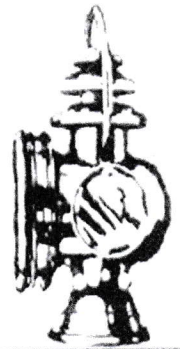


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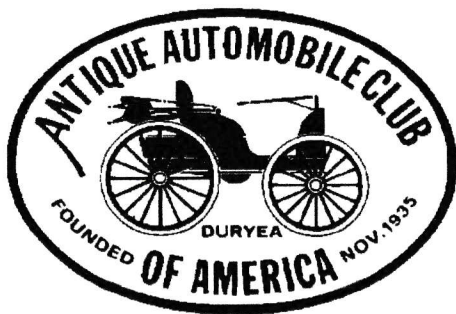
One of the cars in the Florida car collection of Don McCullen

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Events for 2022

Nov. 13 – Desserts-R-Us, Cliff Schulz, Chairman

Dec. 11 – Christmas Party, Lynelle Schloerb & Barb Noonan, Chairwomen.

Jan 21, 2023 – Annual Installation Banquet, hosted by Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz

*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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ON THE COVER: One of the cars Dennis Upton got a chance to see during his time in Florida with Ron Billo & Al Forster. Part one of his story on page 3, photos on page 5



Attendance Report: Members and guests who went rode the rails to see the fall leaves were: Don & Joyce Butlak (120) - '64 Ford; George & Ruth Camann (*) - '89 Probe; Jim Casey & guest - '63 Belvedere; James & Lisa Galvin (50) - '55 Packard; Charles & Christine Gugino (30) - '94 Buick; Paul & Christina Henderson (80) & kids & guests - '67 Chevelle; Robert Mandziak (30) - '75 Buick; Mike Mesi (*) - '82; Sam & Jean Yanik (*) - '95 Impala; Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana (60); Christopher Ciszek (30); Paul & Donna Crowley (10); Jack & Linda Foster (140); John & Elaine Haid (130) & guest; Ken Knoll (135); John & Judy Kruse (10); Judy Malaniak (guest); Joe & Linda McCaffrey (85); Paul & Delores Meyer (45) & 3 guests; James & Lorraine Meyer & Michele Warmus (guests); Joe Momot (20)t & Tom Doll; William & Candace Mutignani (20); Marilyn Obermeyer (40) & guest Betty; Mark & Ann Palmer (95); Jerome & Michele Puma (10); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (110); Leonard & Sally Sayward (60); Don & Lynelle Schloerb (130); Cliff Schulz (*) (the other Chevelle, a Honda); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (45); Jeff & Karen Schwartz (125); Jim & Chris Smyczynski (20); John & Darla Sole (10); Teresa Tredo (90) & 2 guests; Lon & Valerie Wilson (*); and Chuck & Gert Wolski (115).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: Fall is here folks, and it will soon be time to set the clocks back. There's a chill in the air and the fall leaves are on full display. Are you ready for Halloween? The best part about Halloween is carving cool faces in the pumpkins. Then maybe eating some of the left-over candy that the trick or treaters didn't get. Sadly, it's also time to wrap up and cover up the hot rods for winter hibernation.

Hey, I know how to brighten up your spirits. It's called DESSERTS – R – US Night Sunday, November 13th, 2022. Bring a dessert or your appetite for a FUN

event at the Polish Falcons. Call me at the corrected phone number in this month's Sidelight if you want table space.

I went to the fall Hershey meet again this year and the weather was very nice. The car show continues to be spectacular! Then I caught a vintage train ride with the LER Club. Thanks go out to Don and Joyce Butlak for organizing a fun Fall Foliage Tour.

I see that you have been thinking about, how can I have more fun with the LER Club? YES, you got it right! Join the LER board of directors. Come on now don't be shy. Give me a call and let me unlock your best talents.

Cliff

RENEW: It's that time again for renewals. Be on the lookout for the AACA renewal form which was in the Sept/ Oct issue and again in the upcoming Nov/Dec issue of the AACA magazine. You can renew by mail, phone or online. Please remember you **MUST** be a member of the National club to belong to the Lake Erie Region. In addition to other benefits, they carry the insurance for our region.

