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**LER EVENTS FOR 2021 & 2022**

**Dec 12 – Annual Christmas Party, Lynelle Schloerb, Chairwoman, Polish Falcons**  
**Jan. 22, 2022 – Installation Banquet, Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke, Chairwomen, Classic V**

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

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**GET WELL**

Carol Knoll,  
Mark Schleicher

**SYMPATHY**

Our club lost a long-time member with the passing of Barbara Manke. Many will remember the great picnic we had at Bob & Barb’s home a few years ago. Our sympathies to Bob & the Manke family.

**REMEMBER!!**

Local & National dues are due by December 31, 2021. You can pay National dues by credit card at 1-(717)-534-1910. You can bring local dues to the Xmas party. Lon Wilson – Membership Chairman



**Attendance Report:** Those members who starting the Xmas season early were: Mark Brylinski (70); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (40); Don & Joyce Butlak (\*); George Camann (\*); Jeff & Linda Cryan (70); Tim Cryan (\*); Chuck Facklam (45); Jack & Linda Foster (95); Larry & Laurie Gee (10); John & Elaine Haid (95); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (85); Ken Knoll (40); Robert Mandziak (10); Mike Mesi (85); Bob Nash (60); George Nash (50); Ray & Barb Noonan (80); Daniel O’Connor & Candace Reed (\*); Mark & Ann Palmer (20); Dennis Powers (85); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (\*); Peter Pucak (20); Don & Lynelle Schloerb (45); Cliff Schulz (\*); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (30); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (80); John & Darla Sole (10); Terry & Dan Tredo (10); Chuck Weimer (\*); Lon & Valerie Wilson (\*); Sam & Jean Yanik (80) and Mark & Sue Yearke (85).



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Cliff's Notes, Holiday* Greetings to all. Time sure is flying by, now that the clocks were changed back. By the time you get home from work it is totally dark. All of my cars are put away for the winter months and I assume you have done the same. Rightfully so, we have just started our indoor meeting season. We will be tinkering with different times a bit, (afternoon versus evening meeting times). Also, different locations, (The Elks Lodge and the Polish Falcons). Basically, we want to maximize attendance and provide the best events at the best cost. That dirty word inflation is creeping into everything these days. Feel free to give any of the board members and myself some feedback throughout the indoor meeting season.

Our Christmas Decoration Show/Meeting was a lot of fun. Members set up all sorts of festive displays to get everyone in the festive spirit. There were holiday trees, vintage lights, running train sets, antique dolls, and exquisite crafts. Thanks to all the members who

participated. Then Lynelle set up a wonderful snack buffet with dessert temptations and cookies at the finish line. The Bills game was on all TV's, so no one missed the big WIN. Look for Chuck's activities report and mark your calendars as we have some fun events in the planning stages.

I have accepted a couple of challenges already, so I will owe some breakfasts. Keep those ideas coming! Don and Joyce Butlak won the split club money and will be doing some early Christmas shopping.

Finally, please send in your National and Local club dues as soon as possible. It's very easy to forget and following up on the MIA dues is a huge task. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Christmas Party.

Santa is watching, so you better be good.....Ho Ho Ho

Stay well.

*Cliff*



*Welcome to our new members*

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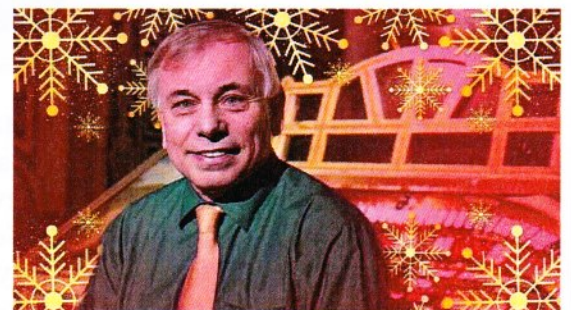
**FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Wednesday, December 22, 7:00pm

Wurlitzer Christmas Concert with Joe Momot

Riviera Theatre 67 Webster Street, North Tonawanda, NY

Get into the holiday spirit with local organist & LER member Joe Momot as he plays all of your favorite holiday and Christmas classics on our very own Might Wurlitzer theatre organ. No tickets are required as this is a FREE event! Please support the Riviera Theatre by purchasing concessions, becoming a member, or making a donation.





