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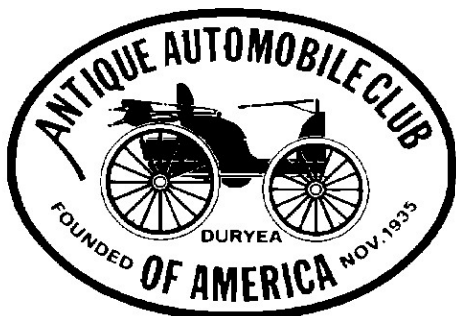
The Grand Lady awaits LER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe how this year is flying by. So far, we have had decent weather for our outdoor activities and I hope that continues in the upcoming months as the last few events of the summer have now been finalized. The first few indoor events are nearing completion as well.

The talk at the last board meeting has included a discussion of next year's board. It is early yet, but we will have two people coming off the board in December. As per our By-Laws, I can and have appointed three board members to be our Nominating Committee. Ruth Camann, John Haid & Lon Wilson have volunteered to take on the task of talking to our members who might be interested in joining the LER board. If we have three or more people, we may have an election, which is something that hasn't happen in a few years. If you have any interest, you can talk to these three experienced board members, or any board member, to put your name in for consideration. Officially, LER members have until November to decide and I don't think this will be as hot a ticket as another race that month.

The Grand Lady boat ride turned out to be a nice day. We even had four antiques make an appearance. Camanns, McCaffreys, Ptaks, and Yaniks get those extra points. Everyone arrived early enough that we actually left the dock 15 minutes ahead of schedule. Depending on what channel you watched, depended if it might rain or not. Well, we didn't have rain, but it was a hang on to your hat kind of day. It was too windy to go out into the lake so we stayed inside the breakwall. That was OK as we were closer to the shore to see things. There was inside seating on both decks and some outside areas as well. There was a good selection of good food and everyone

settled in to dig in. We had a guitarist join us and he provided a very nice selection of notable tunes. He had a good voice to sing tunes from Eric Clapton, America, Johnny Cash, and others just to name a few. A number of members gravitated to the back deck to enjoy his talents. A big Thank You to Joe Momot for arranging this event.

See the Activities Report or following pages for what great upcoming events we have planned for you.

A flash from the past: in a newsletter from waaay back when, a tidbit of information stated that 1943 license plates from Alaska are very rare. They were made from soy products and were frequently eaten off the cars by moose!

Valerie Wilson

Members & guests who attended the Grand Lady Cruise and enjoyed a day on the water were: George & Ruth Camann (*) – '89 Ford Probe; Joe & Linda McCaffery (100) – '37 Ford Truck; Jerry & Peggy Ptak (*) – '74 Fiat; Sam & Jean Yanik (125) – '80 Chevrolet Impala; Gordy & Debbie Allan (30); Dennis Conrad (10); James & Lisa Coughlin (10); Chuck Facklam (135); Jack & Linda Foster (55); Ross & Gail Martin (35); Mike Mesi (*); Joe & Mary Momot (55); Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed (145); Jeffrey Ortman (30); Mark & Ann Palmer (95) & guest Christa Scheiten; Patty Ryan (10); Leonard & Sally Sayward (50); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (85); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (115); Bob Snyder (40); Terry Tredo (50) & Dan Tredo; Steve & Kathy Vaccaro (40); Ken & Iris Weinstein (40); Lon & Valerie Wilson (*); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (115); & Mark & Sue Yearke (*)

The LER board has determined that membership includes two adults. That means that single members can bring a second adult to a function at member price. Any additional adults are at guest price.

Welcome New Members

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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.

Sunday August 11th Was the Grand Lady cruise hosted by Joe Momot. The weather was on our side, no rain. The members enjoyed a fabulous cruise, delicious food and being on the water.

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 Sidelight for details and the signup sheet. Reservation deadline is August 28th.

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 The Yard of Ale Restaurant on Rt 63 in Piffard, NY. See the Sidelight for additional details and the signup sheet. Reservation deadline is September 20th.

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. See the Sidelight for details.

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

Saturday January 18th Will be our annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. This will be at the Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst. This year the theme will be "A Starlit Evening". 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

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

These ads can also be viewed at www.lakeerie.aaca.com. Ads are free for members. Ads from non-members must be submitted by a current member. Ads run for at least 3 months. Phone numbers are area code 716 unless otherwise noted.

