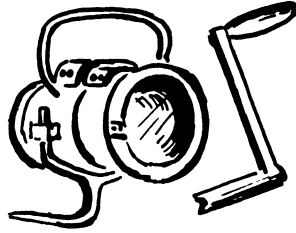
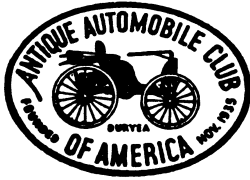


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SMOKE SIGNALS

July

4	Hawk Mt. Region Car Show	Fleetwood, PA
5	Anthracite Car Show	Hazleton, PA
19-24	AACA Reliability Tour	Lockhaven, PA
23-25	Grand National	Allentown, PA

August

15	Wheels of Faith Car Show	Whitehall, PA
15	Night in the Country Car Cruise	New Tripoli, PA
16	Dog Days Tour	
20-22	AACA Southeastern Fall Nat'ls	Elizabeth, Ind.
27-30	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

September

5	Ontelaunee Business Meeting	Krumsville, PA
5	Duryea Day Car Show	Boyertown, PA
6	Slatington Lions Car Show	Slatington, PA
7	Robesonia Car Show	Robesonia, PA
7	Ludwigs Corner Car Show	Ludwig's Corner, PA
13	Strausstown Car Show	Strausstown, PA
13-18	AACA Revival Glidden Tour	Saratoga Springs, NY
19-20	2 Day Car Tour	
30-10/4	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Ontelaunee Club made history in June 2020. We enjoyed two tours to encourage shut-in members and participated in a first-ever "virtual" members' meeting. On June 6th we met on the Zoom platform after two months of in-person meetings cancelled due to COVID-19. What a wonderful feeling to see so many of our faces and to hear our voices again! We will again meet by Zoom July 11, 2020 at 7:00pm. A link will be available. Call me if you do not receive it.

We also enjoyed two mini-tours. On June 14th we toured through northern Berks County and delivered a care package to Bernice Boyer. Channel 69 and the "Reading Eagle" covered that event. On June 28th we toured the northern tiers of Berks and Lehigh Counties and visited Joanne Ebert. These gatherings concluded with picnics with separation distance and included new and prospective members.

But we had to walk away from the 57th annual Das Awkscht Fescht. The pandemic has forced the cancellation of so many shows and tours that it seemed unlikely that we would meet in Macungie on July 31st. Still, it hurt when we heard that Macungie Memorial Park Association cancelled this event right in our back yard! In hindsight, the decision was sound and protected us so that we can regroup for the next season. Das Awkscht Fescht will feature Cadillacs and LaSalles under the tent in 2021.

Our tours will resume in July. First, on July 12th, we will travel through southern Berks County to see the Oley Valley and visit Bertha Hoffman in Oley. She and her late husband, Forrest, organized many tours for our Club. Second, on July 26th, we will tour southern Lehigh County and visit Bert Johnson, our past President who served two terms. These

tours help engage us as members of a great Club and provide a great opportunity to invite guests and prospective members to enjoy our fellowship. Please think about prospective members you might invite on a tour!

In this edition of "Tin 'N Brass," please check out Ken and Elsa Dages' 1928 "Chrysler Plymouth," the first of the Plymouth line. Hydraulic brakes and many other technical "firsts" on this car remind us that the Chrysler Corporation always promoted the value of its engineering. Also look at Denise Tuck's 1976 Volkswagen Super Beetle, another milestone automobile, this time appearing near the end of the model run. Listening to Denise tell how their first Super Beetle served the family reminded me of my first car, also a Volkswagen. It is heartwarming to hear how cars are a part of our families. Please send your car articles to me so we can get them published for all members to enjoy!

Note that AACA events are being rescheduled or cancelled. The Grand National at the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown is still scheduled for August 21-22, 2020. Check out all the AACA shows and tours at http://www.aaca.org/Meets/aaca_calendar.html.

Please call members and congratulate them for birthdays, console them for losses and offer to help them as you are able. Remember that cars are only vehicles for us to band together. A list of birthdays and anniversaries appears on the last page of this newsletter. Please go to our website for current information as it is posted at <http://ontelaunee.aaca.com/>.

President, Robert Hobaugh

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 5, 2020

President Robert Hobaugh welcomed Ontelaunee Region AACA members to its first virtual members meeting by ZOOM on June 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There were about 24 members who joined the online meeting.

Susan Manwiller gave the Secretary's report from the business meeting held March 8, 2020 at New Jerusalem Zion UCC Church. Thanks to Minnie Breininger for filling in as Secretary for Susan in March. A motion to approve the Secretary's report from March was made by Suzy McGovern and seconded by Cheri Dotterer. The motion carried unanimously.

