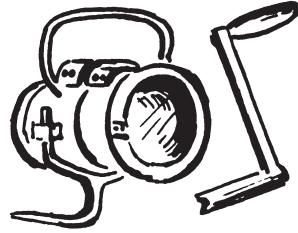
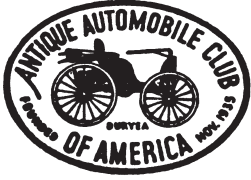


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## SMOKE SIGNALS

### SEPTEMBER

2	Duryea Day	
2	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA
4	Ludwigs Corner Car Show	Ludwigs Corner, PA
10	Strausstown Car Show	Strausstown, PA
27-Oct. 2	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
29-Oct. 1	3 Days Tour	

### OCTOBER

3-6	AACA Fall Meet	Hershey, PA
7	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA
15	Fall Foliage Tour	
22-27	AACA Revival Glidden Tour	Thomasville, GA
28	Apple Jack & Cider Tour	
29	46th Annual Old Car Show	Lehighton, PA

### NOVEMBER

4	Ontelaunee Business Meeting @3:00	Krumsville, PA
12	President's Banquet	

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you haven't read it, refer to the President's message in June 2023, where I spoke about electric cars. I shared my electric car history. While at the AACA Library yesterday during the Dog Days Tour, I discovered that the electric vehicle has a local connection. I jumped down the rabbit hole after our visit to learn more.

The Library prepared some literature in advance of our visit featuring PA heritage. One of the articles included information from Boyertown Body Works, Boyertown, PA. Boyertown Body began as a carriage maker in the 1800s. The company pivoted to specializing in producing special bodies for delivery trucks in the 1920s. By the 1950s, Boyertown Body began producing those trucks that we still see roaming the streets in the summer, the Mr. Softie Ice Cream truck. These trucks caught the eye of Smith Delivery Trucks of England. Smith acquired the English and European rights to Mr. Softie. Having an excellent reputation for selling over 14,000 electric vehicles in Europe, they proposed Boyertown Body with a proposal. The result was Battronic Delivery Vehicle. The partnership also included Exide Corporation to include batteries for the venture.

These vehicles were limited to local deliveries because they had a top speed of 25 mph. They carried 2500 lbs for 62 miles. Due to limitations, the venture never really took off—Smith pull-out of the venture in 1966. Boyertown and Exide were committed to making the venture a success and soldiered help from General Electric Power. Between 1964 and 1983, total sales were 175 vehicles. Boyertown even pitched the ideas to the Defense Department and NASA. However, most of the vehicles sold were to the electric company touting the electric vehicle future.

Another interesting project occurred in 1981 when South Coast Technology, a California company, contracted Battronic to remove fuel tanks and exhaust systems from New Stanton, PA, built Volkswagen Rabbit, and replaced them with electric motors. Battronic built over 100 VW Rabbits. Two of them are on display in the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles.

The Rabbits didn't have much trunk space. Instead, they carried 18 6-volt lead acid batteries weighing over 1100 lbs! They also required a 12-volt auxiliary battery to run lights, wipers, and all the remaining options on the car. All that battery for a distance of 80 miles. That ranges from New Jerusalem Church, where we meet, to Scranton, PA. Electric vehicles seem to have been on the scene for many years, but not as a replacement for our gas-powered counterparts.

It was a fun tour of the AACA Library. We learned a lot. I had no idea Pennsylvania was so involved in electric car technology. The Library is set up well for you to research the vintage of your car.

Call ahead, and they will support you. The librarian said that they have people come from out of driving distance and spend a week researching information about specific cars. Call to make an appointment today. They will be glad to help.

A special thank you to our First Lady, Cheri Dotterer, who videotaped what the Library offers. You can find the video in the Ontelaunee AACA Facebook Group. Here is the link. <https://tinyurl.com/AACALibraryTour> Become a member of the Group to watch.

Here's is a link to pictures taken during the tour in Cheri's Google Photo Drive. You may need to wait for Cheri to Grant Access to view. Give her 48 hours. Look for Suzy McGovern's article on the Dog Days Tour about a surprise we discovered.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dotterer, President

### **ACTIVITIES CORNER**

Another DAS AWKCHT FESCHT is under the bridge. Those who participated, a job well done... thanks for your help. The next big event is the 3 Days Tour, we will be going up to Gettysburg. Think about attending the event and have some fun with other club members. The date for the 3 day tour is September 29th to October 1st. The next tour is on October 15th The Fall Foliage, going to the Grimes Airport to tour the Golden Age Airport. Biplane rides are available but you are responsible for the cost.....they last 15 minutes for \$159.00.

I hope you keep cool and enjoy your summer....Please stay safe and still have fun.

Suzy

### **DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT REGISTRATION THANK YOU**

A BIG thank you to the people who helped in the Registration Tents and at the Participation Award building during Das Awkscht Fesch. Your cooperation made those jobs run extremely well. As usual your help came thru when we needed it. Hope to see you all next year?