AUTOS FOR SALE

'48 Playboy, solid running car, 4 cyl Hercules with overdrive, orig upholstery. Serious inquires only, video & pics available Lee 716-570-6131 (9)

'53 GMC Pickup, yellow, 350 Chevy engine, 4 barrel, auto, PS, PB, AC, for more info call Kathy 716-625-8029 (10)

'55 Buick Roadmaster, 2 door hardtop, Automatic, National AACA Senior Winner, Fully Restored in 2001, Titian Red and White, 322 V8 Nailhead engine, stored during winter, 7K+ miles since restoration. ALSO: An extensive inventory of '55 Buick



Roadmaster / Super parts are also available. Call for details: Barb or Ray, 716-957-3076 (9)

'64 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible, Silver Blue Metallic, 2-door, automatic trans, 6-cylinder 110 HP, good driver. \$6,500. Contact: Bob at 716-754-2391 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (9)

'68 Chevrolet Chevelle Conv., stock 327 cid/275 horse power, automatic, third owner, AACA 2nd Jr, call Kathy 716-625-8029 (10)

'75 Pontiac Grandville conv, HPOF, 20K orig. miles, 400/4bbc, silver/black inter \$39,000 Dave Sayles 225-6743 (9)

'95 Cobra, certificated SVT, white, 32K miles, Call for more info, Perry 716-681-6818 Lead from Valerie Wilson (10)

'02 T-Bird conv, yellow, no hdtop, 22K miles, \$30,000 Call for info. Perry 716-681-6818 Lead from Valerie Wilson (10)

Massey-Harris Tractor, Model #30, Gas Powered, 4-cylinder engine, Runs very well, two new rear tires. Instructions for Care & Operations Manual, & Parts List are included, \$3,400. Contact: Bob at 716-754-2391 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (9)



AUTO MISC FOR SALE

'60/'61 Buick Rear Window Defogger, installation assembly instructions included. \$200 OBO. Contact: Barb or Ray 716-957-3076. (9)

4 -670 x 15 Firestone WW tires, 1993, for display only, make offer, Doug Hershberger, 716-692-7836. Lead from Lon Wilson (12)

'36 Dodge engine (\$100) & transmission (\$50), '49 Dodge trans \$50, Mike Kosmowski 716-276-9696 (12)



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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



Exciting, interactive, adventure, discover the energy of Western New York, hands on, experiments, operate a power plant, control transmission lines, Tesla vs. Edison, becoming a power player are all part of the fun.



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*



Please detach and send with check payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**

Send reservations to:
Mike Mesi
this date
8300 Hirschwood Dr.
Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

No. of members: _____ X \$34 = _____

No of Guests: _____ X \$39 = _____

Total _____





On September 11th, Elderwood at Wheatfield (2600 Niagara Falls Boulevard) is hosting a Cruise Night from 5 to 7 PM. Since a prominent member of Lake Erie Region, Ray Noonan is residing there, we would like to make an impressive showing. If it rains, we may not have an alternate date. If you can attend, please contact Jerry Ptak by September 8 at 716 -449-0062, so we know how many cars to make room for.

Get wells
Russ Christopher
Dan Gernatt



Since Gordy Allan's truck wouldn't start at our recent picnic, it looks like he has found another mode of transportation. Train coming through!! Check out his passenger – Thanks Don Butlak for the photos. (Ah, Don, is that a Police car next to your car? I hope your inspection is up to date!)



More photos from Don of the
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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, Smashed 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

Checks payable to: Lake Erie Region AACA

Return to: John & Elaine Haid, 13 Crownland Circle, West Seneca, NY 14224

-----Return Lower Portion-----



AACA Member Name _____ Qty _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Non Member Name _____ Qty _____ x \$45.00 = _____

Phone Number: _____ Total: \$ _____

Sympathies

LER recently lost three long time members. We send our thoughts & prayers to the families of Betty Coon, Robert Sands & Ed Ferber. Betty & the late Fred were also in the Model A Club, were very active members until Fred passed. They also owned Elma Press. Robert Sands loved his Pierce Arrows. He restored and owned several of them. Ed Ferber was also a very active member for many years, owned a collision shop and was a past President of LER.

Legislative Affairs Info

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

ZEV: Update Following Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin announcement that the Commonwealth would not adopt California's ban on selling new gasoline and diesel - powered motor vehicles. SEMA has advocated for Balanced Energy Solutions at The Virginia Energy Summit. They emphasized the importance of promoting policies that promote environmental responsibility without compromising the economic viability of small businesses and the harmful effects that EV mandates would have on their customers, suppliers and ultimately the economy.

Miscellaneous:

Chevron Doctrine: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Chevron USA, Inc., in its 1984 case against the Natural Resources Defense Council, establishing the Chevron Doctrine. This decision required courts to let federal agencies make rulings on ambiguous points in law that had not been covered by Congress. The high court felt the EPA's subject matter experts were better qualified than judges could be-despite their impartiality -to rule on such "gray- area" disputes. The Chevron Doctrine essentially paved the way for the Clean Air Act and other EPA and other agencies actions to affect our hobby.

