

TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Cruisin' the Wild

On Sunday, May 4, the Ontelaunee Chapter of the AACA set out under the canopy of clouds and a drizzle for a tour of western Schuylkill and Upper Dauphin Counties. We ended our tour at [Lake Tobias Wildlife Park](#). Our tour guide, Suzy McGovern, had our arrival planned so well that we arrived ten minutes before the gates opened. After parking, we went on an open bus ride to take us through the safari and wooded park areas. Our bus driver, Cindy, stopped frequently along the route to teach us about the various animals. Go to [ontelauneeaca.com](#) to see all the pictures of the park.

The animals knew where their food came from. Each time Cindy stopped the bus, several would gather outside, looking for their treats. It was a joy to see younger family members feeding them.

Photo Credit: Cheri Dotterer -Safari Tour

Our bus ride ended just before the clouds opened for a brief shower. That did not stop some members from visiting the smaller animals behind the food vending areas. Look for the white peacock who visited while I had lunch with fellow members.

The park has animals from around the globe, from bison to water buffalo, several breeds of deer, lions, giraffes, monkeys, and much more. I recommend a day with your kids if you have never been to the park.

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Articles are due on 2nd Thursday of each month.

Cheri Dotterer, editor

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~Cheri Dotterer

A Message from our President

The club has a long tradition of public service throughout the annual show, Das Awkscht Fescht. It's not just a car show, even though that is the main component.

It is a fundraiser for the Macungie Community Park, providing critical operating funds for staff and capital improvements. Running a 42-acre park costs many dollars. With pavilions to repair, giant grass fields to groom, and a public pool that needs maintenance, the park needs our help! Our show directly impacts the community of Macungie, providing many of the funds necessary for park operation and maintenance.

Yes, we all sweat and work hard at this show, marking the field, parking cars and vendors, and directing traffic. All this sweat provides the critical funds to continue operating this club. It not only yields funds for the park but also generates the funds Ontelaunee AACA needs to enjoy tours like the one to Tobias Lake and Wildlife Park. Watching the joy on everyone's faces at the events on our tours makes it all worthwhile.

I am looking forward to the tours we have planned this year to interesting places and museums. It's fair to say our tours would be much more expensive if there were no Das Awkscht Fescht. The Club spends a portion of these funds to make those tours better and reasonable for our membership.

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My challenge to you this month is to call our show Chairman, Robert Hobaugh, at 610-360-6537,

Leave a message. He will contact you. Let him know that you will help us at Das Awkscht Fescht 2025! You will have a fun time, get to see a lot of cool cars, and, as always, you won't go away hungry. Trust me. The Lunch provided is epic. I hope to see you there.



**Jeffrey
Dotterer**

A Message from our Secretary

First Vice-President Tim Hinkle called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on May 3, 2025, at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church,, Krumsville, PA, with a pledge of allegiance to the American flag. There were 21 people present.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the April 5, 2025, business meeting. Mike Wolfe motioned to approve the secretary's report, and Suzy McGovern seconded it. The motion carried.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for April. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Barbara Koch and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Phyllis Peters was absent, but the secretary reported that the membership remained the same as last month, at 152, and that Phyllis has three free National memberships left.

Website: Michael Dotterer was absent. No report.

Newsletter: Cheri Dotterer reported that May TNB is in the mail. Emailed newsletters have gone out.

Activities: Suzy McGovern said her tour is all set for Sunday. Lake Tobias does not cancel if it is raining. Be sure to bring an umbrella or rain gear.

Apple Blossom Tour-**May 18**, Tour master Barbara Koch to Wolf Sanctuary, Lititz. Meet in Strausstown at 7:30 to leave at 8:00. Bathrooms will be open. After the wolf tour, we will return the same way to go to Kauffman's for lunch.

Church Tour- **June 8**, Tour masters Jeff & Cheri Dotterer to attend church services, where we have our meetings. Lunch will be at Copperz Brewing in Hamburg. They have gluten-free menu items. After lunch, we will view the PA German Gallery at the Reading Public Museum and a 3:00 show at the Planetarium.

Picnic Tour – Saturday, July 19 (note date change). Tour masters Neil & Audrey Merkel.

