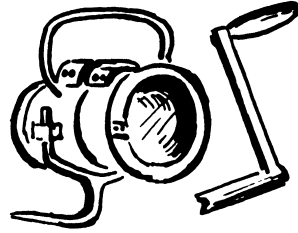
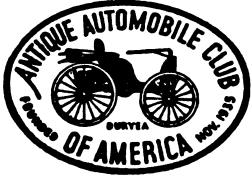


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SMOKE SIGNALS

FEBRUARY

4	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA
9-11	AACA Annual Convention	Williamsburg, VA

MARCH

4	Hamburg Set-up	
5	Hamburg Swap Meet	Hamburg, PA
11	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA

APRIL

1	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA
13-15	AACA Southeastern Spring Nat'l	Charlotte, NC
15	Early Bird Tour	
19-23	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
30-May3	AACA Southeastern Regional Tour	Oak Ridge, TN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There was an old U.S. Marine commercial that said, "we're looking for a few good men". Just like the Marines, we are too! Women also, the Marines are recruiting women these days too. Each of us involved in clubs of any kind can relate. Moreover, the graying of this hobby has outright robbed many clubs of their ability to exist. Our situation as a club is not quite that dire, but none of us wants to see it get there either. Many longtime members of Ontelaunee AACA are having medical issues requiring them to take a lesser role, taking on no role at all, or are no longer with us. It's going to be a challenge replacing them. Together, we can help preserve this chapter!

However, membership numbers won't mean anything unless those members volunteer. The Hamburg Swap Meet is our first major fundraiser for the year. This event helps fund the tours you enjoy throughout the year. Due to the attrition mentioned above, we have a need for volunteers in the parking lot this year. Not only do we need help parking spectators, but we also need help supporting our outdoor vendors. Yes, some years it is cold and windy, we know that. We are praying that March 5, 2023, will be warm and sunny. However, even if our prayers are not answered, we are asking you to dust off your parka and help make this year's meet be a huge success. Contact Lester Manwiller by February 25 to show that you are willing to be a volunteer either indoors or outdoors. Let's not start a draft lottery.

Second, the lack of membership growth has affected the leadership roles at Ontelaunee AACA. This is the second year we begin the year with no second Vice President. The bylaws state that the club needs two vice presidents. I want to personally thank Barbara Koch for volunteering after the elections in 2021 to step into that role. I get it if you don't want to volunteer. However, it sure puts a handcuff on those of us that do volunteer work. It takes a village to raise a child. It also takes a village to run car events. We are looking forward to seeing you at not only the tours, but also the Hamburg Swap Meet, monthly meetings, and Das Awkscht Fescht in August.

Last, let's recruit some youth to support the club. We are looking for youth groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and any other youth organization to help at our events. Do you know of a group that could help volunteer to park cars for Hamburg? Do you know a group to help set up tables on Saturday? Let's teach them about these cars and the value of intergenerational communication.

Your call to action:

1. Recruit one member
2. Attend membership meetings with your new member
3. Volunteer alongside that new member

It will take time to build a new pool of members. Nothing worth doing happens overnight. It takes work. It takes a community. I am looking forward to seeing you both at the meeting on February 4, 2023.

Jeff Dotterer, President

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

President Jeff Dotterer welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church Krumsville, PA on January 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. There were 24 members present. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held November 5, 2022. There was one correction, Vas Hinkle did not make the motion to raise the price of tours in 2023, the motion was made by Cheri Dotterer. A motion to approve the amended Secretary's report was made by Bob Hobaugh and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for November 2022. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shirley Schaffer and seconded by John Heyer. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported 148 members paid as of tonight. Last year there were 181 members. When Phyllis made phone calls, 10 to 15 said they will send in their dues. Others are not renewing due to health, no longer drive, or moved. We also lost members who passed away. Phyllis will continue to call people. She has four free National memberships for 2023. Get well cards were passed around for Carl Breininger who was in the hospital but is home and for Mike Wolfe who had hip surgery and was at the meeting. Jeff commented that when we get new members' we should go out of our way to make them feel welcome.

Website: Michael Dotterer was absent. Phyllis mentioned that the calendar on the website needs to be updated and a PDF of the DAF registration form should be on the website that can be printed, filled out and mailed. Presently there is only a link to the Fescht website where forms can be printed.

