

TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



It's a Family Affair!

Photo credit: Ken Dages 1928 Plymouth - see article on page 2

If you are a member of AACA, then it is probably because you like old cars. You may even own one, or two or three because they seem to have a way of multiplying. But why do so many people go to the shows and continue to go to more shows? I believe that a big reason for that is seeing old friends and making new ones. But there is another very important aspect of AACA, and that is family. Our events are more than just family friendly; family is the very backbone of AACA. This is very evident at the Nationals, the local shows, cruise-ins, and tours. You will see husbands and wives working together as they get a car on the field and clean and prep it for judging. You can also see fathers and sons getting cars unloaded from the

trailers and brothers tinkering on the car because for some reason it will not start to get it out the trailer. Of course, it started at home and ran fine when you put it in the trailer, but now it won't even turn over! There is nothing better than watching the joy on a kid's face when he comes forward at an awards banquet to pick up the trophy. The grin stretches from ear to ear! You can see the entire family at a local show. We took our grandson to a local

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Cheri Dotterer, editor

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car show in Mobile where they were having a fish fry. You would have thought that he had never eaten fried catfish. He said it was the best he had ever had. He wandered around looking at all the cars asking questions about all of them. Tours are the perfect setting to invite the kids or grandkids. You not only get to spend quality time with them but take them to places that they probably have never seen before. And most importantly, they get to spend time in an old car! Because after all, the cars were meant to be driven and enjoyed. We have taken numerous family members with us to a variety of places: a brother-in-law, a sister, grandson, granddaughter, parents and of course, our daughter. We took my parents with us to Hershey one year. I can remember Mother talking about how much she appreciated the fact that this was one hobby where family was always welcome. Please, the next time you get ready to go to your car event, think about what family member you can take with you. You could take the grandchild who is always eager to go with grandparents, the parent who is now alone and would love to get out of the house, or the sibling who cannot get out by themselves anymore. This hobby can bring a much-needed smile to someone's face or bring back a long-forgotten memory. Remember, It's a family affair!

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Vicki Bolton
Director at
Large

My Favorite Old Car

It was 1972, and Elsa and I had been to the New Hope Auto Show. We went to car shows every year, but we decided we wanted to own one this year. I made an offer on a 1956 Mark II. The next day, I visited Alice Whiting, who owned the linen shop and was a customer of mine. She suggested I get an older car (before 1930) and join the AACA.

That night, I looked in our local paper under antique cars and saw an advertisement for a 1928 Plymouth. To my surprise, I found that it had a property adjoining mine in Montgomeryville. It was all original, with only 39,000 miles on it.

After buying it, I only needed to have the engine tuned up. There were no dents, body rot, or upholstery wear. I did have the car painted and plated to freshen it up, but the interior remained original.

When I bought it, I didn't know that it was Plymouth's first year. They made 66,097 Plymouths in 1928, but only 45 survive today.

My car was produced in October and has a rare Hayes body. Production for this body style began in July.

The cost new was \$695. It weighs 2510 pounds. It has a 4-cylinder, 45-horsepower engine. Its most notable feature is the hydraulic brakes.

For 21 years (in 1994), it has been our family's favorite old car.

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Ken Dages

A Message from our President

Road Trip Adventures

Road tripping. Have you taken a road trip lately? A good road trip can take many forms for many reasons. This past week, I was on one to buy a few parts. The guy wouldn't ship, and his parts were cheap, about a third of the value. He was in Brick, New Jersey, about two hours away. The route was pretty easy, over Route 78 East to Route 287 South in Jersey and halfway down the Garden State Parkway.

I had to make it quick and do it the next day since the stuff was advertised on the Marketplace, and if I didn't go, somebody else would beat me to the deal.

I loaded the cooler with a few drinks Friday morning and hit the road. It was a busy trip on crowded New Jersey roads but well worth it. The seller even dug out more parts, and I relieved him of all except one of them, which, while still a good deal, wasn't worth putting on a nicely restored car.

Today's technology has made this trip easier. Smartphones have many downsides, but this one it improves. You can type in an address, and it will give you a route and follow along with you, leading you right into the seller's driveway in another state with no folded maps or confused navigators.

