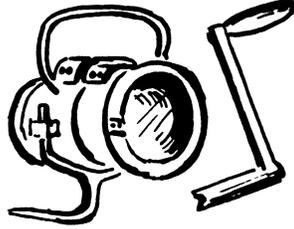


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SMOKE SIGNALS

March

1	Hamburg Flea Market	Hamburg, PA
6-7	Martin Motorsports MC Show	Boyertown, PA
7	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA

April

2-5	AACA Southeastern Spring Nat'ls	Charlotte, NC
4	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
19	Early Bird Tour	
22-26	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
23-25	AACA Western Spring Nat'l	Show Low, AZ
24-25	Perkiomen Antique Motorcycle Show	Oley, PA
26-May5	AACA Founders Tour	Show Low, AZ

May

2	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
3	Apple Blossom Tour	
7-9	AACA Central Spring Nat'l	Auburn, IN
13-16	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour	Cambridge, MD
17	Wind Gap Car Show	Wind Gap, PA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We celebrated the 55th anniversary of Ontelaunee Region AACA with a full house, terrific baked goods and lively discussion on February 1, 2020. Wayne Tuck shared tips from AACA for membership development, including social media, and Mike Dotterer brought us up to speed with the website. Let's all be ambassadors for our Region and share membership opportunities wherever we find car people!

Florita and I enjoyed representing the Ontelaunee Region at the 84th Annual Convention of the AACA on February 6 and 7, 2020. We attended the Region Presidents' Banquet, Trade Show and seminars. We proudly displayed the Ontelaunee Region's banner, contributed a Club donation to AACA and distributed two stacks of registration forms for Das Awkscht Fescht.

This month we will enjoy an article by Ray Fischer about his 1950 Mercury. Cars are vehicles for travel and for people to meet and grow friendships. Ray writes that he thinks of Dave Zimmerman when he looks at his Mercury because they found and worked on the car together. Dave served as a long-time AACA Director and 2005 President of AACA, something Ontelaunee can remember with pride. Please share an article about one of your antique motor vehicles and the connections you made with it.

The Hamburg Swap Meet is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2020. Please volunteer then (beginning at 5:00 am) and show up at 7:00 am on Saturday, February 29, 2020 to set up the Hamburg Field House. This activity grows friendship among our members and makes money for the Region. Please remember to bring your white elephant items for sale by Second Vice President Marilyn Roth and others at the Ontelaunee tables.

Winter, says the groundhog, will not last long. We have some wonderful

events in April, including the Early Bird Tour and the AACA Western Spring Nationals in Show Low, AZ. On March 6-7, 2020 you can enjoy the Tenth Annual Modern Classics Motorcycle Show at Martin Motorsports in Boyertown. Learn more at www.modernclassicsbikeshow.com.

Das Awkscht Fescht is just around the corner. Regions of The Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Inc. are working with the AACA Museum and our Region to feature Cadillacs and LaSalles at the Fescht. Please promote the Fescht among your friends, car collectors and vendors so that we can have a terrific show during our 55th anniversary year!

Bob Hobaugh

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ontelaunee Region AACA was held at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church, Krumsville, PA on February 1, 2020 with 40 members present. President Robert Hobaugh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from January 2020 was read without any corrections. A motion was made to approve the report by Elaine Baer and Barbara Oswald. The motion carried.

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported that as of tonight we have 174 members (109 single and 65 joint). New members are Michael Dotterer our new webmaster and his parents, Jeffrey and Sherry Dotterer. Jeffrey's uncle was Royden Dotterer and his cousins were Robert Rhode and Otto Gruber. These three men were instrumental in the formation of the Ontelaunee Region. Two former members passed away, Joan Wood, wife of Past President Robert Wood and Richard Miltenberger. Phyllis has a few people who didn't renew. She is trying to reach Erv and Becky Steinly and Nancy Shappell. Steve Carey moved to Florida and is not renewing. Phyllis has four more free memberships from National.

Activities: Suzy McGovern said there are still tours open and bakers are needed for meetings. The list is being passed around. Suzy and her sister, Barb Spohn are the tour masters for the Early Bird Tour. The date is April 19 and part of the tour involves wine tasting.

