

TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We Live in Interesting Times

It's hard to believe how much the world has changed over the past 25 years. From national security threats and political unrest to widespread public protests, our perspective on life has shifted dramatically. And now, in a sign of how time marches on, cars built in the year 2000, once considered modern, have officially entered antique status. Imagine that!

At Ontelaunee AACA, we've always taken a simple, practical approach to club life. Like many of you, we value tradition and strive to keep things affordable. For years, we've held the line on dues, even as costs steadily climbed—particularly postage. We've absorbed multiple rate hikes without passing them along to members. But the math has caught up with us.

Photo Credit: Bob Hobaugh

Currently, mailing just one newsletter costs \$1.01 in postage. Multiply that by 12 months, and there's little left even at the couple's rate for printing. In fact, we're upside down on every membership when you factor in the newsletter alone. Despite strong fundraising efforts like the Leesport Swap Meet and Das Awkscht Fescht, it's become clear that we need to adjust to the times.

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Articles are due on 2nd Thursday of each month.

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As a result, your board has voted to raise dues to \$15 per person and \$25 per couple starting this year. Children and grandchildren remain included at no additional cost, just as it should be. Even with the increase, we remain one of the most affordable AACA chapters in the country. Before this adjustment, we were the only AACA chapter offering a \$10 membership rate, unchanged since 2000. Other clubs typically charge \$20–\$25 per person, with no couples discount. One nearby chapter is as high as \$35 annually.

This decision wasn't made lightly. It's not a matter of "just raising prices because we can." We debated it thoroughly and agreed only after looking at the hard numbers. Simply put, mailing the newsletter costs us \$12 per member per year, and printing adds another \$10. The current structure was no longer sustainable.

Want to help us save?

If you're holding a printed copy of this newsletter, consider switching to the digital version. Email Cheri at newsletter@ontelauneeaca.com to make the change. Not only will you help us cut costs, but you'll enjoy **color photographs** that we can't include in the print version. It's a win-win!

Thanks for understanding, and we look forward to seeing you at the next tour.



**Jeffrey
Dotterer**



Dog Dayz Tour

On Sunday, August 24, we gathered at Weis Market in Fogelsville. It was overcast as 40 folks set out on our tour of the country roads of Weisenberg and Lynn Townships. We traveled through the villages of Seipstown, Hynemansville, and Stines Corner. We arrived at our first stop: Ontelaunee Park.

At one time, the park was a very popular spot for local residents to enjoy. They hosted many events and comedy country western shows. The park had a sand-bottom swimming pool, carousel, and a train. We had the opportunity to tour the old ticket station. It contains the refurbished train and a host of photos from the past. We were joined at the Veterans Memorial by Donald and Susan Christ. Donald shared information about the history and future plans for the monument and the park.

As we left the park, we passed through New Tripoli on our way to Knepper's Inn for our lunch. After enjoying lunch and fellowship, we headed to the WK&S Railroad.

We had the option to ride in either a coach car or an open-air car. Our 40-minute ride took us from Kempton to Wanamakers and back again. Upon our return, we enjoyed cookies and then headed home.



Also, a little birdie told me that Cheri Dotterer won the Scavenger Hunt and will be enjoying her caboose ride in late September. Congrats Cheri

Thank you to all who joined us.

~Mike and Donna Wolfe
Tour Hosts



A Message from our Secretary

President Jeff Dotterer called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on September 6, 2025, at the New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church, Krumsville, PA, with a pledge of allegiance to the American flag. There were 27 people present.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held on May 3, 2025. A motion to approve the secretary's report was made by Elaine Baer and seconded by Suzy McGovern. The motion carried.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for May, June, July, and August 2025. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shirley Schaffer and seconded by Minnie Breininger. The motion carried. Lester reported that he cashed in a CD because we have not gotten the DAF check yet, and at one point, he was down to \$49.00. Jeff thanked Lester for bringing a wireless speaker for the club to use.

Committee Reports

Membership: Phyllis Peters reported 162 members (105 single, 57 joint). We have 23 free members who are either life, honorary, or free for one year after the spouse died. She will have no more free National memberships until next year. They were only good until September.

Deaths: This year, we lost George Hahn, Carl Breininger, and Glen Danenhower.

Sick List: It was good to see Barbara Oswald at the meeting, back after a long recuperation. She also helped at the Fescht.

New Members: They are listed in the TNB. Be sure to update your roster.

Membership Dues: 2026 dues can be paid to Phyllis anytime.

Website: Michael Dotterer was absent. If you have any pictures, email them to Michael.

Newsletter: Cheri Dotterer reported 36 newsletters are digital, 15 are in print, five are printed and emailed, plus a few extra for a total of about 60. Budget for newsletters is \$240, but we have been averaging about \$313. Red covers ran out, and new ones have been ordered. The price to send newsletters is close for both the eight and 12-page options. Jeff said most of the cost is set-up.

Activities: Suzy McGovern thanked Vas Hinkle and Tim Hinkle for the refreshments.

Three-Day Tour: September. 12 – 14 – Tour masters Tim and Sue Hinkle, 29 people going.

