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April 2026 Minutes



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Crosswicks Community House
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Club Calendar **[New or Revised]** [To Be Determined]

April 22, 2026	Club Display at MCCC Automotive Technology Program Facilities 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
April 29, 2026	Rain Date, Club Display at MCCC Automotive Technology Program Facilities 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
May 11, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm; Club vote to select the Mercer County Community College Scholarship Awardee
May 15, 2026	TK's Cruise #1, Brookdale Scholarship Award Ceremony
May 25, 2026	Allentown Memorial Day Parade
June 8, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
June 19, 2026	TK's Cruise #2; Rain Date, Brookdale Scholarship Award Ceremony
June 20, 2026	Terhune Orchards Display
July 13, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
July 17, 2026	TK's Cruise #3; Mercer County Community College Award Ceremony
August 10, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
August 21, 2026	TK's Cruise #4; Rain Date, Mercer County Community College Scholarship Award Ceremony
September 14, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
September 18, 2026	TK's Cruise #5; Final Scholarship Award Ceremony Rain Date
October 12, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm
November 9, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm
December 14, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm (Subject to Cancellation)



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President: Robert Horner

Vice President: Craig Kunz Treasurer: Carl Christiansen

Secretary: Doug Watt Webmaster: Samantha Spence

Membership Chairman: John Pieczynski Newsletter Editor: Carl Christiansen

Events Coordinator: Earl Groendyke

Minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting:

10 members and 1 guest were in attendance. Our guest is John LoBianco. John owns a 1991 Trans Am GTA. John: Thank you for taking time to join us for our meeting.

Bob Horner brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The April meeting was held at the Crosswicks Community House.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carl Christiansen presented the treasurer's report.

March Meeting Minutes: Secretary Doug Watt presented the minutes from the March 2026 meeting to the membership. Joe Bartzak made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Carl Christiansen seconded the motion.

Old Business

Allentown Memorial Day Parade: The Lions club has requested the use of three vintage convertibles for parade dignitaries to ride in. Carl and Bob are following up on the request. The 2026 Allentown Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 25th. We, as a club, should plan on arriving at 9:30 am at our previous staging point – the Allentown Auto Body Shop on Main Street.

Crosswicks Communications: Folks in Crosswicks have initiated discussions to involve our club to participate with Crosswicks in their 250th year celebrations parade and car display. We still do not have additional details to announce. Our club was also contacted with a request to remove our storage locker from the kitchen of the community house. We may have found a volunteer to provide a new home for our cabinet.

New Business

Club Flyers: Club members present at the April Meeting shared appreciation of the great effort that Samantha provided in the preparation of the Terhune Orchards and TK's Ice Cream flyers.

Thank you Samantha for making these professional quality flyers.



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2026 Scholarship Program: Brookdale Community College has sent four scholarship applications. These applications were shared with the membership. Prior to our April meeting, I spoke with Automotive Tech Professor George Poosikian to learn more about the candidates.

At the meeting, I summarized the essays from the applicants Ralph Amand, Braeden Appleton, Erick Lopez, and Fernando Hernandez, and summarized a conversation that I had with George Poosikian. Following this introduction of the applicants, the club membership entered into an active conversation about the applicants. A motion was made, and the club membership unanimously selected Braeden Appleton as the 2026 Scholarship Awardee.

TK's Ice Cream: The scholarship award ceremony is scheduled at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2025 at TK's Ice Cream, 331 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ.

MCCC Display and Facility Tour: Doug has set up a club display and facility tour with Jason Evans, the Automotive Technology Program Coordinator. Most of the attendees will be able to stage their classic cars on the shop's centerline, and overflow cars just outside of the shop. The display is being scheduled on Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:00 am. This is a school day, so we will experience student – member interaction. The rain date for the facility tour is April 29th. Lunch is NOT on the menu.

Terhune Orchards Display: Carl has secured the insurance certificate from National for the club display. Carl is also advertising the event on many Facebook sites on the web. Bob is making recognition award plaques. The Terhune Orchards display is scheduled for June 20th. Members should plan on arriving at 8:30 am. This display will be open to all cars 25 years old and older.

Allentown Memorial Day Parade: The Lions Club has invited us back to participate in the 2026 Allentown Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. We, as a club, should plan on arriving at 9:30 am at our previous staging point – the Allentown Auto Body Shop on Main Street.

Bob Horner made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 8:05 pm and Earl Groendyke seconded the motion.