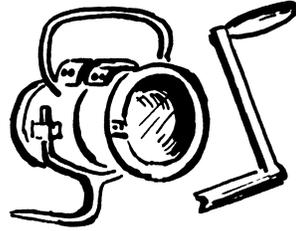


# “Tin n Brass”



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## SMOKE SIGNALS

### August

9	Dog Days Tour	
15	Wheels of Faith Car Show	Whitehall, PA
15	Night in the Country Car Cruise	New Tripoli, PA
20-22	AACA Southeastern Fall Nat'ls	Elizabeth, Ind.
23	Tour of Oley Valley	
27-30	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

### September

5	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
5	Duryea Day Car Show	Boyertown, PA
6	Slatington Lions Car Show	Slatington, PA
7	Robesonia Car Show	Robesonia, PA
7	Ludwigs Corner Car Show	Ludwig's Corner, PA
13	Strausstown Car Show	Strausstown, PA
13-18	AACA Revival Glidden Tour	Saratoga Springs, NY
19-20	2 Day Car Tour	
30-10/4	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

### October

3	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
7-10	AACA Eastern Fall Meet	Hershey, PA
18	Fall Foliage Tour	
19-23	AACA Central Tour	Tulsa, OK
25	Free Spirit Buick Car Show	Lehighton, PA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Ontelaunee Club engaged members and prospective members in July 2020. We enjoyed two tours to encourage shut-in members and participated in a members' meeting. On July 11th we met on the Zoom platform and celebrated the proposed David Zimmerman Room at the AACA Headquarters, for which we contributed money. We saw the faces of many directors and members and heard their voices. We will again meet by Zoom on August 8, 2020 at 7:00pm. You can join by telephone or computer. A link and numbers will be available. Let me know if you need that information.

We also enjoyed two mini-tours. On July 12th we toured through the Kutztown, Fleetwood and Oley School Districts and delivered a care package to Bertha Hoffman. Her neighbors assembled on sidewalks and cheered us as we drove past. On July 26th we drove through the East Penn School District where we visited Past President Burt Johnson and toured Lower Milford Township. These gatherings concluded with separation distance picnics, the first in Krumsville and the second in Macungie at the Park. Thanks to the Breiningers and Merckels for the July 12th tour and to Nancy Horning for the July 26th return to Macungie.

Our tours will continue in August. First, on August 9th, we will begin with Ken and Elsa Dages in Trexlertown, visit Jack Mesch in Lower Macungie Township, and travel through northern Berks County to see the barn stars (hex signs). That tour concludes at our house in Kutztown where Florita and I will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Second, on August 23rd, we will leave from Moselem Springs and tour the Oley Valley to see the beautiful

farms and countryside with Lester and Susan Manwiller. We will be able to picnic with our own food or purchase food on that trip. These tours help engage us as members of a great Club and provide an opportunity for inviting guests and prospective members to enjoy our fellowship. Please think about prospective members you might invite on a tour!

In this edition of "Tin 'N Brass," please enjoy a story about Dave Bausch's 1926 Franklin Sport Runabout that took best of show at the first Das Awkscht Fescht in 1964. The Franklin Club holds its annual meet and tour in Syracuse each year about the time of our Fescht so it always a pleasure to see a Franklin in Macungie. Also check out Don Baer's 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, a beautiful "personal car," manufactured in the last year before downsizing altered the "short deck-long hood" image. This Monte Carlo shows well in VCCA and AACA.

The AACA Grand National at the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown is still scheduled for August 21-22, 2020. Please consider attending. The schedule can be found at [http://www.aaca.org/images/meet\\_brochures/Revised\\_2020\\_Schedule\\_with\\_hotels.pdf](http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/Revised_2020_Schedule_with_hotels.pdf). Check out all the AACA shows and tours at [http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca_calendar.html).

Please celebrate our Club! We have fun and you can see our smiling faces and cars in the Ontelaunee photo gallery at <http://ontelaunee.aaca.com/photo-gallery/>. Talk to our members at this "uncertain time" so that nobody goes without fellowship! Visit our website for current information as it is posted at <http://ontelaunee.aaca.com/>. If a member's car breaks down on a tour, one other member should remain with a car to help.

