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LER EVENTS FOR 2021

May 16, 2021 – Rustbuster – Mike Mesi. Chairman

*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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From the Editor:

We do still have washable, reusable face masks for sale. They are \$5 each and we will mail them out if you include \$1 for P&H.

All proceeds go the LER. Of course, They will be available when we get to meet again.



The New Edsel

As everyone knows, the Ford Motor Co. came out with the Edsel in the late fifties Sales were very poor and after 3 model years, the Edsel was discontinued. It was the wrong car at the wrong time. Ford lost a ton of money on that blunder. Now of course there are Edsel car clubs and they are collectible.

Now for the good news. As featured on the cover, the new 2021 Edsel Universal car is now here! It features a scoop on the front for snow removal & a backhoe on the rear. It's FEMA approved, too! The new car will be at your W.N.Y. Edsel dealers on April 1st. Get your order in early--these won't last long!

“Just when you think you have seen it all. Some people should not be allowed to touch tools.” – Al

Photo from Al Forster, & text from Lon Wilson

Good FRIDAY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: Welcome to Spring in WNY everyone! We managed to make it through a moderate Buffalo Winter season. I think the worst month was February 2021, due to the brutal low temperatures. Many other parts of the USA had to deal with more severe snowstorms and ice storms.

Plans have been finalized for our MAY 2021 Rust Buster event. This event was postponed last year due to Covid19. I believe this will be a fun and safe event to kick off our 2021 outdoor cruising season. This event will be a two-hour paddle boat ride along the Erie canal, starting in Lockport, NY. Followed by a fabulous buffet luncheon prepared by Erie Canalside banquets. We need to meet a minimum of 50 people and there is a maximum of 75 people. Please send in your reservations early to lock in your spot. You can use the convenient event flyer in this month's "SIDELIGHT". There will be plenty of open fresh air, room for social distancing and masks are still required.

Our annual June Car Show is still on hold, but we expect to hear from the Town of Elma by the end of March. Stay tuned as more information becomes available.

OK, back to Cliff's story; Drag racing cars do not make very good street cruising cars. So, I returned the Camaro Z28 back to street trim and started the first Camaro Club of WNY. It was fun organizing events and participating in local shows. A couple of years later my cousin sold his 1964 Stingray Corvette and bought a 1967 Jaguar E-type. I helped restore the car from the ground up and really enjoyed the process. Then, I enjoyed cruising and showing the Jag. We trailered the car to Newport, RI for an annual EJAG magazine Concours Show and won 1st Place. I was hooked on convertible

Jaguars, cruising and car shows more than ever now. When I got home, I sold the Camaro and started searching for a Jaguar E-type convertible.

The Camaro still lives in Buffalo to this day. The hunt for a nice Jaguar was a lot harder than I expected. Many long road trips found a variety of wrecks and overpriced junk. There were no auctions and web sites available like today. Then, out of nowhere a little red Jaguar XKE found me. A friend spotted it locally in the back parking lot of the local Jaguar dealer. The owner bought the Jag in Buffalo in 1965 and fulfilled his swinging sixties Buffalo lifestyle. He only drove it for three years and 18,000 miles but parked it in a garage for the next 10 years. It truly was a diamond in the rough that needed lots of TLC. I had plenty of that. Next, I needed some Jaguar friends and helping hands. So, I started the Buffalo Jaguar Club with an advertisement in the Buffalo News. The nationally affiliated Buffalo Jag Club is 43 years old today and counting. The first foreign and sportscars shows in Buffalo were started by the Jag Club. Soon all the hot rod shows had to offer new classes to fit our cars. But enough of that, next month the little red Jag takes off after a two-year refresh. Why two years you say? Well, you know the answer to that question. "The never-ending quest for PURRFECTION!"

Next month, the Jag roars on to the road and to the shows...

Stay well and stay safe.