Lester Manwiller gave the Treasurer's report for May. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tim Hinkle and seconded by Phyllis Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Phyllis reported that membership increased by two. New members are John and Nancy Black. Don Baer is in the hospital for an infected big toe. Phyllis sent Don a card from the club.

Activities: Suzy McGovern reported that the two mini-tours held in May were a success. The Early Bird Tour became the Goldie Rhode Tour on May 17 and the Apple Blossom Tour became the Paul Schaffer Tour on May 31. Bob thanked Suzy for arranging those two tours. Suzy said her granddaughter, Jade Sweetwood, wrote a thank you to the club for the scholarship. The scholarship helped her purchase books and equipment. Thank you cards were received from Paul Schaffer. He said thank you so much to the members.

Tours: Bob Hobaugh will coordinate the two mini tours in June as follows:

June 14, 2020 – The Church Tour to become the Bernice Boyer Tour. Meet at the church where we have our meetings at 10:45 a.m. and drive by the Laurel Nursing Home in Hamburg where Bernice Boyer is a resident.

June 28, 2020 – The Picnic Tour to become the Joanne Ebert Tour. Meet at the Orefield Middle School at 10:45 a.m. and drive by the home of Joanne Ebert.

Mini tours for July are tentatively set for July 12 and July 26. We will be driving by the homes of Bertha Hoffman and Burt Johnson. Although they are no longer members Bob said they were extremely strong members and he would like to see them honored.

Tentative dates for August tours are the Dog Days Tour for August 16 and another mini tour for August 30. Other tours for the rest of the year are the Two-Day Tour, Fall Foliage Tour and the Apple Jack & Cider Tour. Call Suzy McGovern to sign up for any of the tours.

Das Awkscht Fescht: Bob mentioned that the Macungie Memorial Park cancelled DAF for this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cadillac and LaSalle will now be the feature car for 2021. Susan reported that it was decided to mail post cards to car registrants giving them the option to rollover their reservation or request a refund. Flea market vendors are being called and can also rollover their spaces to 2021 or receive a refund. At this point most flea market vendors are rolling over to next year. Jeff Dotterer said he feels that was the right thing to do to give them a choice.

Newsletter: Mike Horning thanked Suzy for running the drive-by tours and getting the information to him for the newsletter.

Old Business: Bob will be talking with the pastor at the church to see if it is okay to meet there for the July tours. The pastor is not available until July 16. Bob will get the information to Mike for the newsletter at that time. Bob thanked people who submitted articles on their cars.

Website: Bob thanked Michael Dotterer for the wonderful photos in the photo gallery on the website. Members can see them at Ontelaunee.aaca.com.

New Business: Bob asked if we want more ZOOM meetings. Lester thought it was a good idea for July and August. To keep in touch with members, Bob wants everyone's email address. The group contact list can be passed on to the next president. Dave Anspach said he would like to congratulate the region for their forward thinking. It is important to keep members together. Dave is on the AACA National Board and said thank you from National.

Neil Merkel is working on the Fall Foliage tour for October 18. He found a museum and is working on a restaurant. He also asked if it is okay to put something in the newsletter that the Grange is looking for a car to display.

Cheri Dotterer said she pays for Zoom and the club could use her Zoom if they want to. We are presently using the free version which limits us to 40 minutes. She feels that once Covid-19 is over there will no longer be free ZOOM. Our meeting adjourned when ZOOM shut us down.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Manwiller, Secretary

SYMPATHY

La Mae Charron passed away.

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Hi everyone hope your excited about getting out of the RED and into the YELLOW. I know I'M!!! Now as far as the activities go we are doing what I call Drive By Tours. If you would want to do one PLEASE don't hesitate to let me or Bob Hobaugh know. Other then that keep staying safe.

Suzy McGovern

ONTELAUNEE MINI TOURS

Our fifth Mini Tour will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2020. We will meet at the New Jerusalem Church (Krumsville) at 9:45 am and leave at 10:00 am. We will tour through some back roads and some more traveled roads to deliver a care package to Bertha Hoffman. Bertha and Forrest (deceased) were very active members of our club. We will tour back to the New Jerusalem Church for lunch and companionship. So bring your picnic lunch, lawn chairs, masks and the sun.

