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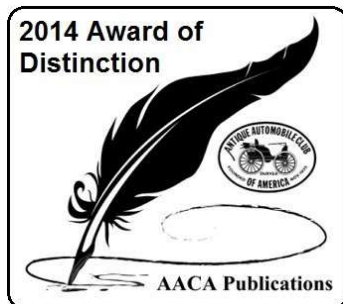
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*The Newsletter of the
Pottstown Region*

AACA

*OCTOBER, NOVEMBER,
DECEMBER 2024*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Dare, President

Sorry that Betty and I missed the Club's Annual Christmas Party. I hope that everyone had a great time. Big "Thanks" to Pat Strunk for taking over the event for Betty and to Cliff Wilson for filling in for me at the club meetings and the Christmas Party.

And I want to thank all the club members who helped make the Duryea Day Show such a big success.

I hope to get discharged from Shannodell soon, and to see you all at the next Club meeting on January 8, 2025 at P.C. Como.

Thanks to everyone for all the well wishes, phone class, cards and flowers... they were appreciated. And remember to watch where you are walking!

Thank you for your support and prayers

Bob and Betty Dare

Pottstown Region AACA Club Meeting (3 pages)

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024

Attendees: Pat Strunk, Bob Strunk, Keith Hunsberger, Barbara Hunsberger, Tim Britton, Karen Britton, Tom Wright, Sandy Kemp, Don Fiorilla, Paul Reinford, Scott Lykens, Cliff Wilson, Mary Wilson, Brian Fox, Calvin Frederick, Jim Xander, Joe Frattone

Call Meeting to Order: *Cliff Wilson in the absence of Bob Dare*

Vice President, Cliff Wilson called the monthly club meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge to the Flag: *Tom Wright*

Tom led the pledge to the flag.

Secretary Minutes: *Pat Strunk*

Before this meeting, Pat adjusted the reported inventory, and sent out a revised copy of the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes.

There were no corrections reported to the minutes at this meeting.

Motion to approve minutes – 1st Sandy Kemp, 2nd Bob Strunk

Treasurer's Report: *Tom Wright*

Club's account balance as of October 31, 2024: \$14,405.98.

There were no transactions in October.

The current Club's account balance: \$14, 405.98.

Motion to accept for Audit 1st Jim Xander, 2nd Sandy Kemp

Committee Reports:

Newsletter & Facebook: *Cliff Wilson reported in the absence of Barb Plant.*

Facebook: 565 followers

Newsletter: Barb Plant published the Newsletter via email. All others sent out.

Webmaster: *Pat Strunk*

Pat said that she continues to update the website with dates of interest and posted pictures of Dureya Day winners.

Membership: *Pat Strunk*

Pat said that the membership number is ninety-three.

Pat will be updating the membership number to ninety-seven after she submits two applications for 2025 complimentary membership. Each membership includes the new member and their spouse.

Property: *Keith Hunsberger*

Cliff Wilson has several items from earlier shows and tours that he will keep for the club.

Keith will oversee property going forward.

Sunshine: *Sandy Kemp*

Sandy sent a Get-Well card to Betty Dare. Betty had a mini stroke as well as some orthopedic issues.

Sandy reported that Bob Dare can put some weight on his injured leg and is making progress. To aid in his recovery and improve mobility, the Dare family is seeking a handicap ramp for their home. Any information or recommendations would be most welcome.

Audit: *John McCarthy*

Duryea Day Show 2024: *Tom Wright*

Tom said the Wednesday, November 6, 2024, meeting had a large turnout.

Tom said that the attendees found several glitches from this year's show, and the team will be addressing them.

Tom said that the team needs more permanent help going forward.

Tom said that planning for next year's show, which is the "59th" year is beginning. Suggestions include:

- eliminating goodie bags.

- continue to provide show attendees with a participation gift.

- continue dash plaques.

- continue to provide attendees with a bag of chips.

- Jim Xander suggested a 50/50 drawing.

Tom said that the club needs more help to cover the truck field.

Tom said he has multiple ideas on what model car he would like to see as the 2025 featured attraction. He will bring those ideas to the next meeting.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the Boyertown Museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Activities Chairperson: *Tom Wright*

November 29, 2024 – The Junk Yard tour. Pat Strunk will send out the details of the tour to the members and who to contact.

Ongoing to April 15, 2025 - Pontiac on Display at the American on Wheels facility in Allentown, PA. Tom mentioned that the display highlights the history of the Pontiac. Visitors have the choice to vote on the exhibit when they sign in at the facility.

Jim Xander said that he is representing the Boyertown Museum in 2025 at the Building a Better Boyertown Farmer's Market. The market takes place on the first & third Thursday of each month starting in June. He thought that it may be a good place to advertise Duryea Day and that the club could be represented with a few cars on display. He is meeting with a representative from Building a Better Boyertown in December, and he will present the idea to her at that meeting.