With the recent vote 6 – 3, the U.S. Supreme Court on June 28th, 2024 to dismantle the Chevron Doctrine, the U.S House of Representatives has passed legislation that would significantly reduce the budgets of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for

fiscal year 2025. If H.R. 8998, the "Department of the Interior, Environmental and related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025" becomes law, it will cut the DOI's budget by \$677 million and the EPA's budget by \$ 4 billion, compared to their FY 2024 levels. This would prevent EPA from implementing new federal emissions standards for motor vehicles for model years 20327 to 2032, which are designed to heavily promote sales of electric vehicles (EVs). The bill's passage will also force the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw its "Conservation and Landscape Health" regulation. The U.S. Senate has passed its own bill which to increase funding to these agencies. If the two houses in Congress cannot agree by Oct 1st funding for 2025 will remain the same as 2024 for the agencies.

SEMA's Message to the Democratic Party:

SEMA's Statement on the Democratic Nominee for President and Vice President of the United States emphasizes the following items:

Remain technology- neutral in pursuit of decarbonizing motor vehicles in their environmental policy.

Prioritize small businesses in their economic policy.

Preserve America's recreational use of public lands in their conservation policy

Classic / Antique Car Beat:

Nothing to report this month.


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

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (8/06/24)





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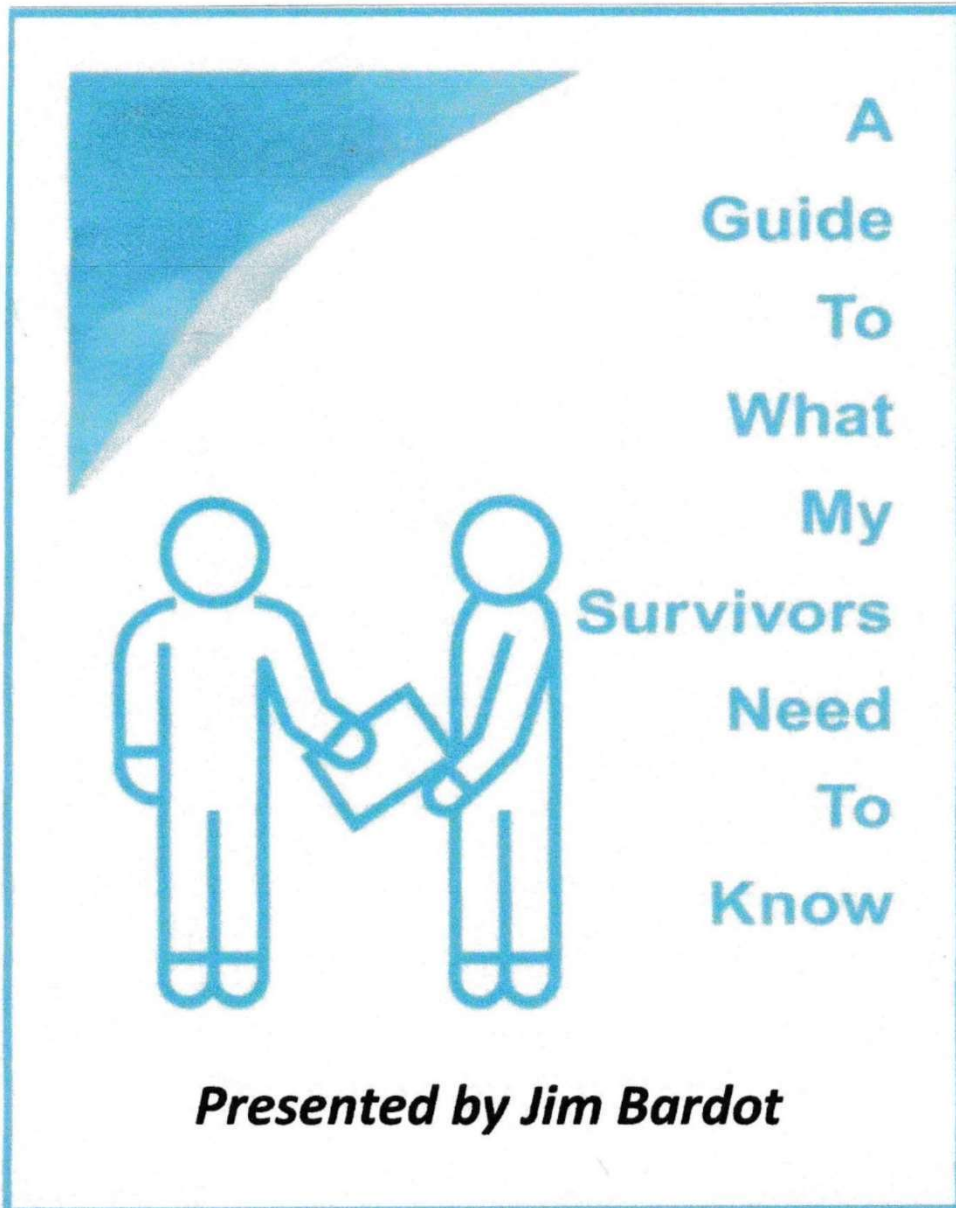


