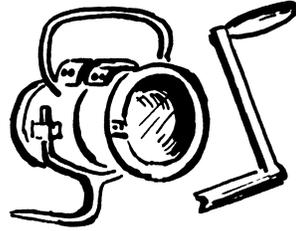


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ontelaunee.aaca.com

SMOKE SIGNALS

APRIL	AACA National meeting cancelled (stayed tuned for updates)	
4	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Zoom
8-10	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte N.C.
18	Early Bird Tour	
19-22	AACA Southeastern Division Tour	Central Florida
25	Hawk Mtn Flea Market	Leesport, PA
21-25	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
23-24	Perkiomen Motorcycle Show	Oley, PA
MAY		
1	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Zoom
2	Apple Blossom Tour	
20-25	AACA Founders Tour	Davis, WV
JUNE		
2-5	AACA Eastern Division Tour	Eastern Shore, Maryland
4-6	Ford Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
12	Fleetwood Rotary Show	Fleetwood, PA
13	Church Tour	
17-19	AACA Eastern Spring Nat'l	Saratoga Springs, NY
18	Macungie Truck Show	Macungie, PA
25-26	GM Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
27	Picnic Tour	

Presidents Message

Hi everyone, I think spring is right around the corner. I hope you turned your clocks ahead for daylight saving? We had our monthly meeting on March 6 by Zoom. Thanks for all the members that signed on. We discussed our new website and everyone that has an email will receive the password when Michael Dotterer has it ready. The AACA Southwestern Spring National will be held in Charlotte NC on April 9-10. The AACA Annual Convention has been postponed until later this year. The Early Bird Tour is ready thanks to Clifford and Diane, lets show our support by attending our first run. We need tour masters, please check with Suzy McGovern if you are interested in helping us out. If you need help just talk to any member. Our next meeting will be April 3rd at 7p.m. by Zoom.

Marilyn Roth

MINUTES FROM MARCH ONTELAUNEE MEETING

President Marilyn Roth welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by Zoom on March 6, 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 February 6, 2021. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Bob Hobough and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously. Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for February 2021. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ray Fischer and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported 179 members as of today. She still has four free national memberships available. Two new members are Jim O'Brien from Mertztown and Dave Kodash from Blandon. Paul Shade passed away; a card was sent from the club. He had been a member for many years but did not renew for 2021. Lester received a call from Karen Hunsicker asking him to relay to the members that they will no longer be able to go on tours because Barry has health problems and can no longer drive. We will miss them.

Dave Anspach questioned if there are 179 memberships or 179 members. Phyllis said the total is actual members, joint and single.

Phyllis had calls from new members asking why they haven't received their new membership cards. Phyllis found out that National has only been processing new members once a month; however, she has been inviting new members to join our Zoom meetings.

Activities: Suzy McGovern said the Early Bird Tour is scheduled for April 18. Tour masters are Cliff and Diane Maurer. Diane said we will meet at Janelle's Restaurant in Bowers. Those who wish to have breakfast should come early; they stop serving breakfast at 10:00 a.m. and we will be leaving at 10:15 a.m. Breakfast will be on your own followed by a drive through the countryside with a stop at Leaser Lake. Call or email Cliff or Diane with questions.

The following tours are still open: Apple Blossom, Dog Days, Fall Foliage and Applejack & Cider. Please contact Suzy if anyone is interested in doing a tour.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Susan Manwiller reported 741 vehicle registrations to date, 7 more than last month. Flea market spaces remained the same at 170.

Newsletter: Mike Horning asked Dave Anspach if he is signed up to have the TNB evaluated. Dave is no longer in charge of publications; he's been moved to National events for this year. Kelly Adams is in charge of publications. Mike thanked Cliff Maurer for three articles he wrote for the TNB.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester reported he has been receiving many out of state calls asking if the swap meet is still on. Lester got flyers printed for next year. He will give one to Michael Dotterer to put on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership Application on the Website: Bob Hobaugh reported that on February 14, 2021 the Board held a meeting by Zoom where we agreed to continue to use printed forms for people wishing to join the Ontelaunee Region. People can print the application, fill it out and send it along with a check to Membership Chairperson, Phyllis Peters.
2. Password: A password will be used for members to view the "Members Only" area of the Ontelaunee website. The password will probably be changed annually. Michael Dotterer has the list of emails and will send the password to everyone on the list.
3. Roster Consent Form: In the March TNB there was a form asking members to either opt in or opt out of having their roster information printed in the members only section of the Ontelaunee website. The form should be sent by mail to Phyllis by March 31, 2021.