The Gas Buddy app even shows you where the gas stations are and gives you the best price so you can choose. Gone are the days of getting lost and not knowing if you can reach the next station.

Road trips can be long, and as travelers, you may need to invent ways to pass the time and amuse yourself. Many years ago, during my Chevelle showing days, I traveled to many Chevelle conventions in different parts of the US. One year, I decided to go along with the members of the Garden State Chevelle Club who were also going on the same approximate route: Route 81 through Virginia and Tennessee.

They invented an activity that entertained all eight cars in the caravan, cracked up all the truckers who saw us doing it, and simultaneously fed the birds along the way. No, I didn't mean we "mooned" them. We kept it clean. Imagine walking into a grocery store and wiping them out of 18 bags of marshmallows. The game went like this: the last car in the caravan would pull out and pass the whole caravan while throwing marshmallows out the window at the other Chevelles you were passing. Once in front, you would pull over

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A Message from our Secretary

President Jeff Dotterer called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 8, 2025, at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church Krumsville, PA. with a pledge of allegiance to the American flag. There were 31 people present. Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held on February 1, 2025.

A motion to approve the secretary's report was made by Suzy McGovern and seconded by Elaine Baer. The motion carried.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for January and February. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Mike Wolfe.

Committee Reports

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported 148 members as of tonight. New members at the meeting were Barbara Todd & William (Bill) Smith. Other new members are Warren Jablonski from New Jersey and Mike & Ellen DeLuca from Hellertown.

Deaths: George Hahn and Carl Breininger passed away.

Sick List: A card was passed around for Allen and Barbara Oswald. Allen broke his arm, and Barbara is recuperating from a previous injury.

Free National Memberships: Phyllis was down to one and received five more from National.

Communications: Phyllis received a call from a representative of the Berks County Association for the Blind. He would like to give a short presentation at one of our meetings about what it means to be visually impaired. He would not try to sell anything. After a discussion, having him speak at one of our meetings was a good idea.

Website: Michael Dotterer was absent. Cheri said to give him a call if you want something on the website.

Newsletter: Cheri Dotterer is working on improving the newsletter.

1. The font size has been reduced to 12 px. Articles that are started on one page and finished on another later in the newsletter should now, if possible, be continued on the next page.
2. She needs monthly volunteers to write an article and take pictures of their cars. Ken Dages has pictures of his car for April.

Activities: Suzy McGovern needs one baker for November. Refreshments for April are Barbara Koch and Donna Wolfe.

Tour masters are needed for the Picnic, Fall Foliage, and Applejack & Cider

Tours. See the last page of the newsletter for registration for the following tours:

Early Bird Tour: May 4 (note date change): Tour master Suzy McGovern to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park. There will be no charge for veterans. We will be riding in a tour bus to see the animals. Those going will receive \$20 gift cards to eat at a choice of four restaurants at Lake Tobias. Meet early at Strausstown playground.

Apple Blossom Tour: May 18: Tour master Barbara Koch to Wolf Sanctuary, Lititz. Meet at Strausstown, leave at 8:00 a.m. to Wolf Sanctuary, and then lunch at Kauffman's Bar-B-Que.

Church Tour: June 8: Tour masters Jeff and Cheri Dotterer will arrange for us to attend church services, where we have our meetings. We are working on events for after church.

Dog Days Tour August 17: Tour masters Mike & Donna Wolfe.

Two/Three Day Tour Tour masters Tim & Sue Hinkle. They plan to run the tour that was canceled last year.

Leesport Swap Meet: Lester thanked everyone who helped, especially everyone who worked outside, as the weather was very cold and windy. Sunday was cold in the building. Lester will let the Farmer's Market know for next year. Lester reported that we made \$600 more than last year due to charging admissions at two locations before they parked. More people came into the building this year.