Newsletter: Mike Horning will add contact information for Michael Dotterer on the officer's page of the TNB. Mike asked if non-members are permitted to write articles for the newsletter. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously to allow non-members to submit articles. Leroy Hinkle asked about rants or political articles. Mike has discretion on whether an article is appropriate for the car club. The board can help Mike decide if something is printable or not.

Activities: Suzy McGovern has three tours left for 2023: Picnic Tour, Dog Days Tour, and Applejack & Cider Tour. All the baking slots have been filled. The tours that are filled are as follows:

1. Early Bird Tour – Ken and Elsa Dages
2. Apple Blossom Tour – Jeff and Cheri Dotterer
3. Church Tour – Jeff and Cheri Dotterer
4. Three-day Tour – Barbara Koch and Florita Hobaugh
5. Fall Foliage Tour – Suzy McGovern and Barbara Spohn

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester sent letters to any vendors who did not yet renew. He has 14 spaces available inside, outside vendors typically wait until day of event to register. Lester said the field house raised their price from \$1450 to \$1700 for this year. There was a discussion to raise vendor prices for next year. Jeff said we should present it to vendors that our expenses went up and we need to pass it along. A motion was made by Jeff Dotterer to raise prices \$5.00 per space inside and outside and car corral. Bob Hobaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Spectator admission which was increased last year will remain at \$3.00 and tables stay the same at \$2.00.

Das Awkscht Fescht:

- 1 Bob Hobaugh reported that Michael Dotterer hooked us up to Event Brite to accept payments online for DAF.
2. Bob signed the contract with the Corvette Club, the feature car for 2023.
3. He has been in touch with people for a possible 2024 feature car, The First PA Mustang Club. It will be the 60th Anniversary of the 64 ½ Mustang.
4. He is working on getting the designer for Shelby and maybe Corvette to come to DAF.
5. He has put a write-up of the feature car and DAF on Facebook.
6. He is going to do three presentations to groups in the area to draw an interest in DAF and to get volunteers.
7. He mentioned that the cost to register for DAF is \$22.58 (\$20 registration, \$2.58 fee)
8. Bob's social media posts will direct users to our website.

Susan Manwiller has 453 vehicles registered and 113 flea market spaces. Last year at this time we had 489 vehicles and 127 flea market spaces. We are no longer as far behind as reported in November.

Correspondence: Received a card from Brianna Baer thanking the club for the education grant. She is attending West Chester University majoring in early childhood education to become an elementary school teacher.

President's Banquet: Nov. 12, 2023, Cheri reported it will be held in the banquet room at Blue Mountain Restaurant, Shartlesville. Entertainment will be New Earth Band with music from the 30's to 70's.

Christmas Party: Dec. 10, 2023, Barbara Koch reported it will be held at NOVA. She would like to have the same magician but with a new program.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Lester presented a balanced budget for 2023. Vas questioned the scholarship fund. Since the Educational Fund (formerly profit from 2012 National) was depleted, \$1500 will come from the general fund and be divided among the eligible candidates. A motion to accept the 2023 budget was made by Ken Dages, seconded by Mike Wolfe. The motion carried unanimously.

Thank you to Shirley Schaffer and Elaine Baer for refreshments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. was made by John Heyer and seconded by Shirley Schaffer. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Hey everyone so far the weather hasn't been really bad in January, but we'll see what February brings us. We still need some people to sign up for car tours. The tours we need are for July, August and November. Keep on thinking about doing one PLEASE. As you know by now all bakers are signed up for an EXCELLENT JOB!!! I hope you have a great Valentine's Day. Everyone stay warm and safe.

Suzy

HAMBURG SWAP MEET

Our swap meet is one of the first events that enable car people to meet their friends and enjoy the antique car hobby. With that in mind, we are expecting a good turn-out and we will be needing help starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, so we are ready when the vendors arrive. Some areas where we could use help: laying out the spaces, numbering the spaces, carrying tables to vendor spots, unpacking items for the white elephant stand and pricing white elephant items. Anyone who helps on Saturday will be treated to coffee, hot chocolate or tea. When lunchtime rolls around the club pays for lunch at Westy's Bar & Grill. On Sunday, March 5, starting at 5:00 a.m. help is needed to show vendors their spots inside and outside. We could use people to hand stamp vendors and the public. The white elephant stand could use salespeople and we like to have someone monitor the exit doors. Sunday the club provides hot beverages, donuts and bagels. We have some people in the club who have volunteered for many years and due to health reasons have had to retire. If you are able, consider joining fellow club members and lend a helping hand. Whatever time you can help will be appreciated, even a few hours either day is welcome. In addition, if you have any white elephants to donate bring them either Saturday or Sunday or call me to arrange to have them picked up. If anyone would like flyers to put in businesses that have a community bulletin board, I will have them at the January and February meetings.