Publicity: Don Baer put notice of the Hamburg Swap Meet in the AACA magazine and online.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester has only one space available inside the field house and quite a few spaces have been sold outside. Help is needed on Saturday at 7:00 a.m. Vendors will start setting up at 9:00 a.m. On Sunday help is needed starting at 5:00 a.m. and the public arrives at 7:00 a.m. Our president will be taking flyers to the AACA meeting in Philadelphia. Members were encouraged to take flyers and post them in local businesses in their area such as food stores, restaurants and automotive stores.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Susan Manwiller reported that registration has been down slightly from last year. Car registrations are 626 and flea market spaces 150. The first meeting for DAF 2020 will be held February 12th. We are going to try to get out more flyers.

Correspondence: Thank you cards were received from Barbara Koch and the Boy Scouts of America in memory of Ben Koch. Thank you letters were received from Wes Kowalski and Taylor Sullivan for the scholarship money. A thank you letter was received from the AACA Museum for the donation we give them each year. The Brandywine Region announced that they will be having a swap meet on April 19.

AACA National Meeting, Philadelphia: Ray Fischer said the meeting is going strong with good speakers, plenty of seminars and judging schools. His wife Judy is in charge of the trade show. Cars on display on the trade show floor this year will be antique electric cars. This is a two-day event starting on Friday, Feb. 7th with seminars and a bus tour of Philadelphia and Friday evening President's dinner. There are more seminars and a judging school on Saturday.

Membership Program: Wayne Tuck, AACA Vice President of Membership, spoke to us about how to get more members. Wayne said every car event is a recruiting opportunity. That can be at our region's activities, cruise nights, and other club's car shows. He suggested that we have a canopy, table, literature, signs and banner set up at car events to get new members. He said every member should carry literature in all their cars. Literature that is available from AACA such as the red Mustangs cutouts, region benefits tri-fold and national membership applications. Our website should highlight recruitment, membership benefits and activities and should emphasize that guests are welcome. We should follow up by welcoming and greeting our new members.

Region Website: Our new webmaster, Michael Dotterer, has been putting events on the website. Presently our website is set up through AACA. Wayne Tuck said the New Jersey regions set up their own websites because it is very limited from AACA. The AACA plans to do a total update to their website but it could be awhile. It was discussed whether to allow new members to join online and pay with PayPal or credit cards. Phyllis and Lester were apprehensive about doing that and that will be discussed at a board meeting. Bob Hobaugh said we should expand our calendar of events to include links to other clubs and their activities. Barry Seel talked about a new Crossley region that was formed and that you can join online. He also said there were 62 Crossleys at DAF when Crossley was the feature car, 34 of those people passed away. Last year there were only 2 Crossleys at DAF. Barry took flyers along for a hopefully better turnout of Crossleys in 2020.

Ontelaunee Region 55th Anniversary: In honor of the club's 55th anniversary, Bob brought in a beautiful sheet cake with a red 1953 Cadillac. Cadillac and LaSalle will be the feature car at this year's DAF sponsored by the AACA Museum.

Refreshments were cherry pies made by Minnie Breininger and Marilyn Roth.

Bob thanked Wayne Tuck and Michael Dotterer for speaking at the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. by Shirley Schaffer and Joanne Ebert. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

HAMBURG SWAP MEET

Help will be needed on Saturday, February 29 at 7:00 a.m. to lay out spaces for the swap meet. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We will also need help on Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 a.m. to help the vendors locate their spaces so they can set up and be ready for the public at 7:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your "white elephant" items either Saturday or Sunday. We will also take the items at the February meeting. Please give me a call if you need the items picked up.

Lester Manwiller, Chairman, 610-823-4656

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Hi everyone looks like the groundhog says we will have an early spring if you can trust that furry little critter. I'm thinking probably not but as far as car tours go no one signed up for the 3 that are left....which are Apple Blossom (which is in May), Dog Days (in August) & Fall Foliage (in October). Even if you don't want to make an arrangement to tour some museum or other place just have a driving tour with a meal included, I think just getting together with our car club friends is just as much fun. So, this gives you something to think about and if you need help there are enough people that can help you out. I know the first tour that I helped my sister with didn't turn out that good and I thought I'd give it up but decided to try again and it got better. Just get your feet wet and give it a try.

Bakers are stepping up and we only have one month to fill. That month is April. Thank you all for volunteering and I hope to see you at the next month meeting. Try and stay dry till then.

