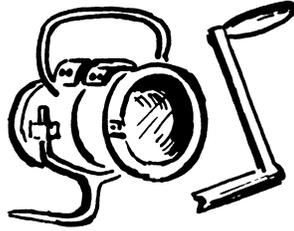
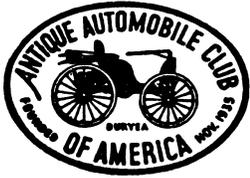


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SMOKE SIGNALS

September

5	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
7	Robesonia Car Show	Robesonia, PA
13	Strausstown Car Show	Strausstown, PA
13	Ludwigs Corner Car Show	Ludwig's Corner, PA
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	
25	Free Spirit Buick Car Show	Lehighton, PA

November

7	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
8	Apple Jack & Cider Tour	
15	Ontelaunee President's Banquet	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Ontelaunee Club engaged members and new members in August 2020. We enjoyed two tours to encourage shut-in members and participated in a members' meeting. On August 8th we met on the Zoom platform and celebrated new members Shawn Riley, Chris and Cindy Hornaman, Bill and Sue Weber, John and Nancy Black, Wilson and Sara Jane Black, and Clifford and Diane Mauer. Wilson explained that he and Sara Jane joined Ontelaunee because our website shows that we are active and have fun together. We will again meet by Zoom on September 5, 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 August 9th we toured through the Kutztown School District to see hex signs on barns and delivered a care package to Jack Mesch in Lower Macungie Township. On August 23rd we drove through the Oley Valley School District where we saw some of the most beautiful farms in Berks County. These gatherings concluded with separation distance picnics, the first at Florita's and my house in Kutztown with Eric Claypoole and Andy Shirk telling us about barn stars and the second at Jenn & Jessie's Ice Cream Parlor in Oley. Thanks to Ken and Elsa Dages for the August 9th tour and to Lester and Susan Manwiller for the August 23rd visit to Oley.

Our tours will continue in September with a special Two-Day Tour. COVID-19 prevents us from following the regular formula of multiple meals, hotel and multiple destinations before returning home. Ken and Elsa Dages have instead created two one-day tours with maximum effect. First, on Saturday, September 19th, we will have lunch (dutch treat) at Folino Estate, 340 Old US Route 22, Kutztown, PA followed by a

tour of the Old Spokes (Hudson) Museum at 10399 Old US Route 22 in New Smithville. Second, on Sunday, September 20th, we will visit Ott's Exotic Plants, 901 Gravel Road in Schwenksville, PA followed by lunch and a tour of Pennypacker Mills, a colonial revival mansion at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville. These tours help engage us as members of a great Club and provide an opportunity to invite 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 articles about Matt Staack's 1937 DeSoto Business Coupe and Suzy McGovern's 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle. Both owners think their cars are female, but they relate to their cars differently. Please enjoy those pictures and articles. Consider drafting a story about one of your cars for our "Tin 'N Brass."

The AACA Grand National moved to Gettysburg from Allentown and was held August 21-22, 2020. Florita and I judged there. Wow what a show! We will parade on October 3, 2020 for the Camel Project, an anti-bullying program in Berks County. More information will follow. The Hershey Fall National event will not include the Car Corral but will be held October 9-10, 2020. We will judge there and understand that new member Wilson Black will apprentice judge there. Learn more about AACA shows and tours at 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 8/8/2020 (Zoom Meeting)

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by Zoom on Aug 8, 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 July 11, 2020 by Zoom. A motion to approve the Secretary's report from July was made by Ray Fischer and seconded by Tim Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for July, 2020. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Wolfe and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously. Bob asked since the club isn't bringing in any money we might want to consider a fund raiser. We could even do a virtual fund raiser. Lester said we have money in savings and he could cash in a CD if needed so we are okay for now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis wasn't at home and didn't have a total member count but she reported that membership has had a lot of activity and she has taken in 4 or 5 new

members. All of the free memberships have been used for this year. She has people who are interested in joining when she gets the new free memberships for 2021. She knows of no one who is on the sick list or in the hospital. She asked that we let her know if anyone knows of a member who is ill or passed away. We welcomed new member Wilson Blatt to the meeting.

