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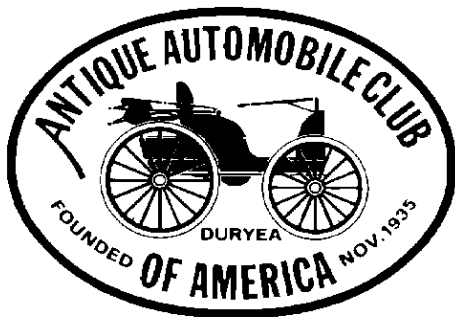
LER Annual Summer Picnic

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24-26	Treasurer	John Haid (Office)	██████████
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2024	Property Chairman	Charles Facklam	██████████

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Events for 2024

- August 11 – Grand Lady Cruise & Buffet - hosted by Joe Momot.
- September 8 – Power Vista Tour - Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll – hosts
- Oct 5 – Fall Foliage Tour – John & Elaine Haid & Dan O’Connor - hosts

*This is a tentative schedule. The dates & locations are subject to change, so check this list monthly for more information and possible changes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since we were at a new location this year for our annual car show, I called a special meeting to get some input on the pros and cons of this spot. A lot of discussion on a number of areas made for an interesting meeting. Over the next few months, the Board will take a few of these issues and go in depth to make the best decisions for our club. This month, the discussion was about whether we will stay at the Bowen Rd location or look for a new one. Currently we will stay with this place for at least one more year, but are open to other options. John Haid, our financial guru, is getting the last of the bills together for the show, and it appears we did comparably about as well as last year, despite the bad weather.

If you didn't put your reservations for the boat ride, it is too late to get the special price. You can still go, but you would have to register through the Grand Lady Cruise to get tickets. By the way, this will be your only chance to register for the Power Vista Tour. Arrangements & information came in late, so the form will only appear in this newsletter. Lon and I have been to the Power Vista center before, so we know there is a lot of great things see and play with. Get your reservations in now!!!!

As I sit down and finish my message, we have just come home from the picnic. Chuck Weimer & Cliff Schulz did another terrific job, including ordering the great weather. A few members opted for a tour before heading to the picnic. Cliff led the way and we made a short stop in the park for a photo op of the cars. The LER car flags came in and we had one on our car. Ruth Camann told me that they were in the back of the tour line and could see that our flag at the beginning of the line from quite a distance. It will be nice to see more flags in upcoming tours. I will have them available at all upcoming events.

Meanwhile back at the pavilion, Chuck was setting up the serving tables, getting the food warmers ready and chilling beverages for the crowd that was to follow. I would venture a guess to say that Chuck was hitting the hay early tonight because of all the setup, work during and after the picnic. A big THANK YOU to these two guys and their merry band of workers.

Before the fun, I presented Gordy & Debbie Allen with their 25 years of membership pins. I also presented Cliff Schulz with his Past President's gavel. Congrats to them! Once we got to the auction, Cliff didn't do the auctioneer's song, but still manage to rake in a number of bucks for the club. There were some unique items this year, including a car! I had a Power Wheels Classic Convertible (kids ride in car), which didn't quite fit into my collection of pedal powered cars. Fortunately, that found a new, good home, as well as many other items. That boosted the club coffers



a little bit and some members went home with some great bargains. One final note, it was a bad day for red trucks. Both red trucks (one Ford, one Chevrolet) would not start when it was time to head home! What are the odds?

Next is our boat ride which should be nice on a warm day (let's hope we get another good weather day), then the Power Vista tour, which is always a lot of fun. The October event is shaping up nicely, so see page 6 for more info.