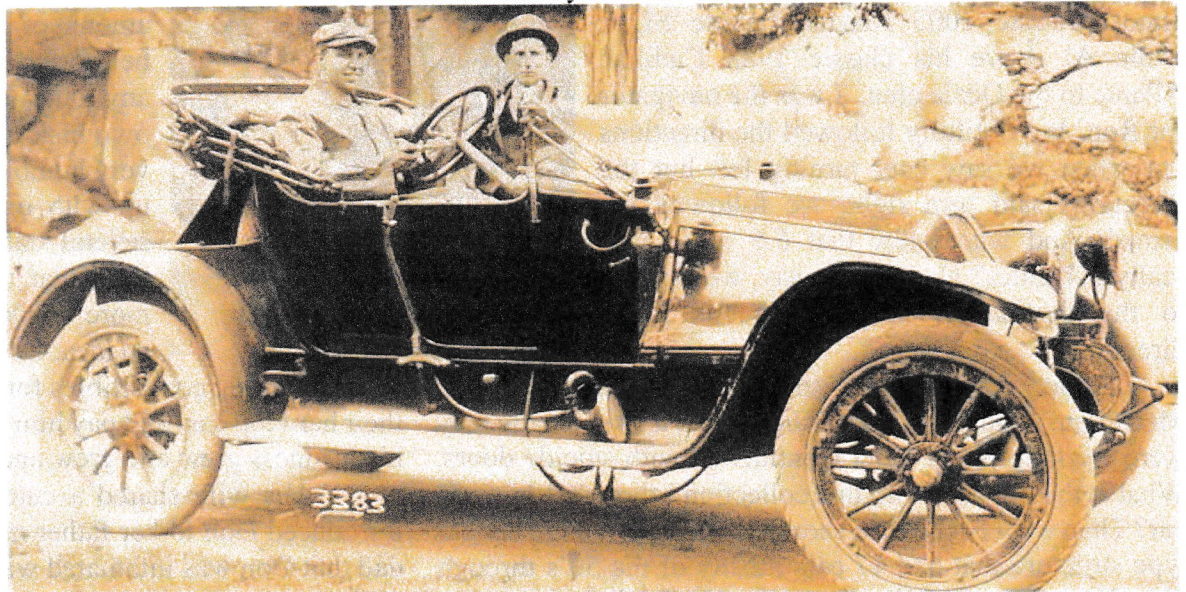
If your dues are due this year a renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. Check it over and make any correction necessary before returning the entire form with payment in a timely manner. This will ensure your continual membership in LER. You can always check the bottom left corner of your mailing label to see what year you are paid through.

There are two new columns in the car section of the 2023 form. The color and license plate number columns have been added strictly for photographic identification. These columns will not appear in the upcoming roster which should be out early next year. Please return the entire form by the deadline so the roster can be updated.

Sympathies: For long time members who remember the Laurias. Terry Lauria passed away on Sept 17th. Terry was the widow of Joe Lauria who owned a collision shop on Niagara St in Buffalo. They were very involved both in MARC and LER. I know Joe was President of LER at one time and probably an officer in MARC. This was back in the 70's and 80's. Joe owned among others a Model A Town Car with a Tonneau cover over the driver's compartment. It was originally owned by an executive of the Buffalo Evening News and had wooden wheels. A rare car indeed. Doug Coon would remember them. Terry was 96 yrs. old.

I found this on an Ebay listing of an item I purchased. The seller had a variety of photos he was looking for info on, but this one is the only vehicle. Does anyone have any thoughts about this vehicle? I just thought I would throw it out there for our vastly knowledgeable membership. You can contact me if you may know. The Editor.

What make/model/year is this automobile?



ACTIVITIES REPORT

Attention LER Members: If you would like to host or co-host, please contact any board member. A list of all board members can be found in the Sidelight on page 1. Please remember to sign up early for these events and treat your club mates with respect and consideration.

October 16th Fall Run Don and Joyce Butlak hosted the event. Brunch was at Danny's South, followed by the train ride on the New York & Lake Erie Railroad. The train was full, scenery amazing and the weather was great. Thanks to Don and Joyce for a wonderful day.

November 13th Back by popular demand will be Desserts-R-Us. Hosted by Cliff Schulz. Dennis Upton will be giving a short presentation. RSVP your table by November 6, 2022. See the Sidelight for details.

