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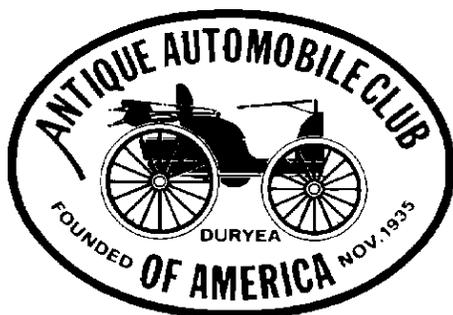
**A Coca Cola pedal car, one of the many items at the
Coca Cola Barn Museum**

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- Nov. 10 – Guide to What Survivors Need to Know – Jerry & Peggy Ptak – hosts**
- Dec. 8 – LER Christmas Party – Barb Noonan & Lynelle Schloerb – hosts**
- Jan. 25 – Annual Installation Banquet – Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke - hosts**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, our tour hosts John, Elaine, Dan & Candace, were able to order terrific weather for us to motor to the Coke Museum. After a nice ride in the country, we arrived at the red barn to enjoy the wonderful collection. It is amazing just how many things have the "Coke" logo on them. I did notice that the few items I have I did not see in this collection, so there is soo much more out there. The Coke Museum is continuing to grow as at least one LER member made some donations of the red & white labeled items. The owner, Dave, treated us to some munchies and liquid refreshments (guess what it was!) He did say that his grandkids like to hide a couple of Pepsi items among the collection, but I could not find them. We recently heard on Jeopardy that an accountant suggested the double "C" script logo for Coke shortly after the company began. The accountant thought the flowing "C"s would be easily recognizable. Little did he know!

After getting our "fill" of Coke we headed down the road to the Yard of Ale restaurant for a delicious buffet. It was a great ending to a great day. Many Thanks to our hosts. For those who were very observant as we motored to dinner, they got to see some "barn fresh" antiques along the side of the road. See the photos below if you missed them.

Our November meeting should be pretty interesting. I look forward to getting some good information. We want to make sure that certain things are taken care of when the time comes. Please don't forget to RSVP to Jerry & Peggy Ptak so that we have enough chairs & snacks for everyone.

Don't forget that the November meeting is the last time to nominate/volunteer for the LER board. This is your chance

to get involved.

Also, November is due renewal month. If you have a 2024 on the bottom left corner of your mailing label, you will need to renew. There should be a renewal form in this newsletter for you. If not contact Lon Wilson.

Preparations are set for the Christmas party and the Installation Banquet. Both events are always very enjoyable. There is lots of fun and surprises, as well as good food. Two events that are not to be missed!

As of this writing, it looks like the 2025 car show will be at the same location as last year. With some tweaking, things should work out OK. We have to get a firm commitment now so we have a place to have a show, otherwise we may be out of luck. The money we make at the show helps to keep this club going, so we can't afford to miss a year. Valerie Wilson

Members & guests who motored to the Coca Cola Museum wee: Ron Billo & granddaughter, Sarah – '71 Cutlass Supreme(60); Don Butlak & guest Isabel Barro – '64 Ford Galaxie (*); John & Elaine Haid – '67 Chevy Caprice (*); Mike & Nadine Kosmoski – '94 Chevy Lumina (90); Robert Mandziak – '72 Skylark (60); Daniel & Candace Reed O'Connor – '49 Ford F1 (*); Dave & Ellie Schoenle – '12 Ford Mustang (70); Lon & Valerie Wilson – '53 Buick Roadmaster (*); Sam & Jean Yanik – '95 Chevy Impala (145); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (120); Ken Knoll (*); Mike Mesi & guests Marty and Charlene Tornabene (*); Barb Noonan & guest Barb Able (*); Mark & Ann Palmer (115); Cliff Schulz (*); David & Jane Szachta (100); Terry & Dan Trede with granddaughter Stephanie (60)



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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.

Saturday October 5th Fall Foliage Was hosted by John & Elaine Haid, Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed. They had arranged a tour of the Coca-Cola Barn Museum in Silver Springs. Following the tour there was a banquet at The Yard of Ale Restaurant on in Piffard, NY. Thanks go out to John & Elaine Haid, Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed for hosting this amazing event.

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 from 1 to 5pm. Hosted by Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. See the Sidelight for details. Reservation deadline is Friday November 29th.