Valerie Wilson

Members & guests who attended the picnic and came home with some auction goodies were: Gordy & Debbie Allan (20) – '40 Chevrolet truck; Mark Brylinski (50) & Zack – '67 Camaro; Don Butlak & Isabel Barros - (115) – '64 Ford Galaxie; George & Ruth Camann (145) – '89 Ford Probe; Tim Cryan (85) – '66 Corvette; Joe & Margaret Dallos (50) – '40 Buick; Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (125) – '65 Mustang; John & Elaine Haid (*) – '87 Chevrolet; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (90) – '63 Corvette; Ken Knoll (115) - '61 Chevrolet; Mike & Nadine Kosmoski (70) - '49 Dodge; Rick Pearl ((40)); - '63 Dodge; Robert Mandziak (40) - '72 Buick; Joe & Linda McCaffrey (80) - '55 Mercury; Mike Mesi (*) - '69 Camaro; Barb Noonan (125) & Barb Abel - '57 Chevrolet; Bob & Peggy Nash (105) - '58 Corvette; Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (135) - '26 Model T & '49 Ford Truck; Jeffrey Ortman & Deane McGloin (20) - '66 Corvette; Dave & Ellen Schoenle (50) - '30 Model A Ford; Cliff Schulz (145) - '70 Chevelle; David & Jane Szachta (70) - '49 Chevrolet; Dennis & Del Upton (80) - '56 Mercury Montclair; Chuck Weimer & Karen Weimer (145) - '70 Buick; Lon & Valerie Wilson (*) - '53 Buick; Sam & Jean Yanik (105) - '67 GTO; Mark & Sue Yearke (145) - '69 Chevelle; Gary Brewer (45); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (75); Russ Christopher & Maria (10); Christopher Ciszek (60); Janice Forster (10); Dave Lechner (30); Ross & Gail Martin (25); Mark & Ann Palmer (85) & Jeffery & Crista Scheiten; Mary-Teresa Platt (45); Lynelle Schloerb (85); Terry Tredo (40) & Dan Tredo; Steve & Kathy Vaccaro (30); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (105); and Margaret Pierce, Kate Pierce & Matt Schmidt.

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

LET'S GO LER Members: The club needs members to be more involved with future activities, come up with new ideas, host or help with an event. Board members are ready, willing and able to assist. A list of all board members can be found in the Sidelight on page 1.

Please remember to sign up early for these events and treat your club mates with respect and consideration.

July 21st Was the summer picnic hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schultz. It was at the Clarence Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. The weather was perfect all day! The members took a nice ride through Akron Park before arriving at the pavilion for a delicious buffet and dessert. Up next was the auction which went very well, thanks to all the members that donated items. Big thanks to everyone that helped with this event.

Sunday August 11th This will be hosted by Joe Momot. Joe has arranged a boat ride on the Grand Lady. The cruise features champagne at boarding, music on board, open seating on the aft and bow decks, or inside air-conditioned dining rooms. The boat will cruise the inner, outer harbor and out into Lake Erie. The banquet catered by GLC Catering will be during the two hour cruise. This is a rain or shine event. See the Sidelight for details and the signup sheet. Reservations deadline was July 26th. Don't miss out on this, nothing beats being out on the water, then add friends, food, drinks and yes, we reserved bright sunshine!

Sunday September 8th Hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. They have arranged a self-guided tour of the Niagara Power Vista in Lewiston. Followed by a buffet at the Lockport Erie Canalside. See the page 5 of the Sidelight for additional details and the signup sheet.

Saturday October 5th Fall Foliage Hosted by John & Elaine Haid, Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed. They have arranged a tour of the Coca-Cola Barn Museum in Silver Springs. This museum was opened approximately two years ago, a new two-story barn with each floor covered from top to bottom and wall to wall with vintage Coca Cola items. All the Buffalo area TV stations have visited the museum, Kevin O'Neil from Channel 2 did a story about the museum. In addition, the owner also has a woodworking shop where he makes furniture, and other items, which we will be able to tour. Furniture and other items will be available for purchase, along with duplicate Coca Cola items from the collection. Following the tour there will be a banquet at Yard of Ale restaurant on Rt 63 in Piffard. See the page 6 of the Sidelight for additional details and the signup sheet.

Indoor season begins

Sunday November 10th Hosted by Peggy and Jerry Ptak. They have arranged guest speaker Jim Bardot, a former college professor and dean. Mr. Bardot will give a presentation titled "What Your Survivors Need to Know", he will discuss what documents and details to gather, how to organize and store this information. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1pm to 5pm. Refreshments will be served by Lynelle Schloerb. No signup is needed.

Sunday December 8th Will be our annual Christmas Party. Hosted by Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. Details to follow.

We always need volunteers, helpers and ideas for club-sponsored events. If you are interested in sponsoring, co-sponsoring or helping out at an event, please contact any board member.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

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LER GRAND LADY CRUISE & BUFFET

Sunday August 11, 2024



Join us for the LER CRUISE AND BUFFET aboard the GRAND LADY BOAT on Sunday, August 11, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will meet at the GRAND LADY BOAT dock at 275 GANSON STREET in Buffalo, NY at 10:00 AM, (NEXT to Buffalo RiverWorks), then board the boat at 10:30 AM. The cruise features champagne at boarding, music on board, and open seating on the aft deck, bow deck, or interior air-conditioned dining rooms. Then get ready for an exciting cruise under the Michigan Avenue lift bridge, past the US Navy Ships, Little Rock and the Sullivans out into Lake Erie, around the "Roundhouse" water intake, and then into the inner harbor and Black Rock Canal, under the Peace Bridge, past the Erie Basin Marina and finally, back to the boat dock. The BUFFET is catered by GLC CATERING and the menu includes such items as: Salad, Fresh Fruit, Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Pastries*, Seasonal Vegetarian Frittata, French Toast Casserole*, Ham and Sausage. Beverages included are Sodas, Ice Tea, Coffee, Juice and Water. A cash bar is also available on board. All items are gluten free except those with the *. Restrooms on board/not handicap accessible event.