## ACTIVITIES REPORT

**Attention LER Members:** We have open events for 2022, July summer picnic, August, September and the October fall run. If you would like to host or co-host, please contact any board member.

Please remember to sign up early for these events and 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 the utmost importance. Please stay safe and take care.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** Cliff Schultz hosted Christmas in November at the Elks Club in Lancaster. Many LER Members displayed their cherished vintage Christmas decorations and accessories. Refreshments were provided Lynelle Schloerb.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** Annual Christmas party at the Polish Falcons in Depew. Hosted by Lynelle Schloerb. Please note the NEW time 1:00 to 5:00pm. See page 4 for details and signup sheet, reservations needed by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss out on this holiday event!

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Installation Banquet at the Classic Five in Amherst. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen

Schwartz. See page 6 for details and sign-up sheet, reservations needed by January 18, 2022. The theme will be "Spring Out of Winter". Another event that you just don't want to miss!

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** This event is being planned. Details to follow.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** This event is being planned. Details to follow.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** Will be our annual presentation of the past year in review hosted by Lon Wilson. Refreshments will be provided by Lynelle Schloerb. Details to follow.

**May** Rust buster. This event is being planned. Details to follow.

**June** Will be our annual car show. Details to follow.

**July** Summer picnic. This event is open.

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

### The Story of the Return of the Flying Yankee by George Camann

I had started working in the engineering department of Hooker Chemical in 1972 and Larry Gee (a longtime member of the AACA LER) was one of the first co-workers I met. We worked together on several projects in the Niagara Falls Plant. We became friends and did a lot of "shooting the breeze" about our personal lives during lunch. Larry showed me his fantastic HO train layout in his basement, and I was very impressed. I could tell that he truly loved trains. But Larry wasn't happy with just an HO train layout. He wanted the BIG "O" Gauge Lionel trains! Larry was convinced that he would never have a collection of Lionel trains because all the other train collectors owned them. Well, I really felt sorry for my buddy Larry. I wanted Larry to get started with that collection. I remembered that my Dad had an old train set in a box in the garage. As a child I was never allowed to play with it. My Dad said it didn't work. So, I asked him if he was willing to sell the train set to Larry. I figured my Dad would be happy to be rid of a non-working train set and Larry would be happy to begin his collection of Lionel

Trains. This train set happened to be a pre-war Lionel Flying Yankee Passenger Train that my Dad received around 1935 when he was 10 years old. Well Larry bought it and restored it to perfect running condition. Larry kept it on display for over 30 years and eventually built a beautiful Lionel train layout in his basement and acquired many other train sets and accessories. If you have ever been in Larry's basement, you know that he owned one of the nicest collections of Lionel trains, at least the nicest in Sanborn! Every time I would visit Larry and see the train layout, I always noticed how nice that Flying Yankee looked and what a terrific job he did in restoring it. Larry ended up moving and dismantling his train layout and selling many of his Lionel trains. About five years ago I was very surprised when Larry gave me the Yankee Flyer train set. He said he had always intended to return the train to me. I am so pleased and grateful to Larry to have this 85-year-old train operating under the Christmas Tree in our living room each year and the grandkids enjoy watching it run around the track and I get to play with it whenever I want.



LIONEL CATALOG 1939



It is with great pleasure that I announce our



# Christmas Party

at the

## Polish Falcons in Depew,

445 Columbia Avenue



### December 12, 2021 – 1pm to 5 pm

for all to enjoy this year. The spirit of Christmas and the joy of friends getting together during this holiday season is shared by all members both old and new. The time will be earlier than in previous years, 1 pm to 5 pm. Therefore, it will not be too late for driving home in this Buffalo weather :)



Our dinner menu will begin with salad and continue with a family style holiday meal; breaded pork chops, sliced turkey and gravy with homemade stuffing & mashed potatoes, bread sticks, vegetable and dessert. Hot beverages will also be served. A cash bar will be available during the evening. If you would like to bring holiday bake goods, be my guest. They will be served after dinner.

We may have a few holiday surprises in store. As always, we have been very generous as a group, to donate gifts unwrapped for the Cornerstone manor, Sue Cervi, volunteer manager of the Cornerstone Manner will be with us this year to give a brief discussion regarding the generous Christmas gifts given in the past by our club, for women and children as well as men, that may go without during the holiday season.