President, Robert Hobaugh

#### **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 7/11/2020 (Zoom Meeting)**

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by ZOOM on July 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A pledge to the American flag was recited to the flag displayed on the screen.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held June 6, 2020 by ZOOM. A motion to approve the Secretary's report from June was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for June, 2020. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Suzy McGovern. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Phyllis reported that membership as of tonight is 114 single and 66 joint for a total of 180 members. She has three potential new members. She has four free National memberships good until September. A thank you card was received from Joanne Ebert for the card and gift basket that was presented to her at the last mini-tour. Phyllis would have liked to see more written in the Tin N Brass about LaMae Charron who recently passed away. She was an active long time member who along with her husband, Barney, prepared meals for the workers at DAF for many years. Her husband was also a past president of our region. It was discussed that In the future it would be nice if we could elaborate more when a member passes away.

**Activities:** Suzy McGovern reported that the tours are going well. Upcoming mini tours are as follows:

July 12, 2020 – Bertha Hoffman tour by Minnie/Carl Breininger and Neil/Audrey Merkel.

July 26, 2020 – Burt Johnson tour by Nancy Horning. Meet at Macungie Park.

August 9, 2020 – Hex sign tour by Ken and Elsa Dages. Meet at Hobby Lobby in Trexlertown, drive by the home of Jack Mesch and picnic at the home of Bob Hobaugh.

August 23, 2020 – Oley Valley area tour by Lester and Susan Manwiller. Meet at Lehigh Valley Medical Center, Moselem Springs. Bring your own lunch or food and ice cream is available to purchase.

Ken Dages reported that the two-day tour is not going well. The collection we were going to see is closing Sept 12th. Also Ken doesn't know if the Mercer Museum will be open for the tour he plans to do in November. It is presently closed.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Post cards have been mailed out to car registrants and flea market vendors. They have been given the choice of rolling over to 2021 or requesting a refund. If they want a refund they should send a self-address stamped envelope to Box 127, Macungie, Pa. Anyone who doesn't respond by August 2nd will automatically be rolled over to 2021. So far refunds have been requested for 18 cars and 15 flea market spaces. Based on phone calls and emails so far there are a lot of roll overs.

Publicity: Bob mentioned the good press we got on Channel 69 for the Bernice Boyer tour. Bob had also contacted the Reading Eagle and the Berks Mont news but hadn't heard anything.

Newsletter: Mike Horning said the deadline for the newsletter is July 15th. Articles should be sent to Mike Horning for the newsletter and also to Michael Dotterer for the website. Mike Dotterer is putting our tour dates on the website calendar. Mike Horning asked if we could put the whole newsletter on the website. He thought people might see our tours and want to join. Ray Fischer remarked that today is National Automobile Appreciation Day.

Website: Bob is delighted with what Mike is doing on the website, making it interactive and showing pictures of tours. Phyllis asked if the membership application will be on the website. Bob will work with Mike on an electronic application. There are options available to take payment.

Old Business: Lester said since there are no shows, flea markets or cruises, he has a lot of Hamburg flyers but no place to hand them out. He asked members for help to get the word out. Cheri Dotterer said her husband, Jeff, gets to flea markets and will help to get flyers out.

Bob received a thank you from Brenda Zimmerman for the club's donation to the AACA building fund in memory of her husband, David Zimmerman. Enough funds were received that a room will be named in his honor. Lester said the club gave National \$250 each in memory of David Zimmerman and Herb Oakes in 2018.

New Business: Bob is writing suggested guidelines for getting back together in person. He asked if we would like to try an in-person meeting. Cheri would like to set up ZOOM at our business meetings. She is concerned about the availability of a good Wi-Fi hot spot. She needs someone with unlimited cell phone minutes and a good hot spot. Bob would like all members' emails including members whose children have joined. Phyllis asked about the President's Banquet in November. Bob said it's been a challenging year and we don't know what will happen.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Barbara Koch at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Manwiller, Secretary

### ACTIVITIES CORNER

Hi everyone hope you have AC in your house and keeping cool. We are still doing the drive by tours and for the most part are enjoying them. It does get a little hot back at the church parking lot to eat but most of the people sat back at the woods to eat on the last drive by. Phyllis Peters gave Bob Hobaugh some of our members names who could use a drive by. So if you would like to do one PLEASE let us know. Other than that please keep staying safe.

