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Mark & Sue Yearke's 1969 Chevelle

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#### ON THE COVER

Mark and Sue Yearke's 1969 Chevy Chevelle

In 1999 I decided it was time after 20 years to sell my 1970 Monte Carlo SS. I needed a change. In August 2000 my friend Joe told me about a 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS 396 for sale. I really wanted a 1970 Chevelle SS but after much thought I went to look at it. It was not running at the time, but the price was right. I decided to buy it. I am the third owner. The second owner, who lived in Kenmore, had it 27 years. A year later in 2001 I decided to have a frame off restoration done at Hetz's Service in Marilla.

Here is some information about my car. It was originally sold at Hartway Motors, Medina, New York. It's a 396/375 HP, 4 speed Muncie, 3:73 12 Bolt posi rear end. The color is Lemans Blue with a parchment interior.

It won 1<sup>st</sup> junior at the 2014 UB show.

The club would like to order more shirts and jackets. Contact Chuck

Facklam for styles

acklam for styles & prices!

Your

Name

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



#### LER EVENTS FOR 2020

July 11 – Car Parade for George Nash's 102 Bday All other events have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.

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

All material and want ads must be submitted to the editor by the  $20^{th}$  of the previous month that material is to appear.

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## Sympathies to:

Tomoko Menard on the passing of her mother

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Week 9 of the "lockdown" as of 05/20 at least the weather is getting better and there is hope that our region "opens" up soon. It doesn't look like very much will be going on with the club for the foreseeable future. Nor with our car centric hobby? I have asked some friends over with their cars to do some "social distancing" car cruising and socializing in my back yard. At least we can get the cars out. Even though the cruise nights at Pautler's on Tuesdays are not officially happening I am hoping that a bunch of the regulars will still go, as they are offering take-out service now and if we take our old cars and park on the grass we can still eat behind our cars keeping the required 6 feet apart?

The Board is still in the middle of determining how to handle the summer events. Although as you will see in this issue of the Sidelight Barb Noonan would like to get as many members as possible to meet up and do a drive by of George Nash's house for his 102 birthday! Also, Valerie Wilson has dug up an old tour event we did back in 2000 where you take your old car out and take pictures of it next to City, Town or

## **STOLEN!**

We received a message from Marcia Homes on Wednesday May 13, 2020 4:59 pm

Last night our enclosed Haulmark trailer and my 1927 Chandler Touring car was stolen. This happened \*\*5/10/2020 \*\*between the hours of 2 and 7 PM outside of Buffalo NY. I am asking anyone who sees this to please keep this in the back of your mind when looking through eBay, Facebook, and Craigslist. There are only 2 of these cars that we know about currently. You cannot mistake this car. Thank you in advance for anyone who make keep an eye open so that I may get my car back! It holds great sentimental value to us. \*\* Please Share This Post! \*\*

The Car: Dark Green and Black open touring car with a black interior. Right Hand Drive. The rear taillight says "Chandler" in glass below the stoplight

\*\*The Trailer: \*\* The trailer is a dark red / maroon Haulmark 24' enclosed, tandem axle trailer. Heavy duty axles and tongue as wells as sway bars and tow hitch. There is an attached winch in the front of the enclosed portion.

# Please call the Brant Police Department at 716-549-4040 with any information

From the Editor: A little background on this car. When I googled the car for picture, I came up with this info from a 2004 article listing the vehicle for sale.

Chandlers were made in Cleveland, Ohio for sale in Australia. This particular car was sold in North Sydney, Australia to Neville Cooke. In 1937 he gave the vehicle to his eldest son who was later conscripted into the military. Before he left to serve overseas, he built a small building with no door, enclosing the Chandler, on his property. He later was killed in the war and his father never went to his sons' home. The car stayed hidden for the next 30 years. On his

Village signs that then spell out "Lake Erie Region". We are also still working on just doing a tour this summer. So, stay tuned.

You should have received your National AACA Antique Automobile magazine where there is a nice write-up by member Dennis Upton on his '40 Ford that he purchased from long-time member Lowell Todd. The article on the 1926 Buick in the same magazine is from a gentleman from Lockport who has been a previous LER member.