They are working on a tour of Albany Township, followed by a catered picnic.

Dog Days Tour–August 17. Tour masters Mike & Donna Wolfe to WK&S Railroad. The train ride is handicap accessible. Meet at Weis, Fogelsville, go to Kneppers for lunch.

Three-Day Tour – September 11–13, Tour masters Tim & Sue Hinkle. Tour Route 6 area.

Fall Foliage Tour – October 19. Tour masters Leroy and Vas Hinkle

Applejack & Cider Tour – OPEN

Leesport Swap Meet: March 1, 2026 – Lester had nothing new to report except that he is working on it.

Das Awkscht Fescht: August 1, 2, 3, 2025 –Chairman Bob Hobaugh was absent. Susan Manwiller reported 521 registered vehicles to date, 626 last year. Flea market spaces so far are 144, 178 last year. The Fescht mailing will be on May 15.

President’s Banquet: November 9, 2025 – Cheri Dotterer will contact Hamburg High School in September for a musical group for entertainment.

Christmas Party: December 7, 2025 – Mike Wolfe had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Ontelaunee Region Board of Directors met on April 29, 2025, at Hometown Diner to discuss a policy concerning member and non-member fees for tours.

The board made a recommendation brought before the general membership. A motion was made by Cheri Dotterer and seconded by Shirley Schaffer to charge members and their immediate family \$15. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren 12 and older pay \$15, ages 5 to 12 pay \$5.00.

Adult non-members pay the full tour cost, non-members 5-12 pay the full cost, and those under 5 are free. The tour director and treasurer should set a price based on the actual cost for non-members to stay within the \$400 per tour budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guests introduced at the meeting were Brent and Kristen Himmelberger from the Mohrsville area. They own a 1965 Oldsmobile 442 convertible. Thanks to Leroy & Vas for inviting them to our meeting.

2. Leroy Hinkle gave a humorous analogy of how we can remember which months have meetings and which do not.

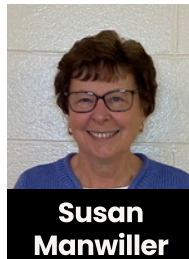
3. The club received a letter from America's Transportation Experience (AACA Museum Inc). They completed phase one of their capital campaign. That included installing a new turntable in the lobby, installing a new roof, and raising funds to cover half the cost of replacing the HVAC units. Phase two is to replace the HVAC system, waterproof the façade of the building, update the exterior lighting with LED lights, purchase three new defibrillators, and enhance the security camera system. See the notice elsewhere in the newsletter if you wish to donate.

Thank you to Sally Getz and Elsa Dages for providing refreshments.

Cheri Dotterer moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35, which was seconded by Shirley Schaffer. The motion carried.

Next meeting is **September 6, 2025**, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Manwiller, Secretary



Susan
Manwiller

Upcoming Tours

Church Tour

Date: **June 8**

Attending church: Zion's New Jerusalem UCC - where we have meetings- **10 AM**

Destination: Reading Museum and Planetarium - 1 PM tour: PA Dutch Gallery 3PM The Earth and the Universe Show

Lunch: Copperz, Hamburg - 11:30 AM

Tour Host: Jeff and Cheri Dotterer

Deadline: June 1

Registration form: Page 11

Picnic Tour

Date: **July 19**

Departure: New Jerusalem Zion's UCC
9:00 AM

Tour: Albany Township

Destination: Picnic at Neil and Audrey's home - 218 Robin Hill Rd. Lenhartsville

Tour Host: Neil and Audrey Merkel

Deadline: July 11

Dog Days Tour

Date: August 17

Departure:

Destination: WK&S Railroad

Lunch:

Tour Host: Mike and Donna Wolfe

Deadline:

Three Day Tour

Date: September 11-13

Departure:

Destination: Grand Canyon PA

Lunch:

Tour Host: Tim and Susan Hinkle

Deadline:

Fall Foliage

Date: October 19

Departure:

Destination:

Lunch:

Tour Host: Leroy and Vas Hinkle

Deadline:

Apple Jack & Cider Tour

Date: November

Departure:

Destination:

Lunch:

Tour Host: OPEN

Deadline:

America's TRANSPORTATION
Experience



Accelerate Campaign Completed Projects



Installed a new and fully-operational turntable in our lobby!