Fall Foliage Tour: October 19 – Tour masters Leroy and Vas Hinkle have planned an enjoyable tour route, a good meal, and an interesting stop at Columcille Megalith Park. Leave across from the church at 9:45 a.m. Stop at Kiffle Kitchen on the way home, if interested.

Applejack & Cider Tour: Saturday, November 15 – Tour masters Lester and Susan Manwiller are going to Seltzer Lebanon Balogna in Palmyra and lunch at Funck's Restaurant.

Leesport Swap Meet: March 1, 2026 – Lester had nothing new to report except that he is hoping for good weather and plans to borrow cones again.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Chairman Bob Hobaugh reported that we had beautiful weather, and the crew did a great job. New this year was a hot air balloon, motorcycle tent, new sponsors, and some successor training. Next year's features are race cars and racing motorcycles, including stock cars, dragsters, funny cars, midgets, vintage sports cars, and vintage motorcycles. He already has some motorcycle sponsors.

Leroy Hinkle thanked everyone who helped at the stakeout, including the staplers. Leroy got rid of 2 refrigerators that no longer worked and said the park fixed the outlet in the shed. We might stake out at 7:00 a.m. next year.

Jeff said the toy vendors did better this year in the new toy area inside the park. The toy show will continue in the park. Jeff gave credit to the club, but we need to keep recruiting new members.

Susan Manwiller reported a total of 1718 vehicles, five more than last year. Flea market spaces sold totaled 198, 11 less than last year. So far for 2026, we have 103 vehicles, 41 more than last year at this time, and 86 flea market spaces, two fewer than last year.

President's Banquet: November 9, 2025 – Cheri will contact the Hamburg High School again for entertainment.

Christmas Party: December 7, 2025 – Donna Wolfe will provide Cheri with details for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bob Hobaugh and Jeff Dotterer will be on the TV show "Strictly for Seniors" on BCTV on October 7. There will be pictures from our tours, and Bob will talk about DAF. Cheri will include a QR code in the newsletter, allowing us to access it directly on YouTube.com.
2. Nancy Bischoff gave \$1000 toward the sponsorship of a tent at DAF. She is working on a video for Home & Garden TV that includes videos from DAF and a clip from Lester & Susan's cars and garages. Bob will let us know when it airs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Thank you to Brenda Zimmerman for the pictures and letters from the early days of the club. They were put on a table for the members to view.
2. There was a discussion that in the future, for someone to go on a multi-day tour (2-3-day tour), they should be a member for at least one year. A motion was made by Lester Manwiller and seconded by Shirley Schaffer that, in the future, anyone wishing to go on the multi-day tour would have to have been a member for at least one year before the tour. The motion carried.

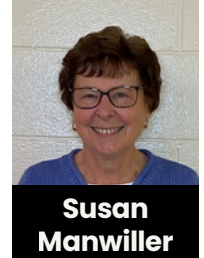
New Business Continued

3. Donna Wolfe discussed the three-day tour that she and Mike are planning for September 11, 12 & 13, 2026, to Lukan's Farm Resort. The resort requires a \$200 per room non-refundable deposit by February. The deposit money could be transferred to someone who is a latecomer. The total cost for the tour will be in the November newsletter.
4. There was a discussion to raise the dues, mostly to cover the cost of the newsletter. A motion was made by Shirley Schaffer and seconded by Nancy Horning to raise the dues to \$15 a person and \$25 a couple as of January 2026. The motion carried.
5. A committee was formed to look at the cost of tours. The committee consists of Barbara Koch, Cheri Dotterer, Bob Hobaugh, Nancy Horning, and Lester Manwiller.
6. Received an invitation from America's Transportation Experience for their "Night at the Museum" on October 7, 2025.
7. Received a thank you from the Danenhower family for the donation in memory of Glen.
8. Received a thank you from the Lynn Township Board of Supervisors for the donation to the Lehigh Veterans Memorial given on the Dog Days Tour.
9. Received a thank you from Neil Merkel, who is also a member of the Albany Township Historical Society, for the donation given on the Picnic Tour.
10. DAF Workers Party on October 10 in the basement of the stone building at Macungie Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All DAF volunteers are invited.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried. The next meeting is the nomination of officers on

October 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Manwiller,
Secretary



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. Call Phyllis.

2026 Membership Dues Notice

Your dues for 2026 will be increasing, effective immediately. This is our first dues increase since the year 2000. The new rates are as follows:

- **Single Membership: \$15.00**
- **Joint Membership: \$25.00**
- **Life Membership: \$150.00** (*only if you hold a Life Membership with National*)

Dues are due by December 31, 2025. Please look for the updated membership form included in this newsletter. Be sure to complete the form and note any updates to your contact information, including your telephone number, cell phone number, address, and email address. We recommend that you include your spouse as a joint member whenever possible. Joint membership is a unique benefit of our club.

2026 Membership Dues Notice cont.

Phyllis will be collecting dues at monthly meetings, tours, the President's Banquet, and the Christmas Party.

