

TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



From the Passenger's Seat

Every year, *Das Awkscht Fescht* draws a crowd, and every year, it's the folks behind the scenes who make it happen.

This weekend, I had the privilege of being part of that crew. I sat at the entrance in a folding chair, no computer, no clipboard, just water, my husband's car club, and a steady flow of drivers checking in.

It didn't look glamorous. But it felt meaningful.

Each car that pulled in carried more than just steel and shine. It carried someone's story. Someone's memories. And from that seat, I realized:

We're not just showing cars, we're stewarding legacy.

Photo Credit: Bob Hobaugh

The next day, I was out in the field again, this time helping pull up the parking posts. As I looked around, I noticed something: I was the only woman out there. But I didn't feel out of place. I felt proud.

We were cleaning up the last corner of the field when we passed the lemonade stand. I asked Jeff to stop. I was thirsty.

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As I stood in line, I noticed a police cruiser parked alongside the show cars. It made me smile, modern meets classic, service meets story.

Then the vendor handed me my drink: plain lemon water. No sugar. No charge.

“This one’s on me,” she said.

That moment, quiet, kind, and refreshing, was the perfect close to the weekend. Sometimes the best stories don’t happen under the hood.

They happen at the gate. Or with a stake in your hand. Or with a simple cup of lemon water.

To all of you who showed up early, stayed late, and served with heart: Thank you. You’re part of something bigger.



Cheri Dotterer



62nd Das Awkscht Fescht

The Ontelaunee Region AACA held its 62nd Das Awkscht Fescht on August 1-3, 2025, at Macungie Memorial Park. We celebrated six generations of fun with the Camaro and the 70th anniversary of the Yamaha motorcycle. The Camaro Club of the Lehigh Valley coordinated our theme car tent with celebrity guest, Zach Straits, Bonneville Salt Flats speed record holder and owner of “Jenny the Camaro,” a 1967 RS/SS model. Thanks to Nancy Bischoff of Better Homes & Gardens for sponsoring that tent.

Thanks to Dennis Martin of Martin Moto, who sponsored and coordinated our themed motorcycle tent. Denny displayed many wonderful and rare Yamahas, and some members of the Perkiomen Club AMCA enjoyed parking in the shade of the tent. Other Perkiomen members preferred the shade of the trees next to the pool. The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles displayed an astounding 1948 Indian Chief, not yet appearing in the Museum.

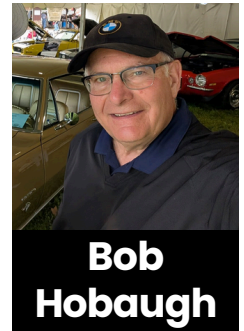
This year’s Fescht benefited from beautiful weather and new ideas. The Park had new musical talent, expanded crafts, and a hot air balloon! Lester Miller and his Family and friends performed square dancing and brought some Pennsylvania Dutch culture to our Lions Pavilion. The toy town vendors joined us in the Park, which boosted vendor sales and eliminated the fee to share in the magnificent metal toys – cars, boats, and motorcycles – that we played with at our grandparents’

houses. Our volunteers did a great job of bringing vehicles through registration and onto the field.

Guests enthusiastically look forward to our Race Cars and Motorcycles displays in 2026. We will gather race cars and motorcycles, along with their drivers and riders, from various events, including ovals, dirt, hill climbs, and straight-line racing, in our region. Expect to see stock cars from Dorney, Nazareth, Williams Grove, Reading Fairgrounds, and York. Expect to hear bench racing stories from bikers and other racers. Our celebrity guest will be Donald Hawk, "The Hawk," former manager of Dale Earnhardt, Sr., and Legends Race manager for Speedway Motorsports. Hope to see you next year!

Thank you for helping to make the 2025 Fescht a successful and memorable three-day event! We had significant preregistration and day-of-show registration. We deserved some good weather this year, and it showed up for our benefit! The Lehigh Valley Camaro Club arranged a great Camaro display and found us a lower-cost tent supply company. They picked up some new members and enjoyed television coverage. Our celebrity guest, Zach Straits, told a compelling story about how his 1967 Camaro helped to reunite him with his birth family. Thanks to Nancy Bischoff for sponsoring that tent. Our motorcycle tent, sponsored by Martin Moto, brought many new faces to the 70th anniversary of Yamaha. The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles brought a tent and an

astounding 1948 Indian Chief, not yet appearing in the Museum. The Perkiomen Club wants to underwrite future displays. The Park had new musical talent, expanded crafts, and a hot air balloon! The toy town vendors joined us in the Park for everyone's benefit. Our Ontelaunee members, Rotarians, and other volunteers did a great job of bringing vehicles through registration and onto the field. Guests enthusiastically look forward to our Race Cars and Motorcycles displays in 2026. Hope to see you next year!