Completed the installation of the new roof!

YES, COUNT ME IN! I want to support the work of America's Transportation Experience/AACA Museum, Inc.

Four Ways to Donate



1. Mail your contribution payable to:
AACA Museum, Inc. to: AACA Museum, Inc.
161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033
Please note the "NEXT Plan" on the memo line.

- 2. Scan the QR code with your smartphone and donate online.
- 3. Visit www.aacamuseum.org/accelerate-campaign/ to donate
- 4. If you are 70½ or older, you can distribute a gift from your IRA right to the Museum. Please contact your IRA administrator for details. Also contact Kristen at khasman@AACAMuseum.org or 717-566-7100 x120 to ensure your gift is properly acknowledged.

- \$100 \$250 \$500
- \$1000 \$2500 \$5000
- Other \$ _____
- One Time Gift Quarterly Pledge

Total gift amount: _____

Gifts will be acknowledged in the Night at the Museum program and gifts of \$1000 or more will be acknowledged among Museum Diamond Club supporters.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The AACA Museum, Inc. has been and remains an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, not affiliated with the Antique Automobile Club of America.

62nd Das Awkscht Fescht – 2025

Our 62nd Das Awkscht Fescht will roll on August 1-3, 2025. This motor vehicle show is how Ontelaunee Region AACA raises funds for our charitable uses. The Fescht benefits from the help of members of the Ontelaunee Club, Rotarians, and community volunteers.

We will celebrate six generations of fun with the Camaro and the 70th anniversary of the Yamaha motorcycle. The Camaro Club of the Lehigh Valley will coordinate our theme tent. Hope that the weather holds with clear, dry days!

The Fescht is three distinct shows:
Friday, we open our doors to all antique cars, including resto mods, hot rods, rat rods, and custom cars.
Saturday, we present vehicles with authenticity and condition, the guidelines of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and include future classics that are newer than 25 years old.
Sunday, we host about 28 car clubs, including foreign cars.

Motorcycles join us for all 3 days.

On Saturday, we host a large class of antique motorcycles, many owned by members of the Perkiomen Region of the AMCA. Members of the Ontelaunee Region of the AACA have a special car display area in a shaded area. We hope to have a generous showing by members of the Antique Truck Club of America.

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Three Day Tour Details

Ontelaunee Car Club members will be invited to take a three-day driving tour to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania near Wellsboro, PA, at the end of the second week in September. Exact dates and logistics are being worked out, and enrollment and cost information will appear in the *June Tin 'n Brass*. Here's a basic outline of what's being planned. Leaving from Allentown, we will take a scenic drive to Scranton, where we will visit the Electric City Trolley Museum and Trolley Excursions and ride on a trolley.

After staying in the Scranton area overnight, we will drive to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania to view the canyon from a scenic overlook at Leonard Harrison State Park.

Then we will take a covered wagon ride down the Canyon, Tioga County. Following a visit to the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, which includes information about the Civilian Conservation Corps, we will stay in Wellsboro overnight.

On our third day, we will travel to Williamsport, where we will take a trolley ride through Millionaires Row and Historic District—The Lumbar Heritage Region, North West & North Central PA.

Following lunch, one of many wonderful meals on the tour, we head home. I hope you'll be able to join us.

~Tim Hinkle

National Memberships

We have **Three Free Memberships** 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.

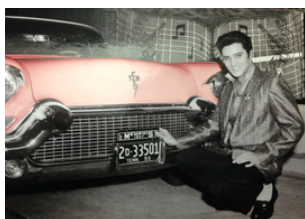
Caring for our members

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.

June Anniversaries



- 4 Mike & Donna Wolfe
- 17 Mark & Denise Wagner
- 19 John & Linda Legath
- 22 Robert & Anne Lawatsch



"Life is too short to drive boring cars".
- Elvis Presley

Stay Connected with our Community

Membership Roster Updates

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

New Rosters will be printed in 2027

No changes this month.