Please RSVP (or show up) to Carl & Minnie at 610-395-2132 or mbrei@ptd.net or to our Activities Director Suzie McGovern at 610-488-1209

Our sixth Mini Tour will be held Sunday, July 26th. We will meet at Macungie Memorial Park at 9:45 (leave at 10). Drive by Burt Johnson (former member and president in 1996-97). Tour Lower Macungie and Lower Milford townships in Lehigh County Return to Macungie Memorial Park by 12:00 for our lunch. Bring your lunch, folding chairs, etc. Toilet facility will be available. Hope you can join us and call Suzy 610-488-1209 to register.

FIRST DRIVE BY TOUR

It was held on Sunday May 17th for Goldie Rhode. Goldie is recovering from a car accident, where she broke several ribs and her sternum. We met at New Jerusalem Zion Church, Krumsville (where our club meetings take place) @ 10:00 AM but didn't leave until about 10:30 AM. There were 12 cars on the drive by tour.

As we drove through the covered bridge and saw the crazy looking cattle in the meadow it was a slow and relaxing drive. We pulled over at Goldie's home where Bob Hobaugh gave her a snack basket and my sister Barbara took a potted pansy plant to give to her. I called Goldie the next day and she really enjoyed all the cars that were there. We made her day and that is exactly what we wanted to do.

We took a short tour and then returned to the church where we ate our own packed lunches at a safe distance apart on the parking lot. It was really great to be able to socialize together. I believe the drive by I put together worked out. I was worried it wouldn't but thank God the weather held out and the car club members participated.

Again thanks to all of you because without you this drive by wouldn't have been a success.

KEEP STAYING SAFE

Suzy McGovern



SECOND DRIVE BY

On May 31st what a beautiful day for the drive by past Paul Schaffer's home. We met



at Orefield Middle School at 10:30 and left with 15 cars led by Don and Elaine Baer. On our travels we crossed Wehr's Covered Bridge, which I'm told gets decorated with lights at Christmas.

It was good to see Paul again. He was sitting out with Shirley and their daughter Anne. To me he seemed

happy to see the car club members, as we were happy to see him also. We gave Paul a snack basket and some Tea Time Tassies.

From his home we took a fun and relaxing tour back to the church at Krumsville for our safe distancing picnic lunches which we packed for ourselves. We had fun conversations with our fellow members as we ate on the parking lot. Some members brought tables to eat off of and some members shared homemade snacks with everyone. Thank you all for participating in the drive by.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

Suzy McGovern



BERNICE BOYER TOUR – 6-14-20

Ontelaunee members and guests met at the Church in Krumsville for a full tour



of northeast Berks County on June 14th. Joining us were non-members Mike Stinson, President of the Valley Forge Cadillac/LaSalle Club and Allen and Lisa McSparron, friends of Bob and Florita Hobaugh. In addition to the Berks and Lehigh County members, we enjoyed the company of New Jersey members, Brenda Zimmerman, Denise and Wayne Tuck, and Judy and Ray Fischer.

Just before we left, WFMZ-TV reporter, Chad Blimline, appeared at the church to learn about our tour and how we would “visit” Bernice Boyer. He then set up his television camera at the Laurel Center, arriving well before our lead car arrived. Chad documented our “COVID-19” style tour: no restaurant, local back roads at 35 mph with no end to a glorious landscape, a care package for our shut-in member and a social distancing picnic at the end. You can see the report on Channel 69's link at <https://www.wfmz.com/video/berks-auto-club-visits-member-in-long-term-care-unable-to-participate-in-ride/>





video_b5fe6b0e-bfdc-5c7e-9b6e-4237eb6815d4.html. WFMZ called Chad to a 4-alarm fire so he did not join us for the picnic.

Bob Hobaugh was supposed to organize the course but after Danny Boyer, Barb Spohn and Suzy McGovern applied their expertise, your President was not qualified to be first in our caravan. The lead car was piloted by Barb, accompanied by navigator, Suzy, who knew the roads by heart. Barb, Dan and Suzy picked a charming route! This was a beautiful tour and some pictures accompany this article: farms, streams, crossings and bridges.



We passed a covered bridge on each of our 3 tours to date: Kutz Mill, Wehr Dam and now, the Dreibelbis Station Covered Bridge. The Dreibelbis Bridge was recently redecked and the arched wooden spans were reset. Only a week earlier the bridge consisted only of I-beams straddling the Maiden Creek River. This is the first full restoration of the bridge whose construction contract was let in 1869 by the Berks County Commissioners.

Bernice was glad to see us and we enjoyed speaking with her. COVID-19 regulations required an employee of the Center to bag our care package and card. The other residents who lined the sidewalk waved and we brought some joy to their routine. Reporter Ron Devlin could not get permission to publish pictures of the residents so the "Reading Eagle" did not cover the story. Ron wants to join us in an MGB so speak up if you have such a sports car.



