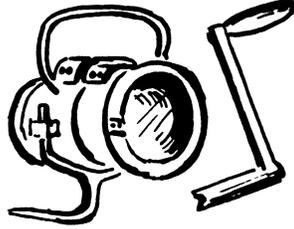


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## SMOKE SIGNALS

### MARCH

6 Hamburg Swap Meet cancelled due to Coronavirus  
Ontelaunee Business Meeting Zoom

### APRIL

3 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  
25 Hawk Mtn. Car Flea Market Leesport, 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fastnacht Day, hope everyone had a donut today. We are working on our new website. We had a board meeting on February 14th and are working to get everything set up. Thanks to everyone for all your help. The early bird tour is good to go. I'm working on the church tour. Please send your car article to Mike Horning. Our next meeting will be in March on Zoom. Hope every one had a Happy Valentine's Day.

Marilyn Roth

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

President Marilyn Roth welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting by Zoom on February 6, 2021 at 7:05 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 January 2, 2021. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Bob Hobaugh and seconded by Tim Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for January 2021. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported 175 current members. She has four free national memberships available to anyone who has never been a member of AACA.

On the sick list is Goldie Rhode who fell and injured her hip and had been in the hospital. A card was sent to her home from the club. Jeff Dotterer's latest update was that Goldie did not receive surgery but was transferred to Fellowship Manor in Whitehall for rehab. LaMar Madtes, former member and former president of Ontelaunee Region has passed away. Diane Maurer

said she had reverse shoulder replacement and is doing great. Barry Seel's wife was in the hospital for a bacterial infection and is now recuperating at home.

Phyllis is working on the roster and hopes to get it to the printer next week. She has been unable to reach John Heyer and Caroline Rahn. She is trying to get everyone's correct information and e-mail addresses. The roster should be in the mail by the end of February or beginning of March.

Nancy Horning asked if new members are being invited to the ZOOM meetings. Bob Hobaugh will get with Phyllis for their e-mails.

Activities: Susie McGovern has put the dates in the newsletter for the tours. If anyone is interested in running a tour let her know. Susie asked Cliff and Diane Maurer to put something in the newsletter about the tour they are running.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Susan Manwiller reported 734 vehicle registrations to date and 170 flea market spaces. At a conference call meeting with Macungie Park, it was suggested to do the mass mailing at a later date.

Newsletter: Mike Horning thanked Cliff Maurer for the article on whitewall tires. The meeting date for April should be the 3rd not the 4th. The Hamburg Swap Meet scheduled for March 7th is cancelled and will be noted as cancelled on the calendar in the Tin N Brass.

Publicity: When Lester notified the AACA magazine that Hamburg was cancelled, they said it was too late to make the change in the magazine but they cancelled it on the AACA website.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester reported that only 3 vendors asked for a refund. Since flyers have not yet been printed for 2022, Lester asked about increasing the admission fee. A motion was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Mike Horning to increase admission from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per person. The motion carried unanimously.

Tours:

Early Bird Tour - Cliff and Diane Maurer are tour masters.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Website: Michael Dotterer showed us what the new website will look like. The web address is ontelauneeaaaca.com. Only he can see it while it is under construction. The following issues were discussed concerning the new website:

1. "Contact Us" page on the website. We would need someone to take e-mail messages. Barry Seel volunteered to take e-mail messages.

2. List of officers for 2021. The consensus was that we do not want officer's e-mails on the website. Michael will set up an e-mail for Barry (not his personal e-mail) so anyone can e-mail Barry with questions and he can direct the e-mails to the appropriate person.

3. Membership application online. It was discussed whether the form would be printed and then mailed with a check to Phyllis or pay online. If a check is mailed then Phyllis's address would be public on the website. If they pay online Phyllis and Lester had concerns about record keeping. Florita Hobaugh and Tim Hinkle suggested to do both. Tim also suggested charging more for a credit transaction to cover credit card fees. Jeff Dotterer said that it is legal to do that. It was decided to let the board decide.

4. Members area. Having a password to access the member's area. It was suggested

to go with an e-mail forwarding service. Cliff Maurer said a service verifies that the sender is really a member. It can be useful to advertise a car or car parts for sale. Cliff will find out who the Keystone MG Club uses. Bob Hobaugh suggested that this is something the board should decide. Bob will contact board members to set up a meeting in the next week.

Lester mentioned that in the past his personal e-mail and phone number had been printed on the Hamburg swap meet flyer. Michael is going to set up an e-mail for Lester so his personal e-mail isn't printed on the flyers.

