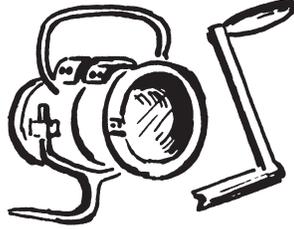


# “Tin n Brass”



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## SMOKE SIGNALS

December

5	Business Meeting	ZOOM
6	Budget and Reorganization Meeting	Krumsville, PA

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We began November by remembering our past President, Donald R. Baer, and continued by enjoying the fellowship that makes this such a great club. Ken and Elsa Dages led us to Red Mill Village near Clinton, New Jersey, in a tour marked by history and dazzling sunshine. We selected three scholarship winners, all sophomores in college. Our members elected a slate of new officers and directors, assuring capable leadership for this wonderful organization. December is a time to honor our past and to anticipate a new year of fun for the Ontelaunee Region.

Don Baer served our Club in many ways, including as President, Publicity Director, and stake-off chair for the Hamburg Swap Meet and Das Awkscht Fescht. His love for this Club showed through his attendance, care and happiness when we met. Don and Elaine toured with Paul and Shirley Schaffer. Don appreciated the details: our history, bylaws and vehicles. Don knew about cars, especially Chevrolets. He won all the trivia contests and taught me about Chevrolet's first V-8 engine in 1918. He toured in a Corvair, a Monte Carlo and a Cadillac. Thanks to Don for his fellowship and service to our Club.

Our Board met by Zoom on November 14, 2020. We awarded scholarships to Jillian Dages, Adam Ditzler and Sarah Clench. Jillian is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Dages and granddaughter of Ken and Elsa Dages. Adam is the grandson of Richard and Gladys Ditzler. Sarah is the granddaughter of Don Haines. Don reminds us that Sarah participated in Ontelaunee events as early as 2003.

Our members met on November 14, 2020 by Zoom and elected the following officers and directors: Marilyn Roth, President; Kenneth Dages, First Vice President; Barry Seel, Second Vice President; Susan Manwiller, Secretary; Lester Manwiller, Treasurer; and as Directors, Nancy Hutchins, Cheri Dotterer and Elaine Baer. I want to thank all officers and directors for serving in 2020, especially Barbara Oswald. She stepped aside to allow Marilyn to be President.

On November 7, 2020, Wilson Black, Bill Weber, Florita and I judged at AACA's Special Fall Nationals in Gettysburg. What a beautiful day and show! You can learn more about AACA events at [http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca_calendar.html). On November 8, 2020, Ken and Elsa Dages led us to Red Mill Village in Clinton, New Jersey for our annual Apple Jack & Cider Tour. It was a beautiful day, charming site and well attended by members. Check out the smiling faces and Hutchins' 1960 Volvo on our website. <http://ontelaunee.aaca.com/photo-gallery/>. Please invite prospective members on a 2021 tour!

In this edition of Tin 'N Brass, please enjoy articles about Phyllis and James Peters' 1929 Whippet, and Lester Hobaugh's 1924 Marmon and other motor vehicles. These vehicles represent the nickel era of motoring and must be treasured as the 25-year antique bracket moves forward. Consider drafting an article about one of your cars for our Tin 'N Brass.

In December we will have a virtual Club meeting on December 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

and on December 6, 2020, an officer budget meeting at 1:00 pm and Board reorganization meeting at 2:00 pm, both in-person at Zion New Jerusalem Church.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President in 2020, the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are a strong Club and pivoted to meet virtually and tour with separation distance and masks. We became stronger in 2020 for offering value to members and telling our story in Tin 'N Brass and on our website. Talk to our members and grow our fellowship! Visit our website for current information as it is posted at <http://ontelaunee.aaca.com> where you can register for the 2021 Hamburg Swap meet and Das Awkscht Fescht.