Suzy McGovern

### DOG DAYS TOUR

Bring your antique cars, trucks, motorcycles or other vehicles to the Dog Days Tour, scheduled for August 9, 2020! We will assemble at 9:45 am in the parking lot of Hobby Lobby, 7150 Hamilton Boulevard, Suite 270, Trexlertown, PA 18087 and leave at 10:00 am. Our hosts, Ken and Elsa Dages will lead us first to visit member Jack Mesch and then on a tour of barns with hex signs in the East Penn Valley. We will picnic at the home of Florita and Bob Hobaugh, 710 East Walnut Street, Kutztown, PA 19530. They will barbeque hot dogs and hamburgers. Participants should bring masks, folding chairs, beverages and side dishes. Ken and Elsa will supply a dessert.

RSVP before August 3, 2020 to Ken and Elsa by phone at 215-348-9303 or e-mail at kenel2@verizon.net. Let them know who will join us and how fully you would like your hamburger cooked or whether you would rather have hotdogs. We will observe the birthday of Ray Fischer who will be a year younger on August 10th.

### ONTELAUNEE MINI TOUR

There will be a mini tour to the Oley Valley on August 23, 2020. We will meet at the LVPG Family Medicine, Moselem Springs at the intersection of Routes 222 and 662 at 9:45 am and leave at 10 am. We will travel mostly back roads in the Oley Valley. Please remember to bring lawn chairs. Our lunch stop and end of tour will be at a place that has food, ice cream and facilities. It is not necessary to buy their food if you don't feel comfortable doing so, bringing your own lunch is fine. Food and ice cream are on your own. More details will be given before the tour. Please RSVP to Lester Manwiller at 610-823-4656 or Lhedgehog1@aol.com.

### JOANNE EBERT TOUR – 6-28-20

We gathered early at the Orefield Middle School because our person of honor, Joanne Ebert, would join the tour instead of waiting at her driveway for us to parade past her. We signed a card for Joanne just as she arrived in Shirley Schaffer's Jeep. Many gathered around Joanne as we welcomed her and presented the card and "goodie" basket without chocolate, as she prefers. Thirty-three





motorheads lined up for the tour, including members of the Ontelaunee Region AACA, Perkiomen Chapter AMCA and District 7430 of Rotary International.

This tour reminded us of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful region: the stretch between Routes 309 and 737 is filled with stone farmhouses, barns, streams, a game preserve, Geiger's covered bridge and, to the north, the Appalachian Ridge. 35 mile per hour

is the right speed to appreciate that landscape! We passed the Kempton Hotel where Ontelaunee organizers first met and Zimmerman's Hotel where our Ontelaunee Chief's ceremonial robe is displayed in a glass case. Accompanying this article are pictures taken by Susan Manwiller and others eager to chronicle our backyard adventure.



This tour included a broader array of motor vehicles than past COVID tours: two BMW motorcycles, two Cadillacs, a Corvair, a Corvette, a Crossley, a Chrysler New Yorker, an El Camino, a Firebird, a Fairlane 500, two Mercedes, a Mustang, a Porsche 911, a Triumph, and several reliable modern cars. Only Woody Rohrbach's Cadillac Eldorado needed a jump. Thanks to Carl Breininger for the cables, Ray Huber for the new battery and Woody for the ether spray can. One MGB did not get to the Middle School.

We brought our own picnic fare and folding chairs. This time we set up in the shade! Ontelaunee supplied cold drinks stored in New Jerusalem Zion Church and we collected trash instead of hauling it home. Marilyn Roth shared cupcakes. During the picnic, our Activities Director, Suzy McGovern, delighted us with a drawing for prizes. Bill Weber won the fire extinguisher, Mike Horning selected the garage light and Florita Hobaugh got the work light. The tour, picnic and drawing reminded us that our Ontelaunee Club provides members with fun despite the COVID pandemic.