Florita and Marilyn commented on the beautiful website and the nice job Michael did.

March Meeting: A motion was made by Mike Horning and seconded by Cliff Maurer to change the meeting date to March 6 instead of March 13 since Hamburg Swap Meet was cancelled. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition: Marilyn congratulated Cheri Dotterer - her book which was published in March of 2019 has been translated into the Turkish language. Cheri will be speaking about her book to people in Turkey by Zoom at the end of the month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously. Next meeting is March 6th at 7:00 p.m. probably by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

### **ACTIVITIES CORNER**

My first question is how did you like all that snow? If I'm honest I always did like the snow, it looks so pretty. The only thing about it is all the shoveling. Anyway, we still have openings for the car tours please keep thinking about doing one. Give me a call at 814-788-0801 if you'd like to do a car tour. I hope you had a good Valentine's Day. Please take care and stay safe....Suzy McGovern

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

These are the tours still available.....

MAY 2nd Apple Blossom

AUGUST 22nd Dog Day

OCTOBER 17th Fall Foliage

NOVEMBER 7th Apple Jack & Cider

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

### **CANCELLATION OF HAMBURG SWAP MEET**

At the Ontelaunee business meeting held by Zoom on Saturday, January 2, 2021 the majority of members voted to cancel the Hamburg Swap Meet and Car Corral for this year. Since most of our members are older and more at risk of contracting covid-19 the decision was made to cancel. We concluded that this decision is best for the safety and well-being of the vendors, volunteers and participants. Also, the Governor is restricting how many people can be inside a building. Vendors are being notified by letter and have the option of rolling over to next year or receiving a refund.

Lester Manwiller, Chairman

### **APRIL 18th EARLY BIRD TOUR**

We will meet at Janelle Restaurant & Catering on Fleetwood Rd in Bowers.

(Address 360 Fleetwood Rd, Mertztown PA). Come early for an Early Bird Breakfast or just show up for the tour, Janelle's closes at 10 A.M. so give yourself time to eat. We will leave the parking lot about 10:15. Restrooms are open.

Our tour will meander through Berks & Lehigh Counties stopping at the western parking lot of Leaser Lake (Follweller Ct.). Restrooms are open.

You can end your tour here or follow us on a meandering return through the country south to the church on Route 737.

Thanks, Cliff and Diane Maurer

Any questions, just e-mail us [crmaurer2563@gmail.com](mailto:crmaurer2563@gmail.com) or [drmaurer1024@gmail.com](mailto:drmaurer1024@gmail.com)

## **AUTO ACCESSORIES FROM ACCESSORY TO NECESSITY**

**By Cliff Maurer**

I was trying to find out why early cars had 6 volt electrical systems. I could not find out why the industry started with 6 volt but did find that the switch to 12 volt was caused by increased use of electrical accessories. The only thing I could find is that a wet cell produces 2.1 volt per cell so a 6 volt system has three cells. Two cells may not have been enough, and three cells were adequate so we defaulted into 6 volt systems. But that's my speculation. And then there was positive vs. negative ground? That's for another discussion. In trying to answer the 6 volt question I did find a lot of information about early auto accessories. Did you know that electric starters were the result of an accidental death of a friend of the head of Cadillac?

Early cars had no electrical systems other than a magneto and some sort of distributor to control the spark. Nothing else used electricity. No lights, no horn, no windshield wiper, no turn signal, and no cigarette lighter. Even the windshield didn't exist. All of these were first introduced as an available accessory but soon became a necessity. Let's look at the history of some of these "Accessories" that we wouldn't think of buying a car without.

We will start with headlights. Early cars were quite literally horseless carriages. And if you wanted to drive your buggy at night you equipped it with the latest lighting technology. First candles and then kerosene lights and about the time cars were becoming popular carbide or acetylene lights were being used. Some of these lights were detachable and could be used as a work light while repairing the car on the road. The first electric headlight was introduced in 1898 by the Columbia Electric Car Co. Since it was an electric car access to the electricity was easy. These lights were brighter than the carbide lights and were soon adopted by the gas powered car builders. The lights were driven by early dry cell technology but soon were replaced by rechargeable wet cell batteries. The battery had to be removed from the car to be recharged. These lights were bright enough that they would "blind" oncoming vehicles. The problem was solved in 1915 by a third party accessory provider the Guide Lamp Co. They set the lights on vertical swivels. But you had to stop the car and lower or raise them manually. In 1917 Cadillac offered an "Automated" version. The lights were mounted on a bar that could be pivoted from the steering column. In 1925 the Guide Lamp Co. introduced the two filament headlight bulb. No, the switch was not on the floor but on the steering column. In 1927 the dimmer switch was moved to the floor to the left of the drivers footwell. The last vehicle I had with a floor dimmer switch was a 1987 Bronco. For some reason every manufacturer went back to the steering wheel. Every once in a while I find myself pounding the floor with my left foot to dim my lights!