Cornerstone would really appreciate donations of the following:

**Men's flip flops (we use as shower shoes); Men's boxer briefs sizes large & x-large; Undershirts large and x-large; Pillowcases; Pj pants large & x-large; Clear water bottles; Head phones for cell phones (dollar store type); Men and women sweat suits large and x-large, Children's PJs and slippers for children 12 yrs and under.**

I look forward to seeing our members during this Christmas season.

A Merry Christmas to all. Health and Happiness for the new year. Lynelle Schloerb

We need all reservations by **Friday, December 3rd.**

Make check payable to Lake Erie Region, AACA and mail to:

Lynelle Schloerb. 716-949-2489

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AACA LAKE ERIE REGION

2022 INSTALLATION BANQUET

Spring Out of Winter

Saturday January, 22, 2022

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

Classics V

2425 Niagara Falls Blvd

Amherst, NY 14228

5:00pm Cash Bar w/Hors D'Oeuvres

6:00pm Dinner

*Family Style Dinner will include:*

*Roast Beef, Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Penne & Broccoli,  
Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Chef Salad, Grilled Vegetable Medley, Rainbow Sherbet  
Red & White Wine, Coffee, and Tea*

**PRICE: \$40 per member/\$45 per non-member**

Please detach and send with check payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ # of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Email/phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # non-members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please include email address or phone number for reservation confirmation within 5 days. Should you not hear from us, please call Karen 716-860-7480 or Sue 716-796-1942*

Send Reservation to Karen Schwartz; 483 Schwartz Road; Lancaster, NY 14086

**Reservation Deadline January 18, 2022**





**Chevrolet Introduces the LT6 Engine**

Chevrolet unveiled the LT6 engine and its astonishing 670HP output. The DOHC engine is the most powerful production naturally aspirated V-8 ever. It will be available in the 2023 Z06 Corvette. The LT6 is nicknamed the "Gemini". It's a nod to the Corvettes link to NASA astronauts and a highlight that this is the Corvette team's "moonshot". An image of a space rocket is cast into the engines front cover. This flat

plane crankshaft V8 will have an exhaust note that will be music to an aficionado ears. The benchmark was the exhaust note of the high revving Ferrari engines. High revving exotic car engines like this require high maintenance and sometimes rebuilds at 10,000 mi.

Not the LT6, this is a Chevy! built for durability and long-term reliability. Available in 2023 in the Corvette Z06. Amazing American Ingenuity.

Ken Kaczka

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'31 Chevrolet 5 window coupe, older restoration, orig restored engine, new interior & tires, call for further info & price. Henry Schmidt 716-628-2362. Lead from Gary Alt (I have seen pictures of this car & it is nice.) Don't miss this one. (3)

'39 Jaun Fangio Chevrolet coupe, replica, restored, \$25,000. Car is in Amherst, NY Contact Bob 716-583-7717 (3)

'48 Playboy, manufactured in Buffalo, NY 1947-1950; 97 cars were made, 40 are left, first car made with folding metal hardtop 4 cyl \$35,000/BO. Car is in Georgia Contact Bob 716-583-7717(3)

'63 Ford Galaxie XL 390ci, 4 door survivor, clean, new: gas tank, fuel lines, master cylinder, brakes, tires, starter motor and battery. registered, recent inspection, A nice ride. \$15k or best offer. Andy 716-390-2725 Lead from Lon Wilson (1)

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Here are a couple of recipes for the holidays

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and share one of our Christmas traditions with you. After baby Jesus is safely in the manger and the gifts have been opened, we share Mom Schwartz's Sour Cream Coffee Cake. We enjoy our time together before going to visit family.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake Recipe

- 1 stick butter 2 cups flour
1 cup sugar 1 tsp baking soda
2 eggs (1 at a time) 1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp vanilla 1/2 pint sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°

Cream butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla.

Add dry ingredients and mix well. Fold in sour cream.

Pour into greased tube pan cut in as in a marble

cake: 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tsp cinnamon mixed together

Sprinkle with chopped nuts Bake 35-40 min (until toothpick comes out clean) at 350°

From Karen Schwartz



Now a cute story

A Pink Christmas Tree?

