



# TIN 'N BRASS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
ONTELAUNEE AACA  
OFFICIAL CHAPTER OF THE AACA



## The Roads Between Us

### From the Editor's Desk

I've been on many roads this year, winding ones, wide ones, and a few that made me wonder if the GPS was guessing. Take Dog Road, for example, I can't believe they took the time to pave that narrow place. But no matter where our tours take us, one truth keeps surfacing: it's not about the pavement under our tires. It's about the people beside us.

Every Ontelaunee tour tells its own story. Sometimes it's a new member nervously joining the lineup for the first time. It was great having Barbara Wicks join us a few months ago. Somewhere between Fogelsville and New Tripoli, between the first cup of coffee and the last slice of pie, strangers become friends and friends become family.

Photo Credit: Bob Hobaugh  
1970 Corvette Stingray

That's what makes this club more than a calendar of events. It's a moving community, a caravan of kindness and curiosity, discovering new corners of Pennsylvania together. We don't just drive roads; we *connect them*, linking stories, generations, and memories that might've stayed parked otherwise.

So the next time you pull onto a tour route, take a moment to glance in your rearview mirror. Behind you is someone who waved you in. Ahead is someone saving a seat for lunch. That's Ontelaunee, not just the miles between towns, but the miles between hearts.

I look forward to seeing you on the next road.  
Cheri

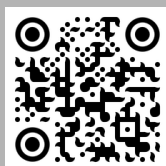
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Lenhartsville

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## President's Message

### Go Full Throttle for Fellowship

One of the most challenging aspects of running a club is recruiting new members. We've talked about this before; it's not easy. Even when someone joins, we still need them to get involved. But before that can happen, we need to learn how to invite new people and effectively promote our club.

Let's start with what it means to be an advocate. By definition, an advocate is someone who supports a cause, a policy, or a person or group of people. In our case, we do all three:

- **Our cause:** Supporting the club and its mission. Events like the Spring Swap Meet and Das Awkscht Fescht.
- **Our policy:** Collecting and preserving antique cars.
- **Our people:** Our members and, by extension, the AACA as a whole.

There's strength in numbers. Every new member we add makes both our club and the AACA stronger. This isn't a minor point; it's essential. One day, we'll need to pass the reins to new members. But how can we do that if no one is there to take them?

### So, what can you do?

Keep a club application in your glove box or car folder. Watch for friends or fellow car owners who might enjoy our events and tours. Be ready to tell them why you love being part of this club.

If you haven't been to a meeting or event in a while, try to make time. We're all busy. I have to plan around swap meets myself, but I never regret showing up. The time together is worth it. We all have work to do, even me.

Last month, Bob Hobaugh and I advocated for Ontelaunee AACA on Berks County TV's "Strictly for Seniors." We shared photos and stories, discussed our long history, tours, and Das Awkscht Fescht. Many people in our area had never even heard of our club! That's why we need your help getting the word out.

Remember: members make the best advocates.

Let's all do our part to help our club grow.

Have a great month.



**Jeffrey  
Dotterer**

## 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 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.

## Community Reports

**Membership:** Phyllis Peters reported 162 members (105 single, 57 joint memberships). We have 23 free members who are either life, honorary, or free for one year after the death of their spouse. 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 at your convenience.

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

**Newsletter:** Cheri Dotterer reported 36 newsletters are sent digitally, 15 members requested print copies via email, five members requested both print

and emailed, plus a few extra for a total of about 60 members who have chosen how to receive their newsletter.

The budget for newsletters is \$240, but the actual average has been about \$313. Red covers ran out, and new ones have been ordered. The price to send newsletters is roughly the same for 8 or 12 pages. 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 Bologna in Palmyra and lunch at Funck's Restaurant.

**Leesport Swap Meet:** March 1, 2026 – Lester had nothing new to report except he is ordering good weather and hopes to be able to borrow cones again.