Your **National dues renewal form** was included in the September/October issue of the National Magazine. The loose sheet with your address label contains the renewal form. It will arrive in your September/October mailing package of the *Antique Automobile Club of America*. Please save this form and use it to pay your National dues. You may also renew online through the National website.

Reminder: You must be a member of the National AACA to be a member of the Ontelaunee Region.

Thank you!
Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Peters

Phyllis Peters
Membership
Chair

Contact: Phyllis Peters
5265 Elgen Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049
610-965-9236 | phyllispeters@hotmail.com

Das Awkscht Fescht Workers Party

If you volunteered at Macungie during the Fescht, you're invited to a workers' party at the park.

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

Macungie Memorial Park Memorial Hall
downstairs

Thank you

Better late than never.

I apologize for missing the submission deadline for last month's newsletter. I wanted to thank all those who came out to help with the Fescht vendor stake-out on July 28th. It was a hot afternoon, and I really appreciated everyone hanging in there and getting the job done. There was no way I could have gotten this done without your dedication and help.

Next year, I plan to use Tim's suggestion and start the stake-out at 7 AM. I know it will be an early morning start, but this should help us avoid the high mid-day temperatures.

Once again, thank you for all of your help and support. I look forward to working with you again next year.

~LeRoy Hinkle

Shout Out

Brenda Zimmerman for donating Ontelaunee AACA memorabilia.

October Bakers

Neil and Audrey Merkel

The American Dream Network

Presents:

Das Awkscht Fescht - Lehigh Valley
Featuring: Lester and Susan Manwiller and Bob Hobaugh

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Watch: Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Roku

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

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

Meetings are held January-May, September-November

NO Meetings June-August, December

October

October 1-5: Fall Carlisle

October 7-10: Hershey Swap Meet

October 11 : Meeting

*****NOTE Date Change**

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

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

October Birthdays

2 Albert Davis

2 Chris Sullivan

4 Linda Costa

8 Jan Semmel

10 Denise Wagner

17 Raymond Huber

17 Paul Remaley

17 Robert Hobaugh, Jr.

17 Wayne Tuck

20 John McCarthy

21 Allen Oswald

25 Fred Kriszat

27 Michael Schaffer

29 Terry Naugle



October Anniversaries

- 10 John & Kathrine McCarthy
- 10 Ryan & Rhonda Geyer
- 13 Leroy & Vasilia Hinkle
- 15 Robert & Lisa Shettline
- 17 Allen & Barbara Oswald
- 22 Neil & Audrey Merkel
- 23 David & Debra Anspach

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

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

President's Banquet

Date: **Sunday, November 9**

Doors open: Noon Lunch: 12:30 pm

Location: *Blue Mountain Restaurant, Shartlesville, PA*

Lunch: Family Style

Host: *Jeff Dotterer*

Deadline: November 1, 2025

Christmas Dinner

Date: **Sunday, December 7**

Doors open: Noon Lunch: 1 pm

Location: *Northern Valley Ambulance Social Hall, 2375 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037*

Lunch: Family Style

Bring a dessert

Host: *Mike and Donna Wolfe*

Deadline: November 21, 2025

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** before 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.

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>

Education Grant

Criteria: To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must be entering or currently attending their second year of education at a college or trade school following high school. They must also be the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an active Ontelaunee Region AACA member for greater than one year.

A student may be considered for a grant during their third or fourth year only if:
1. They have not previously received a grant, and
2. There are no other eligible applicants seeking support for their second year.

Upon receiving the application, the Education Committee shall determine whether the applicant meets the eligibility requirement as a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an active member from the region for which they are applying.

The maximum award is \$500 per applicant.

Requirements: Applicants must complete the attached form in full.
Scholarship: Maximum \$500 per applicant.
Deadline: Thursday, October 30, 2025

Name _____
Address _____
Mobile Number _____
email _____
Ontelaunee AACA Member Affiliation _____
Relationship to AACA member _____
What semester of college/trade school program will you be entering this fall? _____
Name of your School _____
Major _____
Have you applied for this scholarship in the past? Yes No (circle one)
If yes, what year? _____
Did you receive a scholarship at that time?
Yes/No (circle one)

<https://forms.gle/SYpTsVRfiMQdaqGU6>



Click on the QR Code to apply for the Education Grant

2025 Christmas Dinner

DEADLINE: November 21, 2025

Members' Names: (\$30) _____

Non-Members' Names: (\$40) _____

Children 6-12: (\$16) _____ Children under 6: _____

Gift Suggestions each Child _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail form to: Mike Wolfe 8204 Holbens Valley Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 | 610-298-8001

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: (\$15) _____

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

President's Banquet

DEADLINE: November 1, 2025

Members' Names: (\$15) _____

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

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

Phone Number: _____

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

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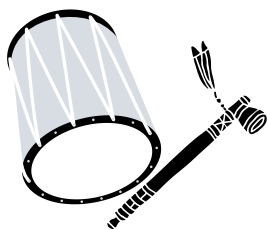
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We are dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of antique cars, trucks and motorcycles.



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