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Sam & Jean Yanik's 1967 Pontiac GTO

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LER EVENTS FOR 2020

Apr. 19 – Meeting Cancelled - A year in review slide show hosted by Lon Wilson – Meeting Cancelled
May 24 – Rust Buster hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll

*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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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- George & Lois Taylor - 2
- Albert & Janice Forster - 13
- Donald & Heather Roberts - 17
- Kenneth & Lori Pielechowski - 17
- Tom & Edwina Rosenbusch - 19
- David & Cathy Pera - 20
- John & Elizabeth Hulley - 25
- Ray & Barbara Noonan - 27

LER members who learned about the extensive work to restore the woodwork in the Martin House were: Steve Bachan (10); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (35); Orrin & Diane Catlin (20); Jeff & Linda Cryan (35); Tim Cryan (50); Kenneth & Susan Edwards (20); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (50); Al Forster (25); Jack & Linda Foster (35); Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (35); Ed & Nancy Group (20); John & Elaine Haid (50); Eileen Holden (10); John & Betty Hulley (20); Kenneth Kaczka (50); Ken & Carol Knoll (35); Mike & Nadine Kosmoski (20); John Kraus (20); Mike Mesi (50); Bob Nash (30); George Nash (35); Ray & Barb Noonan (35) and guest Barb Abel; Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (35); Walter & Suzanne Osuch (25); Kenneth Pielechowski (20); Herm & Mary-Teresa Platt (20); Dennis Powers (50); Bill Prenevau (20); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (45); Randy Rogalsky & Cheryl Westmoreland (25); Mark Schleicher (20); Lynelle Schloerb (50); Cliff Schulz (50); Todd Schupbach (20); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (45); Bob Snyder (35); Martin Troutman (10); Chuck Weimer (50); Ken Weinstein(20); Lon & Valerie Wilson (85); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (20); and Sam & Jean Yanik (35).

* indicates member(s) has achieved the required number of 150 points to receive the activities award. (Y) indicates Youth Member.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| Gary Schupbach - 2 | Sue Yearke - 16 |
| Dale Pyne - 3 | Susan Edwards - 18 |
| Janice Forster - 8 | Phyllis Wass - 19 |
| David Nash - 8 | Charles Weimer - 20 |
| Maxwell Korzanicwski - 9 | Don McHenry - 20 |
| Joe Franco - 9 | Lori Pielechowski - 20 |
| Dean Woodrich - 9 | David Lechner - 21 |
| Mary Kay Birch - 12 | Doris Warnick - 21 |
| Donald Conklin - 12 | Gary Vergils - 23 |
| LaVerne Tollison - 13 | Andrew Menard - 25 |
| Kenneth Pielechowski - 13 | Patricia Grimm - 26 |
| Martin Korkuc - 14 | Tracy Malush - 26 |
| Cheryl Schrader - 14 | Richard DeBolt - 27 |
| Thomas Pirrung - 15 | Mark Kraus - 28 |
| Richard Chauvin - 15 | Sally Pyne - 28 |
| Eileen Wode 16 | Derrick Gernatt - 29 |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! What a difference a month makes. I hope everyone is doing OK. As of this writing (04/01) we will be cancelling our April Board meeting and also our April Business meeting at the Polish Falcons. I had written my message back on 03/20 but Valerie let me do an "adjustment" on 04/01, so I was able to add and subtract paragraphs.

Chuck Facklam hosted our March Board meeting on the 3rd. He had it at the Elks lodge in Lancaster to get the Boards' opinion on maybe moving our monthly indoor meetings there. We are currently set with the Polish Falcon's for the rest of the year, so any change would occur next February, so we have some time to gauge members' feedback. The place is very nice and the cost to rent the space is much cheaper. As the costs of everything seem to be increasing this can help keep are local dues at \$20 per year, which have not been increased in over 10 years. Progress was made on updating the Activities Chairperson's section of the Policy & Procedure's manual. Barb Noonan presented the section and the Board agreed to start implementing the form's use. Therefore, if you are hosting an event this year we are going to try out these new forms to help you, and other members in the future, on hosting an event.

Sunday March 8th we had our monthly indoor meeting, with another large turnout of members and guests. Chuck Facklam again had his clipboards ready for volunteers needed at our annual car show. Help is needed on Saturday to set up the show field, Sunday morning with registration, show car parking, judging and cleanup after the show. This is our only money generator for the club so please volunteer to help out and also bring a car to show. Car show flyers were again available for any member to help distribute so if you need some please come to the last indoor meeting in April to pick up some. We are also going to try having our April meeting at 2PM for this month only,

ON THE COVER

Sam and Jean Yanik's 1967 Pontiac GTO.