4. Website: Michael Dotterer showed us what the new website will look like. The web address is ontelauneeaca.com. Michael answered many questions from members. Michael will keep the website updated including new members and removing members who have passed away. For the electronic roster on the website, only the members who gave their permission will have their information on the website in the "Members Only" area. There was a discussion on how much information from the roster will go on the website (such as by-laws, president's list & date joined). That has yet to be determined. Dave Anspach thought the website was well done and well-constructed and Michael should consider competing for the AACA master webmaster award. A motion was made by Mike Horning and seconded by Cheri Dotterer to go live with the website. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Newsletter: Members are getting the newsletter by email, mail, or both. Phyllis thinks it should be one way or the other since the purpose of email was to save the club money. Phyllis will look into it by talking to the printer and report back next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Dotterer looked into an email forwarding service.

Memberslist@ontelauneeaca.com will enable members to send a mass email to other members.

Future Events:

1. April 9-10 AACA Nationals, Charlotte, NC
2. AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia has been CANCELLED, looking for a new date and location.
3. Winter Nationals 2022 will be held in Melbourne, FL at the end of February. Dave Anspach is Meet Chairman. Some great tours are scheduled such as a casino cruise, airboat rides and muscle car museum.

Correspondence: Lester received a thank you from the LaMar Madtes family and Lehigh Valley Hospice for the donation from the club.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Marilyn Roth and seconded by Bob Hobaugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

My question is for St. Patty's Day did you behave yourself or were you prone to SHENANIGAN'S & MALARKY? As you know I always behave myself. Are you still thinking about car tours we still have some openings? If interested give me a call. Please take care & stay safeSuzy McGover

2021 CAR TOURS STILL AVAILABLE

AUGUST 22 nd	DOG DAY
OCTOBER 17 th	FALL FOLIAGE
NOVEMBER 7 th	APPLE JACK & CIDER

ANY QUESTIONS JUST CALL MESuzy

APPLE BLOSSOM TOUR

Sunday, May 2nd 2021

WHERE: Drive-by Churches and more

MEETING at: Strausstown Playground

10 Wilson Ave

Time 9:45, leaving @ 10:00

LUNCH at: Kauffman's Barbeque

RSVP: April 27th

COST: Members \$10.00

Non-member: \$20.00

Children: \$10.00

Make checks payable: Ontelaunee AACA

Send reservations to: Suzy McGovern
129 Dry Hollow Rd.
Bernville, Pa 19506

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Name (s) _____

Amount enclosed _____

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carl Breininger	4/8	Thomas Kidd	4/22
Kenneth Dages	4/9	Scott Dages	4/26
Ginny Gatley	4/9	Michael Wolfe	4/27
Tim Wehr	4/12	Miriam Wehr	4/28
Susan Hinkle	4/13		

ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Elsa Dages 4/20

Auto Accessories

From Accessory to Necessity Part II

By Cliff Maurer

Last time we talked about early lighting systems and the invention of the electric starter/generator/battery systems. All found in researching why early cars used 6-volt electrical systems. As promised, we will go on from there. Once gas powered cars had an electrical system all sorts of electrical gadgets could be thought up. But one accessory that even predated the electric light was the horn or Klaxon (comes from the Greek word "to shriek"). I don't recall ever seeing a horse drawn carriage having a horn, not even a hand operated "OOGGA" horn. Even today driving around south eastern Pennsylvania with Mennonite and Amish buggies I see battery operated lighting systems but no horn. I suppose at the speed of a trotting horse "shrieking" to announce your presence isn't needed. The first electric Klaxon horn in a car was 1908, just two years ahead of the Cadillac electric starting systems.

