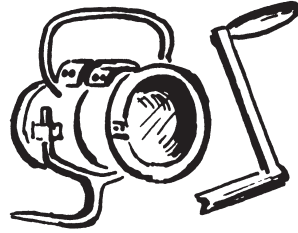


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SMOKE SIGNALS

JUNE

2-4	Carlisle Ford	Carlisle, PA
10	Fleetwood Rotary Show	Fleetwood, PA
11	Church Tour	
18	Weisenberg Car Show	Werleys Corner, PA
23-24	Carlisle GM	Carlisle, PA
25-28	AACA Eastern Div. Tour	Denver, PA

JULY

4	Hawk Mtn. Ford Show	Fleetwood, PA
9	Picnic Tour	
14-16	Chrysler @ Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
16-22	AACA Founder's Tour	Ontario, Canada
26-29	AACA Special Summer Nat'l	Norwich, NY
31	DAF Stake off	

AUGUST

4-6	Das Awkscht Fescht	Macungie, PA
10-12	AACA Grand Nationals	Bettendorf, IA
20	Dog Days Tour	
24-26	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Today's great public debate has a lot of components, but currently, there is no bigger target than our friend, which is almost 100% of our current surface transportation, the internal combustion engine (ICE). There are plenty of points and counterpoints for the adoption of electric vehicles (EV) to replace gasoline or diesel-powered engines. Before you even pick a side to stand on, let's look at the history behind the electric car. What I found surprised me a little.

Our new electric car technology has a long history even preceding the "old" internal combustion engine. In fact, the earliest electric attempts at transportation predate even our local hero, Charles Duryea, by over 50 years! In the 1830s, a Scotsman named Robert Anderson was building and running an electric motorized carriage, but not very successfully. His galvanic cell batteries were not rechargeable, making the carriages impractical to use.

Rechargeable batteries were invented in 1859, making the idea of the electric car a little more practical. Still, the idea took a while to take hold. The first American attempt was in around 1890, in Des Moines, IA, when another Scottish-born chemist named William Morrison built a front-wheel drive, 4-horsepower electric carriage with a top speed of 20 mph. It had a 24-cell rechargeable battery that would power the carriage for 50 miles. Morrison's invention occurred at least three years before Charles Duryea had his prototype running.

Meanwhile, two gentlemen from Philadelphia, Pedro Salom, and Henry Morris teamed up to attempt electric-powered cars for the road in 1894. They chose a very modern-sounding name Electrobat. At first, Electrobats were huge and crude. The batteries alone were 1600 pounds and had steel tires! The steel tires later gave way to pneumatic tires. It would take a little getting used to driving as they were rear steer also.

The first American closed-circuit auto race was held in Cranston, RI in 1896. Winning the race was an electric car called the Riker from Elizabeth, New Jersey. The fastest mile was run in a blistering 2 minutes and 3 seconds. All the ICE engines, including the Duryea, had durability problems. The Electrobat was there and did make a good showing.

Morris and Salom incorporated that year and sold the idea to Isaac Rice, who set up the Electric Vehicle Company (EVC) in New Jersey. By the early 1890s, they built and were running 60 electric taxi cabs in New York City. They had smaller fleets in Boston, Baltimore, and other cities. They solved their battery recharge time by converting a New York City ice arena into a battery swap station. Once swapped, the car went directly to the street to be hailed. EVC's battery supplier and partner in the venture is known as Exide Battery today.

Even some well-known auto entrepreneurs like Ransom E Olds were experimenting with EV's before settling on gasoline-powered models. His one surviving EV prototype is in the R. E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, MI. Dr. Ferdinand Porsche joined the Jakob Lohner Company in 1898. In 1901, that partnership produced the Lohner-Porsche. This EV used a Daimler-produced ICE engine that drove a generator, which in turn powered electric motors at the wheels. The first hybrid!!

Before abandoning the idea, the Henry Ford Company partnered with Thomas Edison. They tried putting together an EV before deciding gasoline power was the future. It simply was more practical to carry an extra few gallons of gas than batteries. Extra batteries added too much weight, not to mention long recharge times. Henry could also build an ICE much cheaper than an electric one, even though some other attempts were made such as Detroit Electric. Incidentally, Detroit Electric had the most commercial U.S. success from 1907 to 1939, building around 13,000 cars.

