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This Chrysler awaits customizing at SCAP restoration shop on Grand Island

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GET WELL WISHES

George Camann & Peter Pucak.

LER members who crossed the bridge to Grand Island were: Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana (55) – '67 Chrysler New Yorker; Don & Joyce Butlak (*) – '64 Ford Galaxie; Donald & Carol Conklin (20) – '29 Model A; Tim Cryan (*) – '81 Cadillac; Rich & Mary Ann DeBolt (65) - '69 Ford Conv.; Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (*)'95 Plymouth Neon; Jack & Linda Foster (*) – '58 Nash Metropolitan; Russ & Jackie Galbo (*) – '69 Buick; Ed & Nancy Group (60) – '55 Ford Fairlane; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (140) – '63 Corvette; Stephen Malush (20) – '49 Ford; Mike Mesi (*) – 65 Chevrolet; Bob & Peggy Nash (85) – '65 Oldsmobile; Ray & Barb Noonan (*) – '57 Chevrolet; Daniel & Candace O'Connor (*) – '49 Ford Pickup; Herm & Mary-Teresa Platt (100) – '63 Corvette; Dennis & Darlene Powers (120) – '67 Ambassador; Dennis & Del Upton (130) – '56 Mercury; Lon & Valerie Wilson (*) with Jim & Deanna Wehrmeyer - '68 Volkswagen Bus; Sam & Jean Yanik (135) -'97 Impala SS; Marie Boron (50); Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (55); Bob & Marilyn Hartinger (40); Ken & Carol Knoll (135); Jeff Mahl (60); George Nash (105); Randy Rogalsky & Cheryl Westmorland (30); Lynelle Schloerb (125) with Myra Kaiser; Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (125); Bob & Chris Snyder (70); Chuck Weimer (*); and Mark & Sue Yearke (130).

* indicates member(s) has achieved the required number of points to receive the activities award. Y indicates Youth Member.

LER EVENTS FOR 2019

Oct. 20 - Medina Railroad tour hosted by Don & Joyce Butlak, co-hosted by Lon & Valerie Wilson

Nov. 10 - Cliff Schulz will host "Desserts-R-Us" night.

Dec. 8 - Annual Christmas party hosted by Lynelle Schloerb & Darlene Powers

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

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Eympathies

Family of John Bauer, LER member Gordy Allan on the loss of his mother

Welcome to our new members

Ted Bistoff & Debbie Harris
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Depew, NY 14043
730-0847
1931 Ford Model A Coupe
Sponsored by Ray Gajkowski



James & Ruth Zak - 1



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Gary & June Schupbach - 13

Paul & Lauren Fix - 14

John & Elaine Haid - 15

Jerald & Peggy Ptak - 18 Christopher & Nancy Tucker - 18

James & Maryann Sandoro - 23

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October already. Just one more outdoor function for the club before putting the cars away again for another year. September turned out to be a very good month for car shows and cruise nights. It's just that the sun sets much earlier in September, it is dark by 7:30 or so, and the dampness and cooler temperatures really put a damper on staying out later.

September was odd in that because of a scheduling conflict and calendar our club's September function happened before our Board meeting. I believe we had 58 club members on the Tour of Grand Island hosted by Dennis and Adele Upton on September 8th. There was much to see on the Island, plus with good weather, everyone had a great time and the food was excellent, ending up at the River Oaks Golf Course. Most members brought their old cars and the group was split up into two groups to manage the stops better. Thanks go out to the other "Islander" Russ & Jackie Galbo for leading the other group.

Our September Board meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in East Aurora hosted by Linda Foster on the 10th. We are still looking for one member to volunteer to run for the Board in December. It is a three-year term, with 12 Board members and a third of them are up for reelection yearly. As mentioned last month, Chuck Facklam has decided to come off the Board but Linda Foster, Dennis Powers and Chuck Weimer have all agreed to "run" again. Please give it some thought? The Board is also looking into having the indoor meetings time moved up into the afternoon. Therefore, we would be meeting from 2PM to 5PM on the Sundays at the Polish Falcons. The Board is thinking we would get more members to come if we held it in the afternoon. Please let any Board member how you feel about this potential change. With this year's functions all set we are now working on next year's calendar. February and March are open as of now but there was some talk on the Board of potential guest speakers. If anyone has been to other clubs' meetings and they had an interesting speaker please let anyone on the Board know. April will be our annual year in review hosted by Lon Wilson. We are looking for a host for the May "Rustbuster", June is our annual car show, July is currently open, August looks like we may be partnering up with the Model A club and joining them on a trip to Batavia Downs. The Model A club did this this past August, had a great time, and would like to do it again with our group joining them. September looks like we may be having our overnighter back again and next Octobers Fall run is also still looking for a host. If you have an idea please ask a Board member and I'm sure anyone of us would be glad to partner up with you to host an event.