After a lot of consideration Sam decided that he wanted a Pontiac GTO and the search began. Checking muscle car web sites, Hemmings and extensive internet searches, not finding anything he liked. He decided to try some auctions, first Mecum and then Barrett-Jackson, he came close, but did not find the car he wanted. Back to the search, he found a 1967 Pontiac GTO on E-Bay that he was interested in. He was watching the bidding and then saw that it had ended, "reserve not met no sale". Fortunately, Sam had saved the information from E-Bay and he

to see if this might help our members attend more meetings. I know this is only for the November, February, March and April meetings, but I need my weekend afternoons to get things done and I am in favor of keeping the meeting times in the evenings. I have heard from a few members and it is leaning towards keeping the times in the evenings. If you attend meetings or would attend more meetings if the time changes please let me know? Past President, Al Forster, announced his retirement from work and will be moving to Florida full time, everyone thanked him for his service to the club but he did mention he might still be in the Buffalo area occasionally. LER Club members Jerry Ptak and John Hulley presented a very interesting presentation on the restoration of the Darwin Martin House's interior woodwork. The detail and complexity of the restoration was amazing, needing 60,000 man-hours to complete just the woodwork.

In addition, the information for the first outdoor function should also be in this edition of the Sidelight. The Rustbuster is normally held the week after Mother's Day, but some confusion happened and the date is Sunday May 24th, which happens to be Memorial Day Weekend. We hope this will not hamper our members from attending. However, the new form that we are going to start implementing from our Policy & Procedures manual should cut down on confusion of dates and things as everything will be written down and submitted to the Board for review.

Again, a lot has happened in the last few weeks and I hope everyone is healthy and safe. Our club function should be the least of your worries, but we are hoping to still go forward with the Rust-Buster and also the Car Show, as we are dependent on the Town of Elma for the park.

Till next time...stay safe!

Tim

contacted the owner. Sam was able to negotiated a deal and purchased the car.

About the car, it's a 1967 Pontiac GTO 2dr coupe with a 400cid engine, 400 automatic transmission with a Hurst duel gate shifter. Refinished in its original color of Cameo White exterior with a black vinyl top and black bucket seat interior. Options include, power steering, power brakes, factory air conditioning, AM/FM radio, power antenna and added factory hood tachometer.

We are the 3rd owner of the car and it had undergone a complete frame off rotisserie restoration just prior to the purchase. We have been enjoying the car for several years now.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Please be advised that all upcoming events are pending cancellation due to the current affairs with the Coronavirus. Everyone's health and well-being are of most importance. Please stay safe and take care.

March 8th, Jerry Ptak hosted the meeting. Jerry had arranged to have LER member John Hulley as a guest speaker to give a presentation on the restoration of the Darwin Martin House. The presentation was very informative and enjoyed by all of the AACA/LER members that were in attendance. Thanks to Jerry Ptak and John Hulley. The event was held at the Polish Falcons and Lynelle Schloerb provided refreshments.

April 19th, this will be our annual presentation of the past year in review hosted by Lon Wilson. The event will be held at the Polish Falcons with refreshments provided by Lynelle Schloerb. Please note the time, the meeting will begin at 2pm.

The 2020 outdoor season begins!

May 24th, Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll will host the Rust Buster. Mike and Ken have arranged for an Erie Canal Cruise on the Lockview VI, a 75-foot double-deck Mississippi style stern paddle wheel vessel, followed by a Canal-Side Banquet. More details to follow.

June 14th, is our annual car show at the Elma Village Green Elma, NY. More details to follow.

July 12th, Joe and Linda McCaffery will host the summer picnic at their home in Pendleton, NY. Mark Brylinski will be planning our tour. More details to follow.

August 2nd, this event is being planned, details to follow.

September, this event is being planned, details to follow.

We 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 Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

Hershey, The Early Years---Part 3.

by Bob Morris, Oct 2017

IT WAS COLD!!! I was really looking forward to going to Hershey in '74. I not only had the '48 Cadillac, I had acquired a 1937 Cadillac 60 Series sedan w/ side mounts. I had found it in the Cape Cod, MA area while there on a summer vacation. It was going to need a lot to bring it back to a condition that I thought was in keeping what a '30s Cadillac should look like.