Cliff



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Happy April Fool's Day



I wonder when the last time this one flew? It looks like it was a while ago. Or did it every fly? Maybe after restoration? Gives a new meaning to flying bugs! From Paul Beyer of the Oneida Lake Gazette

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 is of the utmost importance. Please stay safe and take care.

Things are finally looking up; we are moving forward with our outdoor season!

April 11th meeting has been canceled.

May Rust Buster, May 16th. 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. Please note,

there is a minimum of 50 people needed for this event and a maximum of 75. See the signup sheet in this issue of the Sidelight.

June 13th Annual car show is pending.

July 11th. 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.

We will 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

The Tee Bird and the U-Haul by Valerie Wilson

Things started over the summer last year when my mother called me. She had received a phone call from a woman whom she went through school with and was still in touch with. The woman had recently had a service man doing some work in her basement and he noticed a pedal car she had. He asked if she wanted to sell it. She wisely told him that it belonged to her son, so wouldn't do anything with it. She then called my mother because she knew that Lon and I had some pedal cars. We offered to look at it for her and maybe get some idea as to what it might be worth. I had no idea what kind of pedal car (make, model, year, etc) so we went with a few bucks just in case it was something to add to my collection. Turns out it was a Tee-Bird. I guess it was spelled that way to avoid infringement on the Ford Thunderbird. Somewhere along the way it had been spray painted red over the baby blue and the Tee Bird markings. There were also a few missing pieces. What really intrigued me was the fact she had the original instruction book. When they originally purchased the car, it had to be assembled and she still had the six-page booklet that came with the car. After some discussion, and a phone call to her son, we agreed upon a price and my promise that I would restore the car to its original condition.

A phone call to the gentleman who restored my Packard pedal car left me looking for other options as he was not restoring them anymore. Lon had the thought of asking Tony Regan (see their ad in this newsletter) who does collision work. We called Regan's Stock & Custom and they said they would take a look at it. In the meantime, I found a website that had replacement parts (I needed a seat, hubcaps, nuts and bolts and decals) for the Tee Bird. After warming the credit card, the parts were on the way. Those came very quickly and I had them in hand when we went to see the Regans.

Years ago (probably at least 20), I had purchased a U-Haul pedal car sized trailer. Neither Lon nor I remember

exactly where I acquired it, but I think it was at a National Meet somewhere. I thought at the time this would be a good project for me some summer. Well, you know how years fly by and some projects never get done? This was one of them. As long as we were having the Tee Bird restored - why not the trailer, too? A couple of years after purchasing the trailer, I found a seller on Ebay that had made a batch of reproduction decals for the U-Haul and was selling the extra ones. Now the questions were, can Lon reach the U-Haul from its decades old hiding place in the garage and where did I put those decals?

With the Tee Bird (and all the new parts) and the U-Haul, finally seeing the light of day, in my van, we headed to Regan's shop to see if he wanted to take on our little projects. We told him there was no hurry and he could work on them when he had some spare time (like any of us have any of that anymore!). He agreed to do both pieces with an estimate that Lon and I thought was fair for what had to be done. The Tee Bird was solid, but the trailer needed much more TLC. We left both vehicles and Tee Bird parts with him that day. Now to find those U-Haul decals!! I finally found them with plenty of time to get them to the Regans. We also asked if Lon could stop by from time to time to get photos of the progress. Regan's wife, Karen, agreed to take the photos for us, and you can see the results of both their efforts here in the newsletter. We were very happy that Regan took a lot of time and care to paint both, bringing them back to their original luster. As you can see both vehicles turned out beautifully and are awaiting a space to be displayed in our home.

After getting the two pedal vehicles back, Lon took the Tee Bird back to show the woman we purchased it from. She was thrilled to see it. We also gave her some copies of the photos of it being restored and finished, to send to her son. That made her day!

**AACA LAKE ERIE REGION PRESENTS
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SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021



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TOTAL = _____*



Please remember to bring your masks and practice social distancing.

