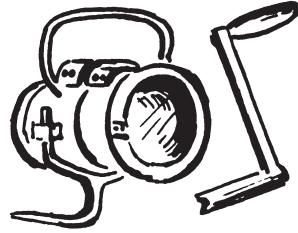
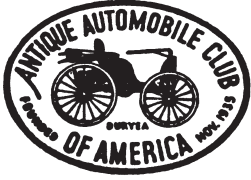


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SMOKE SIGNALS

DECEMBER

8 Reorganization Meeting
15 Christmas Party

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everybody! I want to thank everyone for a successful 2024. We have had some great tours - the Ashland coal mine tour, the exotic car museum in Birdsboro, the church tour thru Fogelsville, the New Jersey tour to the farm museum, the Bethlehem steel industry museum, the poker run and hayride, and the General Spatz air force museum in Boyertown. We traveled thru Lehigh, Berks counties and New Jersey. Thanks again to the tourmasters - also the bakers at our monthly meetings. Also a big shoutout to everyone who helped at the Leesport swap meet in March and Das Awkfest in August. We have had a great year.

Don't forget the Christmas party on December 15 at NOVA. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. See you next year!

Barbara Koch

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President Barbara Koch called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on November 2, 2024 at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church Krumsville, PA. There were 26 members present. We recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held October 5, 2024. A motion to approve the secretary's report was made by John Heyer and seconded by Minnie Breininger. The motion carried.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for October which included the check from DAF. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shirley Schaffer and seconded by Bob Hobaugh. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported the following:

Sick List: Barbara Oswald came home from the hospital and is now having physical therapy at a short-term rehab facility, Linda Legath is home from the hospital after surgery for diverticulitis, Golden Rhode had been in the hospital and is now home, Nancy Horning will be going for knee replacement surgery in December.

Membership Dues: Phyllis reminded anyone who did not yet pay their membership dues to get them in and to let her know of any changes to their address, phone number or email address.

Free National Memberships: Phyllis has four available from National.

Facebook: The daughter of Orlando Geiger reached out to the Ontelaunee Region on Facebook for copies of newsletter articles written when Orlando was Editor of the TNB in the 1980's. Elaine Baer volunteered to give her copies of the newsletters. The Secretary will message her and see how we can get them to her.

Correspondence: Through articles the Secretary has been putting in Berks County Encore, Phyllis has been asked to inform our group of a bus trip to the Christmas Show at the American Music Theater and other bus trips in 2025. If interested, call Phyllis for information.

Website: We received a letter from Michael Dotterer informing us that the fee for the website will increase to \$75.00 on January 1, 2025. A motion to approve the price increase was made by Lester Manwiller and seconded by Nancy Horning. The motion carried.

Newsletter: Mike Horning said December, 2024 will be his last newsletter. We will have a new editor in January. Mike was given a round of applause for his many years as newsletter editor.

Activities: Suzy McGovern has sign-up sheets for bakers for the meetings and tour masters for next year. See her to volunteer. The Early Bird Tour will be going to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park in April.

Cheri Dotterer reported on the Fall Foliage Tour. Cheri felt we should send a thank you card to Duncan's Corn Maze for allowing us to ride on the hayride for free because we shared the ride with a church group. A card was passed around and Cheri will send it to the woman in charge.

Leesport Swap Meet: Lester reported that he sent letters and flyers to 84 vendors who did not yet register. Jeff Dotterer will be ordering 20 pylons with 12 lb. bases. The price will be \$19.35 plus shipping. These are needed because we will be charging \$3 admission per person before they enter the parking lot. Lester will get nail aprons for the money collectors.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Chairman Bob Hobaugh reported the following:

1. The feature car club, Camaro, has connections to secure a feature tent for \$2600. Sponsors will be needed to pay for the tent.
2. Michael Dotterer had Eventbrite go live.
3. Bob met with the Lehigh Valley Photographers Club. The plan is to have photographers take pictures of cars at a designated area, develop the pictures, and sell them. Ontelaunee would receive a portion of the proceeds from photo sales. Working with them might also be an opportunity to get sponsors.
4. Looking to get younger people, maybe have a pinewood derby race in Memorial Hall. AACA has a pinewood derby track.
5. Possibly adding a class for tuner cars to attract younger people.

The Secretary reported 114 vehicles registered to date, last year at this time 134. Flea market spaces so far 91, last year 107.

President's Banquet: Nov. 10, 2024, Blue Mountain Family Restaurant in Shartlesville. Doors open at 12:00 noon, dinner is at 1:00 p.m. There will be entertainment and installation of next year's officers.

Christmas Party: Dec. 15, 2024 – Tim Hinkle reported he has 33 adults so far, 7 children. We will have to pay for 50 people so get your registrations to Tim.