Suzy

EARLY BIRD TOUR - APRIL 19, 2020

For the first tour of 2020, we will be tasting wines at STOUDT's WINERY in Shartlesville where they use their own grapes and other fruits grown on Stoudt's Fruit Farm owned by Bob L. Stoudt. They have approximately 20 different wines and plan on adding more selections to their list as their business grows. For your information if you buy a bottle of wine you will receive \$5.00 off one bottle of wine.....WINE ONLY..... We will eat before we start our wine tasting.

MEET: Northern Berks Doctors Office (off Route 61 next to the Cracker Barrel Hamburg)

TIME: 9:45 a.m. (Leave at 10:00 a.m.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 4, 2020

TOURMASTERS: Barbara Spohn & Suzy McGovern

COST: \$10.00 members/\$26.00 non-members, children under 3 free, 3-11 \$5.00

Make checks payable to ONTELAUNEE REGION AACA

Send payment to Barbara Spohn, 129 Dry Hollow Rd., Bernville, PA 19506

Any questions call Barbara at 610-488-1209

Name(s) _____

#Adults _____ #Children Under 3 _____ #Children 3-11 _____

Amount enclosed _____

THE CAR OF MY DREAMS.....A 1950 MERCURY



I was fifteen years old and I wanted a 1950 Mercury. Obviously an eight-year-old car was way out of my reach. Since I wasn't old enough to drive any car was out of my reach, but that didn't stop me from wanting one. Had I met my wife a few years sooner, I would have had a beautiful 1949 Mercury, but it wasn't to be. As the years passed, I bought, sold and sometimes repossessed cars, trucks and motorcycles. I've probably had more vehicles than most people in a lifetime, but never a 1950 Mercury.

Finally, in 2011 (It took a long time) I found my car, a 1950 Mercury coupe!! It wasn't in as good of shape as I wished for, but something I could work on. So, after overpaying for my dream car, I started the restoration. Now fixing all the stuff I had foolishly overlooked because I wanted it so bad. I completely overhauled the engine, did extensive body work on the door posts, replaced the radiator, wiring harness and, of course, new tires. I knew I wanted to use the car for touring so I installed an overdrive transmission. Without overdrive, the cruising speed is only about 60mph; overdrive allows you to drive at 70mph constantly.

As everyone knows, the mystique of the "50's- era" Mercury goes back to the James Dean movies when the cars were associated with the "bad boy" image. My Mercury has a V8 distinguishable from the 1950 Ford. It came with a stroked 255.4 cid and two-barrel downdraft Holley carburetor. New, it was good for 110 bhp and over 100 mph. Later they became the car to have to customize and hot rod. Personally, I like the cars just the way they look from the factory.

One of the things I remember about my Mercury is having the help of my good friend Dave Zimmerman join in the search. We traveled many miles and "kicked" many tires before I settled on this one. Today I think of Dave when I see and drive my car. Dave was master mechanic, a Mustang expert and brought AACA up to speed when the 1964 1/2 models became eligible for judging. He served as a long-time director and as the 2005 AACA President earning the respect of those in and out of our hobby.

After all that, we started enjoying the car. udy and I love AACA tours and this Mercury has been on many, as well as local tours and events. I must admit I have way more time

and money invested in the car than it is worth, but I don't regret a thing. Was it all worth it? YES! YES!

I hope some of you can relate to my story and maybe you can think of what is special about your favorite car.

Here's looking up your tail pipes. Ray Fischer



MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Warren Fick	3/3	
Fern Fegely	3/4	
Susan Manwiller (Matt)	3/5	
John Heyer	3/6	
	3/7	Donald & Corrine Haines
Marilyn Roth	3/9	
Brian Stever	3/11	
	3/13	Michael & Jill Naugle
Brenda Smoyer	3/16	
	3/18	Richard & Gladys Ditzler
George Hahn	3/21	Paul & Shirley Schaffer
Phyllis Peters	3/24	
	3/26	Wayne & Patti Schaffer
Elaine Baer	3/28	
John Rome	3/29	

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

I have requested and received four more free national memberships. We have Four Free Memberships to give to potential people who have 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

ROSTER

Please check all your information in your current Rooster (2018). Please call me with any corrections. Make sure your current address and telephone number, e-mail address is correct. If you would like to add an e-mail address please do so.

Thanks, Phyllis Peters