### BERTHA HOFFMAN TOUR – 7-12-20

God graced us with a beautiful day for our tour to Bertha.

We toured the back roads past Dunkel's Church which was a part of New Jerusalem (our meeting church) at one time with information from Neil Merkel who has an in with the cemetery there.



Along the road we passed the Big Leaf Hydroponics Lettuce Co and a dairy farm using robotic milkers, beautiful views, one room school houses, Mennonite or Amish churches and school houses. We even encountered a horse and buggy with several children riding with us a short distance.

Our visit with Bertha was well appreciated by Bertha, family and neighbors. She expressed to me that she appreciated our visit, even though she was not a member but





remember her for the efforts that she and Forrest did for the club when they were able.

We must give the Ontelaunee Mini Tour Award (if there is such a thing) to Ken and Elsa Dages. They had bad & good luck. Ask them they will fill you in with the details.

Our tour ended back by the church with good conversation and FOOD and.

Tour masters were Neil and Audrey Merkel, Carl and Minnie Breining.

## DAVID BAUSCH – 1926 FRANKLIN SPORT RUNABOUT

By Bob Hobaugh

David K. Bausch might have decided to collect another marque, but he had good reasons to admire Franklins. The Franklin was “the doctor’s car” and Dave’s father



was a physician in Allentown who owned a 1925 Franklin. But Dave was born later and independently understood that Franklin was a quality car whose owners maintained them well; they have always been a good value. In 1962, Dave acquired a 1926 Franklin Sport Runabout in upstate New York. Later in the 1990s, he purchased a 1918 Franklin 2-door sedan in Maryland and a 1927 Franklin 4-door sedan in Philadelphia. Those last two cars are beautiful but

this article is about the gorgeous Sport Runabout.

When Dave and his friend, LeRoy C. Schaeffer, brought the Sport Runabout back from New York, it was perfect car to start the collection. The Model 11-A was the second year for the 6-cylinder, 32 horsepower engine. Franklins had air-cooled engines throughout their manufacture from 1902 to 1934 but the 32-horsepower series from 1925-1927 first featured a grille that looked like conventional, water-cooled automobiles with radiators. The Wendlings repainted this car in 1964 and the paint dried just in



time to appear in our first Das Awkscht Fescht that August.

It won best of show! A picture of that award and Dave’s entry application accompany this article. You might recall that George L. Wendling and LeRoy C. Schaeffer started Das Awkscht Fescht as a fundraiser to pay off debt for the swimming pool in Macungie Memorial Park. It is no surprise that Dave Bausch became the “Automobile Chair” for the Fescht in 1965. He remains a strong presence in the Fescht as Chair of the antique toy show.

Of all his Franklins, this was the car Dave showed most often. He participated in activities of the Franklin Club, including tours around Syracuse, New York, where the marque was manufactured. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Dave showed

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**DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT**  
THE AUGUST FESTIVAL  
MACUNGIE, PA.

Yes, we're coming to DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT. Enclosed with this application is a check for \$1.00 for each car to be registered. And we've also included in this check the money for the Reservations of the Saturday Dinner and Banquet as indicated.

Member's Signature: *David K. Bausch*

Now please print in: *David K. Bausch*  
Address: *252 N. 7th St. Allentown, Pa.*

Car #	Year	Make	Model	Registration
1	1926	Franklin	11-A	\$ 1.00
2				
3				

We're also interested in:

Event	Description	Number Attending	Cost
FRIDAY EVENING	For the Men - A Study in Restaurants of the Wedding Brothers For the Women & Children A Tour of the Plant of the Allen Organ Co.	#3	\$ 2.75
SATURDAY	That Good Pa. German Kind of Food - A Gossamer's Delight Dinner 11:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M. Children \$1.75		\$ 4.00
SATURDAY EVENING	Banquet - 7 P. M. Awarding of Prizes \$4.00 ea.		\$ 7.75

Make your check payable to  
**DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT**  
Macungie, Pa.