There was a discussion concerning the membership directory which is printed every three years. The last one was printed in 2018. Lester said in the past the cost was around \$600 and Phyllis said about 200 are printed. Wilson Blatt asked how important it was to have a directory. Bob said some people don't have internet and need it in print. Phyllis gives one to new members who join over a period of three years until a new one is printed. It was suggested to put the directory on the website but have it password protected for members only. Bob suggested forming a committee to look into this and report back. Don Baer made a motion to get a committee together to help Phyllis do a roster and report back to the members. The motion was seconded by Tim Hinkle. Phyllis said she already has the names in a database and she can handle getting the roster updated and printed. A vote was taken and there were 11 no, 5 yes and 1 abstaining votes. Phyllis will report back next month with a cost from the printer.

Activities: Suzy McGovern was absent.

- 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 have a picnic at the home of Bob Hobaugh.

- August 23, 2020 – Oley Valley area tour by Lester and Susan Manwiller. Meet at the Medical Center parking lot, Moselem Springs at 9:45 and leave at 10:00. Bring your own lunch or food and ice cream will be available to purchase at Jenn and Jessie's Ice Cream Parlor.

- Fall Foliage Tour – Neil Merkel is working on it.

- Applejack & Cider Tour – Need a tour master. Let Suzy or Bob know if you are interested.

Newsletter: Bob said the newsletters have been great. Mike Horning thanked Bob for all the articles on member's cars that were submitted.

Website: Bob encouraged members to look at the photos on our website at ontelaunee.aaca.com. Bob thanked Michael Dotterer for putting the membership application on the website and for getting pictures from the tours on the website in a timely manner. Any pictures for the website can be sent to either Mike Dotterer or Bob.

Old Business: Bertha Hoffman sent a thank you letter to the club. She really appreciated the drive-by visit.

New Business: Last Thursday Cheri Dotterer was at the church to test Zoom. It was hoped we could physically have a meeting with a small group of 25 people and others could participate in the meetings through Zoom. Zoom takes a lot of gigabytes of data

when you don't have Wi-Fi. It would be good to find someone with an unlimited data plan to link in. We are not ready and don't have the gigabytes to do the hotspot so the next meeting will be on Zoom. The next business meeting will be held on September 5, 2020.

Lester received a call from Minnie Breininger who knew of someone selling a used 4 drawer file cabinet. Lester purchased the filing cabinet for \$25 and delivered it to the church last Thursday. It will be used to store club items.

- August 16, 2020 – Neil Merkel said the Virginville Grange which was formed in 1920 is looking for someone with a Model T to be displayed on their parking lot from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to commemorate their 100th anniversary. Grange members will drive through, look at the car, look at some pictures and pick up a commemorative book. Let him know if you know someone who has a Ford Model T.

- August 21-22, 2020 AACA Grand National - The show has been moved from Allentown to Gettysburg.

- September 5, 2020 Duryea Day – Cancelled

- September 13, 2020 – Strausstown Car Show – The show will be held but with changes due to Covid19. Everyone must be pre-registered. There will be no judging. Masks must be worn. There will be no chicken barbecue dinners and the flea market will be laid out like a checkerboard. They will have live entertainment.

- October 3, 2020 – Camel Project – Cheri Dotterer asked if the club would be interested in doing a car parade in Reading to benefit the Camel Project. The Camel Project's mission is to stop bullying. A motion was made by Jeff Dotterer and seconded by Wilson Blatt to have the club participate in this anti-bullying project fund raiser. The motion carried unanimously. Our club would meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Reading Area Community College (RACC) parking lot and parade five times around the block at 5 MPH up Washington St. and around Court Street. Everyone will receive an envelope for a donation for the event. Look for details in the newsletter.

- October 10, 2020 Eastern Fall Meet Hershey - Wilson Blatt said he didn't get the AACA rate when booking the hotel online so he called the hotel directly but only received the discounted rate after speaking with management.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. was made by Mike Horning and seconded by Ray Fischer. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

August has come and gone without the annual Das Awkscht Fescht. I know it would have been hot and unbearable but a part of me has missed it. At this point I don't know when we will return to our normal meeting but I hope soon.