December 11th Will be our annual Christmas party at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm, hosted By Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. See the Sidelight for details and the sign-up sheet, RSVP by December 1, 2022.

January 21st Annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. This will be at the Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst. This year the theme will be American Classic Cars, red, white and blue. Details to follow.

The board has discussed some possible events for February, March and April. If anyone has an idea for an event contact any board member.

February 19th Chuck Weimer will be hosting the event, I have arranged Gregory Kinal to give a presentation, it will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Refreshments will be served by Lynelle Schloerb. Details to follow.

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

Tim Cryan reports the following LER members attended Hershey this year: Tim Cryan; Jeff Cryan; Mark Yearke; Jeff Schwartz; Mark Brylinski; Ross and Gail Martin; Cliff Schulz; Chuck Weimer; Ken Kaczka; Paul

Schrader; John Martinick; Brian White; Ken Pielechowski; Bob Snyder; Jim and Linda Galvin. Also, Dan and Rosann Gernatt received a 3rd Junior on his 1910 Ford Model T and a 1st Preservation on their 1914 Rolls Royce.

Florida Car Collections 2022

By Dennis Upton

During February of 2022, I (a snowbird) had the opportunity to join LER club members, Ron Billo (a Florida snowbird) and Al Forster (snowbird turned Florida resident) on two different occasions to visit car collections in the vicinity of The Villages.

Ron's 1967 Mustang didn't want to start the first day, so we traveled modern in his almost classic 2005 Mazda Tribute SUV, while Al drove his classic 1988 Cadillac Allante to the Ocala area. I was the navigator for Ron. We dutifully followed the directions but when we saw cars turning left but the directions said turn right, we followed the crowd. And who knew that 6.6 miles was really 3.4 miles? Needless to say, we made it to the destination in spite of the given directions.

Our first stop was to see the collection of Don McCullen. At first, we were ushered into a room where they were working on an older Continental with suicide doors. What is the big deal with this collection I thought? Just one car? Then we went down a short hallway into a large hangar type structure that had 47 cars mostly of the 50's through 70's. Wow! The building had to be 200 feet long with cars



backed into their spaces all around the perimeter. There was everything from a 41 Lincoln Continental to a Corvair to a Bentley and most cars in between. All the cars were wonderfully restored and able to be driven. He did mention

that he had a number of other cars in another location that were being worked on. Don had an amazing amount of information on every car that he would modestly share when asked any question. In speaking about his own history in the car world, he spoke very humbly. From odd jobs, he wound up with one service station and then several stations. When there came the time that there were going to be no more convertibles produced, Don had an idea. Coachworks was born and Don started making convertibles for folks who would bring him their hard top cars and pay him a sum of money. Obviously, his business grew and grew and grew.

His wife shared a cute story with me. When she introduced Don to her father many years ago. She told her dad that Don was infatuated with cars. Her dad said that he will outgrow it. In his 70's now, he obviously has not!

This is Part one of Dennis Upton's article – photos from this adventure appear on page 5. Part 2 next month

"DESSERTS-R-US-NIGHT"

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

POLISH FALCONS – 445 Columbia Ave., Depew

Setup Time @ 1:00 pm

Meeting @ 1:30pm

Yum Yums @ 2:00 to 5:00pm "Finger licking good!"

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

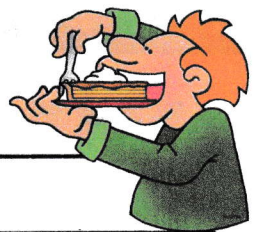


SPECIAL PRESENTATION during the meeting: Most Western New Yorkers know of Ellicottville, Ellicott Creek, the town of Ellicott, the Ellicott Building, etc. However, very few Western New Yorkers know any facts about the man who was regarded as the most important man in this area in the early 1800's. Come meet Joseph Ellicott as Dennis Upton does an historical portrayal of this man who led the surveying of all of Western New York in the late 1700's and then was resident agent in selling the land for the Holland Land Company.