The advent of cheaper cars from the likes of Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler pretty much ended the early electric era. Small attempts have been made to revive them by many small startups, but only the recent years has the technology existed to put together enough battery storage to increase the car range and quicken recharge times to make them acceptable to some of the buying public. Where is this all headed? Anybody's guess. Currently, in my opinion, we don't have enough infrastructure in place to switch us to ALL electrics, but our current leadership is surely going to try to make that a reality. That brings a dark cloud for our antique cars if gasoline disappears as the fuel for motor transportation. Where does this leave us with our prized possessions? Not driving down to the corner mini-market for a fill-up, for sure. Rest assured, it's not all happening overnight, but it is something to think about. What does the future hold? Will there only be EV's roaming the highways? Does the gasoline engine go the way of the dinosaur? Only time solves these riddles. Of course, it's been said that the only constant changes and that have sure been the history of the automobile. We can be sure the future does not look the same as 2023. Enjoy them while you can.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dotterer, President

MAY MEETING MINUTES

President Jeff Dotterer welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to a business meeting at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church Krumsville, PA on May 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. There were 22 members present. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held April 1, 2023. A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Ken Dages. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for April 2023. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Minnie Breininger and seconded by Elaine Baer. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

1. Phyllis Peters reported one person on the sick list, Lester Manwiller had been in the hospital.
2. As of tonight, she has 159 members and has one remaining free National membership.
3. New members are Peter & Kimberly Lambert from Hamburg. They have a 1953 Chevrolet.

4. Three people who had not paid their National AACA dues are now paid up.
5. There have been no inquiries from members who are eligible to receive their 50-year pin. When they contact her, arrangements can be made to get their pin.
6. Phyllis gave Neil Merkel membership applications to put on a table at the Victory for Wheels Car Show to be held at the Kempton Community Center on May 13, 2023. National applications were sent directly to Neil.

Website: Michael Dotterer said 128 people visited the website and 220 pages were viewed.

Newsletter: Mike Horning had nothing to report.

Activities: Suzy McGovern has all tours filled for 2023. They are as follows:

1. Apple Blossom Tour – May 14 (Mother's Day), Tour Masters are Jeff and Cheri Dotterer. Leave 7:30 a.m. from Lehigh Valley Medical Center, Moselem Springs to join Cars & Coffee at St. Peters Village. Lunch at St. Peters Inn.
2. Church Tour – June 11, Tour masters are Jeff and Cheri Dotterer. Meet at Cabelas, Hamburg, Section H at 10:00 a.m. Knoebels opens at noon. Please bring a covered dish, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Ride tickets are on your own.
3. Picnic Tour – July 9, Tour Masters are Ray Huber and Marilyn Roth. They are arranging the picnic but would like someone to do a tour.
4. Dog Days Tour – Tour Masters are Nancy and Mike Horning. They are planning a tour to the new AACA Library & Headquarters with lunch.
5. Three-day Tour – September 29 to October 1 to Gettysburg, Tour masters are Barbara Koch and Florita Hobaugh.
6. Fall Foliage Tour – October 15, Tour Masters are Suzy McGovern and Barbara Spohn. They are planning a tour to Grimes Airport.
7. Applejack & Cider Tour – October 28 (Date Change), Tour Masters are Leroy and Vas Hinkle.

Hamburg Swap Meet: Lester Manwiller said things are arranged for next year.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Bob Hobaugh was unable to attend the meeting but passed along the following information:

1. He did 2 more Rotary presentations and followed up in writing to 11 others.
2. He has a commitment for a 1953 Corvette.
3. Seven club members met to inventory existing participation awards at the park.
4. Ordered dash plaques.
5. Ordered participant awards.
6. Placed a second order for vendor cards with larger QR code.
7. He is continuing to work with the officers of the Allentown Corvette Club to secure a tent.
8. Created 5 more Facebook posts for a total of 16 in 2023.
9. Attended Macungie Memorial Park meeting on April 11, 2023.
10. He is working with owners, clubs, and businesses to run the 60th anniversary of Mustang in 2024.

Susan Manwiller reported 659 vehicles registered and 181 flea market spaces. That is 5 cars less than last year and 3 flea market spaces less.

President's Banquet: Nov. 12, 2023, to be held at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant in Shartlesville.

Christmas Party: Dec. 10, 2023, to be held at NOVA.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Barry Seel has resigned as person in charge of the club's Facebook group. Jeff Dotterer will be the administrator and would like someone to volunteer to help as moderator. The site should be watched every couple of days and if there is an inappropriate post, it should be deleted.
2. Correspondence: Lester received a thank you letter from Wounded Warrior Project thanking the club for the donation in memory of John Mesch.

NEW BUSINESS

June 18, 2023 – Our club is invited to show their cars or just socialize on Father's Day at The Weisenberg/Lowhill Historical Society. There will be activities and food trucks throughout the day from 12:30 – 5:00. We can tour the hotel which houses the original Indian head piece of our club and was the home of our founding member, Sterling Zimmerman. The event is free and we can show off our cars and hopefully sign up some new members. The address is 4585 Werleys Corner Rd, New Tripoli, PA. RSVP to Minnie Breininger at 610-395-2132 or email mbrei@ptd.net to insure sufficient parking space. However, not necessary to RSVP, just show up.

