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September 2021 Minutes



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Club Calendar **[New or Revised]**

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
November 14, 2021	Installation Dinner 3 - 6 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 September 13, 2021 meeting:

8 members and no guests were in attendance.

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

August Meeting Minutes: Secretary Doug Watt presented the minutes from the August meeting. Bruce Bird 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 August TK Cruise was met by incredibly hot and humid weather. While storms raged in the local area, it remained dry at TK's. Approximately 25 cars participated. Everyone enjoyed an evening out.



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New Business

Jimmy noted that final **TK Cruise night** is scheduled for Friday, September 17th. A disk jockey will play tunes for the participants.

John Tiene continues to plan the **Installation Dinner** to introduce the slate of 2021 Club Officers. John is planning the catered picnic at the Crosswicks Community House November 14th from 3 - 6 pm. Tickets to the event will go on sale soon (\$15.00 per person).

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.

Bruce Bird made a large **donation** to the club: a 1966 Oldsmobile trunk load of items that included diecast cars, ceramic plates, scale cars carved from wood and other vintage automobilia. John Tiene offered to catalog the contents.

Scholarship Program: During the July meeting, 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.

During this past month, Doug has been in contact with the **Burlington Institute of Technology** and **Mercer County Community College**.

Doug spoke with the Principal of the Adult Automotive Technology program at the **Burlington Institute**. Doug found out that the Automotive Technology program is only offered if there are more than 5 students are enrolled. Currently, only 3 students are enrolled. I will talk with the Principal on September 20th to find out if the Automotive Technology program is being offered in 2021.

The last semester of the Automotive Technology program at the Burlington Institute runs from January 31st to May 4th. This schedule will make it difficult to have the Scholarship Awards Ceremony at TK's.



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Doug had video conference call and a face-to-face meeting with Jason Evans, Automotive Technology Program Coordinator at the **Mercer County Community College**. This program is set-up like the Brookdale Community College's program. It is a 2-year course of study and includes an internship at a local automotive dealer. Mercer County Community College has their classroom, engine, transmission, and computer labs across the street at the Vocational Tech School. The expected class size is 20 students. The automotive technology program has approximately 25 vehicles, mostly late model cars, and approximately 10 garage bays with lifts available to the students.

I had a follow-up video conference call with Laura Richards, Scholarship Program & Donor Relations Coordinator. Mercer County Community College has their students apply for scholarships online, and awards their scholarships based on the on-line criteria.

The scholarship award cycle runs from May to August, which dovetails nicely into our TKs schedule. Mercer County Community College already has an awards ceremony venue, so our club can only "strongly suggest" that the selected student show up to our ceremony at TKs as well. Our club would issue a check to Mercer County Community College, and the proceeds would be posted to the student's account.

The student's application package will include

- An essay
- Attendance information
- Grade information
- The student's NJ address
- The student's statement of need.

Club Discussion: Members present at the September meeting initiated a discussion about the path forward for the club's scholarship program. When asked for my recommendation, I stated that I supported a previously made suggestion: that the club offer one scholarship award to a student at Brookdale and one scholarship award to Mercer, for 2022. I will also follow-up with the Burlington Institute to find out if their Adult automotive technology program is being offered in 2022. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

Jimmy Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, which was seconded by Tim Kuser.