After our drive bys we raffle off prizes which was suggested by Lester Manwiller. Thanks Lester..... I believe everyone enjoys that idea. I just want to say thank you every

one for participating in the mini drive by tours. If you think about it, we go on tours more than we did without the pandemic. Other than that, please keep staying safe.

Suzy McGovern

CAMEL PROJECT



ALL SHOW CARS WELCOME

Join us as we honor
and celebrate the 2020
Community Champions

We don't need superheroes.

We have ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Saturday, October 3rd, presentation at 1 pm (Invitation only)

Berks County Community Foundation (BCCF),

237 Court Street, Reading, PA

All are invited to a car-parade at 2 pm

1:00-1:15pm Cars line up [Yocum Library, 30 South Front Street, Reading, PA](#)

1:55pm Leave parking lot

2:00pm Car Parade

- Four-way flashers blinking
- 5-10 mph
- Route
 - Front Street to Washington Street (2-way: Goggleworks)
 - Right on Washington Street
 - Right on 2nd Street
 - Left on Court Street
 - Left on 3rd Street
 - Left on Washington Street
 - Left on 2nd Street
 - Repeat five times

- Encourage family and friends to stand at **3rd and Court** to cheer the parade.
- Please ask them to park on the Yocum Library lot and walk to the BCCF.

- Make banners to promote your club for each car.
- Place them in rear driver's window during parade.
- Audience will be on driver's side during the parade.
- Masks are required outside cars.

Reading City Police Department will be stopping traffic during the parade.

You will receive a donation envelop upon arrival at the Yocum parking lot.

Car Parade Coordinator: Cheri Dotterer 484-509-0518

Donations will be accepted in front of the BCCF

<https://www.thecamelpoint.org/2020-community-champions>

BURT JOHNSON TOUR – 7-26-20

15 cars left Macungie Park on a very, very warm Sunday morning July 26th. This was supposed to be a drive by for Burt Johnson. Sorry to say; we did not see Burt; he was in the hospital.

Nancy Horning, with her co-pilot Michael, took us on a lovely tour of the Macungie countryside. First point of interest was her home at 1875 Willow Lane.

Passed the Lower Macungie Community Center which includes the township center, library, swimming pool, 2 gyms, barn, gazebo, meeting rooms, state reps office and walking trails.

The Buckeye Pipe Co. with many fuel tanks has been in the area about 15 years. Home base Houston, Texas. More large tanks but these are filled with grain. The Seedway Co.

Dan Schantz Greenhouse. Pappy Orchards with a lot of young trees. These are very nearly kept. A lot of old cemeteries; neat houses and barns.

Along the way, I noticed we were missing some cars. I could only count 12. Sure enough, when we got back to Macungie Park where we ate our picnic lunches, at the White Oak pavilion, I was told Ron and Nancy Hutchins had car trouble. Fischers and Tucks dropped out to give them a hand. They all made it to the park for lunch.

Some of the upcoming tours were discussed. President Bob thanked Nancy and Michael for the tour. Lester and Suzy McGovern handed out the door prizes. Winners were Michael Horning, Nancy Horning, Nancy Hutchins, Shawn Riley and Elaine Baer.

It was nice to see some new faces on this tour. Everyone was anxious to get home to their A.C. It truly was a very hot day.

THANK YOU Nancy and Michael for a very nice tour.

Barb Spohn

THE BLUE BEAST: 1937 DESOTO BUSINESS COUPE

By Matthias Staack

I call her “Lolita” and my family calls her “the Blue Beast;” she is a 1937 DeSoto Business Coupe, a garage-kept senior citizen. As with other residents in senior-care



facilities, she is cared for as needed: Lolita has a charger to

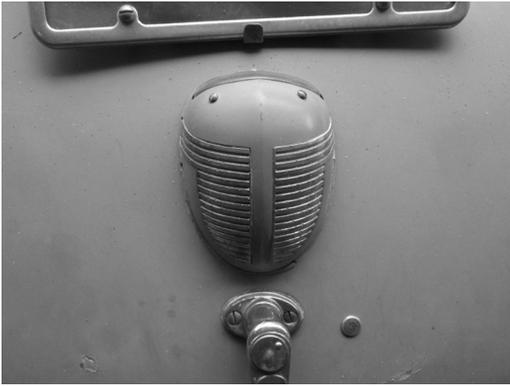
keep her battery in tip-top condition. I first saw Lolita when she was owned by Bruce Stevens. He had her painted blue following repair of the trunk into which a tree had fallen. She had been metallic green when the first two owners cared for her. As to the snap



buttons on the doors, she was used as a delivery car for a pharmacy in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the pharmacy signs were attached to the buttons. I persuaded Bruce to give her up for adoption in 1991 following my mother’s passing and receipt of a small inheritance.