We are lucky to own one! Decorated with holiday ornaments of childhood creations from elementary school and Hallmark Barbies. I was working extra Christmas retail hours, so I sent my husband out with our 6-year-old (at that time) to select another tree. I imagined the two of them would pick a green artificial tree, but no, daddy let our daughter chose, and her favorite color at that time was PINK!

Merry Christmas The Yaniks

Shedding light on the history of my candles

At our November event, we shared some of our treasures and memories from our childhood. One of mine was the small wax candle choir boys and girls that my Mom always had. These were bought for 10 and 15 cents at the dime store, and I still have some today. Cliff Shultz asked if I had any history on the candles, and I didn't at the time so decided to investigate. The company started in Buffalo in 1939 by Franklin Gurley's W&F Manufacturing Company, who was at first commissioned by Socony-Vacuum Oil Company (now ExxonMobil) as a way to reuse excess paraffin produced as a by-product of the oil refinery process. The first products were made under the name Tavern and offered a limited number of small candle figures primarily for the holidays such as pumpkins, pilgrims and Santa Claus. By the late 1940s the company's business was almost exclusively novelty

Walnut horn cookies

- 1 cup plus 1 tsp butter, softened and divided
1 pkg (8oz) cream cheese, softened
3 c. flour
4 c. ground walnuts
1 1/4 c. sugar
1/2 c. 2% milk
1 tsp Vanilla extract
1/8 tsp salt



In a large bowl, beat 1 cup butter and the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour, beating until mixture forms a ball. Divide dough into four portions; roll each into a 12 inch-circle.

Melt the remaining butter. In a large bowl, combine the walnuts, 3/4 cup sugar, milk, vanilla, salt and melted butter. Spread over circles. Cut each into 12 wedges. Roll up wedges, starting from the wide ends. Place point side down on greased baking sheets. Curve ends to form crescents. bake at 325 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks. Place remaining sugar in a small shallow bowl. Roll warm cookies in the sugar.

From Susan Yearke



candles, and by 1949 the brand name was changed to the Gurley Novelty Company. Most candles had a round Gurley label attached to the bottom.

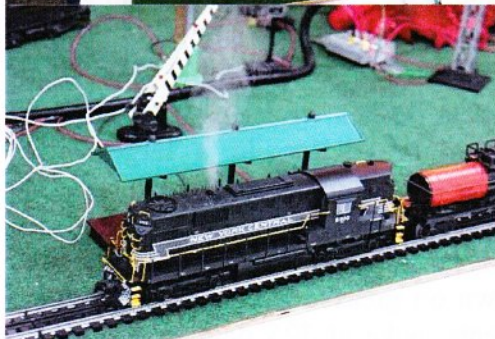
The candles were sold at a variety of stores in the area over several decades and sales continued to rise throughout the 1950s, peaking in the late 1960s. By the late 1970s the company was in decline. Today these figurines are very popular collectibles, especially the Halloween and Christmas ones. Their popularity has made them a hot item on eBay, where I have bought some to compliment my set. I have also found them at garage and estate sales. I love putting them on display at Christmas because they remind me of my early childhood Christmases with my family.

Barb Noonan

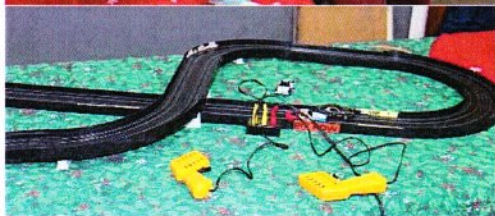


## Christmas in November

Ten members were willing to start their Christmas season early by displaying some of their most prized holiday items.



Dan O'Connor set up his smoking train set



Jeff & Karen Schwartz had a Camaro tree along with a race track, anyone want to challenge Jeff? Watch out, he's good!



Elaine Haid proves she is handy with a needle and yarn & patient for all the hours to make these unique items.



Linda Foster loves her different Santas



Larry Gee restored George Camann's Flying Yankee train set. See their story on page 3.



Pete Pucak knows where the buck stops! At the Lionel Bank that is! It's one of the cars in his set.



Cliff Schulz was all aglow with his Santas & snowmen.



Barb Noonan unpacks wife Mark & Ann Palmer look on.