Cost for this event is \$ 65.00 for Membr
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For questions and

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You should have already signed up for this event. To signup now, you must do so through the Grand Land Cruise website and pay full price.

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September 8, 2024

We will meet at Tops Market
Niagara Falls Blvd & North French at 9:30



Leave for a tour at 10:00 to the Niagara Power Vista (1 hour tour)

We will spend 2 hours checking out the exhibits including a movie where you follow the path of a drop of water



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We will then motor to Lockport Locks for a meal at 2:00pm.

The Menu

- Fresh Leaf Lettuce & Baby Spinach Garden Salad*
- Carved Roast Beef, Carved Roast Turkey,*
- Deli-style Corned Beef*
- Mashed White Potatoes with Gravy*
- Pasta Station with Marinara Sauce on the side*
- Our signature Maple-glazed Carrots*
- Apple & Cranberry Sauces*
- Various Condiments*
- Freshly Baked Breadsticks*
- Chef's Choice of Dessert / Coffee & Tea Station*



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Reservation deadline August 28, 2024
*Reservation cannot be cancelled after

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Total _____





October LER AACA Club Tour

Coca Cola Barn Museum - Silver Springs, NY Saturday Oct 5, 2024



Credit goes to John & Elaine Haid for identifying this WNY gem for a Club Tour that will take us through Erie and Wyoming Counties.



Dave Phillips and his late wife Janet started collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia in 2012. In little more than a decade, their collection now fills their entire barn. You will be amazed by the collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia the Phillip's family has collected, and is displayed, that paved the way for Coca-Cola to be a globally recognized brand. Visited and reported on by all the local TV stations, here you will get to re-visit some of the most historic items, including the original distinct script, iconic Contour bottle, Coca-Cola Polar Bear, Santa Claus, and famous taglines used throughout the years! Come check out all the critical pieces that led this Iconic brand to where it is today!

This Club Tour is limited to the first 50 Club Members who register.

Originally marketed as a temperance drink and intended as a patent medicine, Coca-Cola was invented in the late 19th century by John Stith Pemberton in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1888, Pemberton sold the ownership rights to Asa Griggs Candler, a businessman, whose marketing tactics led Coca-Cola to its dominance of the global soft-drink market throughout the 20th and 21st century. The name refers to two of its original ingredients: coca leaves and kola nuts (a source of caffeine). The current formula of Coca-Cola remains a trade secret. The secrecy around the formula has been used by Coca-Cola in its marketing as only a handful of anonymous employees know the formula.

Lunch Buffet at 1 p m at the "The Yard of Ale Restaurant" Piffard, NY



Sliced Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Oven-browned Potatoes, Pasta Salad, Garden Salad, Dessert Station, Coffee, Tea & Soda, Table Bread.

- Stay informed to potential menu changes to be published in the September issue of the SIDELIGHT -

Meet at: Southgate Plaza, Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224

@ 9:30am on Saturday, October 5th (Departing at 10:00am)

Last Day to Register is Friday September 20th

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CORRECTION: The caption on the photo should have read: Sue Reville & Candace



Saratoga National Meet Report by Cliff Schulz

Several LER Club members were in attendance at this show. Dave Kaplan, who showed his 1948 Playboy and won a Senior Award as well as Ken Kaczka who displayed his 1962 Corvette and achieved a 1st Junior award. I attended this meet. I entered my 1965 Jaguar but did not show it. I did attend the Judging School, Judges Breakfast and worked as an Apprentice Judge.

*Note - if any members attend an AACA National Meet, contact Peggy Ptak, Activities Awards Chairman, to get LER points.

Reed are ready to sell split club & raffle tickets. Also from the **Car Show:** John & Elaine Haid were registration Chairmen. John, along with Dave Lechner also judged.

Last month it was mentioned that there were several accidents within the club. Linda Foster sent in these pictures of their "QTPIE" after being rear-ended. They were making a trip to Ohio to meet with a gentleman from Oklahoma who was bringing them a new trunk deck. Look closely and you can see the bumper is bent as well as the license plate, too. Wonder if the spare tire



absorbed some of the impact and how that fared. Let's hope we see QTPIE on the road to recovery soon!