As to her finish, this one-of-a-kind paint scheme is called “patina,” which I believe is French, Polish, Italian, or Swahili for “Dirty Car.” The patina has been nurtured over many years of having never being washed and it can never be replicated. In fact, two years ago, “Jack S ## t Sparrow,” on the fly I might add, deposited a very critical pin-striping feature to this award-winning paint scheme. She is survivor. She has been awarded and badged as HPOF with the AACA. This award is a very



high honor. No, she will never be intentionally washed although rain may occasionally fall!

This Blue Beast has power: her L-head inline 6-cylinder engine has 93 horsepower and 168 pound-feet of torque fired by an "Autolite" ignition and delivered through 4 main bearings and solid valve lifters. The manual transmission has full synchromesh and she stops with four-wheel hydraulic

brakes. Her all-steel body has 14 rubber mounts and rides on an independent front suspension and hypoid rear axle.

Lolita is highly optioned. She has bumper guards, fender skirts, "Transitone" AM radio that still works, heater, cigar lighter, radio antenna located under driver's side running board, "Gas-Saver" overdrive transmission and vent wings windows. The mechanical overdrive transforms Lolita from a 3-speed to a 4-speed forward drivetrain.

I have lovingly maintained Lolita. She has had several life-saving surgeries as well as transplants including (1) a new brake system consisting of brake lines, wheel cylinders and master cylinder; and (2) a new fuel system with fuel lines, electric fuel pump at the tank to stop vapor lock and new poly fuel tank. Lolita and I have a maintenance agreement: if I continue to maintain her, she will keep running for me.

Lolita's design integrates style features in the grille, with the hood ornament, bullet headlights, stop lights and license plate light, as you can see from the attached pictures. She has received many unsolicited comments and cat calls as to her stunning beauty from far-off admirers.



MY 1972 CHEVY CHEVELLE

By Suzy McGovern

The reason I looked for an antique car was for our car tours not for car shows. Also, the fact is that I love old cars. Believe it or not I found my car advertised in church. I also



knew the guy who had it for sale. I went to see her and of course fell in love with her immediately. She was a pretty yellow with a black vinyl roof. As you can tell she's a girl and her name is "Buttercup."

It seems I





give my cars names...I don't know why.

First thing I did after I bought her was take her to my mechanic because I knew she needed a new battery. What was in the car was a side mount battery and hard to charge so I had it replaced with an upright battery. That the new battery was not "original" didn't matter because I wouldn't

take it to car shows to be judged. Turns out I needed a new starter, shocks and hoses.

I have the original 307 cubic inch V-8 engine in it. It's working just fine so far. I'd love to say I have one of the rarest Chevelles found, the elegant 454 LS6, but I don't. I have to say I love my Chevelle just the way she is.

I've enjoyed the tours that I had her on. She runs like a dream. I do drive her around my local area just to make sure she doesn't sit for too long. Sorry I haven't owned my car long enough to have a lot of stories about her. I'm a new antique car owner.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Vasilia Hinkle	9/1	
Jason Peters	9/1	
Barry Seel	9/1	
	9/4	Edward & Isabel Lenny
Glen Anderson	9/5	
	9/6	Al & Joan Myers
Wayne Schrack	9/8	
Charlie Potts	9/8	
	9/9	Carl & Susan Yackanicz
Lois Dries	9/10	
Doris Umberger	9/11	
Joanne Ebert	9/12	
	9/14	Robert & Florita Hobaugh
Robert Fry	9/15	
Shirley Schaffer	9/16	
Jed Rapoport	9/17	
	9/20	Charles & Fern Fegely, Jr.
Ronald Smith	9/24	
Theresa Seel	9/27	

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