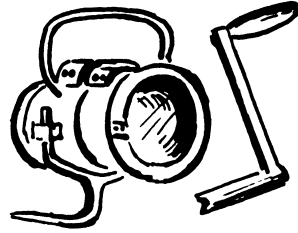
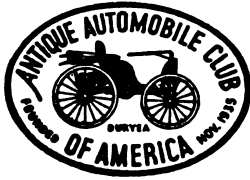


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FEBRUARY 2022

Ontelaunee Region

FINAL NOTICE FOR DUES

TO ALL MEMBERS:
BEGINNING ON SAT, FEB. 5, 2022, OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL
BE HELD AT NEW JERUSALEM ZION CHURCH AT 3:00 PM INSTEAD
OF 7:00 PM. THIS WILL BE FOR THE FEB. 5 AND MAR. 12 MEETINGS.
WE'LL RESUME 7:00 PM MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH IN APRIL.



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Meetings are held at the New Jerusalem Zion Church, Krumsville, PA.

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Check out our Facebook page
ontelauneeaca.com

SMOKE SIGNALS

The address of the business meeting is New Jerusalem Zion U.C.C.
1456 Krumsville Rd., Lenhartville, PA

FEBRUARY

5	Ontelaunee Business Meeting (@ 3:00 PM)	Krumsville, PA
10-12	AACA Annual Convention	Gettysburg, PA
24-26	AACA Winter Nat'l	Melbourne, FL

MARCH

5	Hamburg Set-up	
6	Hamburg Swap Meet	
10-12	AACA Western Spring Nat'l	Las Vegas, Nev.
12	Ontelaunee Business Meeting (@ 3:00 PM)	Krumsville, PA
20-26	AACA Founders Tour	Mobile, AL

APRIL

2	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
7-9	AACA Southeastern Nat'l	Charlotte, NC
20-24	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
24	Early Bird Tour	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2022! Unfortunately it looks like we are also welcoming COVID. We are going to try to plan the year as if COVID doesn't exist, and if necessary make changes along the way.

The big change we are going to make is our meeting times. Member LeRoy Hinkle suggested that during the winter months we meet at an earlier time. Our members agreed and starting on Saturday, February 5, we will meet at the New Jerusalem Zion Church at 3:00 PM in the afternoon instead of 7:00 PM at night. We will also meet there at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 12. We will return to 7:00 PM meetings at the Church in April. We plan on using this change in time every year, to make driving safer for our members.

The AACA annual meeting is on February 10-12, but due to my fear of COVID, I have decided not to attend this year.

Hope to see you in February! Ken Dages, President

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

President Ken Dages welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church Krumsville, PA on January 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. There were 28 members present. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. It was good to see Dave Anspach at our meeting. Dave is a national director of AACA and a member of Ontelaunee who moved to Florida a few years ago.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held on November 6, 2021. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Elaine Baer and seconded by Marilyn Roth. The motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Manwiller due to Lester's absence. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shirley Schaffer and seconded by Tim Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported two people on the sick list, Carl Yackanicz for knee replacement surgery on January 6th and Lester Manwiller tested positive for covid. Members signed get well cards. Phyllis has been making many phone calls to those who did not renew. She talked with Barry Seel who is having medical issues. Our thoughts are with him and we wish him well. Phyllis has 154 members, 20 did not renew because they cannot get out or no longer drive. She will give anyone who didn't renew until February to get their dues in. She has 2 free memberships from national. New member is Kevin Smith, Merritt Smith's son.

Website: Michael Dotterer mentioned an article that will be appearing on the website, the history of DAF written by Bob Hobaugh.

Newsletter: Mike Horning said the same article by Bob will be appearing sometime in the newsletter. There is also a new address, email and phone number listed for Ken Dages in the newsletter.

Activities: Suzy McGovern has tour masters for the following tours:

Early Bird Tour, April 24, 2022: Tour masters Suzy McGovern & Barbara Spohn going to Muhammed Ali's former training camp in Deer Lake.

