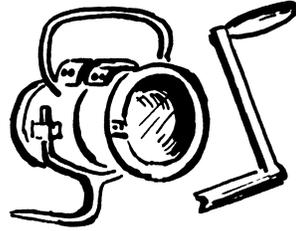


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SMOKE SIGNALS

June

5	Carlisle Ford	Carlisle, PA
12-13	AACA Southeastern Spring Nat'l	Charlotte, NC
14	Drive by for Bernice Boyer	
26-27	Carlisle Chevrolet Nat'l	Carlisle, PA
24-27	AACA Eastern Spring Nat'ls	Beckley, WV
28	Drive by for Joanne Ebert	

July

4	Hawk Mt. Region Car Show	Fleetwood, PA
5	Anthracite Car Show	Hazleton, PA
19-24	AACA Reliability Tour	Lockhaven, PA
23-25	Grand National	Allentown, PA
27	DAF Stake Off 3:00 PM	
31-Aug 1	Das Awkscht Fescht	Macungie, PA

August

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Board of Directors met on April 18th and May 9th in “virtual meetings” over the Internet to plan how our Ontelaunee Club will stay engaged and resume in-person activities. We missed our face-to-face meetings at New Jerusalem Church on April 4th and May 2nd but have some good news! First, we enjoyed two mini tours to visit shut-in members. On May 17th, many “Indians” toured by the home of charter member Goldie Rhode to wish her well as she recuperated from an automobile accident. On May 31st, we toured by the home of Paul Schaffer to say hello after a long absence. Each tour included a later picnic lunch with “social distancing” as we sat on our cars gathered together. Congratulations to Activities Director Suzy McGovern for organizing these fun mini tours in place of the Early Bird and Apple Blossom Tours!

What are we doing next? You are invited to a Zoom members’ meeting scheduled for June 6th at 7:00 pm. The weblink, meeting number and password will be available by e-mail for those “Indians” who care to try this virtual technology. Please send to me your e-mail address if you do not soon receive that link. As your President, I was to host a Church Tour on June 14th but my Pastor said that worship will be by Zoom at Trinity in Kutztown. To broaden our reach, we will instead have a mini tour to say hello to Bernice Boyer at the Laurel Center in Hamburg. As before, we will say hello from our automobiles. Then, it will be back to Lehigh County for a mini tour by the home of Joanne Ebert. She needs our encouragement and I hope that many of you participate.

Again, please show your empathy for our members by calling them, congratulating

them for birthdays, consoling them for losses and offering to help them as you are able. Remember that cars are only vehicles for us to band together. A list of birthdays and anniversaries appears on the last page of this newsletter. Please go to our website for current information as it is posted.

In this edition of "Tin 'N Brass," please check out LeRoy Hinkle's article on his 1964 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport convertible. LeRoy and Vas are long time members who recently encouraged cousin Tim Hinkle and his wife Susan to join. They are terrific members. I miss LeRoy's jokes and Vas' stories about travel. Also check out Minnie Breininger's article on two cars of her late brother, Nevin Rauch. I learned more about Minnie and her family than I learned about the Hudson and Buick. That's the way cars bring us together! Please send your car articles to me so we can get them published in the newsletter and on the website.

Note that AACA events are being rescheduled. The Southeastern Spring National rescheduled for June 12-13, 2020 in Charlotte, NC has been cancelled and I regret that lost opportunity to judge. The AACA Grand National in Allentown has been rescheduled to July 23-25, 2020 at the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage. Our own 57th annual Das Awkscht Fescht remains scheduled for July 31-August 2, 2020 at Macungie Memorial Park. Keep your fingers crossed and check out all the AACA shows and tours at http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca_calendar.html.

Please congratulate LeRoy and Vas Hinkle for their intelligent grandson, Cameron, who told his aunt that he turned on all the house lights inside and outside because he wanted "to wake up the house!" This is the same lad who reached for another 2 Oreos and when asked who said he could have them, he said, "my brain." Please share the happiness in your life with others.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 18, 2020

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed the board to the first virtual board meeting on April 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the coronavirus pandemic we used a program called Zoom so that board members could see and hear each other on either their computer or cell phones. Online were Robert Hobaugh, Barbara Oswald, Marilyn Roth, Susan Manwiller, Lester Manwiller, Suzy McGovern, Phyllis Peters, Don Baer, Michael Wolfe, Ken Dages, Tim Hinkle, Matt Manwiller. Mike Horning was unable to connect.

There was a motion by Don Baer and Lester Manwiller to cancel the May 2 business meeting at the church. All were in favor.

Lester gave the Treasurer's report for March. A motion was made by Tim Hinkle and Suzy McGovern to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Activities Director Suzy McGovern wanted to change the Early Bird Tour to the Apple Blossom tour but the winery is closed and since restaurants are closed she doesn't think we will be having a tour.

