

LANCO MG CLUB – November 2023

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

Well, if it was 2 weeks later, I would have my computer packed and ready for my move to my new house and you'd be stuck with reading a re-run from 2019!!! Possibly not a bad option.....but this one is still "live" albeit somewhat delayed. I guess you've figured out by now I'm lacking for material as we wind down the year. But not to fret, we did have our monthly CCC on November 4th at the BK in Columbia. We had a great turnout and Steve R updated us on him and Lucy's latest travel adventures. Our newest member, John C was there to discuss his MGB project and how very close he is to getting it started.....

After all these years, I'm still amazed at the breadth and depth of our many and varied conversations. Now I'm not a rabid environmentalist but Trex does deserve a severe scolding for littering the parking lot at Burger King. Ask Trex to explain! But we'll forgive him since he did drive his new toy to CCC. We also held our last ice cream night on October 18th at Udder Choice in Ephrata. The venue was great, and the ice cream did not disappoint. A small but lively group attended to enjoy the venue. Margaret had the Raspberry with virtual chocolate bits. I guess it was a low-calorie option. We did learn that Karen G solved her SU carb problem with a Weber conversion - it was a bit of a surprise, as the young Amish mechanics she was working with recommended she install a horse. Our next big event will be our annual Holiday Banquet on December 9th and by the time you receive the British Marque we will all have had a good time. Last year we made a switch to an afternoon event, and it seems to be working well for everyone. We have our 2024 plans cooking and it will be another busy year with some new twists and turns so stay tuned, but more importantly stay involved. This is a great lead in to my "soapbox" message for the month about staying involved and changing. A few weeks back I took my TVR to Steffy's Garage in Leola for some work. As I'm in the process of moving, it was a great opportunity to get the car out of the garage, free up some space AND get the repairs completed so I'll be ready for the 2024 driving season. Set up the appointment for delivery on Monday morning. The prior weekend was spectacular, and I put on some quality miles enjoying the late October weather. Sadly, Monday was a rain event, so I watched the radar like a hawk. A window of opportunity opened up early in the morning and as I've never driven the car in the rain I wanted to seize the dry spell. Linda and I started out and about 10 minutes into the trip it started to pour buckets. I did know the wipers worked but they are set up for R/H drive and swipe about 3 quarters of the driver side! The top, which is a ridged insert leaked like a sieve at the windshield dropping a stream of water directly into my lap. Had to dig out a blanket to divert the stream off my lap and pulled over to fiddle with the imaginary defroster. But we did make it and delivered the car. The car runs well, just a bit fiddly, and requires your full attention and involvement. Hummm, it's kinda like life itself as life needs your full attention, involvement and ability to change as the situation requires. Reflecting, I think that's why we drive our LBC's - for the involvement, full attention required and the test of our ability to change with the situation. Our car, our life and our club all woven together with a common thread ... amazing!

***When you're through changing, you're through.
Martha Stewart***

Well, we aren't through yet, so together let's keep involved, give it our full attention and keep changing to meet the challenges as navigate a changing landscape. 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



Six Brits in Attendance



Two "Hoods" Down!



Brits at the November Meeting



Good Meeting Attendance in November



More Attendees



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Vintage Restorations Open House By Steve Dellinger, Photos by Steve Dellinger

On Saturday, October 21st, five LANCO Members attended the Annual Open House and Free Car Show at Vintage Restorations, Ltd. In Union Bridge, Maryland LANCO/Carlisle MINIs members, James Bowers, Don Sechler and Steve Dellinger met for breakfast in Abbottstown, PA and then headed south via the “scenic route” to Union Bridge. (My 1995 Mini Monte Carlo Edition (1275 SPI) was able to keep up with the newer two supercharged BMW MINIs!) Charlie Baldwin and Margaret Sultner met up with us at the shop. Vintage Restorations recently celebrated 30 years in business. The business (as stated on their website), “Specializes in British and other European Auto Service, Repair, Restoration and Large Scale, Ride-On Trains: Outdoor Railroad Services.” Drinks and pastries were available to attendees. Several of the cars on display were in various stages of restoration – including Minis, Jaguars, MGs, a MG Magnette, a Triumph Spitfire, and a BMW. A 1952 Jaguar XK120 Fixed Head Coupe was nearly completed! Previously restored cars were also

on display. As in past years, several well-prepared ride-on trains were in operation on the back lot. The Car Show field included a nice mix of British and other antique and classic cars. Another excellent event presented by Vintage Restorations Ltd. crew!



The Mini/MINI Contingent



Charlie is Here Too!



Cars "In Process"



Completed Restorations



1952 Jaguar XK120 FHC



Checking out the Ride-On Trains