Thank you to Cheri, Michael, and Jeff Dotterer for refreshments.

Next meeting will be September 2, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Bakers for the September meeting will be Tim Hinkle & Vas Hinkle.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. was made by Ken Dages and seconded by Barbara Oswald. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Just to let everyone know all the tours have been taken. I want to thank everyone who took one. Believe me it is greatly appreciated. Now to elaborate on the Fall Foliage Tour...we will be going to Grimes Airport in the Bethel area. Just want to throw this out there that they have biplane rides available, which I did not look into because I wasn't sure if anyone had any interest in doing so. The other reason I'm sure the cost will be HIGH due to the cost of fuel. If you are interested in doing so I will contact them and let you know the cost. Just let me know if you are interested. This tour is on October 15th. Our church tour should be a good one where we will end up at Knoebels...sounds like a lot of fun to be had...bring the kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews. This tour is on June 11th. I look forward to seeing many people at the tours. Take care and stay safe.....

Suzy

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

Father's Day at The Weisenberg/Lowhill Historical Society (WLTHS) on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at 4585 Werleys Corner Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066. The society is inviting Antique, Classic, Street Rod cars to their show to show their cars and to socialize. There will be various activities held throughout the event held from 12:30 – 5:00. Food trucks will be onsite to fill your tummies. The hotel (which has the original head piece of the Ontelaunee Club on display and was the home of Sterling Zimmerman, a founding member of the club) will be open to tour. This is a free event and will provide the club the opportunity to show off our cars and hopefully sign up some new members. RSVP to Minnie Breininger, 610-395-2132 leave a message or email mbrei@ptd.net to help ensure for sufficient parking space, but RSVPing is not necessary, JUST show up

**PICNIC TOUR AND PICNIC
SUNDAY JULY 9, 2023**

The picnic will be catered with picnic food and beverages provided (more information to follow). We will have the pavilion at the far side of the parking lot at the swimming pool in Macungie Park. All members are invited to bring your old cars or just come to join in the fun, bring your chairs and games. Members not going on the tour bring your cars to the park and enjoy the group around 11:30 for lunch and gathering. All members and guests are invited even if they are not bringing an antique car. Come and mingle with our club group.

TOUR - RIDE AROUND

Time 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School On Sunday July 9, 2023 across for the New Jerusalem Zion Church. Ride around tour will be planned and end at Macungie Park.

COST: Member \$15.00 each member

Guests: 20.00 per person

Children under 12 - Free

Registration deadline: Saturday, June 1, 2023

Make Checks to: Ontelaunee Region AACA

Mail to: Marilyn Roth, 428 Adams Rd., Breinigsville, PA

Phone # 610-395-3083

TOUR AND PICNIC SUNDAY JULY 9, 2023

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PICNIC ONLY SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

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50 YEAR PINS

It has come to our attention that there may be some 50 Year Members that have not received their 50 Year Pin. If you feel that you are one of those, please call me and we can make arrangements for you to get your pin.

Phyllis Peters, Membership, 610-965-9236

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

As of now we still have One Free Membership to give to a potential person who have never been a member of AACA. 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

3 DAY TOUR
September 29, 30 and October 1

The tour includes the visitor's center, a 2 hour bus tour of the battlefield, an evening ghost walk tour (optional), several other museums, a visit to the Eisenhower farm, a stop at a winery, and of course several nice restaurants! There are a lot of shops and things to do in Gettysburg! The cost will be \$250 for members and \$280 for non-members. If you are planning to attend: the motel is: The Inn at Cemetery Hill, 613 Baltimore St., Gettysburg: 1-717-334-9281: \$142 plus tax per night. When making reservations just mention the Ontelaunee Region AACRA. The group rate is only good til August 1, 2023. Questions call Barbara Koch 610-816-5586. Deadline for reservations is September 1, 2023. Also children under 14 \$75.

Name _____

Address _____

Cell phone # _____

Emergency contact - name and cell # _____

JUNE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Goldie Rhode	6/1	
Howard Schorr	6/1	
Sandra Kemp	6/2	
	6/4	Michael & Donna Wolfe
	6/7	Gary Rohrbach & Dee Eng
Lyle Yoder	6/10	
	6/12	Barry & Karen Hunsicker
John Black	6/15	
Judith Fischer	6/16	
James Costa	6/16	
Ruth Barnett	6/17	
Susan McGovern	6/18	
Bryon Reed	6/19	John & Linda Legath
Minnie Breininger	6/21	
Morris Halpin	6/21	
Michael Engard	6/21	
	6/22	Robert & Anne Lawatsch
Bruce Foelker	6/22	
George Husack, Jr.	6/23	
	6/25	Carl & Minnie Breininger
Audrey Merkel	6/28	
Ed Lenny	6/29	

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