Saturday January 25th 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". Please note doors open at 5pm. See the Sidelight for details.

Sunday February 16th We have a possible pending event. Details to follow.

Sunday March 9th We have a possible pending event. 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

This was from the 43rd Annual Hilton Apple Fest Auto Show this past Saturday (Oct 5th). There were 650 cars there. What a great show it was! Cars from all over this state and out of state. This show was fantastic!! Not only were there beautiful cars but amazing food and also a craft show. If you have never been to this show, it is a must see!!

Sue Yearke



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- '66 GTO Conv, red, white top, 55,000 miles, Hurst 4 speed, perfect, \$67,900 Dennis 716-444-0898 Lead from Valerie Wilson (1)
- '68 Chevrolet Chevelle Conv., stock 327 cid/275 horse power, automatic, third owner, AACA 2nd Jr, call Kathy 716-625-8029 (11)
- '95 Cobra, certificated SVT, white, 32K miles, Call for more into, Perry 716-681-6818 Lead from Valerie Wilson (11)
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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





Sunday, December 8, 2024
**AACA Lake Erie Region
 Christmas Party**



Join us at the Polish Falcons
 445 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY 14043
 Cash Bar: 1:00 pm & Dinner: 2:00 pm
 Entertainment to Follow Dinner

The dinner menu will include
 Turkey with stuffing, breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy,
 Vegetable, salad & rolls, and dessert
 Members: \$35 / Guests: \$45

We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor.

Donation suggestions include fleece blankets, art supplies especially
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If you have a favorite Christmas cookie, please bring some along to share.

Reservations must be received by **November 29, 2024**
 and mailed to Barb Noonan, 1374 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.



Checks should be made payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**.

For questions, contact Barb Noonan at 716 957-3076 or Lynelle Schloerb at 716 949-2489.

Member or Guest Name	Phone Number	Cost
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AACA LAKE ERIE REGION

2025 INSTALLATION BANQUET

Starlit Evening

Saturday, January 25, 2025



Please join us for an evening of fun, food, and friends.

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Doors Open at 5:00pm
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~~~~~Reservation Deadline January 21, 2025~~~~~

Legislative Affairs Info

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

As reported last month, the consequences of overturning the Chevron Doctrine will undoubtedly result in the following:

1. Return power to the court and judges.
2. EV – ICE mandate will be back in court
3. CARB (California Air Resources Board / EPA Compliance to emissions std. may stall.
4. It may also result in breakdown of CA. vs other 49 states adherence
5. The 16 states not following CA emission may be the start of additional states moving away from ICE BAN.
6. Behind the scenes effects will most likely be felt in the Trucking/Train and Transportation of hazardous materials.

The following items reported below is an indication that some of the above consequences are beginning to surface. We will have to see how many more will surface. There may be a slight delay due to Congress being adjourned for the election. However, a couple of other questions. What will NY state do? Will they continue to follow California as they are doing now?

ZEV: U.S. House Passes Resolution to Overturn EPA EV Mandates; Heads to U.S. Senate for Action. The CRA (Congressional Review Act) resolution H.J. Res 136, invalidating the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency's) Tailpipe emissions regulation was passed with bi-partisan support (215 – 191), with 8 democrats joining their Republican Colleagues. The CRA pushes back against the EP's strictest motor-vehicle emission standards ever enacted, which requires up to 83% on new vehicles sold by 2032 to be forms of EV's (electric vehicles) in order for the automakers to comply. The resolution has moved to the Senate [ES2] along with a companion resolution (S.J. Res. 75) which has gained bipartisan support from 48 co-sponsors. The Senate now has until Sept. 30 to take action on the resolution, before they adjourn for recess before the 2024 election.

SEMA and Industrial Leaders Testified to the EPA on the Need for Technology-Neutral Vehicle and Fleet Policies. They are in opposition to the agency granting California a waiver to implement its Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation, which seeks to ban the sale of medium and heavy-duty ICE Vehicles. Granting this waiver would have grave consequences to many businesses forced to retire trucks that have been in service for 13 years.