Gratefully yours, Bob

### **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2020 (Zoom Meeting)**

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by Zoom on Nov 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held on October 17, 2020. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Suzy McGovern and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for October 2020. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Marilyn Roth and seconded by Barbara Koch. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Phyllis Peters reported 189 members as of tonight. She received four additional free memberships from National. Judy Fischer is on the sick list for cataract surgery. Phyllis will send a get well card from the club. On a sad note Don Baer passed away October 30th. Phyllis has been receiving membership renewals sporadically. Dues are \$10 for a single and \$15 for a couple and can be mailed to Phyllis.

**Activities:** Suzy McGovern reported there is no need for a baker sign-up sheet right now but she will have a form for tours. Bob said Bill and Sue Weber are taking the Early Bird Tour. Ken Dages said since the First Vice President does the two-day tour, he would like to do a four-day tour to Cape May; leave Friday and return Monday.

**Das Awkscht Fescht:** Bob will call Matt Manwiller to see the status of the signed contract with the AACA Museum. The deadline for the DAF registration discount is December 31, 2020.

**Publicity:** Bob thanked the people who attended Don Baer's funeral. Elaine appreciated the turnout for the service and for the procession of old cars to Neff's Cemetery.

**Tours:** Suzy said we will set the dates for tours in 2021 at the reorganization meeting on December 6.

**Newsletter:** Mike Horning said the Tin 'N Brass will have a lot of pictures from the last tour. The deadline for the December newsletter is November 15.

**Website:** Michael Dotterer reported 648 views for the week and 1664 for the month. Pictures can be viewed at [ontelaunee.aaca.com](http://ontelaunee.aaca.com).

## Old Business:

**AACA Special Fall National:** Bob said it was a fun show. Wilson Black said the judging was great. He enjoyed being an apprentice judge and helped with race car check-in and went to judging school and CJE (continuing judge's education). At this show judges were asked to help park cars due to how quickly the show was put together.

**Directory:** Phyllis said she hasn't received many changes. Please let her know of any email changes or dropped landlines and look in your 2018 roster and check if your information has changed.

## New Business:

**Election of Officers:** A motion was made by Ken Dages and seconded by Ray Huber to have a motion to elect the whole slate of officers instead of individually. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Suzy McGovern to elect the following slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously.

**President:** Marilyn Roth

**First Vice President:** Ken Dages

**Second Vice President:** Barry Seel

**Secretary:** Susan Manwiller

**Treasurer:** Lester Manwiller

**Director:** Nancy Hutchins, Cheri Dotterer, Elaine Baer

**Director:** Timothy Hinkle (Term remaining 1 year)

**Appointed by the President:**

**Membership Chair:** Phyllis Peters

**Das Awkscht Fescht Representative:** Matthew Manwiller

**Activities Director:** Susan McGovern

**Tin 'N Brass Editor:** Michael Horning

**Ex Officio:** Robert Hobaugh, Board of Directors Chair

**Scholarships:** Suzy McGovern reported three college applicants were accepted to receive scholarships at a board meeting held earlier today. They are as follows: Sarah Clench from Ventura, CA majoring in chemical engineering at the University of California. Her grandfather is Donald Haines.

Adam Ditzler from Harleysville, PA majoring in mechanics at PA College of Technology. Grandparents are Richard and Gladys Ditzler.

Jillian Dages from Sellersville, PA majoring in early grades preparation at West Chester University. Father is Scott Dages and grandfather Ken Dages.

The amount given is \$500 to a second year or higher academic year in college and had not previously received. Due to covid-19 the checks will be mailed.

**Reorganization Meeting:** December 6, 2020 at New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church, Krumsville, PA at 2:00 p.m. All elected officers and appointed officers are invited. A budget meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. for the Treasurer, President, first and second Vice Presidents. Marilyn Roth will be making the food.

