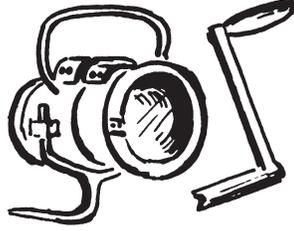


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## 2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

6      Ontelaunee Business Meeting      Zoom

### MARCH

13      Ontelaunee Business Meeting      Zoom

### APRIL

4      Ontelaunee Business Meeting      Zoom

8-10      AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals      Charlotte NC

15-17      AACA National Convention      Philadelphia, PA

18      Early Bird Tour

19-22      AACA Southeastern Division Tour      Central Florida

21-25      Spring Carlisle      Carlisle, PA

23-24      Perkiomen Motorcycle Show      Oley, PA

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in a new year and things are not looking any better, we had our first zoom meeting and that went well. The AACA meeting was cancelled until April. It was voted to cancel the swap meet in Hamburg, the budget was approved. Lester Manwiller said he would take publicity chairman, thank you Lester. The early bird tour is ready to go. Thanks to Bob and Sheri for all your help.

Marilyn Roth

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

President Marilyn Roth welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by Zoom on January 2, 2021 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 by Zoom on December 5, 2020. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Susie McGovern and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for December 2020. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Barry Seel and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported Donald Haines passed away on December 10, 2020. A sympathy card has been sent to the family from the club. Phone calls have been made to 20 people who did not renew. Ten people are not renewing. Phyllis has been unable to reach Carolyn Rahn. If anyone knows how to reach Carolyn, let Phyllis know. There are four free memberships available from National. Due to Covid19 Phyllis

is unable to have membership forms signed by the officers. She checked with National and they said they don't have to be signed under the circumstances. Phyllis is working on getting everyone's correct information for the new roster.

Activities: Susie McGovern will be putting the dates in the newsletter for the tours. If anyone is interested in running a tour let her know. If a date doesn't suit it can be changed.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Susan Manwiller reported 729 vehicle registrations to date (716 vehicles rolled over, 13 new) and 170 flea market spaces rolled over.

Publicity: Phyllis asked if we have a new person for publicity so she has a name for the roster. Lester said he will do it since he does it for Hamburg anyway. DAF's advertising is mostly handled by Macungie Park.

Newsletter: Mike Horning is asking for reports on people's cars. They can be emailed or sent to him.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester said he talked to the person in charge of the Hamburg Field House and we are permitted to have the swap meet. He said the reptile show was held and in addition to masks and sanitizer they took everyone's temperature. In addition to masks and sanitizer Lester would like plexiglass at the admissions window with a slot to pass the money through. Lester asked if the club would still like to have the swap meet. Ken Dages thought we should hold off until we get shots because our age group is the most susceptible. Some members said they would help while others felt it was too risky. Bob Hobaugh said we might have to limit the head count. Out of 21 people on the Zoom meeting, 8 people voted yes. Marilyn made a motion to cancel the swap meet. It was seconded by Barbara Koch. The motion carried.

Tours:

Early Bird Tour – Cliff and Diane Maurer are planning a tour of northern Berks County.

Church Tour – We will be going to Marilyn's church.

Two-Day Tour – Ken Dages's goal is to go to the shore on a four-day tour.

Old Business:

Lester read thank you cards for scholarship checks from Adam Ditzler and Jillian Dages.

New Business:

2021 Budget: Lester Manwiller, Treasurer, presented a balanced budget for 2021. A motion to approve the budget was made by Bob Hobaugh and seconded by Jeff Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Recognition: Marilyn noted that Bob Hobaugh's picture appeared in the Parkland Press for presenting a Rotary award to the Allentown Police Chief.

AACA National Meeting: Date has been changed to April 15 – 16.

Carlisle Auto Mania: January 15 – 16 at the Carlisle Expo Center (previously held Allentown Ag Center).

Zoom Meetings: The same meeting ID and passcode can be used all year for all meetings including board meetings. Cheri Dotterer recommended that we use a free third-party provider so officers can access the email list. That way the emails would not be on someone's personal computer and it would not be public. A pass code would be needed to access the list. A motion was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Cliff Maurer to use a third-party email provider. The motion carried unanimously. Cheri will look into it and follow up next meeting.

Website: Cheri Dotterer brought up the idea of having a new website not affiliated with AACA. With AACA we are limited in what we are able to do. Creating our own website would be much more vibrant. The current website domain is owned by AACA which is ontelaunee.aaca.com. There would be no fee as long as the website would be run through Michael Dotterer. There would be a slight change to the website name. A motion was made by Barry Seel and seconded by Nancy Horning to change the website. The motion carried unanimously

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. was made by Barry Seel and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously. Next meeting is February 6 at 7:00 probably on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

### **ACTIVITIES CORNER**

I hope you all had a great New Year. In this new year it's time to think about car tours. With the way the pandemic is going it sort of looks like we may be doing the same types of tours as in 2020. Which is fine with me I rather enjoyed them; the first tour is the Early Bird tour. If any of the members would like to do this one please let me know. It is set for April 18th but you can change it to suit you. Give me a call at 814-788-0801 Please take care and stay safe.....Suzy McGovern

#### **CAR TOURS FOR 2021**

April 18th Early Bird Tour is going to run by Cliff & Diane Maurer to Leaser Lake

May 2nd Apple Blossom Tour is still available

June 13th Church Tour our President Marilyn Roth is in charge

August 22nd Dog Day Tour is still available

September 17th Two Day Tour which is going to be a 4 Day Tour this year (17, 18, 19 & 20th) is going to run by Ken & Elsa Dages to Cape May

October 17th Fall Foliage Tour is still available

November 7th Apple Jack & Cider Tour is still available

**ANY QUESTIONS JUST CALL ME Suzy @ 814-788-0801**

## WHITEWALL TIRES

What does one do while stranded in the cabin in a blizzard...or just practicing in home isolation during a pandemic? I was spending an afternoon wandering through social networking sights looking for pictures of antique cars. Occasionally I would see a car sporting white wall tires! How long ago was that all the rage?