Trending Now: Driving Force Action's New AD Against EV Mandates. Driving Force Action, SEMA and PRI's Super PAC, is leading an independent campaign in the current presidential election on behalf of the specialty-equipment industry. This is a rare undertaking by a top industry to play such a significant role in high level, national political campaign. The ad is a fifth to be released this year and is running in the battleground states of Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. It features four small-business owners whose businesses will be severely hurt by what is effectively an EV mandate supported by presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris.

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 (10/01/24)

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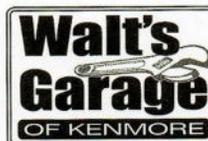
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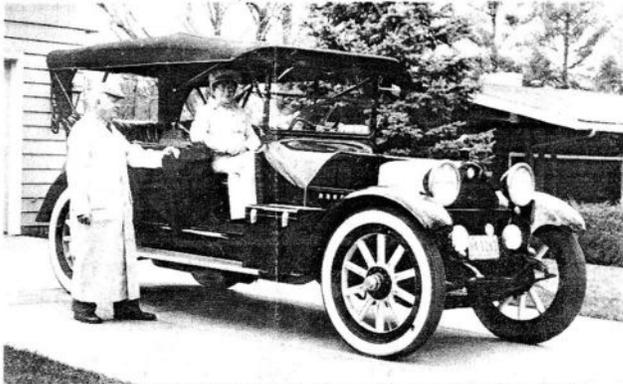
By Jerry Ptak

If you frequent our Lake Erie Region website (lakeerie.aaca.com), you may have viewed "The Old Photo Album" page, and know that last year I was low bidder for an online auction of a box of 'Vintage Automobile Memorabilia'. Among the photos, manuals, advertising and news clippings in the box was an envelope with a document dated June 12, 1968, signed by Chautauqua Lake Region's Director and Secretary along with an enameled badge from the Chalmers Motor Company.

The document explained that the badge was to accompany a 1914 Chalmers Touring car on the 1968 Transcontinental Reliability Tour commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the New York to Paris Race won by the Thomas Flyer. You can read the rest of the details in the accompanying photo of the letter.

A trip to the AACA National website gave me the name of the current President of the Chautauqua Lake Region, Nancy Rudny along with an email address. After contacting Nancy and stating I wanted to return the letter and badge to their club, Peggy and I met her and other members of the Chautauqua Lake Region for lunch at Rodney's in Hamburg.

Cross Country In A 1914 Chalmers



Solon and Helen Sprinchorn of Jamestown pose in their classic motoring dusters with the 1914 Chalmers auto they traveled across the country in this summer. The couple has taken many tours in the reliable old auto. P-J photo

The Solon L. Sprinchorns of Jamestown experienced no jet lag when they crossed the country this summer. They were participants in a trip that was two years in the planning and which involved 59 cars driving from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore. — 3,700 miles with part of it through Canada.

The Sprinchorns made the journey aboard their 1914 Chalmers, averaging 175 miles daily during the days that they traveled on their fifth long-distance trip in the same car.

Mrs. Sprinchorn related that the antique auto was driven from Jamestown to the Maine departure point. Their daughter and her four children joined them in Calgary, Alberta, in their motor home. When the group reached their western destination, the Chalmers was shipped home and the Sprinchorns went on to visit their daughter and her family in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

The Jamestown woman said they started the coast-to-coast trip from the Maine city on June 15 and arrived in Portland, Ore., July 17, with her husband at the controls the entire trip.

She said that as a momento of the journey they received a plaque containing a map of that section of the U.S. and Canada traversed during the trip.

Mrs. Sprinchorn said the old car gave them no problems whatever during the long haul which was driven mostly over lesser roads at a cruising speed of about 45 miles per hour.

She related that the only time the 59-car contingent was together was the morning of departure from Portland, Maine, with the participants then proceeding on their own schedule the rest of the route. The

Jamestown resident said the oldest car to make the trip was a 1907 Packard.

The Sprinchorns were the only New York state residents to take part in the cross-country haul.

She said their first long-distance trip in the same car was in 1968 from New York City to San Francisco along a route traveled in 1908 when the *New York Times* offered \$1,000 to the car taking a U.S. flag across the country. She said the award was not paid off until several years later.

The Jamestown traveler said the Chalmers has made trips from Seattle to Philadelphia, Key West to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in 1982 from Jamestown to California and then on to Jekyll Island, Ga., with a minor problem experienced only during this journey.