Back to the electric starter. Attempts to start a car using something other than a hand crank were tried but never were reliable. The invention of the electric starter has an interesting

story. In the winter of 1910, a woman in Belle Island Michigan (Detroit) stalled her Cadillac on a bridge. She was not strong enough to crank the car herself, so she was stranded until a good Samaritan came along in the person of Byron T. Carter driving his own Cadillac. Carter was a close friend of the head of Cadillac, Henry M. Leland. Curtis proceeded to start the car, but the lady forgot to retard the spark and the engine backfired throwing the crank up into Mr. Carters jaw severally injuring him. The next people by the bridge was still another Cadillac (This is starting to sound like a story made up by the Cadillac PR Dept.) carrying Ernest Sweet and William Foltz. They were two Engineers from Cadillac. They successfully started the car and rushed Mr. Carter to a physician. Mr. Carter died of complications a few weeks later.

Leland was devastated and charged a group of his engineers with finding a way to get rid of the hand crank. "The Cadillac car will kill no more men if we can help it!" he is quoted as saying. The engineers were unable to come up with a good design, so they contacted Charles F. Kettering of DELCO (this was 1910. GM had bought Cadillac the year before but did not acquire DELCO until 1916.) Kettering had a solution. It was a combination starting motor and generator. It would start the car and then run as a generator to charge the battery. I had a 1974 CASE lawn tractor that had a starter generator. It looked like a generator because it wasn't geared to the flywheel like a starter. It was belted to a single cylinder Kohler engine and was positioned like a generator. Kettering's model was geared to the flywheel.

The starter was introduced in the 1912 model Cadillacs BUT the GM executives didn't trust it so it also came with a crank. GM enjoyed a sales boom. As the popularity of battery/generator/starters grew they soon replaced the old magneto systems and that allowed all sorts of new electrical accessories to be added. In 1911 only 19 manufacturers offered electric start. By the 1924 New York Auto Show 110 of the 119 vehicles shown were equipped with battery/generator/starter systems. Like the dimmer switch the starter originally was on the dash but somehow it found its way to the floor. Many of us can remember the starter button high and to the right of the gas pedal. It was an operation for a one man band. Right hand on the choke, left foot on either the clutch or the brake and the right heel on the gas while your right toe engaged the starter. Did you ever have to ask your girlfriend to move away from your so you could start the car?

Now that a system was available to provide reliable electric current a flood of electrical accessories became available, But that's all for next time. In the meantime, if your antique car doesn't have a crank and you'd like to try one. Come on over, my 1954 MG has one and I have the crank. No, I've never tried it, I like the way my thumb and fingers are attached! And now that I know about Byron Carter, NO WAY!

### MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Warren Fick	3/3	
Fern Fegely	3/4	
Susan Manwiller (Matt)	3/5	
Marilyn Roth	3/9	
Brian Stever	3/11	
	3/13	Michael & Jill Naugle
	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  
Lisa Wehr 3/30

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

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 AACCA. 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

### **ROSTER**

By the time you receive your March Newsletter you should have received your 2021 Roster. If for some reason you did not please let me know. Since we are experiencing mail delays all members may not receive their new rooster at the same time.

Thanks, Phyllis Peters

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MEMBERS**

An Ontelaunee Region roster is printed every three years and will be mailed to all current members. At a board meeting held by Zoom on February 7, 2021, the board voted on and passed a motion to place the roster on the website. The roster will be in a "Members' only" area protected by a password. The public cannot see anything that appears in the "Members' only" area without the password. It is imperative that everyone let Membership Chairman, Phyllis Peters, know their wishes concerning what information will appear on the website. Please fill in the information below and check yes or no to each item as to whether or not you would like your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address to appear on the website.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

Return by USPS mail only to: Phyllis Peters, 5265 Elgen Dr., Emmaus, PA 18049. Deadline is March 31, 2021. If the response is not received by the deadline your information will not appear on the website.