The following things were discussed to improve next year's swap meet:

1. Gate problems: Cars enter and exit the same gate simultaneously. We discussed having a larger entrance or having an exit somewhere else. We should have more exits. "Exits only" should be marked and manned. I'm looking for suggestions.
2. Money Collector: We need more people to man the gates so we can work shifts. Thanks to Vas & Leroy's daughter, Becky, for helping at the gate. Vas suggested asking family members to help. We need younger help.
3. Money Pouches: The nail aprons do not have enough pouches. It was suggested that the pouches be sewn through to create more slots. Becky used a fanny pack, which worked well. Leroy suggested getting \$2 bills to give as change for a five.
4. Handicap Parking: Ray had difficulty controlling cars pulling into handicap spaces. Next year, he will work on better securing that area with tape.
5. Lester picked up and returned the cones used to rope off the parking lot. Mainstream Industries on Route 183 left us to use them free of charge. This company also started making 50" wide banners. If we ever need one, we could ask them for a quote.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Chairman Bob Hobaugh was absent. Susan reported 441 vehicles registered to date, 536 last year. Flea market spaces have been 127 so far, 136 last year.

The feature car is the Camaro. Six orange vests missing from DAF have not yet been returned.

President's Banquet: It will be held in November at the same place as last year, Blue Mountain Family Restaurant. Cheri is working on getting a small musical group from the Hamburg Area, S.D., to provide entertainment.

Christmas Party: Mike Wolfe signed the contract to have it again at NOVA. The entertainment has been booked.

OLD BUSINESS None

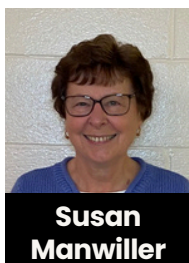
NEW BUSINESS

1. We learned that not everyone gets the information in group emails because not everyone has a computer. In the future, if you'd like to be on a list for a phone chain, please let Cheri know. Cheri will call Shirley, and the phone chain will begin.

2. Jeff and Bob will be interviewed on BCTV's "Strictly for Seniors" program. They will have a meeting with the coordinator in March or April. The program will air on Berks County Community Television (BCTV.org) and [BCTV YouTube Channel @bctvberks](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbctvberks), probably in April or May. Jeff will talk about our club, and Bob will talk about DAF. Let Jeff know if anyone knows of such a program in Lehigh Valley.

Thank you to Barbara Spohn and Suzy McGovern for the refreshments.

Tim Hinkle moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28, which was seconded by Lester Manwiller. The motion carried.



**Susan
Manwiller**

The next meeting is on April 5 at 3:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Leesport Swap Meet

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Leesport Swap Meet. Jeff Dotterer unloaded the cones and attached caution tape to define the parking area.

Thanks to everyone who set up the white elephant tables and priced the items. The white elephant table sold more this year than last year.

Thanks to Jim Peters and LeRoy Hinkle for showing outside vendors to their spaces.

Thanks to the crew who volunteered to brave the cold and wind to collect admission money from the public at two locations.

As they entered the parking lot, collecting admission money indeed increased our overall profit.

Thanks to Ray Huber for handling the handicapped parking.

Although some bugs still need to be solved, we had a successful swap meet. Thanks again for everyone's help.

Last but not least, thanks to those who came to help clean the hall and stay until all vendors pack up their wares.



**Lester
Manwiller**

Respectfully submitted,

National Memberships

We have **One Free Membership** to give to potential members. To receive a free membership, the potential member can never have been a member of AACA. If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, 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. Take advantage of this offer today.

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. Complete the form on page 11, mail it in, and call Phyllis.

April Bakers
 Barabara Koch
 Donna Wolfe

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Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?

– George Carlin

Stay Connected with our Community

Membership Roster Updates

Please update **your** 2024 Roster with the following information:

New Rosters will be printed in 2027

Add

- Warren Jablonski
 28 Versailles Ct.
 Annandale, N.J. 08801

April Birthdays

- 9 Ken Dages
- 9 Ginny Gatley
- 13 Susan Hinkle
- 22 Thomas Kidd
- 27 Michael Wolfe



April Anniversaries

- 20 Ken and Elsa Dages



Sympathy

Sympathy to the families of

- Carl Breininger, who passed away on March 3.
- George Hahn, who passed away on February 19.
- Former member Barry Hunsicker who passed on March 10.