I believe it was on Thursday morning all the near-by restaurants to Hershey Highmeadow were packed with fellow campers. Especially those of us that were in tents. It was really cold. The temperature was somewhere in the low 30s. After breakfast, Joyce dropped me off at Blue Field and then went on her way to explore more of South Central PA. I started my search for 1937 Cadillac parts. It may have been

That's all for now. More later, I hope? - Next month - part 4

cold, but at least it wasn't raining or worse yet snowing, or did I see a few flakes?? I believe I carried out a lot of items when Joyce came to pick me up. I had also found and paid for some items that I told the vendors that I would pick up on Friday.

It was either on Thursday or Friday that the conversation came up with Joyce about tenting and that maybe it was time to look for something else, like a camper. By Saturday it was warming up and it was a good day and a great car show which was now held in the stadium parking lot. Headed home on Sunday, with plans in my head for Hershey '75. In '75 we would have a pop-up tent camper which was a great improvement over the tent. Five years later the pop-up would go away to be replaced by a regular travel trailer.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Rochester, NY Ford V-8 Club is holding their 43rd annual Indoor Automotive Flea Market on April 5, from 9am to 2:30pm at the Total Sports Experience in the Regency Center, Rochester, NY 14624. Admission is \$5.00 General info Frank 585-637-8863 or vendor info 585-786-2876

ANNUAL SLIDE SHOW

April 19, 2020

CANCELLED
Review of
LER Events of 2019

At this time the board is hopeful that the Rustbuster will be a go, but nothing has been determined yet. Please keep the date open in case this event can be held. If we are able to reset this outing there will be a sign-up coupon in the next Sidelight

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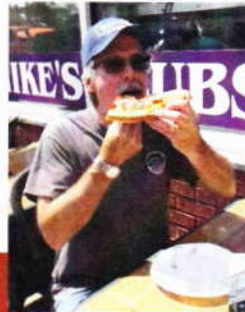
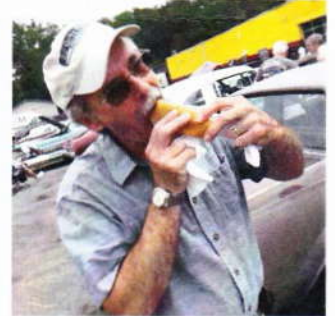
Editor's Note: Because of recent worldwide events, everything is on hold. Hopefully it will not be too long before we are able to resume some type of normalcy. I feel this newsletter is necessary to keep our membership informed as to the status of things. I have opted to not run full pages of events until we know more.

Valerie Wilson

Well everyone, Spring will be here before you know it and our outdoor events will begin. Everyone has their favorite things they look forward to when the weather gets nicer. Chuck Weimer and I thought it would be a nice idea to highlight someone that makes life a little more fun and has a favorite past time at all seasons of the year. This person really goes all in when it comes to his favorite past time. He is so into it that he doesn't even talk. This past time is a very very very very close second to his love of classic cars. He is extremely focused on his task. The person that we are speaking of is (drum roll please) wait for it. It is Mark Yearke!!

We will give you some background as to why we chose to do this article and how this all started. Mark, Tim Cryan and I (Chuck Weimer) are usually heading out to spectate at car shows on the weekends in the summer months, arriving around lunch time is usually perfect time for Mark. As we make our way in, we head over to the concession stand and Mark makes his selection. While watching him enjoy his food, I thought oh this is great. I have to get a photo of this. I decided to start taking pictures of him at the shows. Check out the pictures to see what we mean.

Chuck Weimer and Sue Yearke





Dennis Powers and Candace Reed are ready to sell split club tickets



John Hulley & Jerry Ptak explain the many steps involved in restoring the woodwork inside the Darwin Martin house. Frank Lloyd Wright had a large number of different patterns throughout the home which the men had to restore or replicate

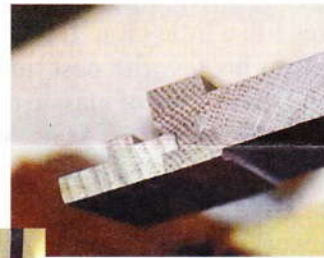


Some of the many patterns the guys had to work with, including drawings & specs John and his company had made to do the extensive work



Restoration of the Darwin Martin House March 8, 2020

Two of LERs talented woodworkers within our club.



Each of these moldings required three pieces, can you spot how they were cut and joined?



Barb Noonan and Dean Burgstahler (left) as well as Ken Kaczka and Randy Rogalsky check out the craftsmanship of these unique wood pieces.



The Editor had a birthday and her parents, Ed & Nancy Group,

brought in a cupcake cake. Mike Kosmoski was there to get a piece while other line up for all the goodies