**Das Awkscht Fescht:** Chairman Bob Hobaugh reported 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, which is 11 fewer than last year. So far for 2026, we have 103 cars, 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

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 put a QR code in the newsletter so we can access it 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. This would deter someone from joining the club solely to take advantage of the cheaper member price for the multi-day tour. 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.
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, 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,  
for the nomination  
of officers, is on  
October 11 at 3:00 p.m.**



**Susan  
Manwiller**

Respectfully submitted,

## From your Membership Chair

### Caring for our members

If someone is hospitalized or on the sick list, I would appreciate it if you could notify me.

If someone from the club has passed away, I would also greatly appreciate a phone call.

### 2026 Membership Dues Notice

**Our club dues will be increasing for 2026.**

This is our first dues increase since 2000.

The new rates are:

- **\$15.00 – Single Membership**
- **\$25.00 – Joint Membership**
- \$150.00 – Lifetime Membership  
(available only if you are also a Lifetime Member of the National Club)

All dues are due by **December 31, 2025.**

Please watch for the colored renewal form included in this newsletter. Take a moment to fill it out carefully, updating any changes to your phone number, cell phone, or mailing address.

If your spouse isn't already a member, now is the perfect time to sign them up and enjoy all the benefits of our club.

I 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 National Magazine. The loose sheet with your address label is your renewal form—please save it and use it to pay your National dues.

Remember, you must be a member of the National AACA to be a member of the Ontelaunee Region.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Respectfully submitted,

**Phyllis Peters**  
Membership  
Chair

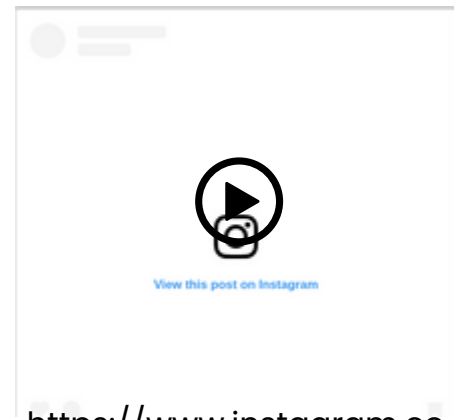
Contact: Phyllis Peters  
5265 Elgen Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049  
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## Ontelaunee AACA LIVE

### The American Dream Network

Presents: Das Awkscht Fescht – Lehigh Valley

Featuring: Lester and Susan Manwiller and Bob Hobaugh



<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DO1EEoEE30n/>

*Watch Here*

## Berks County Community Television Strictly for Seniors

Featuring: Bob Hobaugh and Jeff Dotterer



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4T0luuDngOk&list=PLjuI03soTP4HidYnRJCuOq-DaM20zd9jM>

*Watch Here*

## From the TV Host

### The American Dream Network

It was my pleasure to spend a few hours filming Das Awischt Fescht this year for my premier episode of American Dream TV (ADTV). The program features local Real Estate Agents, hosting the events, businesses, personalities, and locations that make our region unique and special in our hearts. I chose Das Awkscht Fest because it's an amazing example of local volunteers collaborating to create a fun, family-friendly event, and as a Classic Car enthusiast, I've enjoyed the Fescht as both a spectator and volunteer for many years. I hope the exposure from ADTV will help to attract new visitors to the Fescht and encourage the next generation of Car Collectors to become more involved. I'm particularly grateful that both Bob Hobaugh and Zach Straits agreed to spend a few minutes chatting on-air with me, as their stories added so much to the segment!

The segment Das Awkscht Fescht – Lehigh Valley will be released on [The American Dream Network](#), Amazon Fire, Apple TV, and Roku, on 09-20-2025.

Nancy Bischoff | REALTOR | ADTV Host  
Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Valley Partners  
Cell 908-337-9813  
Office 610-421-8887

## Three Day Tour Report

Twenty nine members of the Ontelaunee Region—and friends from the Delaware Valley Region—ACA chapters met for breakfast early on Friday morning, September 12 at the Trivet Diner along Tilghman Street in Allentown to begin our three day tour to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, as well as other interesting

sights, during a three-day driving tour. The weather was warm and clear throughout our time together, and everyone had a good time.

Our first stop was at the Electric City Trolley Museum in Scranton, which bills itself as “The Electric City,” since it claims to have had the first all-electric trolley system in the country. A small museum there contains old trolley cars from throughout eastern Pennsylvania. We ended our visit with a ride on a still-operating electric trolley car.