Post Office Believe It Or Not – yet another story

Lon Wilson

After reading the story about the letter last month from a member that went to S Carolina and took over a month to get to me, another club member contacted me about a check he sent to his Credit Union from Tonawanda to Williamsville that went to N. Carolina and took 7 weeks to come back to Williamsville!

Now the latest believe it or not. We mailed last month's newsletters on Wed. March 3rd. Normal delivery should be on Friday March 5th. That afternoon I looked out and thought I saw a package on the front porch. No, it was 2 bundles of Sidelights with rubber bands around them. They had a note on them as to why they were returned. It had 6 reasons, none of which

were checked or made any sense. They wanted an additional 15 cents to re-mail each of them. It was 4:30 PM and the post office closed at 5:00 so I hurried back with them. Clerk there had no idea why they returned. It was not because they were overweight. There may have been only 80 or so returned out of the 200 mailed - why? So they removed the note and re-mailed them and

they were delivered on Monday. The ones that were not returned were delivered that Friday or Saturday. We have been doing the Sidelight for 25 years and this is a first! They all go out in a bucket at the same time each month. A copy of the note appears here, and if you can figure out letter A, you're a genius!

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SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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AUTO MISC FOR SALE

Two 215/65/17 Goodyear Wrangler mud & snow, good used tires, free Dave Lecher 741-8392 (7)

1961 Chevy full-size car LH front door for 4dr sedan, complete less hinges. Some rust. \$45.00; 1961-64 Chevy full-size upper door hinge. Fits LH or RH \$35.00; 1961-64 Chevy full-size lower door hinge, LH only \$35.00; 1969 Chevy full-size car front lower valence panel \$50.00; 1970's Chevy Camaro, Nova 14x7 rally wheels, (5) with center caps. \$135 for all; Early 1950's Chevy truck hood hinges \$50.00; 1958 Ford full-size car original front park/ turn signal lenses \$12.00/pair; Wheel covers: sets of 4 unless stated otherwise. Driver quality; 1964 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1965 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1967 Chevy Caprice \$40.00; 1968 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1969 Chevy Impala 14" \$40.00; 1969 Chevy Impala 15" \$40.00; 1966 Buick Skylark (1) \$10.00; Ed Vogt 826-9082 (5)

I have many copies of AACA Antique Automobile Magazine dating back to the '60s. If anybody wants them, please call me, Barney Platzer, at 983-1539. (4)

AUTO MISC WANTED

Copies of the AACA Magazine from May/June 2020 if you are going to get rid of it. Dennis would like extra copies of the article on his Ford formerly owned by Lowell Todd. Call Dennis at 773-5847 if you have one for him. (5)

AACA & Horseless Carriage Club magazines from the 40s & 50's Call Steve 823-0526 or 335-0728 (6)



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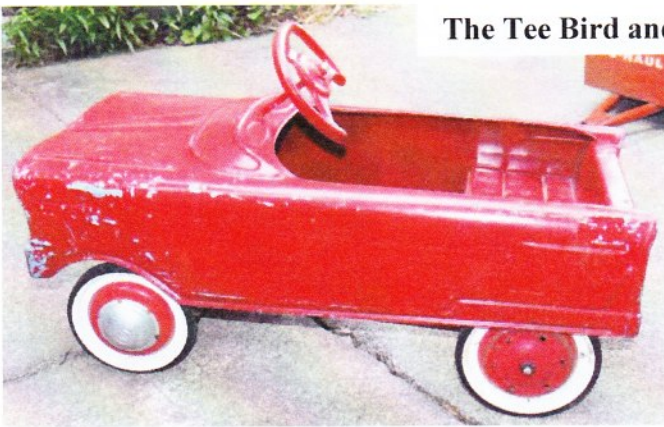
Baskets, Split Club and Donations to Benefit Local Charities

Supercruise - Saturday July 31
3:00pm - 9:00pm -- Details to come!

