now it's time for my soapbox ramblings for the month. Had to let the board know I would be absent most of October as I bought a new house and sold my old house. Had lots of sorting, packing and trashing of "things" as I've lived in my current house since 1987. It was time for me to reconfigure my property and possessions, a daunting task for sure. What to keep, what's really important, what do I want vs. need...yikes! Lots of decisions. But it's not a bad exercise to work through and is cathartic as I lightened my load. I was truly amazed how many duplicate things I had acquired over the years and it was not hard for me to part with the 2 of the 3 rolling pins I had in the pantry. The question still remains as to why I'm actually keep one as I don't bake, but you never know. FYI - this is not a good sorting strategy. The moral to this story is that it's good to take stock as to where you are, where you're going and how you get there. It's made me very optimistic about my future and excited for my next phase of life. It's somewhat daunting, but at the same time exciting, just like life itself. How in the world does all this relate to our car club? Well, after our Board meeting on October 10th I was very excited and energized about the club's future. We had a great discussion about TOB 2024, some future changes for our direction and even reviewed some logo proposals. Wow, what to keep and what to move aside for the club. Just taking the time to take stock of our club to forge our future was very empowering. Things are good at LANCO as we move forward. Today at Woody's just reaffirmed all this as we heard the good news from Carolyn B and Diane M....moving forward and optimistic into the future.....wow!!

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

Sound words as I move boldly into the future with my one rolling pin.....

Stay safe and positive and remember to check out our web site at www.lancomgclub.com and follow us on Facebook and Meetup. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.



The Crowd at Coffee, Cars & Conversation

MGs on the Rocks – 2023 By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Gloria Ciarrocca and Steve Dellinger

On Saturday, September 30th, approximately two dozen LANCO Members headed to the Rocks State Park 4H Camp in rural Harford County, Maryland for the 44th Annual “MGs on The Rocks” British Car Show. The Show is put on by the MGs of Baltimore Club. Despite an iffy forecast earlier in the week, the day of show weather was good – as was the food! This year was the first year for a new field layout – the cars are now all facing the “hill” (and the DJ)!

Seven Club members ended up winning awards, as follows:

- MGB Roadsters, 1962-1967, 1st – Dave & T Trout, '65 MGB
- MGB Roadsters, 1968-1974, 1st – Gloria Ciarrocca, '70 MGB
- MGB Roadsters, 1968-1974, 3rd – Jeff Campbell, '79 MGB
- MGA - All Years – 3rd - Mike Swift, '62 MGA
- MGTC, TD, TF – All Years – 2nd – Marty Green, '53 MG-TD
- Other British – All Years – 3rd – Steve Dellinger – '95 Rover Mini
- Premier Class – 3rd – Jeff Shank – '67 MGB



New Show field Layout



B's, GT's and Other British



Dave Trout gets a 1st!



Gloria Ciarrocca also gets 1st!



Marty Green gets 2nd!



Steve Dellinger gets 3rd!



Jeff Shank also got a 3rd!



Eddie and Jon Arndt enjoying the Show

Annual Road Trip to Woody's

By Ralph Spayd

Photos by Gloria Ciarrocca and Steve Dellinger

What a difference a day can make. Saturday, October 14th was rainy, cold and just not pleasant. But Sunday the 15th, the day for our annual road trip to Woody's Crab House in North East Maryland, the sky cleared, and all was good. It was a tad chilly, but still good for a road trip. This event is a favorite for the club and always well attended. We had thirty members attending and a fair representation of LBC's. Linda and I opted for the comfort of the Mustang. We were going to put the top down, but "cooler" heads prevailed (actually they were cold heads!) Remember, I did say it was a tad chilly. (Deb and Diane drove there in the TC with the top down!) The drive to Woody's is a very nice and relaxing drive down Rte. 272 thru the farm country with minimal highway traffic. It's a perfect drive for your LBC ending with a great meal. If you've never made the trip you're missing a good one. In spite of the cold, several of us brave soul's endured ice cream on the porch next door to Woody's. It was just mooovelous as we enjoyed our ice cream with the cows contemplating how to get up and out of the porch chairs!!!!



Pre-Trip Confab at The Buck



Larry brought Chocolate!



Old Brits ready to Roll!



The Crew – Part 1



The Crew – Part 2



The Crew – Part 3



Ice Cream on the Porch