Also as of this writing we are still discussing if we should proceed with any type of club sponsored functions. Maybe the Board will be able to "meet" in the near future. Please read the Sidelight for any future updates and don't forget our website, Jerry has been adding things monthly. http://lakeerie.aaca.com/

Stay Safe....
Till next time....
Tim



deathbed, the father talked about his son and the car to a nurse. The nurse related the story to a car enthusiast, Ken Hooper, President of the Australian Vintage Car Society, who then spent three months trying to locate the property and car.

Hooper spent the next year or so restoring the vehicle to its original condition, minus the original hand wind dashboard clock. It was common for the clocks to be removed and turned into mantel clocks. Contact with the family could not locate the clock. In 1978, Hooper had entered the Chandler into an International Rally starting in Sydney. One week before the Rally, he was contacted by a parts dealer who thought he may have just purchased the original clock and felt it was what Ken had been looking for. Yes, it was the final piece for his restoration. The car remained with Ken in his museum in Tasmania and occasionally was taken out for a drive on nice days.

In 1999, Ken retired and was selling a number of vehicles from his collection. The Chandler was one of the cars sold and was moved to San Francisco, later to Minnesota as the fourth owner moved. To read the full 2004 sales ad go to <a href="http://trombinoscar.com/hupmobile/chandler2702">http://trombinoscar.com/hupmobile/chandler2702</a>.

#### **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.

This event has been cancelled. June 14th, is not our annual car show at the Elma Village Green Elma, NY.

This event is pending cancellation. 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.

#### From the Editor's Desk

It's been nine weeks since we have been off from school. Now I hear that the rest of the year is cancelled and there is some question as to how and when next year will start. I don't think anyone could have predicted this and the changes we have had to make and still have to make. As a teacher aide, the student I was paired with was supposed to graduate this year. I feel really bad for her because at the beginning of the year, I thought 2020 was a cool year to graduate in. Wow, was I wrong and this will now always be known as the quarantine year. Lon and I volunteered to put signs on the lawns of our seniors who should have been walking across a stage for their diplomas. As we passed my student's home, we saw she had her graduation gown hung in the window!

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dan O'Conner with host this event at the Batavia Downs Racetrack. This will be a combined event with the Model A club. Get ready for some exciting horse racing, gaming and great food. Details to follow.

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

**October**, this event is being planned, details to follow.

We need volunteers, helpers and ideas for clubsponsored events. If you are interested in sponsoring, cosponsoring or helping out at an event, please contact Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

We have joked that all we really need to do is send out a postcard instead of a full newsletter, but as we settle into a new routine, it is best to try to keep things as much like before as possible. We have found that printing three 11 x 17 sheets is cheaper than 2 11 x 17 sheets and one 8.5 x 11 sheet, therefore I will be pulling items of interest from older newsletters to complete my task. I will be calling this new column "From the Files" and have many years of issues to pull from. I also have had an uptick in people wanting their car on the cover and a few article submissions. As always, I welcome even more as these isolating months drag on. So, until we can officially meet again, stay safe.

Valerie

#### **LAKE ERIE REGION DIY TOUR contest**

Since our club is limited this year in events, we'd like to introduce the opportunity to participate in an event that you create. Our club specializes in tours, so this one is a "Create Your Own" tour, that you can do all at once, or in segments of your choosing. The primary idea is to visit towns throughout western New York where the first letter of the towns spells out LAKE ERIE REGION. For example, you can take a drive to Ellicottville, Rochester, Indian Falls, and East Aurora, and the first letter of those towns spells ERIE. And then maybe your next tour is to towns that spell LAKE (or part of LAKE), and so on. The whole tour can be spread out over the summer and fall.

#### There are a few rules for this contest:

- 1. Pictures are to be taken in locations decided by you.
- 2. You can use up to three different vehicles for the pictures.
- 3. The pictures have to have the sign from different towns with the vehicle in it. (Some towns don't have a town sign, so you may use a post office, town hall or fire station, etc.) You may substitute up to 4 street signs for a town sign.
- 4. You can use a town only once.