**Other:** Lester said a donation of \$50 has been send from the club to The Gift of Life in memory of Past President Donald Baer. Lester received checks that he forwarded to

AACA, Gift of Life and the Ontelaunee Education Fund in memory of Don. Phyllis said next year's membership is free for Elaine as a surviving spouse of a past president. Phyllis asked if we are going to fill the Publicity spot. That will be up to Marilyn. Jeff Dotterer asked about the Hamburg Swap Meet since Ag Hall, Allentown has been moved to Carlisle. Lester said it will be up to the Hamburg Fire Co. whether they will allow us to use the Field House. He hasn't heard anything yet. Marilyn is hoping that we can reschedule this year's Christmas party to March or April.

Ontelaunee Business Meeting: December 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Cheri Dotterer will start a new Zoom link for January. That same link can be used for every meeting in 2021

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Barb Koch. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

### BUDGET AND REORGANIZATION MEETING

This meeting will take place on December 5th. The budget will be held at 1:00 for the board members only. Lester Manwiller said because of the COVID situation he will have to use the previous year's budget. The reorganization meeting will be held at 2:00 which includes board and committee chairpersons in which we discuss the dates of our business meeting, our car tours, car shows, AACA Meets etc. etc.

Chairperson Suzy McGovern

### ACTIVITIES CORNER

I know the new year is fast approaching and at this point in time, we do not know whether we will be meeting in person or not. So, for that reason I'm not making up a sign-up sheet for bakers for the meetings. We'll just have to play it by ear so to speak. The car tours for 2021 will start in April and it will give everyone time to think about running a tour. I will post the new dates after I get them from the reorganization meeting in next month newsletter.

But I want to take this opportunity to THANK everyone again who ran a tour and who participated in them. I believe most of the members had a good time. I was also glad mother nature cooperated for us.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I hope you have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take care and stay safe.

Suzy McGovern

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE ACTIVITIES CORNER

We have tour masters for our Early Bird Tour. They are new members, Bill and Sue Weber. I appreciate you stepping up. So, our other members can start thinking about the Apple Blossom Tour in May that's the next tour. Also, Ken Dages has our Two Day Tour in September and he mentioned doing a four day tour for that one to Cape May. Sounds exciting Ken. Just trying to keep you up to date.

Suzy

## DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT

**REMINDER:** If you haven't rolled over your 2020 Das Awkscht Fescht registration to 2021 and would like to register for 2021 at the discounted fee of \$12 instead of \$15, please go to [awkscht.com](http://awkscht.com) or [ontelaunee.aaca.com](http://ontelaunee.aaca.com) and print the registration form and mail to the address on the form. If you don't have computer access or are unable to print, call me at 610-823-5033 and I will mail one to you. The lower registration fee is only good until December 31, 2020.

Susan Manwiller

### REPORT ON APPLE JACK & CIDER TOUR

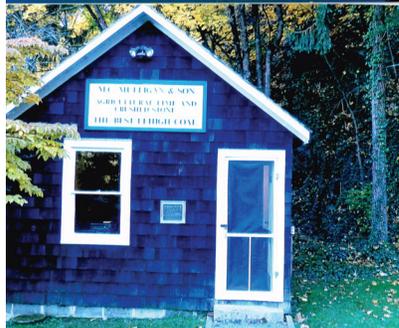
OH what a Beautiful Morning...Oh what a Beautiful Day. As we traveled thru Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton over the free bridge into Pburg NJ and on to Clinton NJ