"Thank You!" for a successful Cars & Coffee Season in 2020 which Benefitted:

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The Tee Bird and the U-Haul

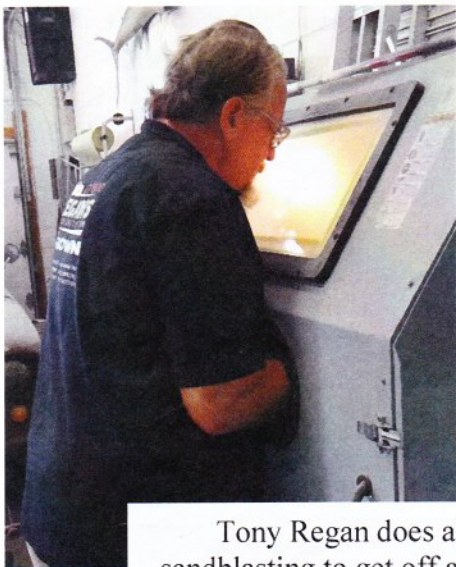


Before restoration. Photos by Lon Wilson

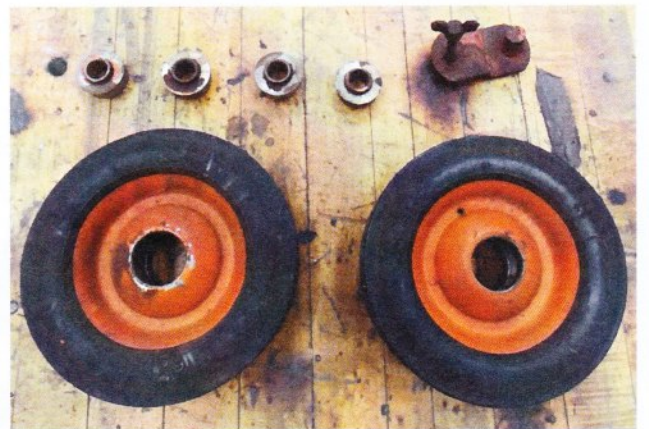


After restoration.

Photos during restoration and after by Karen Regan

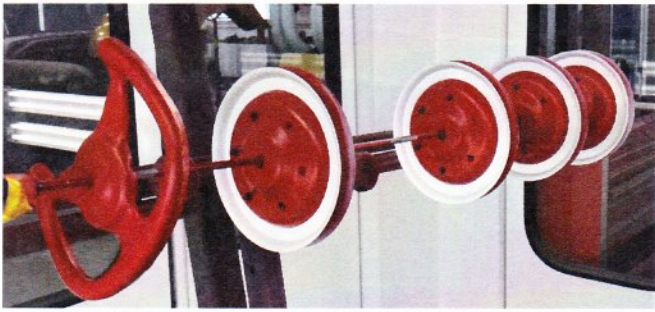
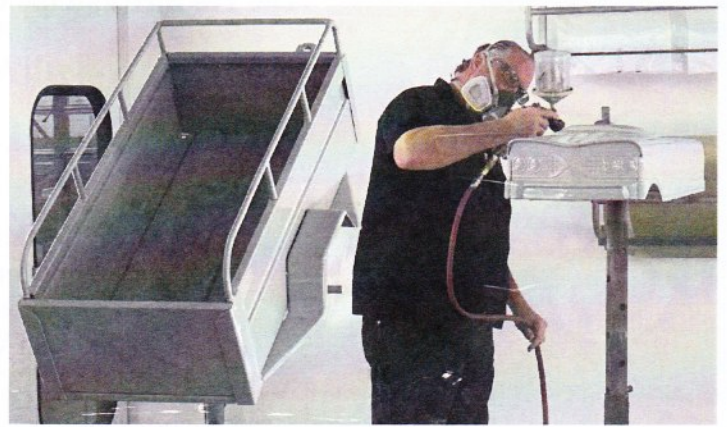
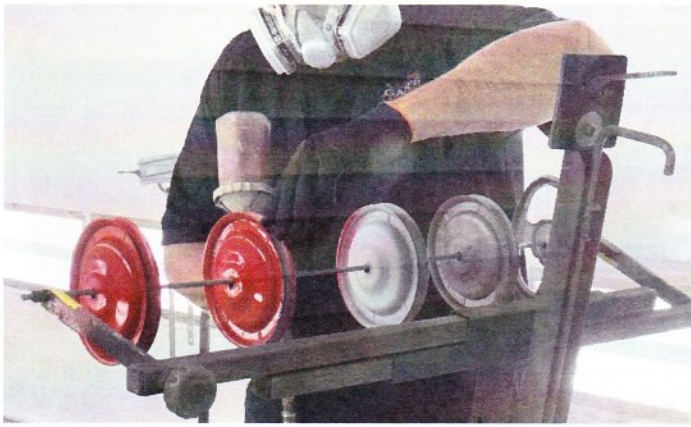


