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August 2021 Minutes



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Club Calendar **[New or Revised]**

August 20, 2021	TK's Cruise #4
September 13, 2021	Club meeting at 7 pm
September 17, 2021	TK's Cruise #5
October 9, 2021	Allentown Harvest Festival, 10 am – 2 pm
October 11, 2021	Club Meeting at 7 pm
November 8, 2021	Club Meeting at 7 pm
December 13, 2021	Club Meeting at 7 pm



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President: Jimmy Spence
Vice President: Robert Horner Treasurer: John Tiene
Secretary: Doug Watt Webmaster: Samantha Spence
Membership Chairman: Bruce Bird Newsletter Editor: Greg Falco
Events Coordinator: Earl Groendyke

Minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting:

12 members and no guests were in attendance.

Jimmy Spence called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The August meeting was held at the Crosswicks Community House.

July Meeting Minutes: Secretary Doug Watt presented the minutes from the July meeting. Carl Christiansen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read, which was seconded by Tim Kuser.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Tiene presented the Treasurer's report.

Old Business

TK's Cruise: The Club's July TK Cruise was met by incredibly hot and humid weather and good attendance. Over 50 cars participated. Everyone enjoyed an evening out.

The **Cream Ridge Winery display** on August 7th was a huge success. This event was scheduled after our July meeting. The club turnout was great, even though it was a last-minute scheduled event. Approximately 41 cars participated. Ryan Marlowe, from Brookdale Community College's Automotive Technology Program, attended the display. Doug introduced Ryan to the attending members. (Refer to the Scholarship Program report)



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New Business

Jimmy noted that our next two **TK Cruise nights** are scheduled for this coming Friday, August 20th and Friday September 17th. A disk jockey will play tunes for the participants.

John Tiene continues to plan the **Installation Picnic** to introduce the slate of 2021 Club Officers. John is planning the catered picnic at the Crosswicks Community House for a Sunday date in September.

The club has been invited to participate in the **Allentown Fall Festival** on October 9th, from 10 am. – 2 pm. We will stage our cars on Main Street, between the Mill Building and High Street, as we have done in previous years.

Scholarship Program: Last month, the membership expressed interest in the possibility of making the scholarship award to students studying automotive technology at schools in New Jersey, rather than the ATC in Warminster, PA. On Tuesday, August 3, Doug visited Ryan Marlowe, Automotive Technology Program Liaison at Brookdale Community College.

Ryan gave Doug a tour of the Automotive Technology Program classrooms, engine lab, transmission lab, electrical lab, and shop facilities.

Brookdale does have a worthy Automotive Technology program that our Club can consider for scholarship awards.

They offer two associate degree (AAS) programs. One is with the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program, and one is the Automotive Technology program.

The GM Program is intense.

Both programs are focused only on the servicing of cars. Electrical, transmissions, and engines.



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There is no collision (paint), marine, or diesel program.
Engine machining instruction is limited due to constraints placed on them by their insurance carrier.

Both programs typically take 2 years to complete. The Scholarship Award Program would conform to everything our club is looking for:

- The Scholarship award would be paid from the club's account by check to Brookdale, and deposited into the student's account.
- Awards ceremony at TK's in September.
- The student's application package will include
 - An essay
 - Attendance information
 - Grade information
 - The student's NJ address

Doug also had a video conference call with a counsellor at the Burlington Institute of Technology. Unfortunately, the counsellor oversaw students in Burlington Institute's High School Automotive Technology program, rather than the Adult Automotive Technology program. The counsellor introduced Doug to the Principal of the Burlington Institute. I expect to be in contact with an appropriate individual from the Adult Automotive Technology Program soon.

Doug also plans to contact someone representing Mercer County Community College's Automotive Technology Program soon.

Carl Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm, which was seconded by Earl Groendyke.