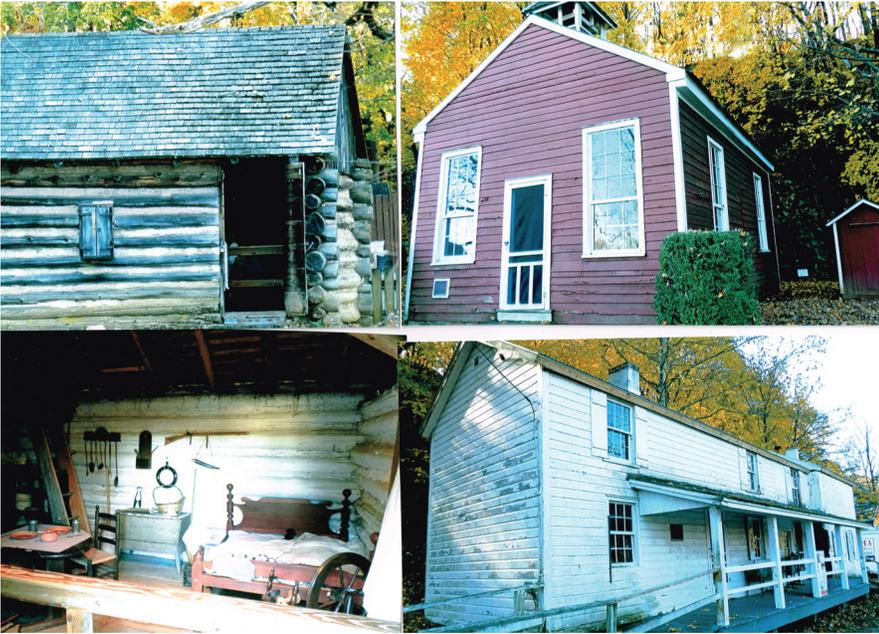


to our destination of the Red Mill Museum Village. Arrived in time to enjoy our lunch in the picnic grove overlooking the Raritan River. At 1:00 our tour guide met us with the history of the the Red Mill, a grit mill and than a wool processing plant and other industrial company before it was reserved into a historical site. The village had an ICE HOUSE which housed the tools and equipment to cut the ice (See the photos on the Ontelaunee website). **STONE QUARRY** with a huge limestone wall behind the stone crusher, and



4 wooden chutes that graded the stones. **LIME KILM** with a picture diagram showing how with a layers of coal burning in between the layers limestone to burn into ash or dust for the field. **BLACK SMITH SHOP** giving a demo. And **SCHOOL HOUSE**, **TENANT HOUSE**, **LOG CABIN**, AND **PEG LEG HOUSE**. The Peg Leg House was where he lived in a one room cabin; he lived on site as a care taker, handy man, and grave digger, etc. The village was a nice setting beside the river with benches to enjoy





the river with a waterfalls, geese a swimming, etc. Across the river was downtown main street Clinton bustling with people also enjoying their outing. After the tour we tailgated with donuts and cider. Thank you to the Dages for planning the tour, and bringing the cider and the Manwillers for bringing the donuts.

Nancy Horning reporting

### My 1929 Whippet Model 96A By Phyllis Peters

This is the story of how we got involved in antique cars. Since I was a young child, I would always remember my father telling me about the 1929 Whippet 2-Door Sedan that we had in our garage in Emmaus. It was first bought new by my grandfather, Harry Stauffer. It then was given to my father, Charles. It was always in the garage covered up and every once in a while my father would give it a crank.



I was told by my father that many would ask him to sell it, but we wanted it to stay an antique and not made into a street rod. It was always his wish to have it restored. But that never happened during his lifetime. Before my father passed he titled the Whippet to me. Having no sisters or brothers I am now the third owner of this car. I

cannot drive a standard transmission vehicle let alone the Whippet, but my husband Jim can.

When we went to the garage to see if it would start, it did. After a while, Jim and I decided that we should have it restored. So in 1982 we took it to Wendling Restoration in Macungie. There we had a frame-off restoration. Wish my dad could have seen it when it was finally finished. For many years after that we would take it to Macungie and trailer it to other shows in the area including Hershey and Carlisle. It received a First Junior in Macungie. But look as we might we hardly ever saw any other Whippets. The only time we did was when we took it to a Willys-Overland show.