Please contact Tom if you have any ideas for further activities.

Nominations for the 2025 Officers and Board of Directors *Tom Wright*

Tom said that the Officer nominees for the 2025 term are:

President - Bob Dare

Vice President – Cliff Wilson

Assistant Vice President (January – April) – Gary Faircloth

Secretary – Pat Strunk

Treasure – Tom Wright

Tom said that the Board of Directors nominees for the 2025 term are:

John McCarthy

Bob Strunk

Frank Gormley

Jim Xander

Joe Frattone

Tom said that the committee leaders 2025 are:

Newsletter & Facebook – Barbara Plant

Webmaster - Pat Strunk

Membership – Pat Strunk

Property – Keith Hunsberger – Effectively immediately

Sunshine – Sandy Kemp

Audit – John McCarthy

Duryea Day Show – Tom Wright

Activities – Tom Wright

The nominees will be inducted at the December 1, 2024, Christmas Party.

Tom conducted a vote, and all the nominees were approved.

Old Business: Cliff Wilson

Cliff said that the club has two free AACA Membership for 2025 available.

Tom said that Barb Plant needs articles of interest to publish in upcoming newsletters. Articles about your car(s), hobbies, or anything else that you feel is something that would interest the readers.

New Business: Cliff Wilson

No new business addressed.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – Christmas Party at Brookside Country Club. Social Hour at 5:00PM with dinner to follow at 5:30PM.

You must sign up by Thursday, November 14, 2024. Brookside needs an exact headcount.

If you worked at any of the Duryea Day Events your dinner is free; however, you still need to sign up.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – Club Meeting at the Pizza Como, Pennsburg, PA. Dinner at

6:00PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00PM. *Please note that during the November 13, 2024, meeting, it was mentioned that the January meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2025. However, it has since been confirmed that the correct date is January 8, 2025.*

Motion to Close the meeting: 1st Tom Wright, 2nd Sandy Kemp

Minutes taken by Pat Strunk, Secretary, Pottstown Region AACA.

Pat Strunk

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SUNSHINE CLUB –Sandy Kemp

Sandy sent get well cards to both Bob and Betty Dare and also

Club Birthdays Happy Belated Birthdays

October		
	Oct-2	Heizmann, Peter J.
	Oct-6	Schlosberg , Marjorie
	Oct-8	Gormley, Frank
	Oct-13	Schuck, Gary
	Oct-16	Hain, London R.
	Oct-17	Pizzichil, William
	Oct-20	McCarthy, John A.
	Oct-30	deMauriac, Pierre G.
November		
	Nov-6	Steuer, Donna
	Nov-11	deMauriac, Gail
	Nov-11	D'Annuzio, Carmen
	Nov-19	Smith, Carol
	Nov-25	Strunk, Patricia R.
	Nov-14	Poley, David
December		
	Dec-11	Dare, Robert H.
	Dec-20	Istenes, Arthur
	Dec-17	Laskey, Mary Lou
	Dec-31	McCarthy, Katherine
	Dec-31	Stastny, Steven

Welcome New Club Member By Barbara Plant

Happy Holidays Message

I received a lovely Christmas Card today from Deanna Smith. She wants me to wish you all a Happy Holidays. She also wrote what fond memories she has of her time as an active club member. Cars and Friends.

MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

The Monthly Meeting notes are emailed by our Secretary, Pat Strunk. If you do not have email and would like a physical paper copy please leave a message on my cell phone and I will see that you get a copy. Barbara Plant 267-987-7723

SPONSORS

We have lost some of the Newsletter Sponsors due to retirement or not having a Newsletter for a while. Please check with business to see if you can get them to place a business card add for \$25.00 for 2024. I will be sending out Sponsorship request for new business cards and payment for 2025
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Club meetings are usually 2nd Wednesday of the Month at Pizza Como in Pennsburg

EVENTS Club Meetings

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – Club Meeting at the Pizza Como, Pennsburg, PA. Dinner at 6:00PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00PM.

Meeting for Duryea Day Planning-

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the Boyertown Museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CLUB EVENTS To Be Announced
Any suggestions send to Tom Wright

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Holiday Party 2024

The Pottstown annual party was attended by 37 members and guests at the Brookside County Club.

Wil Hallman offered the dinner blessing and healing prayer for President Bob Dare and Betty who were not able to attend for medical reasons. As usual the food and dessert fare was excellent. The atmosphere was great and piano music was again provided by Barbara Mauger. After dinner, Vice President Cliff Wilson introduced the current officers, board members and committee personnel and the 2025 individuals who will serve the club. A short business review was conducted and a reminder that the next meeting will be held on Jan. 8th at the Pizza Como restaurant. There was a door prize drawing for all, Walmart gift cards distributed and every family was given a holiday cookie tin to enjoy with best wishes to all for Christmas and throughout the new year.



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