Lester Manwiller, Chairman-Call or text 610-823-4656

**EARLY BIRD TOUR-SATURDAY, APRIL 15
(NOTE:-SATURDAY-NOT SUNDAY)
TOUR MASTERS-KEN AND ELSA DAGES
REGISTRATION DEADLINE--APRIL 10**

COST:

MEMBERS: \$15.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$30.00

CHILDREN: 3-11 \$5.00

NOTE: AS OF JANUARY 1 COST OF ALL TOURS IS \$15.00 PER MEMBER

TIME: MEET AT HOBBY LOBBY IN TREXLERTOWN SHOPPING CENTER ON HAMILTON BLVD. AT 8:00AM. WE WILL LEAVE AT 8:15AM

WE WILL TRAVEL TO BARRY'S CAR BARN IN INTERCOURSE, PA. THIS IS AN ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM FOCUSING ON AMERICAN MUSCLE CARS OF THE 1950'S-1970'S. WE WILL THEN GO A BLOCK AWAY FOR A SHORT VISIT TO THE KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE SHOPS. FROM THERE WE WILL TRAVEL TO GARDEN SPOT RETIREMENT VILLAGE FOR A BUFFET LUNCH AND TOUR OF THEIR HUGE MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY, AS WELL AS VISITING THEIR LARGE WOOD SHOP AND HAND-MADE GIFTS SHOP.

SEND CHECK FOR \$15.00, MADE PAYABLE TO: ONTELAUNEE REGION-AACA, ALONG WITH FORM BELOW TO:

KEN DAGES, PO BOX 7, TREXLERTOWN, PA 18087

ANY QUESTIONS-CONTACT KEN OR ELSA AT (215)290-6730 ANY DAY BEFORE 9:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM WITH EACH PERSON'S NAME MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10

NAMES: _____

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

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Gatley	2/3	
Donald Wehr	2/3	
Raymond Brown, Jr.	2/5	
	2/10	Tim & Lisa Wehr
Barbara Spohn	2/11	
	2/12	Dave & Rose Browne
Sue Weber	2/14	
Leslie Davis	2/17	
Ed Umberger	2/18	
Barbara McMichael	2/18	
Ann Lawtsch	2/23	

The First Automotive Recall

On a recent trip to the Nottoway plantation in Louisiana, we were told the following anecdote about the very first automotive recall:

To begin with, as we walked on the tour, we came across a chair that was in poor condition--the fabric was hanging loose and the stuffing was falling out. Since it was unlike the rest of the decor I just had to ask why this chair was so different. We were told that this chair was left in this poor condition to show what was used in their construction at that time. This also then led to the following:

During the early part of the 20th century, much of the stuffing for upholstery consisted of the moss hanging on many of the trees. This "Spanish moss" was used in pillows, mattresses, chair seats, and even comforters. So, when Henry Ford needed padding for his car seats, he started to "import" this moss from the South--- mainly from South Carolina. The Southerners had learned over time (and the hard way) that if you DID NOT boil the moss and dried it before using it, you would experience the biting and itching that accompanies the chiggers, nats, no-see-ems, and other such small, nasty creatures that reside in the moss. Henry either didn't know the proper methods for "cleansing" the moss, or else he just cut corners and did it ineffectively, or not at all. The end result was that he started getting numerous complaints from customers who were being bitten when they sat in their Model T's. It became so problematic that he brought back (ie. recalled) the offending vehicles and fixed the problem. The tour guide did not elaborate on how he fixed the problem so I have no answer to the solution. All I can do is quote the guide and say that "This was the very first automotive recall known". Truth or fiction?--- only the Southerners truly know!

LeRoy & Vas Hinkle