In addition, our new club webmaster, Jerry Ptak, has begun the new website. It is in the initial stages now but if you could take a look at it and let him know what you would like to see on it. Please visit www.lakeerie.aaca.com as the link from the National AACA still goes to the "old" version of our website.

You should have received the latest National AACA magazine. In it is the first of the 2 paper renewal forms for next year's memberships. Please remember to renew by December 31. The local renewal form will be in next month's Sidelight. Also, please remember that the National "gives" us free National memberships to hand out to prospective new members. The new members cannot have ever belonged to the National AACA. They also get the most "bang" for the buck now as they get the rest of this year and all of next year covered at no charge. So, if you know of someone who you think would like to join let Lon Wilson, our membership chair, know. Also, in this month's AACA magazine, are the ballots for the National AACA Board, please read over the bio's in the magazine and pick 7 candidates you feel would be best and drop the post card in the mail.

Even though October is the end of our car season, it will be busy for me and many members. The Past Presidents of the Lake Erie Region are having our biannual dinner and I will be heading to Carlisle and Hershey in early October then our final outdoor function on October 20. I hope to see a bunch of you at these final outdoor functions of the year.

Till next time...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dues renewal information: The form to pay the National AACA dues for 2020 was in the last magazine you received last week. It will be repeated in the Nov/Dec issue. Please pay by December 31, 2019.

The local LER dues renewal notice will be sent in the November Sidelight. If your membership is about to expire, you should get a renewal form in the next issue. Check the bottom left corner of your mailing label if you are unsure what year your dues are through. Anyone with "2019" on their label will have to renew. You can renew for one, two or five years and your mailing label will be updated, after you renew, sometime early in the 2020 year. Remember, you must be a member of the National AACA to be a local member, mainly because they carry insurance for all our events. The National club does check our membership list to see who is delinquent and your local membership could be suspended if you are not up to date.

Lon Wilson – membership chairman.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Our 2019 outdoor season has only one event remaining. All information from this point on is subject to change.

September 8th, 2019, We took a tour of Grand Island, NY. The event was hosted by Dennis & DelUpton. We started out from the new welcome center, made stops at River Lea, SCAP, Kelly's Country Store and then off to River Oaks for a great meal. There were plenty of interesting sights along the way. The Uptons did a fantastic job making the day a great success. The event was enjoyed by all of the AACA LER members in attendance. Thanks Dennis & Del!

ALL ABOARD!

October 20th, 2019, Don and Joyce Butlak have planned a trip on the Medina Railroad and tour of the Museum. The event will be co-hosted by Valerie and Lon Wilson who will plan the route. After the tour we will be going to Tillman's Historic Village Inn for an afternoon meal. At this time the train ride is sold out.

And so, our in-door season starts.

November 10, 2019, Cliff Schulz will host "Desserts-R-Us" night. Cliff's update is that it's going to be SWEET! BAKE IT, BUY IT, BRING IT! This is your chance to get out Grandma's secret recipe. Showcase your favorite cakes, cookies, cupcakes, pastries and pies for the AACA LER members to taste. See the Sidelight for additional details and the sign-up sheet.

December 8, 2019, the annual Christmas party will be hosted again by Lynelle Schloerb and Darlene Powers. The evening will be full of holiday spirit as well as a great meal at the Polish Falcons. See the sheet in this

month's Sidelights. An evening you will not want to miss when getting together for the holiday cheer with old and new friends from the club.

January 25, 2020, the annual Installation Banquet will be hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. The banquet will be held at Classic Five Banquet Hall in Amherst, NY. This year's theme will be a masquerade. More details to follow.

February 2020, date to be determined. This event needs a host.