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Legislative Affairs Info

ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) / ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) / Vehicle Choice

ZEV: Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin announced the Commonwealth would not adopt California's ban on selling new gasoline and diesel - powered motor vehicles. Over the last 20 years 17 states, including New York, attached themselves to California's Emission Standards and EV Mandates. Virginia is the first state to untangle themselves from California's emission standards and EV mandates. Hopefully more States will follow.

Driving Force Action (DFA) is increasing efforts to counter President Biden's electric vehicle (EV) mandates in key states and DFA considers the above action a victory.

Update: Governor Newsome Vetoes the Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Bill. The California legislature passed a bill (SB 301) creating a rebate program for converting gas- and diesel-powered vehicles into zero emission vehicles (ZEV's) and would provide rebate of up to \$4000 for eligible conversions.

Miscellaneous: United States Trade Representative (USTR) have announced that it plans to discontinue 265 exclusions from tariffs on Chinese-origin products. Below find some of the exclusions the USTR did not renew:

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- Artificial graphite used in manufacturing in lithium-ion anode component of batteries.

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- Hub forgings (SAE)1035 carbon steel.
- Front output shafts of (SAE) 1045 carbon steel.

This may have an impact on all of us when we need replacement parts and increased new car costs and availability.

Fuel Economy Standards: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has finalized corporate average fuel economy CAFÉ standards. for 2027-31 passenger cars and trucks as follows.

	2024	2031
• Light trucks, Includes pickups,		
• larger SUVs and minivans	35.2	45.0
• Passenger, and small SUVs	48.7	65.0

Classic / Antique Car Beat:

Nothing to report this month.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Law and Order News.

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair



Golden Anniversaries

50 yrs – Pat & Dean Burgstahler
51 yrs – Ross & Gail Martin

With a recently acquired new rearend, QTPIE should be on the mend and back ♪ On the Road Again ♪ in the future!

Sympathies

To the family of Don Conklin – Long time member Don was just at our annual show with his Model T
To the family of former member Dick Haynos

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Ellen & Dave Schoenle chat with Gordy & Debbie Allen



Don Butlak & Isabel Barros get driving directions from Cliff Schulz



Mark Brylinski, Zack, Steve Vaccaro & Gordy Allen relax before the tour starts
Right: Lynelle Schloerb gets the salads ready for the incoming hungry crowd



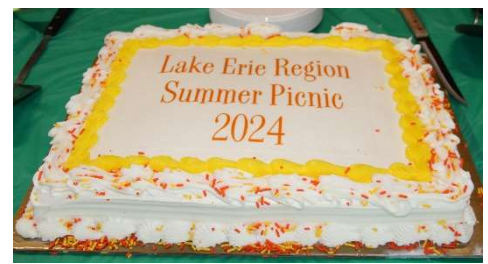
Below: Sue Reville, Mary-Teresa Platt, Candace Reed & Deane McGloin are all set to dish out the good stuff

Photos by Lon Wilson



Below: Linda McCaffrey, Sue Yearke, Janice Forster, Jane Szachta are ready to serve as well. Dennis & Del Upton & Debbie Allen get their plates filled.





Let 'em eat cake. Sue & Lynelle serve up some ice cream to Ruth Camann. Karen Weimer & Margaret Pierce start cutting the third cake as Chuck Weimer comes for his piece.

Cliff Schulz starts the auction with a grill
There enough items to fill two tables.



Below: Peggy Nash helps this plane fly to a new home & some hubcaps roll on



Mary-Teresa Platt, Sue Reville & Candace Reed handle the \$\$\$.

Below right: A box of Avon cars came from the collection of Don McHenry.





Bottom right: Terry Tredo & brother-in-law Dan can't believe they bought a car! Now will it fit in their car?



FIRST CLASS

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Calendar of Events
 August 11 – Grand Lady Cruise & Buffet – hosted by Joe Momot.
 September 2 – Labor Day
 September 8 -Power Vista Tour - Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll - hosts



LER CARS ON TOUR
 A quick stop in Akron Park
 Gordy Allen had a great hat! →

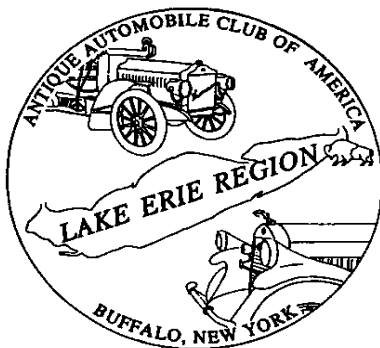


WINDOW FLAGS
 The Flags are in and on sale now. They are \$10 each and will be available at all upcoming events.



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