- 5. The vehicle has to be driven, not trailered to all the towns you use. Trailering a vehicle to a tour and then driving to the town is acceptable.
- 6. Your tour should be put together in a scrapbook that includes the town pictures, mileage driven, and any interesting occurrences and or problems encountered. Scrapbooks can be printed or digital (e.g. a power point presentation), depending on your preference.
- 7. You do not have to drive all the tour at once. You have until November to complete this.
- 8. Entries will be judged with consideration to the age of the vehicle, mileage driven to take the picture, and final scrapbook presentation, either paper or digital.
- 9. The contest will be judged by a panel of judges not entered in the contest.
- 10. All entries must be submitted by November 30, 2020 to be eligible for a prize.
- 11. There will be prizes awarded at the Installation Banquet.
- 12. All vehicles will have an equal chance.

Good luck and happy letter hunting.

# George Nash is turning 102

Help us Celebrate with a

Vintage Car Parade

Date: Saturday, July 11th

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Meet at Big Lots Parking Lot 750 Young Street

Tonawanda, NY



Let's give George a car show parade that he won't forget! If you would like to participate, get out your favorite vintage vehicle, dust it off, gas it up, and join us. We will meet at 1: 45 pm, and line up for the parade.

REMINDER: DO NOT get out of your car to socialize (as much as we would all like to).

The parade will depart at 2:00 pm, and make a right out of the parking lot on Young St., then straight at the signal, crossing Twin City Highway onto Colvin Blvd, turn right on Brompton, and then left on Burnside Drive, past George's home towards the end of the second block. Stop briefly in front of the house to say hello, and maybe even sing a chorus or two of 'Happy Birthday'.

Please let us know if you can participate by sending an email to <a href="mailto:banoonan@aol.com">banoonan@aol.com</a> or calling 716 957-3076.

#### THE REST OF THE STORY by Dennis Upton

It was a remarkably interesting experience having an article published in the AACA national magazine for May/June 2020. I thought that you might like to hear what Paul Harvey used to call "The Rest of the Story."

It all started when I saw a picture in an earlier publication of AACA. The caption was on how nice the picture was. The picture was okay but nothing like the picture that Bob Snyder of our LER car club took of my 1940 Ford during the filming of Marshall. So, I sent a copy of Bob's picture to West Peterson who is the editor of the AACA magazine. I thought that maybe it would become a letter to the editor with a small picture to go with it.

West got back to me commenting on how good Bob's picture was and would I like to write an article for the upcoming AACA magazine. That meant that I had about 10 days to reach deadline for the May/June edition. I thought "Why not?" even if the car was still in storage in Ransomville...and the forecast for the next few days was cold and light snow.

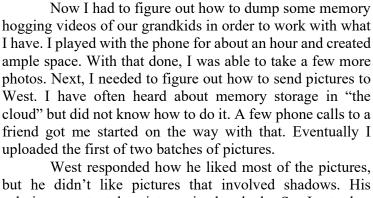
I had nothing else to do due to the pandemic related stay in place request, so I started the process of writing the piece. The length kept growing as more recesses of my memory were probed and stories came to mind. I also made phone calls to Bob Snyder and Lowell Todd's wife, Loraine. The story's length kept growing until it capped off at 2842 words – according to the word counter on my software!

I emailed back and forth with West about the deadline and the fact that I only had a few

pictures. The weather cleared enough to get the car out of storage, but much to my dismay, I needed to replace the battery. A quick trip to K-S Automotive in Tonawanda took care of that issue and off I went to Ransomville to get my car. In the fall, I was having some difficulties with the car stopping and needing to cool down in order to start up again. Fortunately, I was able to start the car using the new battery and we headed up the escarpment. I knew the perfect building to use as a background for some pictures – The

Niagara Falls Bridge Commission which is located at the corner of Military and Upper Mountain Road in Lewiston.

I pulled into the lot there and took so many pictures, the memory on my phone was used up! On top of that, just like in the fall, the car wouldn't start back up until it cooled down for a while. Twenty minutes later, I was able to head home.



solution was to take pictures in the shade. So, I retook a bunch of pictures and sent them on the way.

Because I had made "Lowell Todd's car" a focal point of the article I made a few calls to Lowell's wife, Loraine. We had a lot of fun "fact checking." She also located a picture of Lowell that I sent off to West. I was disappointed that his photo did not make the article.