Bob said the church tour is scheduled for June 14 but he doesn't know if the church will be open by then. When he finds out he will let us know.

Comments were made about life at home during the pandemic. Mike Wolfe said he is doing physical therapy at home after knee surgery. Don Baer is coming along. Matt Manwiller said things are going well. The kids are doing their school work from

home and Matt is working from home 4 days a week. Ken Dages has a grandson who is graduating from Pitt University and has been unsuccessfully looking for a job.

Ken Dages reported the Applejack & Cider tour scheduled for November is all set. The museum and restaurant have been arranged. Ken has also been working on the two-day tour but the hotel wants all reservations by the end of June. The owner of the largest truck collection in the country where he was planning to take us now wants to do an open house with 500 people on the same day. He said it is difficult to make other plans when everything is closed. Suzy McGovern suggested taking a tour on Saturday, come home and take another tour on Sunday eliminating a hotel.

Bob would like to keep our members engaged and have fun. Some suggestions were to do a drive-by past some of our shut-in members or do a covered bridge tour ending with sandwiches at a pavilion. Ken has directions for Bucks County and Chester County covered bridge tours but rest rooms would be a problem.

A question was asked if the Grand National is still on. Bob suggested checking the AACA website for any changes. Bob thanked everyone who joined him on Zoom and would like to know the possibility for a virtual meeting with club members.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. was made by Ken Dages and Mike Wolfe. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MAY 9, 2020

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed the board to the second virtual board meeting on May 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Online were Robert Hobaugh, Barbara Oswald, Susan Manwiller, Lester Manwiller, Suzy McGovern, Phyllis Peters, Don Baer, Michael Wolfe, Ken Dages and Tim Hinkle.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the virtual board meeting held on April 18, 2020. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Phyllis Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for April. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Wolfe and seconded by Don Baer. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Phyllis reported that membership remained the same. She had an inquiry from John Black who has parked cars at DAF. He joined AACA and Phyllis sent him an application to join Ontelaunee. Former member Phil Fisher passed away. Don Baer reported that former member Reuben Smoyer passed away yesterday. Phyllis will send a card to Reuben's son, Scott and to Joanne Ebert.

Das Awkscht Fescht: 726 cars have registered down 80 from last year and 187 flea market spaces down 31 from last year. The AACA Grand National is still scheduled to take place on July 23–25.

Publicity: Don had nothing to report under the circumstances.

Activities: Suzy McGovern has scheduled a tour for May 17. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church in Krumsville where our business meetings are held. We will go on a tour

and drive by member Goldie Rhode's house. She had been in a car accident and had broken ribs and a broken sternum. We will then return to the church to use the rest rooms and eat our own packed lunch at a safe distance.

May 31, 2020 – Meet at the Orefield Middle School at 10:30 a.m. and drive by the home of Paul & Shirley Schaffer. Arrangements are being made to use facilities at Norma J's Restaurant in Orefield.

June 14, 2020 – Meet at the church where we have our meetings at 10:45 a.m. and drive by the Laurel Nursing Home where Bernice Boyer is a resident.

June 28, 2020 – Meet at the Orefield Middle School at 10:45 a.m. and drive by the home of Joanne Ebert and return to Norma J's.

These tours are to say hello to some of our shut-ins. They will be made aware of what time we will drive past their houses. Tour details will be forthcoming by email or phone.

Old Business: Future newsletter articles will include Leroy Hinkle's 1964 Impala and Minnie Breininger's Buick.

New Business: Our president proposed to have a general business meeting by ZOOM June 6 at 7:00 p.m. Members will be notified.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Mike Wolfe and seconded by Suzy McGovern. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ONTELAUNEE MINI TOURS

This one will be held on MAY 31st for Paul Schaffer. We will meet at the Orefield Middle School at 10:30 am. Again pack your own lunch and we will stop at Norma J restaurant where they have a porta potty we can use and we will eat on their parking lot (It's a very small lot). Don't forget your chairs and we should pray for a sunny day. If you would like to attend and spread some sunshine into Paul's life to make him smile give me a call at 610-488-1209. Again you can let me know at the last minute. I hope you can join us for the drive by.

Please keep staying safe and hope to see you soon. Suzy McGovern

DON'T FORGET YOUR LUNCH

On June 14, 2020, Ontelaunee members and friends are invited to join in a Berks County drive-by tour to say "hello" to our friend, Bernice Boyer. We will assemble by 10:45 am at New Jerusalem Zion United Church of Christ, 1456 Krumsville Road, Lenhartsville, PA 19534, where our Club meets. From there we will drive past and wave to a waiting Bernice in front of the Laurel Center in Hamburg. Then we'll head back to the Church for a picnic in or at our respective cars to be parked in a circle. Bring your own picnic goods. Please notify Bob Hobaugh 610-360-6537 if you plan to attend.