"That Chalmers is a very reliable car," Mrs. Sprinchorn said, noting it has a six-cylinder, T-head engine.

She said it is a seven-passenger open vehicle and she got sunburned from having the top down frequently during the cross-country run.

"I wouldn't think of going across the desert in a modern car but enjoyed it in the old Chalmers," the veteran auto traveler said.

They recently traveled in a 1931 Auburn as participants in the 16th Gildden tour to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Asheville, N.C.

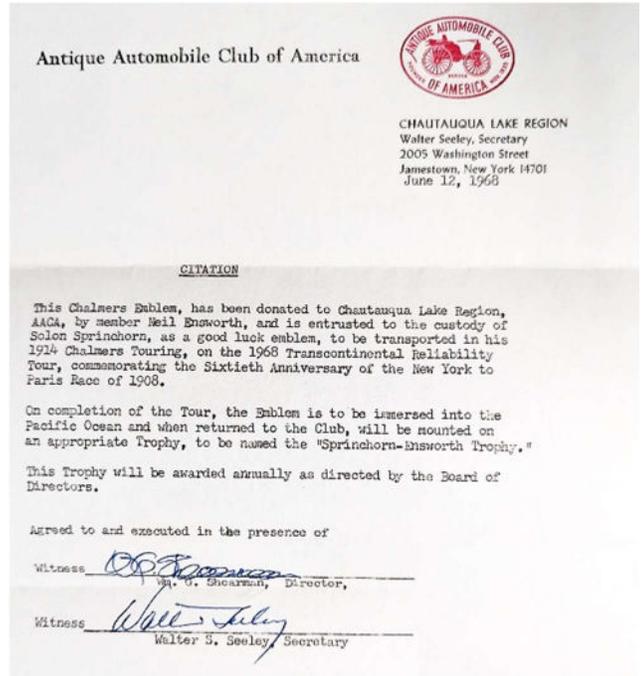
The Jamestown couple is looking forward to 1987 and a trip on the Queen Elizabeth II to London and a motor tour whose route is to be determined. It's a long ways from the "jet set" but there's no jet lag involved.

by Manley A. Anderson Jamestown Post-Journal



Over the meal, we discussed each club's activities, and shared what we knew of the badge, the Chalmers and the individuals involved. We were unable to determine how or why the badge turned up in the auction lot but a later article from the Jamestown Post-Journal (see photo) confirmed that the Chalmers completed the Reliability Tour and other long-distance trips.

The Chautauqua Lake Region has not yet decided how they will honor the badge, but would like to develop a relationship with members of Lake Erie Region, possibly coordinating activities between our two clubs.





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Everyone gathers for a driver's meeting before we set out on the run



John Haid says "We are going that way"



Left: Barb Noonan tries out the large chair. Right: Ellie & Dave Schoenle, Candace Reed & Dan O'Connor like the chair, too!



Above: The Coca Cola Barn Museum, Left: Curator Dave tells how the collection started. Right: A rare mold used to create the glass bottles. Far right: One of the many walls full of Coca Cola items.





Left: A vest full of Coca Cola pins, Far right: A newly acquired bike in mint shape. Right: a train layout with what else? All Coca Cola train cars.



Above: Another cabinet full of memorabilia. Center: A shelf full of plush Coca Cola bears. Far right: a vintage dispenser with accompanying pieces Right: Counter top is covered with Coke bottle caps of all designs.



Below: Dan O'Connor, Candace Reed, John & Elaine Haid were our hosts for the day. They did a great job!



Some of our gang who enjoyed the meal, in front Terry Tredo, Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll

Sam Yanik, Mark & Ann Palmer and Jean Yanik enjoy dining together.



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The Sidelight

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Calendar of Events

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Nov. 5 - Election Day

Nov. 10 - Guide to What Survivors

Need to Know - Jerry & Peggy Ptak - hosts

Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

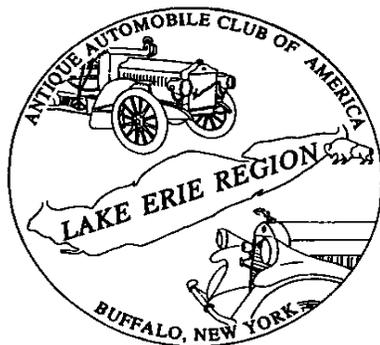
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