

TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Barbara Koch's Thunderbird

What's it Going to Take?

by Dave Anspach

What's it going to take to get things to change? The membership of the greatest Antique Automobile Club on the planet has been steadily declining for years and nothing that has been tried has changed it. Now, don't get me wrong... we aren't in great danger, but if the declining membership doesn't turn around before long, there will be a big problem. There is an answer... **it is YOU!**

It's probably been stated a thousand times that if every

member just got one new member, our membership would double. It's a simple concept. **JUST GET ONE NEW MEMBER!** Surely every person out there has a family member who isn't an AACA member. Get them a membership for Christmas! Any person with even a little

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A Message from our President

Welcome to a new year of Ontelaunee AACA activities. Once again, yours truly finds himself at the head of this fine, old, and storied chapter. We share a love of cars even though the makes and models are all different. We share a common goal: to promote the restoration, especially the showing and continued use of all antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Much like my earlier term as the head of Ontelaunee AACA, we have been fighting a war of attrition. We have had moderate success in maintaining our March Ontelaunee Swap Meet, Das Awkscht Fescht, and monthly tours, but we have been taking it on the chin with declining membership.

Several factors, including age, health, and passing on, have trimmed our ranks without us recruiting new members. We have tried everything from advertising down to replacing them, but it's a slow process with no quick solutions.

Simply put, this club, as it's currently constructed, is not on a sustainable path. We need fresh blood, and it must come the old-fashioned way, one at a time, signed up and sponsored by a current member.

Now, if you are like me, you must know a bunch of guys with old cars when you see those owners at a cruise or car show. Tell them about Ontelaunee and what we do! Tell them of an interesting tour you went on, or better yet, invite them to come on one. We would gladly have them tag along to see what one is like. Tell them to come with

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Jeffrey Dotterer

What's it going to take continued

interest in cars will appreciate the fine issues of Antique Automobile with its excellent pictures and articles.

How about a friend or neighbor? There is a car person in your life who would love such a gift! If you don't want to give a membership, how about sign up a free one from your local region? Every region would love an opportunity to sign up a new member. And let's not forget those free military memberships. Here is an opportunity not only to give something to those folks who have protected our freedom, but to add to the club membership at the same time. In both of the above cases, you are giving someone something for free! I will tell you that in both cases, do yourself a favor, fill out the form with the person present, and send it in for them. I have lost a lot of prospective members due to forgetfulness. Finally, don't forget those people you meet at car shows, cruises, and on the road! Always have membership materials, promotional items, and spare magazines with you.



You meet prospective members everywhere! People will see how much you enjoy the hobby and they just might want to join you! So what's it going to take to get YOU to get a new member? It's YOUR club. It's up to you to make it grow and prosper! It is the responsibility of every member. Got any other ideas on how to grow the club? Contact me or any board member! We all would love to hear what YOU think!

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Dave Anspach

Executive Vice President

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

There is no report for December 2024.



Susan Manwiller



Lester Manwiller

Birthdays

- 1: Ron Hutchins
- 19: Wayne Schaffer
- 25: Michael Horning
- 27: Florita Hobaugh
- 27: Carl Yackanicz
- 31: Matthew Manwiller
- 31: Michael Beers

Anniversaries

- 12: Tom & Barbara McMichael
- 15: Raymond and Judith Fischer
- 17: Thomas and Carol Kidd
- 31: Ron and Nancy Hutchins

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their daily ride, if they like. It's not required to bring your classic or antique. Let them know it always includes a meal somewhere.

Oh, and while you're at it, be sure to tell them the cost is minimal to try it out for a year.

The registration fee is very reasonable. The first year of national membership is free. Who doesn't like free stuff?

This is your club. Drop me a message if you have any ideas or want any help with your new recruit. Have a great month.

Jeff

Membership update

Friendly Reminder:

Your 2025 Ontelaunee Region membership **dues are due soon!**

To avoid forgetting, we encourage you to submit your payment by **January 1, 2025.**

Unfortunately, if I haven't received your renewal by February 1, 2025, we'll need to remove you from the

membership rolls, and we'd hate to see you go!

Here are the dues rates:

\$10.00 for a Single Membership

\$15.00 for a Joint Membership

\$150.00 for a Life Membership (for National Life Members only)

Let's take care of this today so you can enjoy another wonderful year with us! Thank you for being a valued member!