June Birthdays

- 1 Goldie Rhode
- 2 Sandra Kemp
- 3 Ellen Deluca
- 10 Lyle Yoder
- 16 Judith Fischer
- 16 James Costa
- 18 Suzy McGovern
- 19 Bryon Reed
- 21 Minnie Breininger
- 21 Morris Halpin
- 21 Michael Engard
- 21 Barbara Stewart
- 22 Bruce Foelker
- 23 George Husack, Jr.
- 28 Audrey Merkel
- 29 Ed Lenny



Phyllis Peters
Membership Chair

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

2025 Committee Chairpersons

Activities	Suzy McGovern
DAF	Bob Hobaugh
DAF Registration	Susan Manwiller
Membership	Phyllis Peters
Newsletter	Cheri Dotterer
Swap Meet	Lester Manwiller
Website	Michael Dotterer

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

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Please sign up to help by calling Chair Bob Hobaugh at 610-360-6537. We have opportunities to help lay out the show field and vendor area during the week before our show. Susan Manwiller runs vendor registration. LeRoy Hinkle supervises vendor layout. Phyllis Peters runs vehicle registration. Lester Manwiller coordinates show field layout. Thanks to all who participate, whether as a volunteer or an exhibitor!

Bob Hobaugh, Chair
Das Awkscht Fescht

For Sale

1956 Packard Convertible

Needs restoration.
Lots of new parts included.
The car is located in Leighton.
(Estate of George Hahn)
Call Greg Bayer
941-799-9096

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN TOURING



- Display your Ontelaunee Tour Banner.
 - If you do not have one, you can purchase one for \$5.00 each from Phyllis Peters.
- If you have a CB Radio, we usually use channel 7.
 - Report problems throughout the tour.
 - Or, obtain the Tourmaster’s phone number before departing on tour.
- Keep the tour moving by keeping the car behind you in sight.
- Tourmasters should always drive at a moderate speed, if possible, so that a tour can be enjoyed.

~Phyllis Peters

2025 Events through Summer

See ontelauneeaca.com for details

Monthly Meetings are held at 3:00 pm.

Zion's New Jerusalem UCC,

1456 Krumsville Rd, Lenhartsville, PA 19534

Meetings are held January-May, September-
November

NO Meetings June-August, December

June

NO CLUB MEETING

June 6-8: Fords at Carlisle

June 8: Church Tour

June 20-21: GMs at Carlisle

July

NO CLUB MEETING

July 4: Fleetwood Car Show

July 11-13: Chryslers at Carlisle

July 19: Picnic Tour

July 21: DAF Pin Find

July 28: DAF Stake Out

August

NO CLUB MEETING

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

Think the poem 30 days has
September...

There are no meetings in December,
also June until September.

~Leroy Hinkle

2025 National Events

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

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

August 12-15: Eastern Divisional Tour,
Northern Maine

Thank you

Thank you to the Hinkle families for allowing me to share a ride for the Lake Tobias tour. It was great getting to know you better. ~Cheri Dotterer

See the featured Camaros and Yamahas at **Das Awkscht Fescht**. August 1, 2, and 3. Enjoy the Corvettes! Register your classic car, rod, truck or motorcycle now at <https://awkscht.com/registration/>.



Photo credit: Bob Hobaugh

Cost Members including immediate family: \$15, 6-12 \$5, Under 6 Free

Tour Registration Forms

Non-Members: Actual cost of the event

Checks Payable to Ontelaunee AACA

Church Tour: June 8

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: (\$30 each) _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Picnic Tour: July 19

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Neil Merkel 218 Robin Hill Rd. Lenhartsville, PA 19534
(610)-301-5777

Dog Days Tour: August 17

Members' Names: _____

Non-Members' Names: _____

Children 6-12: _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Mike Wolfe

Membership Updates

Members' Name: _____

Reason for update: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail Form to: Phyllis Peters 5265 Elgen Dr, Emmaus, PA 18049 |
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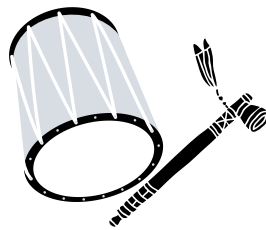
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We are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of antique cars, trucks and motorcycles.



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June 8: Church Tour
June 6-8: Fords at Carlisle
NO CLUB MEETING

June 2025

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