Apple Blossom Tour: Tour masters Lester & Susan Manwiller and Barbara Koch.

Picnic Tour, July 10, 2022: A show of hands confirmed the club would like a picnic tour. Marilyn Roth and Ray Huber are interested in running it.

Four-Day Tour: Tour masters Bob & Florita Hobaugh doing a winery tour in the Finger Lakes area.

Suzy still needs a few bakers, one for May 7 and two for November. Tours that are still open are Dog Days, Fall Foliage and Applejack and Cider.

Ken asked if due to covid we should skip the February meeting. He asked for a show of hands but there weren't any. Cherie Dotterer suggested ZOOM but Ken wasn't in favor of that.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Susan reported that Lester has about 12 spaces available inside. The food vendor is set-up. Lester needs help Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 a.m. to set up. The club pays for lunch on Saturday. Help is also needed on Sunday, March 6 starting at 5:00 a.m. White elephant items can be brought to the field house on Saturday or Sunday or call Lester to have items picked up.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Susan Manwiller reported there are 489 cars registered and 127 flea market spaces sold.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken will verify the dates for the President's Banquet and Christmas party with NOVA. Phyllis asked if we are going to have a Christmas party since we don't have a second vice president. Ken and Marilyn will do the President's Banquet and Ken and Elaine Baer will help Jeff Dotterer with the Christmas party. We still need a second vice president.

NEW BUSINESS

Leroy Hinkle asked about the possibility of changing the January, February and March meetings for next year to a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Minnie Breininger will check to see if that would be okay with the church. A motion was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Neil Merkel to investigate changing the winter meetings to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Elsa Dages asked if we change the meeting dates and don't have a vice president, do we need to change the by-laws. Tim Hinkle said we aren't able to fulfil the by-laws but do not need to change them.

2022 Budget: Copies of a balanced budget for 2022 were distributed for viewing. A motion to approve the Ontelaunee Region 2022 budget was made by Mike Horning and seconded by Marilyn Roth. The motion carried unanimously.

Refreshments were by Elaine Baer and Shirley Schaffer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. was made by Minnie Breininger and seconded by Mike Horning. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

This morning Sunday January 9th we're having a little bit of ice at my house but later this afternoon it is supposed to dissipate. However, at the meeting last night we had a good turn out and a lot of members sign up to bake. Thank you everyone. At the meeting I forgot to thank Elaine Baer and Shirley Schaffer for baking . Thank you and my apologies.

Our cars tours still need some tour masters for Dog Day August 21st, Fall Foliage October 16th, and Apple Jack & Cider November 6th. If you think you'd like to do one, please let me know. The July picnic tour I don't believe that it will be held in NJ this year. So, I suggested that we hold it out at Macungie. We voted Marilyn Roth to head up a committee for the picnic tour and she volunteered Ray Huber to help her. Then after the meeting Leroy Hinkle had suggested maybe Knobel's because he said that was a good time also. Just thought I'd throw that out for some thought.

Please stay safe and enjoy the cold weather. Happy Valentine's Day Suzy McGovern

HAMBURG SWAP MEET

Help will be needed on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. to lay out spaces for the swap meet. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We will also need help on Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 a.m. to help the vendors locate their spaces so they can set up and be ready for the public at 7:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your "white elephant" items either Saturday or Sunday. We will also take the items at the February meeting. Please give me a call if you need the items picked up.

Lester Manwiller, Chairman 610-823-4656

EARLY BIRD TOUR APRIL 24th

We are going to tour Muhammad Ali's training camp in Deer Lake.

Time: 10:00 AM the tour starts & lasts about 90 minutes.