Phyllis Peters
 Membership Chair

Upcoming Tours

Early Bird Tour

Date: **May 4**

Registration due: May 1

Departure: **Strausstown Playground**

7:30 AM

Time: TBD, but early

Destination: Tobias Wildlife Park - 9:30 am

Military Discount with ID card - family not included

Lunch: \$20 Gift Card for restaurant onsite

Tour Host: Suzy McGovern

Cost: \$15 members

\$25 nonmembers

\$5 6-12 years

Free under 6

Registration form: Page 11

Apple Blossom Tour

Date: **May 18**

Departure: **Strausstown Playground**

7:30 AM

Destination: Wolf Sanctuary, Lititz arrival 9:45 AM

Lunch: Kauffman's Barbeque, Bethel

Tour Host: Barbara Koch

Registration form: Page 11

Church Tour

Date: June 8

Attending church: Zions New Jerusalem UCC - where we have meetings

Destination: TBA

Lunch: TBA

Tour Host: Jeff and Cheri Dotterer

Registration form: Page 11

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and wait for the next guy in the back to make a pass and bomb him as he went by. This takes more skill than you would think. You must release it early enough, as the drag on the marshmallow makes it curve backward. Done at the right time, it would sometimes curve just right, flying in the passing car's window. Sometimes it would just harmlessly hit the door as the soft marshmallow left nothing behind but a white powder mark. We even learned that a marshmallow will bounce off the highway and hit the car behind you. I promise you no cars were harmed in this juvenile but fun road game, but we did have one cleanup issue happen, one of those little white puffs of sugar wedged itself under my rear bumper, between that and the chrome tailpipe tip. The heat from the exhaust made a toasted marshmallow out of it, and the cleanup required polish and even lacquer thinner to remove. Wasn't so much fun then, but I would do it all again for the look on those truckers faces and to hear them honking their air horns. We definitely had them in stitches.

Road trips can be fun. I can't say we go to that extreme on any of our AACA club tours, but we always have a good time seeing new roads and different scenery along the way, and always visit attractions or museums somewhere on the trip, and there is always a stop at some place to eat. Why not join the gang on one of our upcoming tours and take a road trip with us? Have a good month.



**Jeffrey
Dotterer**

2025 Officers and Board Members

President	Jeff Dotterer
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



My mother sent me down to the butcher's today to see if the butcher had frog's legs. I came back and told her I couldn't see his legs as he had pants on.

~Minstrel Gags, n.d.

2025 Committee Chairpersons

Newsletter	Cheri Dotterer
Website	Michael Dotterer
Swap Meet	Lester Manwiller
DAF	Bob Hobaugh Susan Manwiller

Membership: Phyllis Peters | 5265 Elgen Dr, Emmaus, PA 18049
610-965-9236 |

Reminder

Auto Mall Swap Meet is cancelled for 2025.

Wheels for Victory: May 10, 2025:

Wheels for Victory Car Show at Kempton Community Center. All money benefits Victory Junction Camp for children with serious illness.

Happy Easter



JESUS
HAS Risen

2025 Events for Next Three Months

See ontelauneeaca.com for
details

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

April

April 3-5: Southeast Spring
Nationals Charlotte, NC

April 5: Club Meeting

April 23-27: Spring Carlisle

May

May 2-4 : Spring Englishtown

May 4 : Early Bird Tour

May 3: Club 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

2025 National Events

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,
WV

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



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Tour Registration Forms

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

Early Bird Tour: May 4

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Suzy McGovern, 129 Dry Hollow Rd, Bernville, PA 19506 |
814-788-0801

Apple Blossom Tour: May 18

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Barbara Koch 710 Carolina Ave Reading, PA 19605
610-816-5586 |

Church Tour: June

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Jeff Dotterer, 202 Donne Rd, Hamburg, PA 19526 |
610-914-4808 |

Membership Updates

Members' Name: _____

Reason for update: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Phyllis Peters 5265 Elgen Dr, Emmaus, PA 18049 |
(610) 965-9236 |

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TO :



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We are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of antique cars, trucks and motorcycles.



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Nationals Charlotte, NC
April 5: Meeting
April 23-27: Spring Carlisle

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