I made the deadline by about 2 days and then heard nothing back from West until the magazine showed up in my mailbox on May 11. I had sent West about 30 pictures that did not make the article, so if Valerie can find them in the cloud, they will be included in this edition of The Sidelight. Many of the pictures were of memorabilia I have from the 1940 World's Fair, early Ford advertising, artistic angles of the car and of course, Lowell.

As far as the stalling issue I was able to get the car in to my trusty local mechanics. Ron isolated the issue when he received an accidental

shock while looking for the problem. It seems that era of Ford had coil problems. So, the solution was to remove the coil from its place between the radiator and the fan and move it onto the driver side fender. Evidently there was a bit of bare wire that had been the source of the problem - and Ron's shock. With that repair made, we were off again.

So now you have it (in 876 words), "The Rest of the Story."

(When you are through with your edition of the May/June AACA magazine, I would appreciate getting

extra copies so I can pass them on to friends and relatives who are not **AACA** members.)







Figure 1 - Lowell Todd





Dennis's car in front of The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission

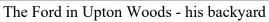




The build plate above. Left: a closeup of the spotlight. Right: Another shot in front of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission









The gauges. From the filming of the movie Marshall



The radio





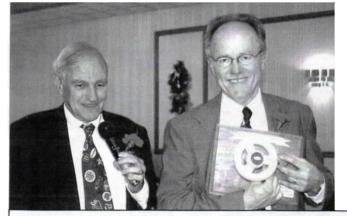
Above is the award given to Dennis to commemorate his shiftless experience.



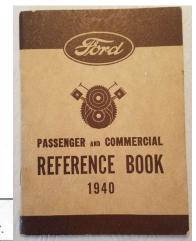
Above: Dennis found this model kit of a '40 Ford. Right: A folding seat cane from the '39-'40 New York World's



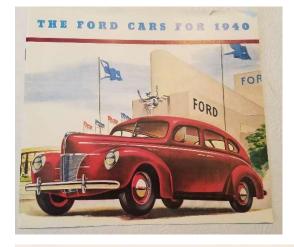
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Lon awarded Dennis the "Gear Shi(f)t Award" complete with a removable gear shift lever to commemorate his fun this summer.







Above right: A reference book for the Ford along with key & key fob.
Left: A brochure from the World's Fair with info about the new fingertip gearshift. Right & below: A trivet from the Fair with a closeup of the Ford Pavilion



NEW FINGER-TIP GEARSHIFT. One of the most important Ford improvements for 1940 is the new Finger-Tip Gearshift—on all body types at no extra cost. It is simple, smooth, easy to operate. Leaves the front compartment clear for three to ride comfortably. An improved transmission also makes the Ford V-8 for 1940 easier and safer to bandle.









Congratulations to one of our youth chapter members, Bryan Busch, who graduated from UB with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.





Some Slogans to Test Your Memory

- 1. Perfectly Simple \_\_\_\_\_ Simply Perfect.
- 2. No Hill Too Steep \_\_\_\_\_ No Sand Too Deep.

Screened by a wayside Chestnut tree, The Village P.C. stands The "cop" a crafty man is he. With a stop watch in his hands. And the muscles of his lower jaw Are set like iron bands!

He goes each morning to his lair And hides among the trees He hears the sound of motors there And it sets his mind at ease. For it seems to tell of captures – and Promotion follows these! Here are some oldies but goodies from one of the oldest newsletters I have and it's from 1965. The first from July and the poem from December

- 3. When Better Automobiles are Built, Will Build Them.
- 4. Ask The Man Who Owns One.
- 5. Dependable.
- 6. Ride In A Then Decide.
- 7. The Car That Made Good in a Day (also what did this slogan refer to?)
- 8. No Clutch to Slip \_\_\_\_\_\_ No Gears to Strip.
- 9. The Universal Car.
- 10. America's First Car.
- 11. The Quality Car.
- 12. The Simple Car.

## The Village Motor Trap

Folks often call his statements lies
And his ruse a shady plan.
But he knows his watch is accurate!
And he stops whoe'er he can
And he looks the motorist in the face
For he fears not any man.

From morn till night he's timing there
The cars that come and go.
While his stop-watch ticks the seconds off
With measured beat and slow,
Nor thinks of rest till he homeward turns
When the evening sun is low.