Meet at: Tower Health Medical Center (formerly know as Northern Berks Doctors Office) next to the Cracker Barrel off Rt. 61 Hamburg at 8:45 AM and LEAVING at 9:00AM

Tour masters: Barbara Spohn & Suzy McGovern

Registration Deadline: April 22/23

Cost: \$10.00 members; \$26.00 non members; children under 3 FREE; 3-11 \$5.00

Send payment to: Barbara Spohn 129 Dry Hollow Rd. Bernville, PA 19506

Make checks payable to: ONTELAUNEE REGION AACA

Any question call Barbara at 610-488-1209

Name(s)_____

Adults_____ #Children under 3_____ # Children 3-11_____

FOR SALE

1974 Ford T-Bird, 18,400 miles. Has all accessories except for trailer package. Never in snow, always garaged. Has AM/FM Stereo, CB, 8 track player, also have 8 track portable to go with it with many tapes. All manuals. Color Gold, new wire hub caps (5). Asking \$15,000. Questions call Bob at 610965-5553

HISTORY OF DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT

I. Introduction.

Das Awkscht Fescht, known to English speakers as "The August Festival," (the "Fescht") is a three-day show of antique cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors, with sales of antique toys, cars and automobilia. It is also a cultural event in Macungie Memorial Park (the "Park") whose family-friendly aspects include a swimming pool, live music, food, beverages and crafts. The principal show day is the first Saturday in August, with the start day being the prior Friday and concluding on the following Sunday. The Fescht is influenced in name and flavor by the Pennsylvania German culture found in Macungie. It remains one of the largest antique and classic motor vehicle shows east of the Mississippi River.

The Fescht began in 1964 and ran continuously through 2019 until the COVID-19 pandemic caused organizers to hold over until 2021. Then it resumed with shouts of gratitude. The Fescht has been conducted in five phases through 2021. It had roots in prior agricultural and car shows for the benefit of the Park. Its history reflects the passion of the Macungie Memorial Park Association (the "Association"), the Ontelaunee Region ("Ontelaunee") of the Antique Automobile Club of America ("AACA"), and thousands of volunteers. They all enjoy antique motor vehicles while raising money to maintain and operate the Park. This article is based on presentations given by Bob Hobaugh beginning in 2013. Bob gratefully acknowledges the historical information provided by Hon. Robert Young, David Bausch and others, and the records of the Macungie Historical Society.

II. Early Activities.

The Association is a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation formed in 1944 to acquire and operate the Park. The Association purchased 22 acres in Macungie, Pennsylvania, in

1946 to establish the Park. Because the Association receives no tax dollars, it must fund the Park privately. That private activity began with Macungie's roots in the agricultural and family-based life styles. Because the Park had been land used as a potato farm, the Board and other community members initiated activities to make the land useful as a recreational area. Families gathered to remove rocks from the 22 acres. By 1955, Macungie Memorial Hall was erected, first as a single-story stone building and then a second story was added. Look closely at the stone work to see the addition.

The costs of Park improvements were addressed in four named activities: Agricultural Field Days, Saturday Night Family Fun, Antique Automobile Derby and Macungie Field Days. Agricultural Field Days consisted of tractor pulls, plowing contests and picnics. It lasted from 1947 to 1963. Saturday Night Family Fun grew out of those picnics and the relocation of a bandshell from Fogelsville to the Park in 1949. Families listened to "country-western" style music while eating hamburgers, french fries and ice cream, and playing field games such as baseball. That fun lasted until 1963.

The Antique Automobile Derby was an antique car show with food, games and music which ran from 1956 to 1963. Agricultural Field Days and the Antique Automobile Derby merged into "Macungie Field Days." Last held on August 11, 1963, it was a joint effort of the Association and the Macungie Grange. A little-known fundraiser was the Iron Horse Rambles held in 1963 and 1964. The Reading Railroad brought visitors from northern New Jersey to Macungie where a band played at the train station and visitors attended a car show in the Park.