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Information needed by survivors and family after a loved one's passing or incapacitation, goes beyond what is found in wills, powers of attorney and advanced directives. Jim Bardot has organized what he learned from personal experience and after completing a career in higher education, is making it his mission to spread this information to others.

November 10th, 2024

1:00 PM

Polish Falcons Hall

43 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY

Reservations are NOT required, however your RSVP before November 3rd to Jerry or Peggy Ptak can help ensure sufficient refreshments and seating are available for everyone attending.

Please call or text (716)449-0062 or (716)491-3329



A Grand Day for the Grand Lady

LER's boat tour – 8-11-2024



Our hosts: Joe & Mary Momot with guests Tony & Camille Peralta



Left: Jack & Linda Foster with Linda's sister, Carol & Candace Reed
Above: Peggy Ptak check in Steve & Kathy Vacarro while Joe looks on
Right: Bob Snyder & Karl Shurkus check in with Peggy.



Valerie Wilson, Gail Martin, Sue Yearke & Peggy Ptak are ready for a boat ride.



Gordy Allen, Sam & Jean Yanik, Joe & Linda McCaffrey are blown away by the views.



Dan Tredo, Terry Tredo, Karl Shurkus, Eileen Wode, Deane McGloin, Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll enjoyed their meals.



Above, left: Chuck & Gertrude Wolski enjoy the view, but stay inside away from the wind. Ken Knoll, Crista Scheiten & Ann Palmer also agree it's windy out there. Above, right: Jerry Ptak & Leonard Sayward hand on to their hats while taking in the sights with Jeff Ortman & Deane McGloin.



Linda Foster & Candace Reed raise a glass as Sue Yearke & Mary Momot sing along to the tunes by our entertainer.

Right: Debbie & Gordy Allan along with Patty Ryan remember those great songs, too!





Above: Captain O'Donnell has the wheel. Below: with Ann & Mark Palmer



Mark Yearke, Ross Martin & Jeff Schwartz shoot the breeze.



Mike Mesi, Candace Reed, Dan O'Connor & Joe Momot soak up some sunshine



Extra points for Mcaffrey's as they came in their '37 Ford

Other boats on the water included the Fireboat, USS Little Rock and The Big Kahuna Tiki Tour



Left: Buffalo's tall ship, The Spirit of Buffalo, docks next to the building where the Seneca Chief, a reproduction of a packet boat, was built.

Below: the solar powered Carousel



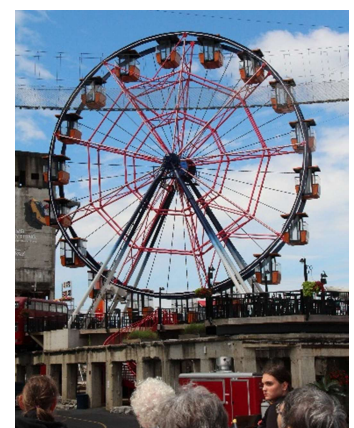
Right & below: The "Blue" grain elevators & new Ferris wheel - attractions from Riverworks
Photos by Lon Wilson



Left: Buffalo's well-known lighthouse
Below: the city skyline



Above: the old & the new, one of Buffalo's smaller lighthouses & the wind turbines.



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The Sidelight



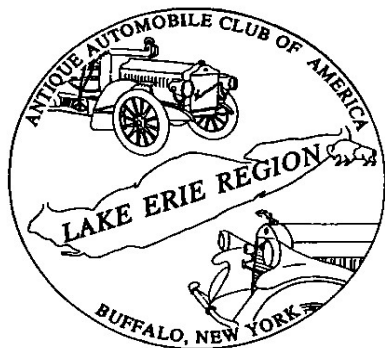
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Calendar of Events
 Sept. 2 – Labor Day
 Sept. 8 -Power Vista Tour -
 Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll – hosts
 Sept. 11 – Patriot Day
 Sept. 22 – Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)
 Nov. 10 – Guide to What Survivors Need to Know – Jerry
 & Peggy Ptak - hosts



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