Tony Regan does a little sandblasting to get off all the rust

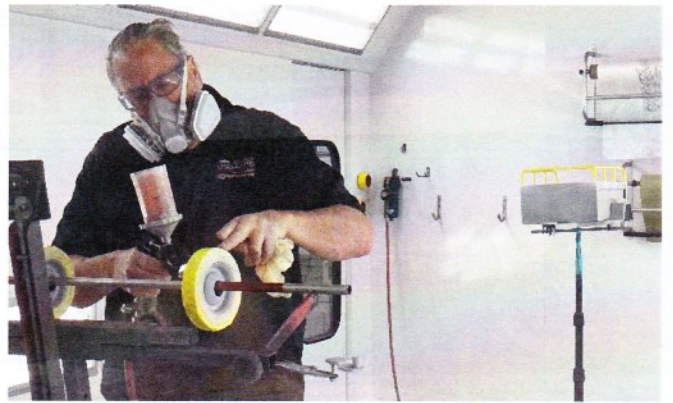


Things had to come apart to be worked on. Below left: the car after sandblasting. Below the trailer after lots of work

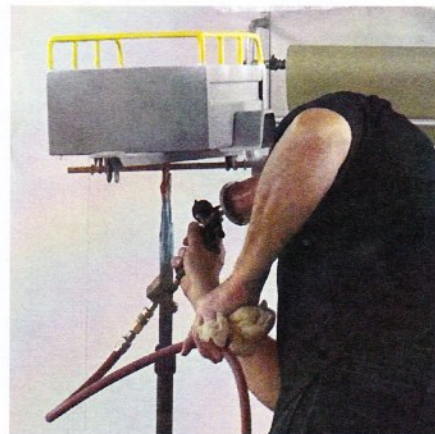




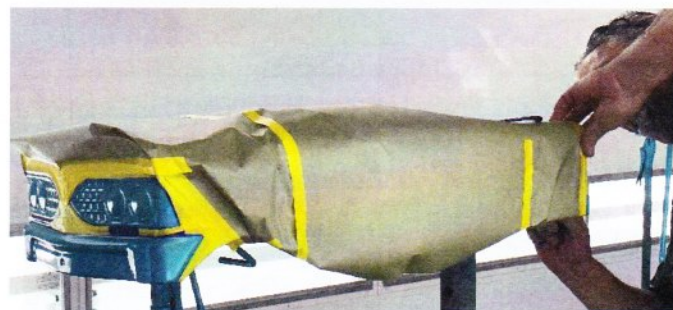
A little primer, a little paint, and things are starting to look good!