Thank you. We promise you a wonderful time - one long to be remembered.  
THE COMMITTEE

the car in Atlantic City, accompanying Van Sciver, and at Hershey. Dave showed the car with the Franklins of Dr. George Boyer. It is always safest to tour and show with people who drive the same marque. Dave showed the car at the Community Days Festival in Coopersburg where Dutch Kern had "Kern's Franklin Service." Dave's friend, Don Bassler, worked for Kern and helped Dave with the Sport Runabout. Accompanying this article is a picture of the car at Coopersburg and a "Franklin Service" sign.



## MY MONTE CARLO

By Don Baer

In December 1997, I came across an ad in the local newspaper for a 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with very low mileage. I made a phone call and found out the car was in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which was about 15 miles from my home in Coplay, Pennsylvania.



After a little discussion with my wife, Elaine, who was initially against buying another antique/classic car since we already had two other older cars, I ventured out to look at this car.

I was told that this car was purchased new at Hauser Chevrolet in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in May, 1972. The lady who owned this car had it in the garage covered with bed sheets. I looked the car over very carefully and liked what I saw. I told her I would let her know later that day.

I later picked up my wife and had her look at the car. When we got there, the car was again covered with the bed sheets in the garage. In doing an about face, Elaine said to me that if I wanted a Monte Carlo, I better take this one since I would probably not find another one in such good condition. It was equipped with a 350 cid motor, automatic transmission, power brakes and power steering, vinyl roof and no air conditioner but with only 29,251 miles on the odometer. The color is rare—black vinyl roof over cream yellow with a black cloth bench seat interior. Beside normal items such as tune-up, brake re-line, tires and oil changes, I have done very little in the way of repairs.

After we looked the car over a second time, we took the car for a test ride. I was surprised at how tight the car was. I was also disappointed at how poorly the car ran. It was in need of a tune-up. After this was done, it ran like a new one.

At present, more than 22 years later, this Monte Carlo has less than 50,000 miles on the odometer. We have had the car to many national shows with the farthest distance being Stowe, Vermont. We are members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) and the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA).

In August 2018, we attended a VCCA show in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. At that show, I received several awards including a best-of-show in my class which is an HPOCF. The car was then nominated for a national award. The Monte Carlo did not receive this award, but I was honored just having it nominated.

The one obstacle we have when attending any national show, whether AACA or

VCCA, is the fact that I am constantly questioned about the radial tires since the car has the HPOF-Original award. This car had radial tires when purchased new. We also attended many local shows during the years, such as Das Awksch Fescht. We have used this car for several tours with our Ontelaunee Region AACA, and also, this car was driven to an AACA Founders Tour at Vineland, New Jersey. We are looking forward to attending future events that are antique car related.

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Darlene Souders	8/3	
Robert Reinert	8/3	
Charles Fegely, Jr.	8/6	
Todd Kriner	8/9	
Sally Ann Getz	8/10	
Raymond Fischer	8/10	
Peter Puduch, Jr.	8/10	
Gladys Ditzler	8/12	Dalton & Jan Semmel
	8/16	Todd & Andrea Kriner
Susan Yackanicz	8/17	Lester & Susan Manwiller
Barry Hunsicker	8/19	Donald & Elaine Baer
Karen Husack	8/19	
Michael Naugle	8/20	
Cheri Dotterer	8/20	
Andrea Kriner	8/25	Barry & Teresa Seel
Gloria Potts	8/25	
	8/26	Timothy & Susan Hinkle
John Legath	8/27	
Michael Dotterer	8/28	Lyle & Jessica Yoder
Donna Wolfe	8/31	
Scott Smoyer	8/31	

#### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Good News!! We have received an additional Four Free Memberships from National. We were allotted Four and have been able to give these to new members. As of now we still have Four Free Membership to give to potential person who has never been a member of AACA. If you know anyone who is interested please have them contact me. I will see that they receive the necessary paperwork. Those who choose to take advantage of this offer must also join Ontelaunee. This is a one year only membership so to take advantage it is important to receive this membership as soon as possible.

Phyllis Peters, Membership

#### KEEP ME INFORMED

When someone is in the hospital, or on the sick list I would appreciate if you could let me know. If someone from the club has passed away I would also greatly appreciate a phone call.

Thank You, Phyllis Peters