OLD BUSINESS

Lester Manwiller said six of the orange zippered vests that were used at Das Awkscht Fescht are missing. If anyone inadvertently took one home, please call him. His number is 610-823-4656.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

1. An invitation to America's Transportation Experience (AACA Museum Inc.) Forgotten Features, November 15, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. See website for details.
2. Received a thank you letter from the AACA Museum for the \$100 donation toward the new roof project.

Board Meeting:

At a board meeting held before the regular meeting, it was determined there were no new scholarship applications; therefore, according to the guidelines, two applicants were approved to receive a scholarship who previously received scholarships from Ontelaunee.

Scholarship grants will be awarded to the following students at the President's Banquet:

1. Emily Stefens, step-granddaughter of Jim & Phyllis Peters
2. Bryan Wagner, grandson of Bruce Cronrath.

Thank you to Marilyn Roth and Minnie Breininger for refreshments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Bob Hobaugh. The motion carried. Next meeting is January 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

ACTIVITY CORNER

I sure hope we get rain shortly....I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and you will have a Merry Christmas. For the new year our bakers have stepped up already. I think we only need 3 yet thank you thank you. The tours are also coming along not as good as the bakers but still not bad. You stay healthy and happy
Suzy

2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, December 15, 2024
WHERE: Northern Valley Ambulance Social Hall
2375 Levans Road, Coplay, Pa 18037
ENTERTAINMENT: Scott Wagstaff, Puppeteer & Ventriloquist
SPECIAL GUEST: Santa Claus
Doors Open at 12:00 Noon
Dinner Served at 1:00 PM

COST: Members & Children Age 12 & Older.....	\$25.00
Members' Children Ages 6 – 11.....	\$10.00
Children Under 6 Years of Age.....	FREE
Non-Member Adults.....	\$30.00
Non-Members' Children Ages 6 – 17.....	\$15.00

Reservation deadline is Friday, November 29, 2024.
Make checks payable to "Ontelaunee Region AACA".
Send completed Reservation Form & check to: Tim Hinkle
712 East 18th Street
Northampton, PA 18067

Call Tim at 610 – 262 – 8572 with questions.

REMEMBER TO BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 15.

The Christmas Party includes a full meal, with soft drinks and ice cream. But, dessert has always been something that members make or bring to share with one another. Please remember to bring a dessert on December 15.

Club Member(s) Name(s) _____

Member(s) Child(ren)s Name(s) (Age 12 & Older) _____

Non-Member Adult Name(s) _____

Non-Member Child(ren)s (Ages 6 – 17) Name(s) _____

Names of Child(ren) Under Age 6 _____

Name(s) & Gift Suggestions for Child(ren) up to Age 12 _____

HISTORIC RT. 6 TOUR BY KEN & ELSA DAGES CONTINUED

Sunday was another beautiful day, and would have been great for sightseeing. We were to visit the Grand Canyon of PA. This is a 47 mile canyon of pristine scenery. It is 1450 feet deep at the southern end. We would have viewed it from the Leonard Harrison overlook where it is 800 feet deep. The canyon is a designated a National Natural Landmark. The Gorge was formed by the waters from Pine Creek passing through the canyon with substantial volume, and emptying into the Susquehanna River.

After viewing the canyon, we were to take a 2 hour tour, in a horsedrawn covered wagon, along the Pine Creek rail trail. In the afternoon we were to visit the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum in Galeton, PA. This museum tells the story of the relationship between people and Pennsylvania forests. There is a re-created lumber camp, a 70 ton Shay locomotive, and a 1910 Barnhart log loader. There is also a 1936 log cabin, a steam-powered saw mill, a 1945 Brookville switch engine, and a tannery exhibit. The restaurant I chose for dinner featured a choice of 25 different selections of hamburgers among other meal choices.

Our last day was to be an early start because we were to take a long ride to Williamsport. There we were to have a trolley tour of Millionaires' Row. In the late 1800's lumber was king. During the lumber boom, Williamsport had more millionaires per capita than any where else in the country. West 4th Street was where the lumber barons built their mansions and Churches. Hence the name Millionaires' Row. After the trolley tour we were to tour the Tabor museum. Here, there are galleries featuring lumber, art, American Indian displays, agriculture, the Schempp Toy Train exhibit, as well as rooms depicting a 19th century grist mill, blacksmith shop, one-room schoolhouse, and a Victorian parlor.

It would have been a great tour, and the weather was perfect all 4 days. If this all sounds like something that someone else in our club would be interested in reviving, let me know. We wouldn't even need to do it in the fall, when there are so many conflicts. Everything planned opens in May. All of the work is done. I have detailed directions for each day, as well as hotel and attraction information. I also have brochures, which Elsa and I picked up when we mapped out the directions for the tour this past July.