OUR FIRST ANTIQUE CAR

By Ken and Elsa Dages

It was 1972, and we had been to the New Hope Auto Show. We went every year to



car shows, but that year Elsa and I decided we wanted to own an antique car. We made an offer on a 1956 Lincoln Mark II, but the next day I went to visit one of my customers (I was in the paper and packaging business), Alice Whiting (her husband had been a President of the AACA). She suggested that I should get an older car (prior to 1930) and join the AACA.

That night I looked in our local paper under Antique cars, and saw a 1928 Plymouth advertised. To my surprise I found that it had been stored for many years in a barn that adjoined my business property in Montgomeryville. It was all original with only 39,000 original miles on it. We bought it!

After the purchase, we only had to have the engine tuned up. There were no dents, body rot, or wear on the upholstery. I did have the car painted the original color of blue with pin stripes and had all of the chrome plated. I kept the original mohair upholstery.



What I did not know when we bought the car was that this was the first year the Chrysler Corporation made Plymouth, and our car was made in the first three months of production. It was originally called a “Chrysler Plymouth,” and was introduced July 7, 1928 at Madison Square

Garden sharing the stage with Amelia Earhart. Chrysler made only 66,097 Plymouths in this Model “Q” and only approximately 40-50 survive. It had Body No. 320, a rare Hayes body configured as a 4-door, 5-passenger sedan. Chrysler Corporation at that time had discontinued some of its cars, Hayes being one of them.

The Chrysler Plymouth Model Q was evolutionary, not revolutionary. Chrysler used up its extra parts on the new Plymouth, including the engine, derived from the Maxwell. It had 4 cylinders in a cast iron block, solid lifters, and 3 main bearings producing 45 horsepower. The car weighed 2,510 pounds and cost \$725 new.

Its most notable features include the 4-wheel hydraulic brakes, Plymouth being the first car to have them. It also had full pressure engine lubrication, aluminum alloy pistons and an independent hand brake. These features would not be available on Ford or Chevrolet for another decade.

This car had several options. They include front and rear bumpers, tire covers and tire lock. We kept the car for many years and then gave it our son, who sold it about 5 years ago. In 44 years, we put only 3,000 miles on the Chrysler Plymouth, trailering it to shows. Included with this article is a photo with us and the car was taken in 1972, shortly after we purchased it.

1976 VW Super Beetle

By Denise Tuck

A car identical to the one pictured was purchased in 1971 for \$2,400 cash. That’s how much money I had saved while Wayne was overseas. We needed a new car and didn’t want a car payment. Back then, a Volkswagen was the cheapest vehicle you could buy. When we went to the car lot, the canary yellow convertible was the only choice to drive away right then and there. We sheepishly showed off our new ride to family and friends who made fun of the “loud” color. You could see us coming for miles!

What a great buy that car turned out to be. The Super Beetle debuted in 1971 and Volkswagen advertised 89 improvements



over the regular Beetle. It had a coil-spring front suspension, a bigger trunk and 60 horsepower! It was fun and trustworthy. We toured everywhere with the top down and oh the shopping we could do. 25 bags of groceries could fit into the Super Beetle's trunk and we had no problem buying a ping pong table and an artificial Christmas tree - just put the top down.

By 1979, however, the two of us were now five. We had outgrown our Super Beetle and traded it in for a more family-friendly car. Fast forward to 30 years later and we're back just the two of us. Wayne saw the 1976 Super Beetle for sale in our hometown. Improvements over the 1971 model included electronic fuel injection, sporty wheels and a rear defogger. It looked and felt like our original VW and brought back the thousands of memories we had made. Of course we bought it and are busy once again touring with the top down and making even more memories.

JULY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Black	7/1	
Corrine Haines	7/2	
Brenda Zimmerman	7/8	
Eleanor Ziegenfuss	7/10	
Karen Hunsicker	7/19	
Susan Manwiller (Lester)	7/21	George & Karen Husack, Jr.
Thomas Hopkins	7/22	
Robert Lawatsch	7/24	
Becky Steinly	7/26	
Barbara Oswald	7/27	Michael & Peggy Engard

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Good News!! We have received an additional Four Free Memberships from National. We were allotted Four and have been able to give these to new members. As of now we still have Four Free Membership to give to potential person who has never been a member of AACA. If you know anyone who is interested 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 so to take advantage it is important to receive this membership as soon as possible.

Phyllis Peters, Membership

KEEP ME INFORMED

When someone is in the hospital, or on the sick list I would appreciate if you could let me know. If someone from the club has passed away I would also greatly appreciate a phone call.

Thank You, Phyllis Peters