On June 28, 2020, Ontelaunee members and friends are invited to join in a Lehigh County drive-by tour to say "hello" to our friend, Joanne Ebert. We will assemble by 10:45 am at the parking lot of Orefield Middle School, 2675 PA-309, Orefield, PA 18069. From there we will drive past a waiting Joanne at her home in Orefield. Then we'll head

to Norma J's, 2717 PA-309, Orefield, PA 18069 for a picnic in or at our respective cars to be parked in a circle. Bring your own picnic goods. Please notify Bob Hobaugh 610-360-6537 if you plan to attend.

LEROY'S '64 CHEVY

By LeRoy Hinkle

When I was a teenager, the second car I owned was a 6-cylinder 1964 Impala 4 door hardtop. I eventually got rid of it and, over the years, regretted it. I used to tell my wife, "Someday I would like to get another '64, but this time I want a convertible." So, as Paul Harvey used to say, "And Now, For The Rest Of The Story".

I bought my present '64 in the Fall of 1997 through an ad in "Old Cars Weekly" from a fellow in Long Island, New York. Not only is it a convertible, it also has a 327 cu.in V-8 engine (only one 4- barrel carb though) and a 2 speed powerglide transmission. It is also a Super Sport Impala which means it has bucket seats and a center floor console for the shifter. On the way home, I got lost and ended up getting home long after dark.



The car was originally purchased in Arizona and how it ended up in New York is a mystery to me. The previous owner was a cousin to someone who worked with several movie producers. So, whenever a film was shot in the New York area, he "rented" some of his cars for use as "background" cars in the movies. He claimed that my car was in "Carlito's Way," "A Bronx Tale,"

and one other (I forget which one). The very front end (side view) is also in a Mariah Carey music video. He also showed me a photo album of autographed pictures of some of the New York Yankees and the New York Rangers with the car. The car was in a parade for the Yankees and the Rangers when they won championships in 1996 and 1994 respectively. (One of my regrets is that I didn't insist on getting the album too.)

In 1999 we did our first tour with the Ontelaunee Club as a guest of Eugene Klinger. We broke down about half way through the tour. It was still fun. We ended up joining the club in 2000.

Over the next several years I had to solve several problems. First came new shocks and springs to keep from bottoming out at the slightest bump. Next, came a carburetor problem and later, an electrical problem that I chased four about 4 years. It was Ray Fisher who finally put me on the right track to solving it.

In December 2007 I decided that it needed some work so, as a start, I planned on getting it painted. Shortly after I made this announcement to my family, I came home one day to find my car gone. My wife said she had talked to the guy who owned the body shop that I planned to use to paint the car and he took it to his shop. As spring approached I started wondering when I was getting the car back. My wife told me he

was working on it “on the side” to keep the cost down so it would take longer than usual. More time elapsed and I got the “itch” for cruising with the top down—especially as the weather warmed up. I kept getting excuses and, one day, I got out of work early and decided to stop at the shop and see what the holdup was.

When I inquired, I was told it was in the corner of the shop. Imagine my surprise when I looked over and couldn't find it. I asked again and the



employee (owner wasn't there at the time) said once again, that it was in the corner. A second look confirmed that it indeed was my car--- except it was a rolling chassis--- frame, engine and wheels only!!! I could not believe it!!! My first thought was that a horrible mistake was made and the owner misunderstood what I wanted done. They then took me to another building and showed me the body on a rotisserie set up! When I got home and told my wife, she confessed. She ordered (and paid for) a frame-off restoration!! What a surprise!!!

The paint is called Electric Blue. This is not a “Chevy” color but is actually a variant of Cyan Blue and was originally developed for Hot Rods. The True Spoke mag wheels on it were on the car when I bought it. Once the outside was done, my wife actually designed the interior seat and door patterns and had it done in colors matching the blue paint and white top. Not only was the dash given matching blue paint, the two tone steering wheel was also done in matching blue and white.

As many of you know, I love driving it with the top down and, over the years, we have had many memorable rides with it--- especially on club tours.