Membership Reminders

Now is the perfect time to invite your spouse to join the club! By becoming a member, he/she can enjoy all the exclusive benefits, events, and connections that make our community so unique. Don't let him/her miss out—**sign them up today!**

Help us stay connected! Ensure we have your current address, phone number (cell or home), and email address so we can keep your membership records up to date.

Note: We're going green— membership cards will no longer be issued. Thank you for helping us streamline and stay eco-friendly!

National Memberships

We have **3 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.

Caring for our Members

If you know of a member who is hospitalized, unwell or has passed away, please reach out to me. Your call ensures we can offer support and condolences during these important times.

Phyllis Peters

Membership Chair

2025 Events

See ontelauneeaca.com for details

Monthly Meetings are held at 3:00 pm, Zion's New Jerusalem UCC,
1456 Krumsville Rd, Lenhartsville, PA 19534

January

January 4: Meeting

January 17-19: Automania,
Allentown Fairgrounds

February

February 1: Meeting

February 6-8: National
Conference, Charlotte, NC

March

March 1: Swap Meet Setup

March 2: Leesport Swap Meet

March 8: Meeting

April

April 5: Meeting

April 23-27: Spring Carlisle

April 25-26: Motorcycle Meet

April 27: Early Bird Tour

May

May 2-4 : Spring Englishtown

May 3: Meeting

May 16-17: Imports, Carlisle

May 18 : Apple Blossom Tour

June

June 6-8: Fords at Carlisle

June 8: Church Tour

June 20-21: GMs at Carlisle

July

July 4: Fleetwood Car Show

July 11-13: Chryslers at Carlisle

July 13: Picnic Tour

July 21: DAF Pin Find

July 28: DAF Stake Out

August

August 1-3: Das Awkscht Fescht

August 1-3: Truck Nationals at Carlisle

August 17 : Dog Days Tour

August 21-23: Corvettes at Carlisle

August 30: Duryea, Boyertown

September

September 1: Ludwig's Corner Car Show

September 1: Robesonia Car Show

September 6: Meeting

September : 2 day Tour

September 7: Strausstown Car Show
and Swap Meet

October

October 1-5: Fall Carlisle

October 4 :Meeting

October 7-10: Hershey Swap Meet

October 19: Fall Foliage Tour

October 25: Buick Show

November

November 1 : Meeting

November 2: Apple Jack & Cider Tour

November 9: President's Banquet

December 7 : Christmas Banquet

December 14 : Officer's Meeting

December

2025 AACA National Events

February 6-8: Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC

April 3-5: Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC

May 1-3: Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals, Tucson, AZ

June 1-7: Vintage Tour (Pre-1932), Southern/Eastern PA

June 19-21: Eastern Spring National

July 2-5: Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN

July 24-26: Grand Nationals/ Zenith, Dayton, OH

August 12-15: Eastern Divisional Tour, Northern Maine

September 7-12: Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943), Owensboro, KY

September 18-20: Southeastern Fall Nationals, Corydon, IN

October 7-10: Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA

October 18-22: Central Divisional Tour, San Antonio to Gonzales, TX

October 23-25: Central Fall Nationals, Galveston, TX

Leesport Swap Meet

Help will be needed on **Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 7 AM** to set up for the meet and show vendors to their spaces. There will be coffee and some pizza for lunch. On **Sunday, March 2**, we will need help at **5 AM** to show vendors their spaces so they are ready for the public at 7 AM. We will also need members to collect the entrance fee as the public arrives. If you can volunteer, please call Jeff Dotterer.

We will have to man two entry points. Remember to *bring your White Elephant items*.



Lester Manwiller

See Roster for phone numbers.

2024 Christmas Banquet

Fifty-nine Ontelaunee Club members, their families, and guests celebrated the holiday season on Sunday, December 15 at the Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services Auxiliary (NOVA) Hall in Coplay. The party attendees included ten children. Second Vice-President Tim Hinkle organized the event, with great help from his wife Sue, Elaine Baer, Marilyn Roth, and Ray Huber.