March 2020, date to be determined. This event needs a host.

April 2020, date to be determined. This will be our annual presentation of the past year in review hosted by Lon Wilson.

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

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairman

Rustbuster update

If you attended the Rustbuster this year at the Buffalo Historical Museum and have not seen me, you are due a partial refund from the admission charge to the Museum. After many phone calls, etc. Lon Wilson was able to get \$6.50 per person refunded. I have the attendance list and have distributed some of the refunds so far. Because of the large number of members who attended, we will NOT be sending checks, so you will need to see me at any of the upcoming events if you have not already received your cash back.

Valerie Wilson – Editor & Activities Awards Chairperson.



Myrna Wolff - 19 Jeanne Kreavy - 2 Raymond Gajkowski - 20 John Parsons - 4 Paul Schloerb - 6 Kenneth Weinstein - 21 Lorri Kraus - 7 Rob Zaborowski - 21 Herman Kuebler - 7 Kenneth Kaczka - 23 Mary-Teresa Platt - 9 Frank Meyers - 25 Paul Crowley - 10 Carol Knoll - 27 Earl Jann - 14 Terry Lauria - 27 Bill Samson - 14 Gerard Wargula - 28 Mark Brylinski - 29 Lester Wedekindt - 15 Iris Weinstein - 15 John Kruse - 30 Walter Osuch - 17 Mary Moll - 30

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The club would like to order more shirts and jackets. Contact Chuck Facklam for styles & prices!

See Cliff Schultz if you would like to order a magnetic name badge

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Setup Time

@ 6:00 pm

Meeting

@ 7:00pm

YumYums

@ 7:30pm

"Finger licking g000d!"

This is your chance to unlock Grandma's secret recipe and share your favorite treat with AACA members. BAKE IT, BUY IT, BRING IT! Tickle our taste buds with cakes, cookies, cupcakes, pastries, pies and more...



Yes, please reserve a table for	
I will be bringing	1990 N.S. W

Reservations will be accepted by Cliff at all summer events or mail to: Cliff Schulz, 66 Patrice Terrace;

> Williamsville, NY 14221 Or Call 716-880-3711

Deadline is 11/05/19 - Sign up early!



SIDELIGHT TREASURES

These ads viewed can also http://local.aaca.org/lakeerie/ Note: The LER website is undergoing a change, so it may take a while for new ads to appear. 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

- '30 Model A Ford Closed Cab Pick-up, Registered And Inspected. \$14,000.00. Local Truck. Pete Pucak, 759 - 2988. (1)
- '31 Ford Model A Cabriolet, older resto in good cond, recently done: top, valves, tires, etc., number of extras: dual sidemounts, trunk, stoneguard, quail, tools, Bronson yellow/ brown belting & orange wheels, \$21,000. Frank 992-3225 or email: shat9288@verizon.net.
- '36 Pierce Arrow, model 1601, 4dr. sedan, needing restoration, 8 cyl, no side mounts, 139" wheelbase, very complete & solid, \$10,000 Bob Sands 826-2416 or email: muzandal;@yahoo.com. (10)
- '39 Plymouth p8 deluxe. All original except for whitewall radial tires [also have whitewall bias ply tires that go with the sale]. Rebuilt engine has 12,500 miles. Older restoration [approx.. 2012] but still in excellent condition. Electrical system is original 6 volt with positive ground. Car won awards in 2 out of 3 shows it was entered. Asking \$20,500 or best offer. Serious inquiries only please. Contact Jerry Schickling 440-6695 razor.schickling@yahoo.com (12)
- '46 Ford Business Coupe, V8, completely original, always stored indoors, runs and drives like a dream, beautiful looking interior and exterior. \$16,500, Clarence, NY (716) 906-4252, dn oconnor@yahoo.com (10)



- '46 Ford 2 dr. sedan, loaded, power steering, disk brakes, Chevy 250 crate engine, turbo 350 trans, new tires, beige, \$19,500 Jerry h:652-2085 c:380-4328 (10)
- '51 Packard Clipper "200 Deluxe series", 22,894 orig miles, always garage kept, was my grandmother's car, amazingly rust free, great chrome, one exterior paint, flat-head straight-8, Ultramatic trans, 12-volt, all original, great body, paint, runs excellent mechanics, strong, mechanic owned & maintained,



must see and drive, appraised "excellent". Spare parts, orig owner's manual, service manual, extra goodies. \$11,000 or B/O Steve 208-5154; sschonour@gmail.com Lead from John Haid (10)