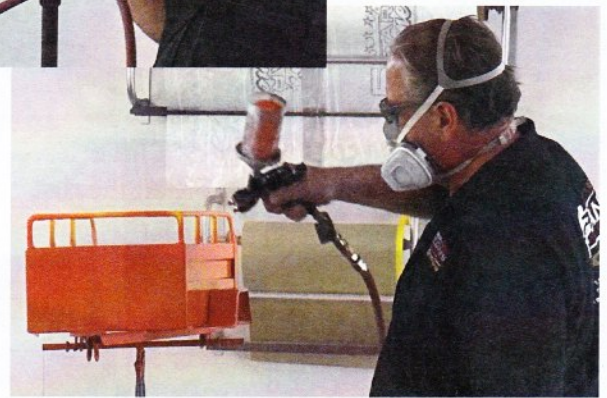
Tee Bird blue gets applied to the body and other parts (left).



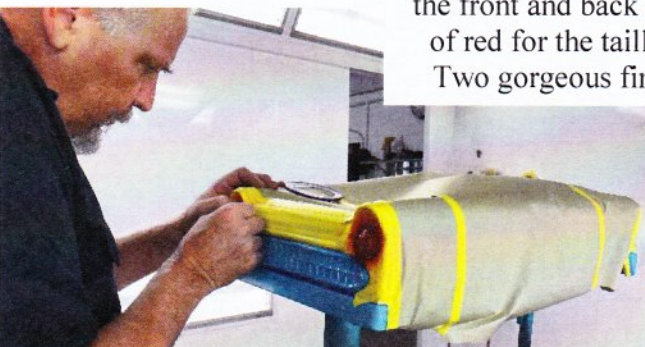
Careful masking of the trailer wheels (above) and the railings (left) before the final coat of U-Haul orange (below)



Left: more careful masking for the final touches of silver on



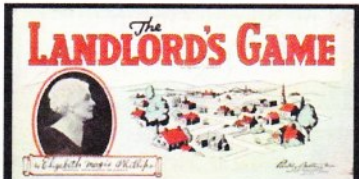
the front and back along with a shot of red for the taillights and voila! Two gorgeous finished vehicles!



Since last month was Women's History Month here are some fun facts you may not know. **Inventions by women LETS HEAR IT FOR THE LADIES!** Women haven't received the amount of credit for their inventions as men have.

1. The Car Heater

We all owe our thanks to Margaret A Wilcox who invented the car heater in 1893! (Margaret also invented a combined clothes and dishwasher)



2. Monopoly

This popular board game was designed by Elizabeth Magie in

1904, originally called the Landlord's Game. The purpose of this game was to expose the injustices of unchecked capitalism. Her game was ripped off by Charles Darrow who sold it to Parker Brother's 30 years later. However Parker Brothers later paid Elizabeth \$500 for her game. Gee Thanks!

3. The Fire Escape

The fire escape was invented by Anna Connelly in 1887



4. The Life Raft

The life saving Life Raft was invented by Maria Beasely in 1882.(Maria also invented a



machine that makes barrels)

5. Residential Solar Heating

Solar heating for residential housing was invented by Dr Maria Telkes in



1947. Dr. Telkes was a Psychiatrist in addition to being a Solar-Power Pioneer.

6. The Medical Syringe

The medical syringe which could be operated with only one hand was invented by a woman by the name of Letitia Geer in 1899



7. The Modern Electric Refrigerator

The electric refrigerator was invented by Florence Parpart in 1914 (Florence also invented an improved street cleaning machine in addition to the refrigerator)



8. The Ice Cream Maker

The ice cream maker was invented by a woman named Nancy Johnson in 1843.Her patented design is still used today!



9. The Computer Algorithm

Ada Lovelace is essentially the first computer programmer due to her work with Charles Babbage at the University of London in 1842. In fact, her notes were an essential key to helping Alan Turing's work on the first modern computers in the 1940s.



10. Telecommunications Technology

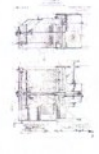


Some of the Telecommunication Technology developed by Dr Shirley Jackson include portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar

cells, fibre optic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.

11. The Dishwasher

The Dishwasher was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1887. Before her time, she even marketed her machine to hotel owners and even opened her own factory without the help of a man!