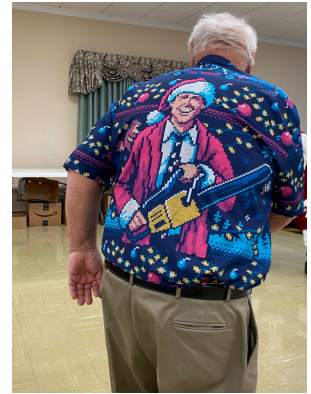
The social hour began at noon with ring bologna, cheese, and vegetable tray appetizers. Marilyn Roth delivered a prayer of thanksgiving. The group then dined on fruit cup, salad with hot bacon dressing, mashed potatoes, potato filing, carrots, green beans, ham, oven-roasted chicken, gravy, rolls, and butter. Dessert included ice cream and a wonderful variety of amazing desserts brought by club members.

Entertainment, provided by ventriloquist Scott Wagstaff, followed the delicious meal. Geared primarily for the children present, Scott and his puppets charmed and delighted the adults in the room as well. He introduced the group to pig, Albert Einswine; cheese, Monterrey Jack;

Stinkerbelle the skunk; Cornelius the chicken; Charlie the chimpanzee; Splashy the dolphin; and Mrs. Santa Clause. Splashy, Stinkerbelle, and a cell phone call from the water company got the children—who were seated in front of Scott and his menagerie—splashed with a little water; but they enjoyed the show a lot. Some of Scott's humor was also directed at the adults, like his presentation of trying to eat popcorn at the beach while being pursued by seagulls. In addition, Scott captivated everyone with a couple of the marionettes from his collection. Following the entertainment, and introduced by Scott and the children, the group was paid a visit by Santa Clause himself. (It's funny that club treasurer, Lester Manwiller, is never around when Santa comes to visit. In any case, we're always grateful for Lester's help in getting Santa to attend our Christmas banquet.) Santa presented gifts to each child and adult; including toys, oranges, boxes of homemade candy, roadside hazard warning triangles, safety vests, and Christmas tea towels and pocket tissue packs. And the person at each table whose birthday occurs last during the year was awarded the holiday themed centerpiece.

Tim Hinkle

Everyone had a fine time, and left in good holiday spirits. Some pictures of Santa with club members and guests are included below.



2025 Officers and Board Members

President	Jeff Dotterer	president@ontelauneeaca.com
1st V. President	Tim Hinkle	
2nd V. President	Michael Wolfe	
Secretary	Susan Manwiller	
Treasurer	Lester Manwiller	
Chairperson	Barbara Koch	
Directors	Elaine Baer	
	Shirley Schaffer	
	Nancy Horning	
	Ray Huber	

2025 Committee Chairpersons

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DAF	Bob Hobaugh	
	Susan Manwiller	

Please see Ontelaunee ACA Roster for personal emails and phone numbers.
We no longer print personal information in the newsletter.

2024 President's Banquet

The president's banquet was held on November 10 at the Blue Mountain Restaurant in Shartlesville. The club awarded two student scholarships. The recipients were Emily Stefens and Bryan Wagner. Bryan was present, thanked us, and told us about his studies and interests. Our entertainment was Massimo Brutto, a vocalist from Berks County.

The club members who organized the monthly tours and baked for the meetings were recognized with thank-you gifts.

Wayne Tuck inducted the officers and board members for 2025. Jeff was installed with the traditional Indian headdress!!

Thanks for a successful 2024 year.

Barbara Koch

2024 President

Tour Registration Forms

Cost: Members \$15/Non-Members \$25/Children 6-12 \$5/Under 6 Free

Early Bird Tour

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Mail Form to: Suzy McGovern, 129 Dry Hollow Rd, Bernville, PA 19506

Apple Blossom Tour

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Mail Form to:

Church Tour

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Mail Form to: Jeff Dotterer, 202 Donne Road, Hamburg, PA 19526

Membership Updates

Members' Name: _____

Reason for update: _____

Mail Form to: Phyllis Peters, 5265 Elgen Dr., Emmaus, PA 18049

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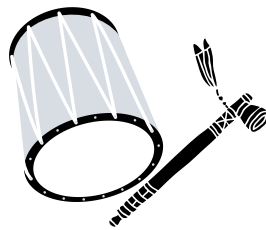
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Antique Automobile Club of America

Allentown Fairgrounds

January 17-19

Automania:

January 4 3:00pm

Month Meeting:

Events

January 2024