Two other lighting features that we all rely on are turn signals and brakes lights. Let's start with turn signals. Most of us are old enough to remember taking Drivers Ed and learning to use hand signals for turning. In driving my MG I still use them if I have someone behind me that seems to want to get so close they are about to kiss my exposed gas tank!!. The turn signal lamp in that car is a 5-watt bulb. That's as bright as one Christmas tree light. The earliest mention of a lighted turn signal system was offered by a third-party company, The Protex Safety Signal Co offered blinking turn signal lights in 1920. The first manufacturer to offer them was Buick in 1938 but only on the rear of the car. There was an interesting attempt to solve the problem in 1916 when C. H. Thomas of Norristown, PA wrote a letter to Popular Mechanics describing an electric light bulb attached to a glove so hand signals could be seen at night. Yes, I'm thinking about it.

Interestingly Europe went another direction, Semaphores. The English Austin was the first to introduce this. When the driver turned the wheel, a small arm dropped down from the B pillar (the post between the doors of a car). Some were just the arm and some had little flags. Also known as Traficators they may still be used but the last one I've seen was an early pre 1960 Volkswagen that was built for the European market.

Strangely enough the federal government did not require turn signals until 1965! By that time almost all auto makers had them as standard equipment. But into the 50's many cars did not have them, and I remember as a child riding in many cars that had third party turn signals.

Brake lights weren't needed when you drove down a rutted dirt road with no other car around. But if you've seen clips of early city traffic you can see the advantage.

The first brake light appeared in 1905 and by 1928 11 states required them. But these were a single light. Dual brake lights seem to have been widely introduced in the early forties, but I can't find anywhere that states when it was required. One blog I visited said a 1949 Crossley had one light. The third brake light was introduced in 1985.

Bumpers were offered by third parties as early as 1922 They were advertised as cheap collision insurance. Within two to three years, they were offered by American manufacturers.

Windshield wipers were first developed by third parties. First, they were bolt on systems that were hand cranked. From there the system was mounted to the vacuum of the intake manifold. All of us have had experience with those systems. Under a load you lose vacuum and the wiper stops! Why not electric? Perhaps here is a case of too much draw on a 6-volt system.

The rear view mirror. I have 5 of them on that old MG. (I refer to that car quite often but even though it's a 1954, the level of technology in it is actually 1930's. So, it can be used as an example) Most cars have at least three and now a backup camera. The first recorded use of a rear-view mirror was in the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911. The winner, Ray Harroun driving a Marmon Wasp could drive the car alone while other drivers need another person in the car to tell them what was happening behind them. In 1912 Marmon Auto Co. put rear view mirrors in all their cars.

And here is a list of first in the auto accessories:

- 1914 Maxwell offered the first adjustable driver's seat.
- 1914 Studebaker was the first to offer an in-dash gas gauge
- 1923 Springfield was the first car to offer a radio!
- 1928 Studebaker had an optional windshield defroster and in 1937 offered a windshield washer.

That 54 MG does have adjustable seats but none of the other three features.

This could go on forever, but I'll close with a list of accessories that never became standard equipment in a car.

- Exterior Sun Visors – still see them on tractor trailers. They must have lowered your gas mileage by 2 MPG but at 10 cents a gallon for gas who cared?
- Suicide knobs – When I grew up the local auto parts store had a 4ft display of them in the window. Other names for this knob include, necker, granny, knuckle buster, and wheel spinner. Haven't seen one in years
- Curb Feelers – You just had to have them in the 50's. Otherwise your '48 Merc wouldn't look right.
- Fender Skirts – Look out, They are coming back!
- Continental Kits – Really big in the 50". I saw a "57 Merc with a continental kit at a car show. I asked the owner how long the car was? He said 24 feet. That's two feet longer than a normal garage!
- Power radio antenna – Remember the '60 dodges with those big wing rear fenders each with a swept back power antenna. It just screamed MACHO. Today you get a hockey puck on the roof.

We have gone through the evolution of what we know as the automobile. This morning I read that car production is being hampered by a shortage of microchips. Remember that magneto ignition system? Its been replaced by a Fuel Management Computer System. The springs and shocks have been replaced by a Ride Management System that not only offers suspension change options but can change the shift range of the 8 gears in the automatic transmission. It can park itself and now I see ads for a car that drives itself in and out of the garage! It's not a car, it's a Computer Controlled Electro-Mechanical Transport System.

Maybe that's why Maggie, the 54 MG, appeals to me. It's simple.