12. Wireless Transmission Technology



Hedy Lamarr, a world famous film star, invented a secret communications system during World War II for radio-controlling torpedoes. This Technology also

paved the way for everything from Wi-Fi to GPS (This is NOT a joke!!! Both she and her musical composer husband were given credit. Check it out for yourself: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedy_Lamarr

13. Closed-Circuit Television Security (CCTV)

Marie Van Brittan Brown invented CCTV because of the slow response of police officers in 1969 to help people ensure their own security. This invention influenced modern CCTV systems used for home security and police work today.



14. The Modern Paper Bag

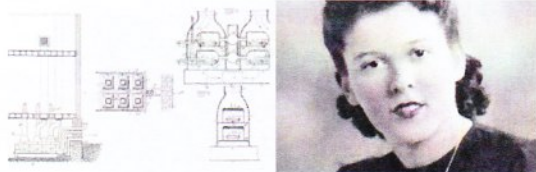


Margaret Knight invented a machine that makes square



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bottomed paper bags in 1871. She almost didn't get credit when Charles Anan tried to steal her work claiming that it wasn't possible for a woman to create this brilliant invention. (Margaret also invented a safety device for cotton mills when she was 12... that invention is still being used today)



15. Central Heating

Although Alice Parker's

invention in 1919 of a gas-powered central heater was never manufactured. Her idea was the first that allowed for using natural gas to heat a home, inspiring the central heating systems used today



16. Kevlar

This life-saving material that is 5 times stronger than steel and used to make bulletproof

vests was invented in 1965 by Stephanie Kwolek.

17. Computer Software

Dr Grace Murray Hopper was a computer scientist that invented COBOL which is the first user-friendly business computer software system in the 1940's. She was also a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy and the first person to use the term "bug" in reference to a glitch in a computer system, when she literally found a bug (moth) causing problems with her computer.



Submitted by Nancy Group

Do You Remember Your Auto Slogans?

Automotive slogans, how important are they? Some of them were used for almost fifty years (Packard's), others were around for a short time. Here is a list of some familiar and not so familiar slogans.

1. All That the Name Implies
2. Ask the Man Who Owns One
3. A Good Car
4. The Pullman of Motor Cars
5. Chief of the Sixes
6. It's a Great Automobile
7. Better Buy....
8. Standard of the World
9. There's a In Your Future
10. First by Far With a Postwar Car
11. The New Thrill
12. Better Idea From
13. For Those Who Want the Finest
14. Nothing Could Be Finer
15. Dependable
16. Worth More When You Buy it, Worth More When You Sell It
17. More People Buy ... Than Any Other Car
18. Builds Great Cars
19. The Fine Car With The Low Car Price
20. Get The Facts and You'll Get a
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29. From The Speedway Came Their Stamina
30. Trucks Last Longer
31.Leads, BecauseListens

From June 1986 Sidelight
submitted by Don Kettman

- Here are the answers: No peeking!
1. Peerless 1932
 2. Packard 1908-1956
 3. Durant 1908
 4. Rainier 1906
 5. Pontiac 1926
 6. Marmon 1926
 7. Buick 1942
 8. Cadillac
 9. Ford 1947
 10. Studebaker 1947
 11. Oldsmobile 1949
 12. Ford 1948
 13. Frazer 1949
 14. Lincoln Continental 1947
 15. Dodge 1953
 16. Ford 1953
 17. Chevrolet 1952
 18. Plymouth 1941
 19. Pontiac 1941
 20. Ford 1941
 21. Oldsmobile 1941
 22. Nash 1941
 23. Lark 1960
 24. Ford 1951
 25. Buick 1951
 26. Plymouth 1964
 27. Chrysler 1939
 28. Ford 1964
 29. Studebaker 1934
 30. Ford Truck 1951
 31. Rambler 1964

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Calendar of Events

April 1 – April Fool’s Day
 April 2 – Good Friday
 April 4 – Easter
 May 16, 2021 – Rustbuster – Mike Mesi. Chairman
All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.

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