REPORT ON APPLE JACK & CIDER TOUR

We met at Macungie Park, where 28 club members gathered to take a short drive to the Museum of Indian Culture. It was founded in 1980, where the exhibits highlight the cultural heritage of the Delaware/Lenape Indians and other Northeastern Woodland tribes. Among the items were artifacts, cultural items, agricultural tools, arrow heads, beadwork, tomahawks, basketry, pottery and so much more packed into the small spaces of the museum. It was very interesting.

After the tour we travelled to Seville diner, where the food was excellent and the service also excellent, anyway my food was. After lunch we left for Boyertown to tour the General Carl Spaatz USAAF Museum.

General Spaatz was born in Boyertown and at 16 1/2 ran his fathers newspaper business which helped him to develop his skills to become a famous general in WWII (1944). His career started back in 1914 where he moved up the ranks very quickly and became the first chief of staff to the newly formed US Air Force. There is so much that he accomplished in his career that it's just amazing. He was a four star general and retired in 1948 with so many distinguished awards that it overwhelms you. The men from the museum that gave the guided tours were outstanding. They were very enthusiastic and very knowledgeable, They kept your interest in the museum. If you didn't take the tour with us it was your loss. Also they had a lot of rooms set up mentioning various other men and women who participated in the war. We were there about 2 hours and probably could have stayed longer. For a small museum there's a lot to see. Before we headed for home we had apple cider and donuts.... THANKS to Lester and Susie Manwiller for a great tour...

Suzy

REPORT OF THE FALL FOLAGE TOUR

The air was cool as we pulled away from the church after picking our first card. Fall leaves were at the peak of their color change as we rode through northern Berks County. We arrived at Kutztown, Giant, to receive our second card. The next portion of our tour took us past Goldie Rhodes home. She was seated at the front door, waving us on. Our third card was passed out at Perry Athletic Field. We found our way to the "Fork in the Road" in Centerport. We then passed Jeff and Cheri's first house and the home where Cheri grew up. With a call ahead, Cheri's parents and the neighbor's boy were seated at the end of the driveway, waving us on. Our fourth card was obtained at the Bern Township Wawa. Our final destination was the Duncan Corn Maze, Robesonia, where we had a hayride and hot dog roast. Our final card was drawn here. Poker Run winners were Susan Manwiller, Phyllis Peters, and Ray Huber. Vas Hinkle got the women's prize.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Dotterer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy DeHaven	12/1	
Tom McMichael	12/4	
	12/7	Thomas & Kathleen Duckett
Linda Legath	12/8	
James Shupp, Sr.	12/13	
Jill Naugle	12/13	
James Peters	12/16	
	12/18	Thomas & Ginny Gatley
Jessica Yoder	12/19	
Elsa Dages	12/21	
	12/23	Bruce & Nancy Cronrath
Carol Kidd	12/24	
	12/28	Herb & Lydia Elsner, Sr.
Dolores Kennedy	12/29	
Matthias Staack	12/30	
Katherine McCarthy	12/31	
Nancy Hutchins	12/31	

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. Please remember to update me with any changes in your address or telephone number.

Thank You, Phyllis Peters

DUES REMINDER

Your dues for 2025 will be the same as for 2024. They are as follows: \$10.00 for single and \$15.00 for joint and \$150.00 for life (only if life in National) Dues are due by December 31, 2024. Please just send your check to me. If you have some changes please just indicate it on a slip of paper (telephone, cell phone numbers, new address etc.). This would be a good time to enter your spouse as a member, if they are not already and have them receive all the benefits of the club.

I will be collecting dues at the Christmas Party.

Your National dues renewal form was in your September/October National Magazine. National Dues are due by December 31, 2024. The loose sheet with your address label has the renewal form. Please save and use to pay your dues. National Dues can be paid on line at National's website. Remember you have to be a member of National to be a member of Ontelaunee Region.

Phyllis Peters, Membership Chairman

2025 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

I have Four Free Membership to give to potential people 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

NOTICE – MISSING VESTS

Six of the zippered orange vests that were used at Das Awkscht Fescht have gone missing. If anyone mistakenly took one home, please call Lester at 610-823-4656.

REMINDER

The deadline is fast approaching to register your vehicle at Das Awkscht Fescht at the lower registration fee. Register before December 31, 2024 and save \$3.00. Registration forms are available to print at awkscht.com or call Susan at 610-823-5033 to have one mailed to you.

EDITOR NOTE

This is my last newsletter. I would like to thank Susan Manwiller for proofreading all the Tin 'n Brass before I sent them to the printer. Cheri Dotterer will be the editor next year. Please send your articles to her.
Mike Horning