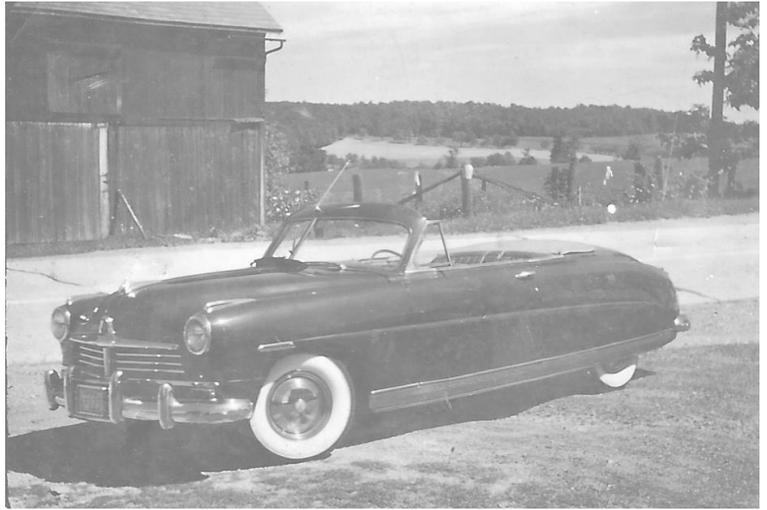
THE RAUCH CONVERTIBLES

By Minnie Breininger

I was the baby of the Rauch family. In fact, my brother, Nevin was 16 years older. Our family lived in Stony Run when he was born and we lived in Krumsville when I was born. This story is about Nevin Rauch and two of his cars, a 1948 Hudson and a 1964 Buick. Both were dark red convertibles. I now own the Buick, an Electra 225.

Although we grew up in Berks County, we spent a lot of time in Allentown. Our father had an open huckster truck from which he sold eggs and potatoes to people in Allentown. My brothers, Nevin and Herbert, took over the sales route and grew it with two trucks under the name, “Rocky's Fancy Fruits and Vegetables.” “Rocky” developed from our family name, Rauch. They expanded the inventory to include fish, candy, sticky buns, canned goods and corn. Summers, I worked for my brothers who drove the trucks throughout Allentown, each with a different daily route. My principal responsibility was to sell corn for which they paid me the handsome sum of \$50 for the whole summer. If I asked for more money, they told me I already ate too much of the inventory.

Brother Nevin always liked red convertibles. He attended Kutztown High School and worked in the silk mill on Highland Avenue to save money for cars. Attached is a picture of his Hudson six-cylinder convertible. I do not know if it was a 1948 or 1949 model but it does not matter because they were the same. Each had a new "Step-Down" unitized body which referred to the floorpan surrounded by frame girders instead of a body shell sitting on top of the chassis. Each had a 124-inch wheelbase. I do



not know if it was a Super or a Commodore but it does not matter because they were distinguished chiefly by a few extra interior appointments in the Commodore.

What matters is that this Hudson was a "hot" car. The smooth, clean sides tapered to small taillights in an aerodynamic design. The low center of gravity looked fast and helped the car hug the road. The six-cylinder engine had 8 more cubic inches in displacement than the 8-cylinder engine but weighed much less. Acceleration in 1948 was 0 to 40 mph in 12 seconds with an automatic transmission and quicker with a manual transmission. The engine became the 308 cubic inch power plant used by stock car champions from 1952 to 1954.

Nevin transitioned from truck route sales to the restaurant and motel business. In 1959-1960, he built the Skyview Restaurant located on the northeast corner of I-78 and Route 737 and the Top Motel, located on the southwest corner. He drove Buicks because Hudsons were no longer available. He moved from Maxatawny Township to Stafford, Virginia and drove a 1964 Buick Electra 225 convertible. One day he drove the dark red Buick to our yard in Kuhnsville and left it there for me.

In 1959, Buick renamed its Roadmaster the Electra 225, signifying a 225-inch wheelbase. By 1964, the 225 came with either a 401 cubic inch V-8 with 325 bhp or a 425 cubic inch V-8 with 340-360 bhp. In 1964, Buick made 7,181 Electra 225 convertible



coupes at a base price of \$4,374. We did not modify or restore the Electra 225, and have enjoyed showing it at Hershey in the HPOF class (historic preservation of original features). In our trips to Hershey, Carl would trailer the 1950 Studebaker or drive the 1951 Studebaker, I would drive the 1960 Lark and our children would drive the Buick.

The Buick accompanied us on many tours with the Ontelaunee Club. Carl and I would join forces with Forrest and Bertha Hoffman to host many tours. They drove

Edsel convertibles. Forrest has passed but Bertha resides in Oley. I enjoy speaking with her regularly. The Buick brought us together. Thanks to Nevin for this wonderful Buick!

JUNE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Goldie Rhode	6/1	
Howard Schorr	6/1	
Sandra Kemp	6/2	
	6/4	Michael & Donna Wolfe
Lyle Yoder	6/10	William & Alice Schaffer
	6/12	Barry & Karen Hunsicker
Judith Fischer	6/16	
James Costa	6/16	
Ruth Barnett	6/17	
Susan McGovern	6/18	
Bryon Reed	6/19	John & Linda Legath
	6/20	Robert & Grace Fry
Minnie Breininger	6/21	
Morris Halpin	6/21	
Michael Engard	6/21	
	6/22	Robert & Anne Lawatsch
Bruce Foelker	6/22	
George Husack, Jr.	6/23	
	6/25	Carl & Minnie Breininger
Audrey Merkel	6/28	
Ed Lenny	6/29	

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