But the Association truly enhanced the Park and took on new debt with the "Greater Macungie Area Singmaster Swimming Pool," dedicated July 1-4, 1960. The Pool Committee of the Board consisted of town leaders, Woody Schantzenbach, Attorney Bob Young, Rep. Bill Shoemaker, John Franks, Margaret Singmaster, Ann Long and Olive Williams. Initially, the Association issued bonds to pay for the pool but soon realized that a good fundraiser was needed to pay off the bonds.

III. Das Awkscht Fescht – Phases I and II

Rep. Bill Shoemaker asked George L. Wendling, an automobile restorer, and LeRoy C. Schaeffer, a manufacturer of aluminum shades, to create and operate an antique car show to pay off the swimming pool bonds. They became the Automobile Co-Chairs with Atty. Bob Young as the General Chair of the first Fescht held August 8, 1964. 500 antique and sports cars assembled in the Park and were judged following rules of the AACA. Nearly 10,000 people attended that Fescht and enjoyed a hood ornament display in Memorial Hall. George Wendling held a class in car restoration on Friday. Allen Organ provided a wooden bowl as the first prize that was awarded to David Bausch for his 1926 Franklin. The Fescht turned a profit in 1964 and every year since then.

On February 5, 1965, the AACA chartered the Ontelaunee Region. Its first members included those "car people" who judged at the first Fescht. For the second Fescht, the first-year winner, David Bausch, became the Car Chair and Atty. Bob Young continued as the General Chair. Their vision for the second year became the model for the future: a square dance was held on Friday, August 6, 1965; quarter horses, car judging and a fashion show were held on Saturday August 7, 1965; and there was a road tour to the Trexler Game Preserve and western horse shows were held on Sunday, August 8, 1965. Each day people enjoyed music, crafts, the swimming pool and children's rides. Ontelaunee organized the antique car show and the Association organized the other activities. Volunteers helped both organizations.

I consider Phase I of the Fescht to have been held from 1964 to 1972. Phase I followed the structure of 1964 and 1965, but grew with new features. Parachutist Robert Trauger dropped from a hot air balloon operated by Sherwood Cole to open the Fescht beginning in 1965. In 1966, David Bausch organized an antique toy show in Memorial Hall and motorcycles were first displayed. Sundays were the province of car clubs. In 1966, the Classic Car Club of America organized a display and conducted a road tour to the Rose Gardens in Allentown. Each year the program cover art was based on German fraktur and the dash plaque issued to each owner presented a Pennsylvania Dutch image such as distelfinks (stylized yellow finches). In 1971, the Macungie Fire Company conducted beer sales in a "biergarten." Ontelaunee continued to judge the cars, the number of which grew to 750 in 1971. By 1972, nearly 40,00 people attended the Fescht. Classes ran from A-EE, not following the AACA classifications.

Phase II of the Fescht ran from 1973 to 1980. During this period, the Fescht followed the Phase I format but nearly outgrew the Park. Awards transitioned from wood to pewter. A "Queen" was named each year, reflecting the wholesome and attractive nature of local teens. Fireworks continued each Saturday night after the live music. But by 1979, about 45,000 people attended the Fescht and the antique toy show moved off-site to Eyer Middle school. Vendors at "Toy Town" continued to sell at the Park. In 1980, Ontelaunee judged 1,000 antique motor vehicles; 600 flea market vendors occupied paved and grass areas; and Kinderfest (children's festival) replaced the horse shows because the area that held the oval track had to be used to display motor vehicles. The Kinderfest expanded youth crafts and activities with a petting zoo and pony rides. On Sunday, August 3, 1980, we displayed 800 special interest and 200 sports cars.

Section IV-VII coming in the future (Look forward to them.)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Schaffer	2/2	
Thomas Gatley	2/3	
Donald Wehr	2//3	
Raymond Brown, Jr.	2/5	
Dianne Heyer	2/10	Tim & Lisa Wehr
Barbara Spohn	2/11	
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 2 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