

## **LANCO MG CLUB – September 2023**

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

Steve D. is quite the task master, seems like I just wrote my monthly message and here we are again with “Ralph the deadline is Monday”, so here goes! We held our monthly meeting at the Centerville diner on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> with one twist as I had to leave quickly. So, a big thank you to the taskmaster for filling in for me. This past month we participated in the first ever car gathering at The Long Community in Lancaster. We had 15 cars representing the club and it was a huge hit with the residents of the community. We also held our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual TOB 2023 on August 27<sup>th</sup> at Forney Field in Rothsville. Special thanks to Andy S and Steve D for making it happen. Also, thanks to all the club “minions” who volunteered to make it a success. We couldn’t do it without all your help. Have to say, Andy S has streamlined the set up process to a tee! This is the first year we opened up the field to all antique European cars and we did attract a small gathering of European cars. The weather did cooperate (no rain), but it was much warmer than expected. Thank goodness for the tent and the shade. We did postpone our Poker Run to next year as the Labor Day weekend got in the way. Thank you Dennis for all your effort and we’re looking forward to our Poker Run in the spring. As usual, we had lots of ice cream for the month and I suspect we’re leading all British Clubs in our cumulative A1C numbers....As the calendar ticks away, we have a very busy fall schedule planned with more ice cream, but also some non-food events. Our annual road trip to Woody’s on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Two open houses to attend with a caravan to Proper Noise on September 24<sup>th</sup> or to Treasured Motorcars on September 30<sup>th</sup>. In the alternative, a caravan to MG’s On the Rocks on September 30<sup>th</sup> is also in the works. The Hunt Country Classic on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with an overnight stay on Saturday night with a location TBD. Just a side note, the CCC in October will be the final for the season at Jim Macks. We’ll concede and move to the BK in Columbia for the winter....geese I hate typing that statement!!! Well after the club monthly recap, here’s the moment we all look for, my soapbox. You’d think I’d run out of soapbox stuff, but nah, it just keeps flowing and happening....Last month I wrote about letting people “see” LANCO, not just our cars. Well this past month I received a call from a fellow who was helping his neighbor sell their 67 MGB. A typical sad story as the owner passed away and his wife was selling his pride n joy. I asked him how he found us and viola, one of the local premier restoration shops recommended LANCO as a very helpful club. So, he called us, we gave him some advice as it was a “B” and not a midget and Dennis B placed the classified ad on our web site. This past month we held our TOB 2023 for the 33<sup>rd</sup> year. We also participated in The Long Community 1<sup>st</sup> ever car gathering for their residents. Two of the events that we were contacted out of the blue and one a very concerted annual effort to keep us in the public eye. I’m sensing a pattern here based on our visibility and reputation. We do lots and lots of internal club events, but more importantly we do many external events to showcase who we are and to help promote the spirit of British motoring. People notice the good work we do and the good people we are. We continue to be way more than just our cars.

### **You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. Henry Ford**

We haven’t built our club reputation on what we are planning, but on our actions! We still have lots more to do and more people to help. Oh, and along the way some good food and good times to share.

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.

## **The Long Community at Highland Car “Drop In” By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Rob Shingle**

On Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> LANCO participated in the first car “drop in” hosted by The Long Community in Lancaster, PA. Now how did all this come about? Well about 6 weeks before the event I was contacted by the Home’s activity director that they were interested in hosting a car show of sorts for their residents. They wanted to try something different and cars were a logical choice. Of course, I said we would love to provide the cars for the event. So out went the notice to the club that we needed 20 cars for the 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 8 PM. Long’s would have music and a food truck on site for the event. We did manage to roust 15 cars from the club for evening. There were lots of questions and reminiscing about the cars by our audience. The weather was iffy, but we made the right decision to hold the event and all worked out well for the evening. It’s a lot of fun and satisfying to display the eclectic mix of cars we boast from the club and the residents were duly impressed. The nano burgers were tasty, and the ice cream was a big hit with everyone. A big thank you to all the LANCO members who participating in the event. It’s a great civic project for the club and I’m hoping to make it an annual event.