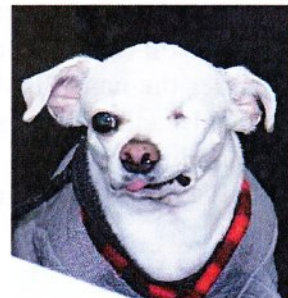


Barb has some Hallmark & glass ornaments on a tree display and some antique candle figurines. See her story on page. 8.

Chester, Terry Tredo's pooch was keeping an eye on things.



A mishap caused him to lose one eye.







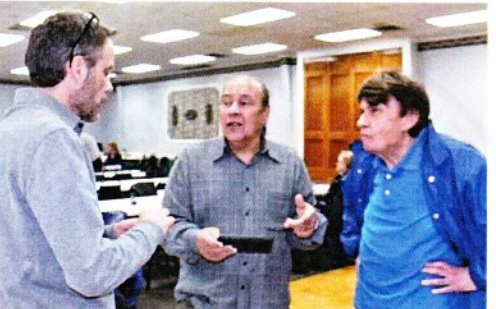
Chuck Facklam displayed his rolling stock with a ski slope in the middle



Peggy & Jerry Ptak had their Annalee Dolls guarding their 12 Days of Christmas Waterford crystal ornaments. While receiving just one a year, it took 12 years to get this set!



Peggy, Jerry & Chuck talk about Christmas ornaments and trains



Mark Brylinski, John Sole & Dennis Powers swap stories



Ken Knoll, Linda & Jack Foster get chippy



Dennis Powers & Candace Reed split the ticket sales duties for the split club



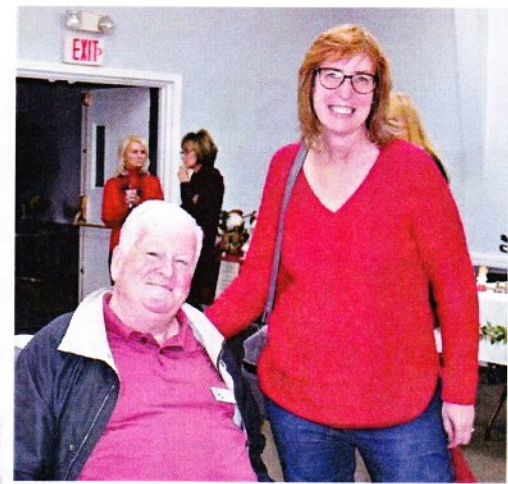
Pete Pucak & John Haid relax & chit chat



The Girls: Elaine Haid, Barb Noonan & Lynelle Schloerb smile for the camera



George Nash & Don Butlak also spot the camera



Ray Noonan & Sue Yearke have a conversation



Sue Reville tells Linda Foster a good story



Mark & John Haid go through the piles of books & magazines that were free!



Watch out, our Activities Chairpersons, Lynelle Schloerb & Chuck Weimer are planning something! Photos by Lon Wilson

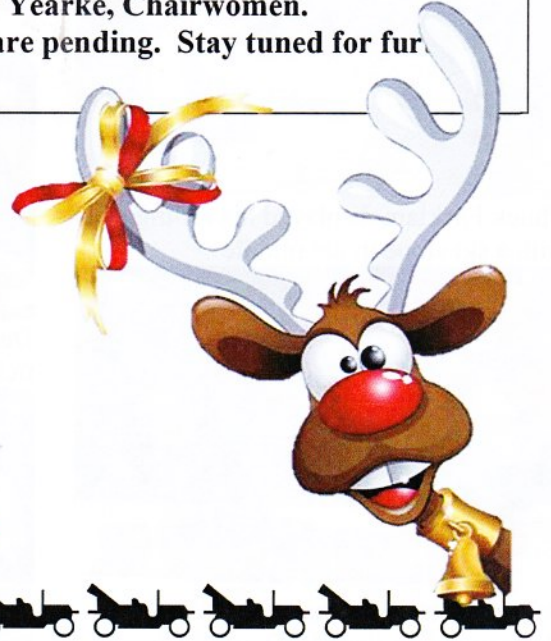




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Calendar of Events	
Dec 12	– Annual Christmas Party, Polish Falcons, Lynelle Schloerb, Chairwoman.
Dec 21	– Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)
Dec. 25	– Christmas
Dec. 31	– New Year’s Eve
Jan. 22, 2022	– Installation Banquet, Classic V, Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke, Chairwomen.
All other events are pending. Stay tuned for fur updates.	



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