A Message from our President Cloudy with a Chance of Cars

My daughter's favorite movie is *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. As a meteorologist, she finds anything weather-related interesting. The movie's plot revolves around a small town struggling financially, which manages to get by mostly by eating sardines. A failed inventor devises a plan to create a machine that can make clouds rain food. What could go wrong? Right? It isn't long before food storms threaten to bury the town.

It has never rained meatballs at Das Awkscht Fescht, but in 2024, I would have sworn somebody had used a giant hot plate in Macungie Park. 2025 started with overcast skies and a mist in the air on Friday, but Saturday and Sunday were the best weather we have had in recent memory. Cool, 80 degrees, less humid, and sunny skies were our reward for making it through the first day. Car Show owners responded in droves, filling up the fields on both days. This is always the biggest unknown. If you're planning a car show, you can't predict the weather in advance. Nobody will be able to invent a machine to control it, let alone change rain into food, anytime soon. We will not be able to put a dome over Macungie Park like a football stadium. We have to enjoy the good ones, suck it up, and find a way to get through the rainy and hot ones.

Find a way to make it a little better. Your president has a well-known aversion to hats. I kind of hate them. I can feel the

hat on my head even after removing it, and my hair tends to go haywire with any hat. But the ball cap was on my head, as the amount of shade it provides is more welcome than the slight discomfort after removing it. If it had rained, raincoats and umbrellas would be required.

The weather has a giant effect on all our shows. In March, it was cold and windy for the annual swap meet. Wear of the day was the heaviest coat you could find and a warm pair of gloves. Attendance was down, and outside vendors came, but packed up early. Shoppers came, made a quick walk around, then left, not standing around to socialize. We did okay, but it would have been worse if that cold had brought some white stuff with it—the same with Das Awkscht Fescht last year in the heat. We had many no-shows. This year, with beautiful weather, we had a record number of Day of Show registrations. This is a trend. People want to bring their top-shelf cars out only if the weather permits.

In some cases, it's not the car at all, but THEY who feel like they won't survive the weather. Have we gotten spoiled? You bet, but there is nothing we can do but adapt and adjust. Car shows have changed as much as the cars that we show have. We need to adjust to that change, rather than inventing a machine to try to change it.

Thanks again to all of you who volunteered to brave the weather for all our events. Your help has not gone

unnotived. If you have not been able to get to any of our events, there is still a few tours left for you to attend. See you there soon.



P.S. If you helped at Das Awkscht Fescht, I'll see you at the party.



Das Awkscht Fescht Workers Party

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

Friday: October 10, 2025
5:00-8:00 pm

Magungie Memorial Park Memorial Hall
downstairs

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 Fescht. Your cooperation made those jobs run exceptionally well. As usual, your help came thru when we needed it. Hope to see you all next year.

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.

September Birthdays

- 1 Vasilia Hinkle
- 5 Glen Anderson
- 8 Wayne Schrack
- 10 Lois Dries
- 11 Doris Umberger
- 14 Kathleen Duckett
- 16 Shirley Schaffer
- 16 Jim O'Brien
- 17 Jed Rapoport
- 17 Lydia Elsner
- 24 Ronald Smith
- 26 Barbara Todd



September Anniversaries

- 4 Edward & Isabel Lenny
- 9 Carl & Susan Yackanicz
- 10 Ronald & Sheila Smith
- 14 Robert & Florita Hobaugh
- 20 Charles & Fern Fegely, Jr.



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

- William & Bernadette Abate
1257 Wounderland Rd.,
Roslyn, PA 19001
- Ruthann Krause
14 Vista Court
Fleetwood, PA 19522
- Robert & Lisa Shettsline
2585 County Line Rd.
Telford, PA 18969
- Brian & Rhonda Geyer
813 Route 113
Souderton, PA 18964
- Brent and Christine Himmelberger
540 Faith Dr.
Mohrsville, PA 19541

NEW!

Phyllis Peters
Membership Chair
Registration Ten Chairperson

Upcoming Tours

Fall Foliage

Date: Sunday, **October 19**
Departure: Greenwich Township Elementary School at 9:30 AM
Destination: Columcille Megalith Park, Bangor, PA - "Stonehedge of Pennsylvania" - inspired by the megaliths of Scotland
Lunch: Original Doughbys Pizza Restaurant near Wind Gap, PA.
Tour Host: Leroy and Vas Hinkle
Deadline: Wednesday, October 8

Apple Jack & Cider Tour

Date: **Saturday, November 15**
Departure: **9:00 am**
 Strausstown Lions Community Park, 10 Wilson Ave., Strausstown, PA
 We will have cider & donuts before leaving at 9:30 a.m. sharp
 You must sign your waiver here
Destination: Seltzer's Lebanon Bologna Factory, Palmyra - Guided Tour of each step of the smoked meat process
Lunch: Funck's Restaurant
Tour Host: Lester & Susan Manwiller
Deadline: November 7, 2025

Apple & Cider Tour Note

- Children under the age of 5 are not permitted on the Smokehouse Tour.
- Seltzer's requires anyone touring the smokehouse to sign a waiver (we will have waivers available at Strausstown).
- Open-toe shoes and footwear with heels are not permitted.
- All visitors must wear a company-provided hair net.
- They ask that you remove all jewelry and watches prior to your visit.
- Wedding bands without stones or medical IDs may be worn. If the wedding band with a stone cannot be removed, a blue nitrile glove can be worn on that hand.