**Checking Out the Cars**



**Cars, Food and Ice Cream**





**Benson is here!**

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual “A Taste of Britain” By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the LANCO MG Club celebrated the Thirty-Third Annual “A Taste of Britain” Car Show at the Forney Polo Field in Rothsville, PA. For the first time in its long history, the show was opened up to British AND Classic/Antique European cars and motorcycles. The weather forecast was “iffy” all week, but show day turned out to be mostly sunny and warm. We had the tent for shaded seating, a food truck and an ice cream truck this year! We ended up with approximately 85 vehicles on the show field (including two motorcycles). The “day of show” numbers were down – probably as a result of that “iffy” forecast 😞. There were only eight non-British vehicles in attendance, which means that we need to do a better job next year of getting the word out to the non-British clubs! Again this year, Diane Maurer ran the “Proper British Hat Contest. There were 18 contestants and six winners (although everyone went home with a prize!) The six winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Garrett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rob Shingle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Deb Eckert
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cor Engelen
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Hess
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Gale Mellinger

LANCO members Jim Harbold and Andy Myers manned tables selling used car parts and MG/British car memorabilia. Cars of note on the field included Rich Trexler’s recently purchased 1958 MG ZB Magnette, Landon Hunter’s 1937 MG SA, Ian Reed’s 1937 MG TA, Rob Shingle’s 1957 Bentley Continental Flying Spur (named “Ida”), Brent and Kristy Firestone’s 1966 Beardmore Mark VII Taxi, and Paul Weisblat’s 1961 AMC Nash Metropolitan (named “Dot”). Rich Kushner of Swedish Motors in Marietta provided two older Saabs (and four of his mechanics) to man the company display. Thank you Rich! Thanks to all the participants and volunteers that made this year’s TOB a success!



**Regalia for Sale!**



**British on the Front Row**





**More Cars!**



**1958 MG ZB Magnette**





**1937 MG**



**Parts and Memorabilia for Sale!**





**European Representatives**



**Diamond in the Rough?**



**LANCO at the Lime Rock Park Historic Festival By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

On Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, LANCO Member Don Sechler, his wife Ann and I attended the Historic Festival 41 at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Connecticut. We decided to go for the Hospitality Package this year – for the food, drink, shaded seating and preferred parking! According to track officials, the Festival saw the largest participation in its 41-year history. This year, the Festival celebrated Chrysler Performance and 100 years of MG alongside featured race groups Formula Junior and Sports 2000. There were 18 races on Saturday, two races each for nine different groups of race cars. The entry list for Group 5, the MG Feature Group Festival included MG TDs, MGAs, MGBs and Midgets. One of the cars in Group 7 (GT/Sports Cars over 2 Litre) was the 1961 Aston Martin DB4 driven by Michael Rowen, founder and CEO of Michael's Motor Cars in Lancaster, PA. Michael was joined by his wife Molly, along with their MG TB. The show cars in the paddock included a display commemorating the 100 years of MG – and had cars ranging from a 1926 MG to one of the Dyson MG-Lola EX257 cars that raced in the American Le Mans Series (an autographed photo – by Chris Dyson and Guy Smith - of which I have hanging in my office!) Great day at Lime Rock!



**Chillin' at the Hospitality Tent**



**MGs through the Decades**





**1948 MG YA**



**Dyson ALMS Car**





**MG Group on the False Grid**



**1961 Aston Martin DB4**





**Molly's MG TB**

## **Ice Cream Nite Overload in August By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger**

In the month of August, LANCO had not 1, not 2, but 3 Ice Cream Nites! We started out at The Jigger Shop in Mount Gretna, PA on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. On August 16<sup>th</sup> we were at Sarah's Creamery in Dover, PA (they have Penn State Ice Cream). We ended the month at Boehringer's Drive-In in Adamstown, PA on August 30<sup>th</sup>! A die hard nucleus of LANCO members attended all three.



**MGs at The Jigger Shop**



**Jigger Shop Crew**





**Ice Cream at Sarah's Creamery**



**Charlie's at Sarah's**





**Serious Discussions at Sarah's**



**Kody is at Boehringer's**





**More Boehringer's Crew**



**The Rest of the Boehringer's Crew**



Checking out the Wardell Midget