- '72 Corvette conv, auto/350 cu in engine, silver/blk top, excel orig cond, 33,700miles, same owner & well maint, \$33,000 Frank 992-3225 or email: shat9288@verizon.net. (10)
- '76 Cadillac Eldorado conv, excel orig cond., new top, white / red inter, has AC, hard and soft boot. 20,400 miles, \$22,000 Frank 992-3225 or email: shat9288@verizon.net. (10)

'91 Cadillac Brougham...49,332 miles...showroom condition...10 disc player in the trunk with a remote...car cover...original window price sticker...Call



Jeanne for more info 693-9054 Lead from Dennis Upton (1)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

Tools, tools, tools. I have a 22' x 20' two car garage with 15' x 16' workshop addition. We built the addition in 1975, so in addition to work benches it is loaded with tools and my wife and I are ready to downsize. Tool cabinets, tool boxes, hand tools, power tools and more. Also, a 60-gallon horizontal Ingersol-Rand air compressor. I can't take all this with me so a lot if not most of it will be and is for sale. Some stuff might even be free. Right now, I have a heavyduty Sears engine starter & battery charger like new. A 12-gallon Sears shop vacuum. Serious interested persons only. For more info call Bob Morris at 694-9830.(1)

1Ton Engine Hoist, Harbor - Freight, Used Once, Like New. \$60.00; 1 Ton Chain-Fall, Sears, Excellent, No Rust, \$25.00; 4 B.F. Goodrich Silvertown Tires with 3in. Wide Whitewalls, Size 6.75 X 15, Very Good Condition, Correct for AACA Judging. \$100.00 Pete Pucak, 759 - 2988. (1)

5.9 Brumfield head, brand new, including new copper gaskets & grade 8 head bolts \$550.00 Norman Gannon: normnpat70@gmail.com. Lead from Lon Wilson (12)

Steel utility trailer 5 ½ X 8 ft inside, 15" wheels plus spare \$600.00 /OBO. Call Nadine 510-3338 leave a message. (12)

Fiberglass cap for Ford Ranger, black, \$400.00/ OBO. Call Nadine 510-3338 leave a message. (12)

For '54 Mercury conv. - rear window chrome trim & other chrome trim pieces. Dave Lechner 741-8392 (11)

Set of 6.00-16 bias ply Coker Classic Whitewall (tube type) tires driven approximately 600 miles in excel cond (note, tires are minus the inner tubes). asking \$400 for the set. Contact Jerry S. 440-6695

Set of Mustang rims, 5 hole for 65-66 car, fits 14" tires, \$100/obo. Lon 873-6280 (10)

AUTO STORAGE AVAILABLE

Heated car storage, concrete block bldg, alarmed, N.Tonawanda, \$85/mo, call Ken 327-7814 Lead from Bob Manke (12)

Winter indoor car/bike storage, Nov 2 to May 2, unheated, no battery chargers, proof of insurance required, fee \$50/car: \$20/bike per month. Call 335-4881 for more information. Lead from Lon Wilson. (1)





Hosted by Lynelle Schloerb & Darlene Powers

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 - Glazed carrots
 - Mixed veggies
 - Salad, rolls, coffee, tea
 - Dessert included

If you wish to bring a dessert of your holiday specialty, please do so which will be placed on tables after the meal.





After dinner, Sue Cervie, director of Cornerstone Manor, (where our Christmas gifts are donated), will give a brief talk on the history of Cornerstone.

Suggestions of our gift donations will be forth coming in the November Sidelight.



Winter auto safety basket will be raffled off.



Santa will make a cheerful holiday visit.