Phyllis Peters, Registration Tent Chairman, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

### **WORKERS PARTY**

When: October 13, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall (downstairs)

If you were a volunteer at Macungie during the Fesch there will be a workers party at the park.

### **FALL FOLIAGE OCTOBER 15th**

Going to Grimes Airport to tour the Golden Age Air Museum and airport...Biplane rides are available but you are responsible for the cost of the ride....they last 15 minutes at \$159.00

Time: leaving Strausstown playground at 9:30 for the car tour

Cost: members \$15.00 each and non-members \$20.00 each.....children under 12 free

Lunch: will be at Kauffman's

Make checks to: ONTELAUNEE REGION AACA

Questions: call 610-488-1209 home phone or 814-788-0801 Suzy's cell

RSVP by October 8th to Suzy McGovern 129 Dry Hollow Rd. Bernville, Pa 19506

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PHONE OR CELL \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLE JACK & CIDER TOUUR

Mark your calendars for this year's Apple Jack and Cider Tour. The date is the last Saturday in October, Saturday, October 28, 2023. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School which is located across the street from the New Jerusalem Zion UCC church. This is the church where we hold our monthly meetings.

We will head to the Daniel Boone Homestead near Birdsboro by way of numerous scenic country roads. Upon arrival, we will feast upon doughnuts and refreshments (including cider).

After our refreshing indulgences', we will have a guided tour of the homestead where Daniel Bonne was born. There are multiple buildings and exhibits to see.

After the tour, we will travel to the historic Douglassville Hotel for lunch.

RSVP on or before Saturday, October 7, 2023 to LeRoy Hinkle, 16 Grandview Road, Hamburg, PA 19526. Any questions, please call 610-562-8387 or email: leroyhinkle@verizon.net.

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### Apple Jack and Cider Tour Reservation

Member Cost: \$15.00 each

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Cost: \$28.00 each

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children Under 12 Years Cost: \$5.00 each

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable To: Ontelaunee Region AACA

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Vasilia Hinkle	9/1	
	9/4	Edward & Isabel Lenny
Glen Anderson	9/5	
Wayne Schrack	9/8	
	9/9	Carl & Susan Yackanicz
Lois Dries	9/10	Ronald & Sheila Smith
Doris Umberger	9/11	
Kathleen Duckett	9/14	Robert & Florita Hobaugh
Shirley Schaffer	9/16	
Jim O'Brien	9/16	
Jed Rapoport	9/17	
	9/20	Charles & Fern Fegely, Jr.
Ronald Smith	9/24	

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

Where: Northern Valley Ambulance Social Hall (NOVA), 2375 Levans Rd, Coplay,PA

Doors open: 12:00 Noon

Dinner served: 1:00 PM

Entertainment: The magician has some new tricks!

Cost: Members and children over 11 \$25.00; children 6 through 11 \$10.00; children under 6 are free  
Non-members \$30.00; Non-members 6-17 \$15.00

Make checks payable to: Ontelaunee Region AACA

Deadline: November 25, 2023

Mail check and form to: Barbara Koch, 710 Carolina Ave, Reading,PA 19605

Names of club members and ages and names of children:

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Names of non-club members and ages and names of children:

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**DAS AWSCHT FESCHT REPORT**

Our 60th Das Awkscht Fescht succeeded in all respects. We captured the interest of spectators with our theme, 70 years of the Corvette. The weather was beautiful. We achieved good numbers. Nearly 1,900 vehicles were registered over 3 days. Our Corvette celebration included at least one example from each year of production, with a total of about 250. Nearly 45 Ontelaunee members and family volunteered. 21 Rotarians volunteered. Together, we served as a team.

That team was part of a larger group of volunteers. The Allentown Area Corvette Club was a terrific sponsor. It was a pleasure to work with its President Marty Hegyi, other officers and members. Further, Macungie Memorial Park Association, led by Amy Hillegass, did a great job with the Park grounds, vendors, admissions, music and crafts.

We made some changes that paid off. First, Ontelaunee included electronic registration on our website. Second, the theme car included all years of production, not limited to 25 years and older. Third, we invited Rotarians to help with stake-off, registration and show field parking. Finally, I served as your Chair for the first time. I cannot thank enough Past Chair Matt Manwiller, and our officers and directors who helped me learn the job. It was an honor to serve.

Our 61st Fescht will feature the 60th anniversary of the Mustang. Ontelaunee Region AACA will join America's Transportation Experience (AACA Museum, Inc.) to host the Mustang with Clubs from about 15 counties. Sponsorship is more important than ever; if you have any relationships in the Mustang world, please come forward.

Gratefully yours, Bob Hobaugh

**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

**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 or e-mail.

Thanks, Phyllis Peters