Whippets were manufactured between 1926-1931 by the Willys-Overland Company

of Toledo. The name was derived from the Whippet dog and was meant to denote a vehicle that was small yet swift. It had a wheelbase of only 100.2 inches (which grew to 103.5 inches by 1929) and a 30-horsepower four-cylinder side-valve engine with just 130.1 cubic inches of displacement. Some people would say if you want it to run you should Whip It.



But the Whippet was fast. A 6-cylinder model set a 24-hour endurance record at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with an average speed of 56.2 mph. This run established a new American speed record for stock cars priced under \$1,000. Willys-Overland also demonstrated the Whippet's climbing ability by running the car over hurdles, much like the demonstration hills for Jeep at the Philadelphia International Auto Show. The Whippet had an international flair, being developed by subsidiary Willys-Overland-Crossley Ltd. for distribution through the worldwide network of Willys-Overland dealers.

In the era of “smart switches” and powered push-buttons, we tend to think we have the latest in gizmos, but the Whippet had a pretty slick gadget, too. It was called “finger tip control,” a button in the center of the steering wheel that not only sounded the horn when pressed, but also switched on the lights when it was turned clockwise—parking first, then headlamps – and activated the starter when it was pulled!

The Whippet had a rear fuel gauge located on the left end of the gasoline tank, a not uncommon feature of that era. It also had four-wheel mechanical brakes, although it appears that the company didn't quite finish engineering the system; some had external contracting bands on the rear wheels and internal expanding ones at the front. Other innovations for this low-priced car were a seven-bearing crankshaft, full pressure lubrication to all bearing except piston pins and Nelson Bohnalite “invar” strut pistons.

The Whippet sold 110,000 units in its first year of production, pushing Willys-Overland to third place in 1928 just behind Chevrolet and Ford. Production decreased in 1929 due to the Great Depression. By 1932, Willy-Overland produced only the new Model 77. The Whippet is still remembered by many people, however, as the car whose name was inspired by a dog. Accompanying this article, please see pictures of the Whippet before and after restoration.

## My Grandfather's 1924 Marmon Phaeton and Other Cars

By Bob Hobaugh

The “car” bug bit deeply into our family line by 1921 when my grandfather, Lester W. Hobaugh, was a teenager. Adopted by his Aunt Nora and Uncle Joe Bowersox, Lester grew up on a farm just outside the City of York. He and Uncle Joe delivered grain to other farmers in a REO Speed-Wagon with an extended bed, America's first pick up truck. But Uncle Joe also drove Studebakers. Lester loved motor vehicles and he drove them whenever he could. Lester excelled in mathematics and machine shop so between a



scholarship and selling eggs from the farm, he paid for a Penn State education. While in high school and college, Lester's best friend was Richard Mole, who went on to become a minister. Attached are pictures of Lester and Richard "hanging around" with cars. I believe the 1928 Dodge Brothers was Lester's car. He and Richard appear standing on the front bumper of another car. If you can identify it, please let me know.

After college, Lester took a job teaching machine shop at Pottsville High School in 1929. Following a blind date set up by Richard, Lester courted Cleo Fourhman of York. They married and took a honeymoon in the Dodge Brothers car. Soon after their wedding, Lester and Cleo moved to 20th and Mahantongo Streets in Pottsville. I visited there after our Fall Foliage Tour. Their car was a 1924 Marmon 4-passenger phaeton that Lester bought used but in great shape. Why would a school teacher buy a Marmon? Probably because he was a machinist and they represented a quality car with great engineering.

Marmons were manufactured by the Nordyke & Marmon Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, a successful flour business that Howard Marmon steered toward motor vehicles. In 1909 Marmon introduced the Model 32, its first successful car with a water-cooled engine. A version of this car known as "The Wasp" won the first Indianapolis 500 race in 1911 driven by Ray Harroun. Lester probably thought he was getting a fast car with some prestige.