- 13. Standard of the World.
- 14. A Carriage \_\_\_\_\_ Not a Machine.
- 15. Nothing to Watch But the Road.
- 16. The Automobile With A Reputation Behind It.
- 17. The Business Man's Car.
- 18. The Quiet Mile-A-Minute Car.
- 19. The All-Ball-Bearing Car.
- 20. The Hill Climber.
- 21. The Car That Has No Valves.
- 22. Easiest Riding Car in the World.

Hiding and clocking, summoning,
Onward through life he goes,
Each night he's had his vengeance on
Some of his "scorching" foes.
Somebody summoned, someone "done",
Has earned a nights repose.

Thanks, thanks to you, ye zealous "chap" For the lesson you have taught, For now, we read in "thicket" "traps" And, warned, we uncaught. For where the trees are thickest – there We know such deeds are wrou

Answers on page 10 – no peeking!





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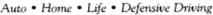
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- '31 Model A Rumble seat coupe, very good condition, formerly owned by Fred Coon Call Doug Coon 655-1685 Lead from Lon Wilson (6)
- '39 Plymouth p8 deluxe, price reduction from \$20,000 to \$15,500 or b/o. Older restoration but still in show quality condition. All original except for new whitewall radial tires. This car has been in 4 shows and won awards in 3. Car was also chosen to be in the movie Nightmare Alley starring Bradley Cooper which was recently filmed here in Buffalo. This is a must sell, no reasonable offer refused. I recently purchased another vehicle and do not have the room for 2 cars. Please contact: Jerry Schickling 440-6695 or email razor.schickling@yahoo.com (9)
- '41 Lincoln Zephyr 3-Window Coupe, rebuilt V-12 engine, new paint, new interior, Columbia over-drive, excellent condition, formerly owned by Fred Coon Call for more info and price. Call Doug Coon 655-1685 Lead from Lon Wilson (6)
- '63 Corvette Split Window Coupe, Sebring Silver with restored red interior. All original matching number drivetrain, other components are correct dates and VIN# where appropriate, 300hp, 4speed. Recent frame on restoration, exceptional fit and finish completed by Masterworks in Madison Heights Mi. Call Ken Kaczka 200-2035 (8)
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Hurst 3 speed w/OD. Trans and rear end rebuilt by Hillman Automotive. New brake lines & cylinders, door gaskets, front & rear window seals, carpets & tires. Factory air needs servicing. Original parts and other NOS included in sale. Additional photos available. Ready to

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'69 Oldsmobile 442 hardtop, original southern body, automatic, rebuilt 455, dual hood scoops, motor out of vehicle. John Kraus 568-1466 (6)

'08 Toyota SOLARA SLE CONVERTIBLE. 35,000 original adult owned miles since new. Not driven in winter. Original paint, leather upholstery is flawless. New tires, recent battery. Runs great. Needs nothing,.No disappointment. A real steal at \$11,000. Mark Schleicher. 716-683-3893 (9)

'15 Jeep Cherokee Altitute, F/A,4 cyl. 67K, new tires, rotors brakes, fluids, wipers, back up camera, auto(cold) start, trailer hitch, roof rails, Jan 2020 inspec, Excellent \$12,000 B/O Bob 438-9454 (6)

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Answers to the Slogan quiz: 1. Maxwell, 2. Jackson, 3.Buick, 4. Packard, 5. Dodge, 6. Glide, 7. Stutz, as a result winning the 500, 8. Carter Car Friction Drive. 9. Ford, 10. Haynes-Apperson, 11. Premier, 12. Gas-au-Lac 13. Cadillac, 14. Duryea, 15. Oldsmobile, 16. Studebaker, 17. Sears, 18. Pope-Toledo, 19. National, 20. Maytag, 21. Elmore, 22. Marmon

1949 Fords going to dealers via the Mississippi – It looks like 180 vehicles – 60 cars on three levels



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	Happy Father's Day!	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

# The Sidelight

### **Calendar of Events**

June 14 – Flag Day

June 20 – Start of Summer (Summer Solstice)

June 21 – Father's Day

July 11 - Car Parade for George Nash's 102 Bday

All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.



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