Please plan on joining us for a great holiday evening. Checks payable to Lake Erie Region, AACA & mail by Dec 1 to: Dennis & Darlene Powers, 174 Old Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Left:
Dennis & Del
Upton
are our
hosts for
the day,
Right,



Dan O'Connor, Jack & Linda Foster and Candice Reed O'Connor relax at their table. : photo by Lon Wilson



The rest of the crowd looks over the tour route, while waiting instructions



Upton's, O'Connor's & Butlak's vehicles are ready to roll



The carousel horse and early military uniform were just a couple of items on display in the Welcome Center. A Thomas Flyer license plate was also on display (story on page 10)

Half the group went to SCAP restoration shop first to see what projects were underway there. Lots of accessories are available as well as full restorations like the Mustang, down to its shell, on the





The Sund Chaffe.



Next we toured the Allen house, filled with lots





of history. Lewis Allen, whom Allentown was named after, was prominent businessman and a good friend of Grover Cleveland. Del Upton told us all about this house and its the history.





Like Burma
Shave signs -we
had to read these
signs along the
tour route













Both groups met at Kelly's Country Store for some sweets and treats before dinner. Above right: The back room had a large selection of stuffed toys hanging from the ceiling. I guess they ran out of room to display them elsewhere!



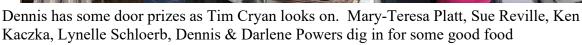




Left: a coin operated music box. The men: Herm Platt, Dennis Powers & Jack Foster; and the woman: Valerie Wilson, Mary Ann DeBolt, Deanna Wehrmeyer and Mary Facklam enjoy some sunshine before dinner.



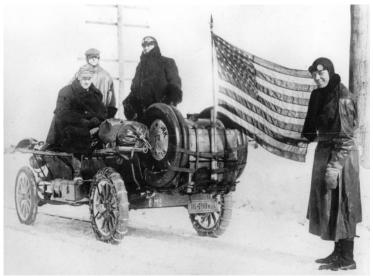








Jeff Mahl: NYS Honors 1908 Thomas Flyer Leather License Plate









The 1907 Thomas Flyer won the 1908 New York to Paris Race, and a recreation of its leather license plate is currently on display at the Western New York Welcome Center in Grand Island. All photos courtesy Jeff Mahl

The new \$20M Western New York Welcome Center in Grand Island features the region's rich historical heritage with an impressive floor-to-ceiling exhibit in the main entrance atrium. One of the items selected to showcase Buffalo's strong connection with automotive history is a recreation of the <a href="https://doi.org/10.2007/jhp.2007/

Issued to the E.R. Thomas Motor Company of Buffalo, New York, builder of the 1907 Flyer, the plate was carried around the world to victory for the United States in the 1908 New York to Paris Race. Unfortunately, the original plate has not yet been located. My hope is that with

the story being told, someone reading it may have information on this particular plate?

The exhibited leather plate was recreated for the 2008 Centennial of the 1908 New York to Paris Race. New York State's decision to feature the leather plate in the new WNY Welcome Center is a fitting tribute to the leading role the area played in early automotive history.

Beginning in 1903, New York State started to require vehicle numeric identification. Prior to that time, the state would allow the owners' initials to be displayed. However, that was difficult to control, so NY began to issue numbers. For several years it was the responsibility of the owners to fabricate their own plates using the state numbers. Leather was commonly used, as well as wood or metal backing.

In this case, the plate for the E.R. Thomas Motor Company of Buffalo included the numeric 16490 with MFG (designating manufacturer) issued by the state. The Thomas factory crew then crafted the leather plate and hand painted 16290MFG just prior to the Flyer being shipped to Times Square for the start of the race.

At that time, New York was one of the first states with a specific color requirement of black on a white background.

The 1907 Thomas Flyer was the 12th American built automobile inducted into the <u>National Historic Vehicle Register</u> in 2016. The National Park Service and Library of Congress administer the NHVR with the Flyer's official reference number Historic American Engineering Record (HAER number NV-49).

George Schuster, driver of the Flyer, won the grueling 22,000-mile race in 169 days and was inducted into the <u>Automotive Hall of Fame</u> in 2010. With the start on February 12, 1908 in Times Square, 111 years later, George still holds the world record for the global race route.

Directly above the license plate exhibit is a huge video screen, where visitors can also view the best Western New York has to offer including the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum.

Article editor's note: Jeff Mahl is the Great Grandson of George Schuster. For further info regarding the original race, visit

<u>TheGreatAutoRace.com</u>, and for the 110th anniversary race, go to <u>2018NYtoParis.com</u>



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