Their Marmon Model 34 had a six-cylinder overhead valve engine that produced 34 horsepower but much more torque. According to my late friend, Beverly Rae Kimes, "its cylinder block and most engine components (including pushrods) were aluminum, as was the entire body and radiator shell." Kimes and Clark, *Standard Catalogue of American Cars 1805-1942*, (2d Ed. 1988), page 885. This is consistent with what my grandparents told me: a light-weight car with plenty of "get up and go." It got them home quickly from card games in Pottsville and took them on long trips. They drove once to Niagara Falls and at least once to visit family in North Carolina.

But the roar of the twenties ended in the Great Depression and for Lester, being married with a family and responsibilities. Fortunately, his teaching job covered the bills and contributed to the needs of his brother-in-law's family. That left few dollars for

another “hot” car but Lester still sought great quality. Uncle Joe gave Lester a series of Studebakers. Each time he made a “gift” to the young couple instead of trading in his Studebaker. Those cars served them after they moved to Carlisle where Lester taught at the Carlisle High School and later set up crystal factories for the war effort in 1942.

After WWII, Lester ran the state program for distribution of military surplus property in Pennsylvania and had an office in the State Capitol Building. Next, he taught at York High School. His son (my father), Bob Hobaugh, Sr., persuaded Lester to purchase a slightly used 1948 Cadillac with the new style P-38 tail fins, the last model with an L-head V-8 engine. That began a series of Cadillac purchases, all used vehicles, together with a Chevrolet panel truck that I remember. By the mid-1950s, Lester returned to the business world where he taught machine shop and mathematics to employees at the York Corporation. He helped my father rebuild a Cushman scooter and do a valve job on Bob Sr.’s 1949 Studebaker DeLuxe sedan 4-door. Lester drove a 1952 Cadillac Series 62 with a 331 cubic inch overhead valve engine and then a 1956 Cadillac Series 62 with 365 cubic inch overhead valve engine, both 4-door sedans. Sadly, Lester passed away in 1960 at age 52, leaving my grandmother, Cleo, the task of selling his machine shop in the basement, the panel truck and the last of the Cadillacs. The “car bug” had bitten my father by that time so it should come as no surprise that he became a motorhead too.

#### SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness we express our sympathy to the family and friends of Don Baer. Don was our Past President in 2006 and recent director of Public Relations Chair. Don was instrumental in chairing the responsibility of Stake off at Das Awkscht Fescht and also the Hamburg Swap Meet. Don was a hard worker, always the first to volunteer and last to leave. We will all miss Don

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Tom McMichael	12/4	
Merritt Smith	12/6	
Paul Shade	12/8	
Linda Legath	12/8	
James Shupp, Sr.	12/13	
Jill Naugle	12/13	
James Peters	12/16	
	12/18	Thomas & Ginny Gatley
Jessica Yoder	12/19	
Elsa Dages	12/21	
Carol Kidd	12/24	
	12/28	John & Nancy Black
Dolores Kennedy	12/29	
Alice Schaffer	12/29	

Matthias Staack	12/30
Katherine McCarthy	12/31
Nancy Hutchins	12/31

### DUES REMINDER

Your dues for 2021 will be the same as for 2020. They are as follows: \$10.00 for single and \$15.00 for joint and \$150.00 for life (only if life in National). You will not be receiving a renewal form in your December newsletter. Please just send your check to me. If you have some changes please just indicate it on a slip of paper. We will be printing a new Roster for 2021 and it is important that we have your correct information.

I will be collecting dues at the Christmas Party.

Your National dues renewal form was in your September/October National Magazine. National Dues are due by December 31, 2020. The loose sheet with your address label has the renewal form. Please save and use to pay your dues. Remember you have to be a member of National to be a member of Ontelaunee Region.

Phyllis Peters  
Membership Chairman

### 2021 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

I have Four Free Membership to give to potential people who have never been a member of AACCA. 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 notify me. If someone from the club has passed away please give me a call.

Thank You  
Phyllis Peters