2025 Events through September

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

September

September 1: Ludwig's Corner Car Show
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 September 6: Meeting
 September 12-14 : 3 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, Lehighton

November

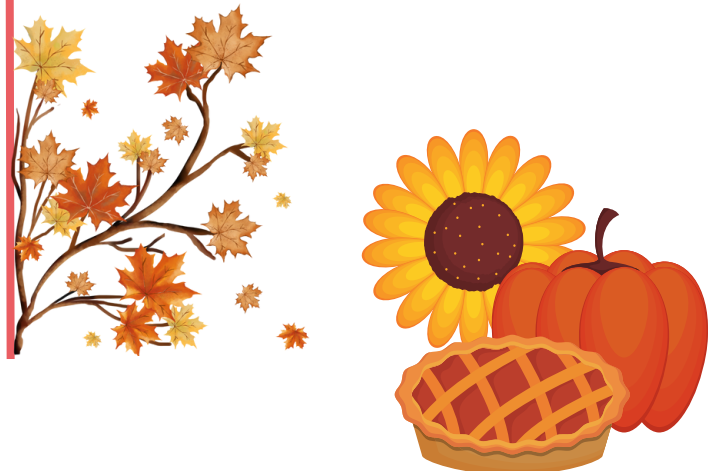
November 1 : Meeting
 November 9: President's Banquet
 November 15: Apple Jack & Cider Tour

December

December 7 : Christmas Banquet
 December 14 : Officer's Meeting

2025 National Events

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



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

Picnic Tour Update

We left Jerusalem UCC at 9:00 am on a dreary, misty morning with 12 cars and 25 people setting out to tour Albany Township.

We began in Greenwich Twp. and crossed into the most N.W. part of Lehigh Co. and traveled into Albany Twp. Along the way, we passed the childhood home of Jeff Dotterer. In Steinsville, we saw an Inn built in 1882, now SPADE (a Christian Retreat Center). Just past SPADE, we encountered a small stone building in front of a private family cemetery. The building, called a "dead house," stored bodies for burial during the winter months when the ground was too frozen to hand-dig the grave.

We traveled to Albany Twps, along the base of the Blue Mt. range, where the Lenape Indians lived long before the mostly German settlers moved into the area and farmed the land.

We discovered a small cemetery on top of a hill, where two of our members and a large number of Vas Hinkle's relatives are buried. They are buried in this cemetery. We stopped in the little village of Trexler in Albany Township Historical Society, where the Society Pres., Lucy (Trexler) Muth, gave a presentation on the history of the village, the building that houses the ATHS, and her father, Albert Trexler, who converted manual potato seed cutters into electric-powered ones.

We continued on our way through lesser-traveled roads of Albany Twps., passing other historical sites: New Bethel Church (founded 1761, present building 1853), Red Church (founded 1743, present building 1814 and still used as a place of worship every Sunday), Spitzenberg Farm (1754) and Heinrich Mass Haus (built in 1760).

We finished our tour at our home for a catered meal of picnic foods. Also, cupcakes from an Albany baker and ice cream from The BAD Farm also in Albany Township.

Thank you to all who came on this tour, we hope you learned about some of the history of Albany Township and enjoyed the food and fellowship following the tour. Pres. Jeff Dotterer, who was raised in Albany Township said we had him on a road he had never been on before, Dog Road.



Faces on the Field



Coming October 7, 2025, 7:00 pm



Jeff Dotterer and Bob Hobaugh's TV debut for Ontelaunne AACA.

The name of the TV Show is Strictly for Seniors, BCTV.

<https://www.youtube.com/@bctvberks>

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

Tour Registration Forms

Checks Payable to Ontelaunee AACA

Non-Members: Actual cost of the event

Fall Foliage Tour: October 19

DEADLINE: October 8, 2025

Members' Names: (\$15) _____

Non-Members' Names: (\$23) _____

Children 6-12: (\$5) _____ Children under 6: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail form to: LeRoy Hinkle, 16 Grandview RD. Hamburg, Pa. 19526

Apple Jack & Cider Tour: November 15

DEADLINE: November 7, 2025

Members' Names: _____

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

Children 6-12: (\$5) _____ Children under 6: unable to attend

Phone Number: _____

Mail form to: Lester Manwiller, 20 Timothy Drive, Fleetwood, PA 19522

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With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.

Title: She Done Left Me
Songwriter: Dusty Dee Litchfield

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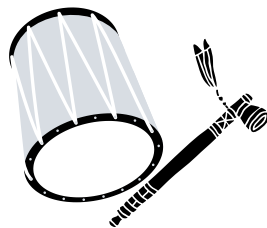
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