I can remember buying my first car. \$400, all the money a college sophomore could garner, bought me a 1957 Studebaker Commander. For those of you that can't

### Whitewall Tire Timeline



remember what one looked like, not the airplane nose of the early '50s but more like a '55 Chevy. But on steroids. The car needed tires badly, so off I went to the local tire retreader. No whitewalls or two weeks! I drove that car for two weeks on slick tires with the threads

showing because my first car was going to have whitewalls on it.

Whatever was the fascination with whitewalls? And who thought up that idea to color the side of the tires white? Well, good old Wikipedia solved the mystery. It seems rubber is naturally white and early cars used natural rubber for their tires, therefore the whole tire was white. But the rubber picked up stains from all the horse "stuff" on the roads and it was very hard to keep them clean. So the solution was to dye the tread area black. Yes, it wasn't that somebody came up with idea of white sidewalls rather someone came up with idea of black treads. Over time the white sidewall became narrower and narrower until sometime in the early '70s they just disappeared.

Why did we lose our fascination for whitewalls? I can remember thinking cars without them looked cheap. I think the last car I had with a sidewall decoration was a '69 Pontiac that had a red stripe on the tire. Have you ever considered putting white sidewalls on that antique in your garage?

## TECH TALK ON TUNING

Our local MG club got a message from a former member who was packing up and moving to Florida. As all people in the antique car hobby he had accumulated a significant amount of spares and tools that he wanted to find a new home. Having just put new plugs, wires, points and condenser in the MGB I had found I no longer owned a timing light. I called the gentleman and asked if he had a timing light. He informed me that another gentleman in the club had "Claimed" everything to distribute to the club members but he would pull the timing light and any other things tuning related for me. When I went to pick up the timing light, he also had a compression gauge, an SU carburetor tuning tool and a Gunson's "Color Tune" tuning device.

I am not a gearhead and most of what I know about mechanics I taught myself over the last three years. I have seen pages of information in early issues of the New England MG T Registry's (NEMGTR) Sacred Octagon magazine about ignition timing including



enough charts to lull the biggest gearhead to sleep. Each chart for a different octane rating. But here was this little box that consisted of basically a spark plug replacement with a glass tube that allowed you to “see” the ignition inside the cylinder. Essentially you tune the engine until the explosion inside the cylinder goes from orange (too rich) to a “Bunsen Blue”; not a “Whiteish Blue” (too lean).

Now this is the 21st century. For \$100 I can buy a computer-based analyzer that can tell me the day that I switched my car from 87 octane to 93 octane. What is this color tune eyeball thing? Some kind of a joke? I imagined seeing an ad for this thing in a 1960 copy of Popular

Mechanics. Right next to the Johnny Atlas ad with the big brute kicking sand in the skinny kids face!

Well, thinking I’d get a laugh from my mechanic friends I showed this thing to them. To my surprise not only did they recognize it they also admitted to having used one! Apparently, this thing works! Then I thought about it, gas burners on a stove and in a gas oven are adjusted the exact same way.

I did some research and found 50+ YouTube videos on how to use it, it is still in the car parts catalogs and online forums have a bunch of threads devoted to it’s use. The only negative thing I have come across, and I must agree, having worked in the petroleum industry for 25 years, is that modern gasoline is not the same chemical soup that was gasoline from the 60’s. It still has heptanes, septanes and a cocktail of carbon atoms. But not much benzene (too carcinogenic) It has long carbon polymer chains etc. And that was before they put ethanol in it. So the question would be, is tuning to a “Bunsen Blue” color still accurate. What is a modern alternate to accurately tuning a 40 to 60 year old carburetor system?

That sounds like a good topic for a Cars and Coffee.

### **CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

The club now has a Facebook page. If you use Facebook please follow us - Onelaunee Region AACA.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1330106410676715/?ref=shareSent>

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES**

Paul Schaffer	2/2	
Thomas Gatley	2/3	
Donald Wehr	2//3	
Raymond Brown, Jr.	2/5	
	2/10	Tim & Lisa Wehr

Barbara Spohn	2/11
Al Myers	2/12
Peggy Engard	2/13
Sue Weber	2/14
Richard Hough	2/15
Sarah Black	2/17
Ed Umberger	2/18
Barbara McMichael	2/18
Ann Lawtsch	2/23

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

We have 4 free National Memberships. To be eligible for this membership you have to be a first-time applicant to National. You must also join Ontelaunee Region. This free membership is for one year only. For information please call Phyllis Peters, Membership.

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### **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

### **DUES ARE PAST DUE! LAST NOTICE!**

Remember your 2021 Ontelaunee Region DUES ARE PAST DUE after January 1, 2021 so, lets pay now! DUES are \$10.00 Single, \$15.00 for Joint and \$150.00 Life Membership only if Life Member in National. If membership is not received by February 1st I will be removing you from the membership rolls.

This would be a good time to enter your spouse as a member. If she is not already a member and have her receive all the benefits of the club.

Please make sure we have your current telephone number and e-mail address so I can keep membership records up to date. Make checks payable to Ontelaunee Region AACA. We will no longer be issuing Membership cards.

Send your dues to: Phyllis Peters, 5265 Elgen Dr., Emmaus, PA 18049

Phyllis Peters, Membership Chairman