Meals are always a highlight of any Ontelaunee tour. We had a wonderful dinner at the Wyalusing Hotel in Wyalusing, near Towanda, where we spent Friday night.

On Saturday morning, we headed for the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, just west of Wellsboro, for an enjoyable tour. We learned that six million acres of timber were harvested from northern Pennsylvania, mainly in the 19th century. We were told how trees were cut and moved to lumber mills, principally in the winter, when farming was not being practiced, and a large work force was available to work in the forests. We also learned how this part of Pennsylvania has been reforested, as it is now once more tree-covered. Finally, we visited restored lumber camp buildings and saw some of the massive equipment used in the past in the lumbering industry.

Driving closer to Wellsboro, we came to “Ole Covered Wagon,” which runs horse-drawn trailers on a leisurely ride to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.

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## 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

### November

November 1 : Meeting

November 9: President's Banquet

November 15: Apple Jack & Cider Tour

### December

December 7 : Christmas Party

December 14: Reorganization Meeting

### January

January 3: Meeting

## November Anniversaries

1 Tom Hudecki & Kathy DeHaven

13 James & Phyllis Peters

18 Chris & Malissa Sullivan

23 Terry & Sharon Naugle

24 Jeffrey & Cheri Dotterer

26 James & Linda Costa



## 2025 National Events

**February 5-7, 2026:** National Convention, Chantilly, Virginia

**March 19-21, 2026:** Special Nationals, Guaynago, Puerto Rico

## November Birthdays

- ! Carol Halpin
- 2 Nancy Cronrath
- 5 Nora Danenhower
- 6 Donna Stever
- 10 David Anspach
- 15 Sharon Naugle
- 20 Neil Merkel
- 20 Thomas Duckett
- 21 Barbara Koch
- 24 Jeffrey Dotterer
- 26 Timothy Hinkle
- 29 Leroy Hinkle



## 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

*Three Day Tour Report Continued from page 7*

On our trip into the canyon we saw a variety of trees and shrubbery, as well as several Bald Eagles. Before our wagon ride, however, we had a cookout lunch of pulled pork, chicken, baked beans, potatoes, and strawberry shortcake in a “cowboy cookout” at the outdoor pavilion maintained by the wagon company.

After dinner and an overnight stay in Wellsboro, we drove to the Lycoming County Visitors’ Center in Williamsport, from which we took a bus ride through “Millionaires’ Row” in the city. Lumber and railroads made a number of families wealthy in Williamsport in the 19th century. While a few of their grand houses are still private residences, many have become businesses—like restaurants—or are now divided into apartments. We finished our bus tour with a visit to the Thomas T. Taber Museum, which is filled with antiques related to the history of life in the area, including a couple of antique telephone switchboards. The museum also has a large collection of model train equipment, as well as a working model train layout.

After a final lunch together in Williamsport, the 29 of us, in more than a dozen cars, went our separate ways to return to our homes. Everyone reported having a good time, and many vowed to start a diet after returning home.

~Tim Hinkle

## Christmas Party

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

## Upcoming Tour

### 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.

## 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



Three Day Tour Friday Lunch  
Backyard Ale House, Scranton, PA  
September 12, 2025



AACA members in front of  
Lumber Museum, Ulysses, PA  
September 13, 2025



AACA members on the Trolley  
Electric City Trolley Museum Scranton, PA  
September 12, 2025

# Tour Registration Forms

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

Checks Payable to Ontelaunee AACA

Non-Members: Actual cost of the event

## 2025 Christmas Party: December 7

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

## 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 610-823-4656

## President's Banquet: November 9

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 610-914-4808

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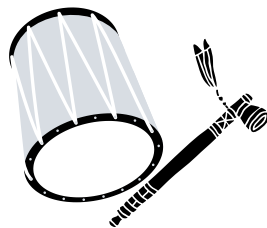
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TO :



# Ontelaware Region

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



**November**  
November 1 : Meeting 3 pm at church  
November 9: President's Banquet  
November 15: Apple Jack & Cider Tour

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Antique Automobile Club of America