

LANCO MG CLUB – July 2023

The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd

Summer is flying by faster than I like to think about. I grew up in the era of the Beach Boys and car songs and was steeped in the aura and mystique of summer. To this day, I just love summer and summertime cruising in whatever car I'm enjoying at the time. I'll have more about "the whatever" cars later in this message. But for now, it's back to LANCO activities. We had another great month as we enjoyed several ice cream nights at Sweet Willows Creamery and Freeze n Frizz. Also, we held our monthly coffee – cars and conversation at Jim Mack's in Hellam. We enjoyed the invitation from the AH club to attend their outdoor movie night at Pam's outdoor theater. The weather was, well, not picture perfect for the Wheels n Wings car show in Lancaster, but we did have some of the more hardy attend the event. Charlie B and others club members continue to make the car show circuit around the countryside. We are definitely a club in motion and commotion...lots to do and something for everyone. The rest of July is packed full with a drive-in movie night in Dillsburg at Haar's Drive In. And if you love ice cream, we'll be at "I Love Ice Cream" in York and the Strasburg Creamery later in the month. The cliff notes for August are Das Awkscht Fescht (doesn't that just roll off the tongue), our annual club picnic, a new CCC venue for the month and TOB. All that action makes me think of the Beach Boys song, "Good Timing". Lots to do at LANCO and enjoy so join us for some "Good Timing's". Think that should get around the copyright infringement thing...Steve D, help!!!! Oh, one more thing, in September we'll resurrect with Dennis B's help a Poker Run on Sept 2nd. Now seriously, just one more thing, we'll be at the Nissley Vineyard on July 28th for music in the vineyard event....tada done!

Well about this "whatever" cars thing. Now I'm neither bragging nor complaining about this, but since April of 1967 till last week, I just bought my 40th car - a 2020 red, 6 speed Mustang. Just to clarify, I haven't kept them all as I only have 3 right now. They are my daily driving Equinox, my Mustang and my beloved 86 TVR. Hummm, kinda strange for the president of the MG Club.... but you decide! I'm fascinated with all cars and to me they are works of moving art to be explored, enjoyed, and driven. I'm quite certain the car songs of the 60's has shaped my psyche and passion for cars. But I must confess my favorites are still British cars with all their quirks and idiosyncrasies. Cars for me are time machines that take me back to my youth and endless days. Last week on the 4th of July, Linda and I were driving home from a visit with her family. It was a beautiful evening, and we were in my new to me Mustang. We put the top down, took the back roads home and it was just a spectacular drive and evening. No place else I need or wanted to be....it was my sweet spot with both the car and Linda. Out of my 40 cars 16 have been sports cars and each one has given me a unique perspective and satisfaction while driving. As I "mature" I do enjoy more creature comforts in my driving experience, but that never diminishes the pleasure I get from the rawer experience while driving my TVR. Neither one is better, just a different experience.

"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time," Bertrand Russell

So, go find your sweet spot and waste some time driving or whatever brings you enjoyment. Besides, who could argue with a guy named Bertrand. 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.

Wheels and Wings Washout By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

Well, the weather gods did not shine well on the Rotary Club of Lancaster's annual Wheels & Wings Festival & 5K Run on Saturday, June 24th. Off and on rain through the mid-morning and the threat of thunderstorms caused the cancellation of the WWII-era warbirds from the Capitol Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, but the 5K run went on as scheduled, the inflatables were there, as were a nice variety of food trucks. However, the number of show cars on the field was drastically reduced, as was the number of spectators. The two Steves (Rineer and Dellinger) participated in the annual "Breakfast at the Knight & Day Diner" and then proceeded to the show field, along with two LANCO MG Meetup members, Nicolaus and Gus who attended as spectators. LANCO was represented on the show field by Steve Dellinger with his 1995 Rover Mini, Chris and Mary Hofmann with his recently purchased XK150 Jaguar Roadster, Rich and Victoria Trexler with his VW Bug and Steve Rineer with his "classic" Toyota (no Lotuses were available to drive in the rain). After the rain ceased and the sun came out, Bob McFarland stopped by to check out the show. Hopefully the rain will be better next year!



Out in the Rain



Rainy Day!



New Wheels!



Trex, Chris, Steve, and Bob

July Coffee – Cars and Conversation By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

Saturday, July 1st dawned with rain showers in the area, which may have “scared” off some of the usual attendees, but the rain was gone before 10 AM at Jim Mack’s in East York and we ended up with a fair turnout – 12 British cars and 18 people. Steve D. drove the '74 Midget for the first time in quite a while (too many cars to choose from). Don Weir was there with his Bugeye Sprite (which he bought new “back in the day). In addition, new Club member Neil Cicioni was there with his recently purchased '74 MG Midget.



MGs and a TVR



Good Turnout despite lffy Weather



New Member Car



Lots to Discuss

Car Shows by Charlie By Steve Dellinger and Charlie Baldwin, Photos by Charlie Baldwin

LANCO Member Charlie Baldwin continued on his quest to attend more car shows than anyone else in the Club by attending two more shows over the holiday weekend! On Sunday, July 2nd, Charlie went to the Motor Menders Firecracker Rod Run in Brookside Park, Dover, PA and apparently was featured on WGAL TV in Lancaster, PA! New LANCO member Marty Green was also there in his '53 TD. Charlie thinks there were only two other foreign cars at the show.



Marty's New Car



Charlie's Here!

On July 4th Charlie and several other LANCO members attended the Roarin' Great Car Show in Fairmont Park in Red Lion, PA. Tom Ensminger won first place in the 1972 and earlier sports car class with his MGA Mk. II. Brooks Thompson won first in the post 1972 sports car class with his

1974 MGB Tourer. Andy Seville had his MGA 1500 Coupe there and Terry Barnes his classic Mini pickup.



In Fairmont Park