Yes, please reserve a table for _____

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Sunday, December 11, 2022

AACA Lake Erie Region Christmas Party

Join us at the Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY 14043

Cash Bar: 1:00 pm & Dinner: 2:00 pm

Entertainment: 3:30 pm



Your dinner menu includes:

Turkey with stuffing, beef, mashed potatoes & gravy,
vegetables, salad & rolls, and dessert

Members: \$34 / Guests: \$39

We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor.

Donation suggestions include PJs (12 months to 12 years), Boys & Girls slippers (2T to 9T), fuzzy socks, clear plastic totes with lids (for belongings), stocking stuffers (crayons, coloring books, deck of cards), sets of women's jewelry, model cars (but NOT electric).



If you have a favorite Christmas cookie, please bring some along to share.



Reservations to attend must be made by **December 1, 2022**

and mailed to Barb Noonan, 1374 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Checks should be made payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**.

For questions, contact Barb Noonan at 716 957-3076 or Lynelle Schloerb at 716 949-2489.

Member or Guest Name	Phone Number	Cost
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Total Enclosed		\$

Chef Sue has one last summer grill treat for us. Thanks, Sue.

Zucchini Parmesan Foil Packets

- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 zucchinis, cut into 1/4" thick rounds
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper
- 2 tbs parsley



1. Whisk together butter, parmesan, basil, oregano, red pepper, parsley, and season with salt and pepper to taste.
2. Center zucchini on a sheet of Reynolds wrap heavy duty foil. Spoon butter mixture over zucchini. Bring up foil sides. Double fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside.
3. Place foil packets on the grill and cook until just cooked through, about 15-20 minutes.

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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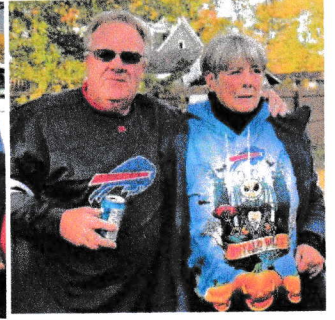
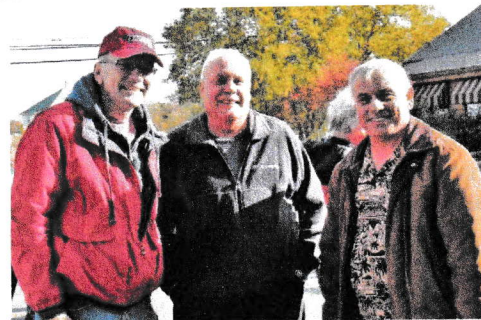


James & Lisa Galvin's '55 Packard

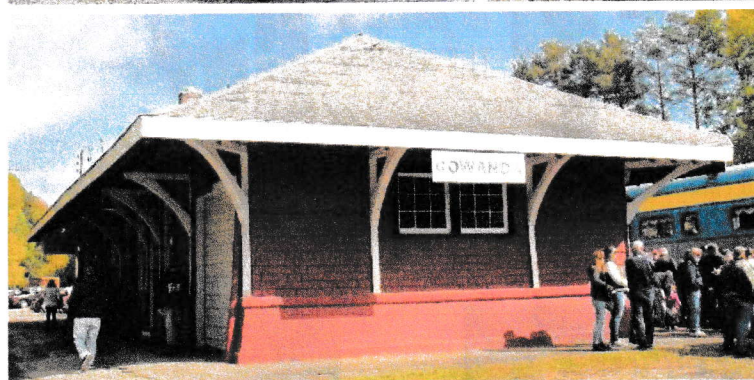


L to R: George Camann checks in with Peggy Ptak; Ruth Camann & Sally Sayward enjoy the sunshine; Sam Yanik & Cliff Schulz compare notes

Jerry Ptak, Tom Doll & Joe Momot chat; Jim Smyczynski, Lynelle Schloerb & John Haid spy the camera; James & Lisa Galvin are "Bills Backers"



Paul & Christine Henderson's '67 Chevelle; Robert Mandziak's '75 Buick; and Mike Mesi's '82 Toyota



Above the Gowanda Station, ALL ABOARD!!
To the trains: the two engines, back-to-back, took us on our journey were an Erie switcher and an Alco engine*





John & Judy Kruse,



Jack & Linda Foster,



Valerie Wilson and Peggy Ptak enjoy the scenery as we roll along

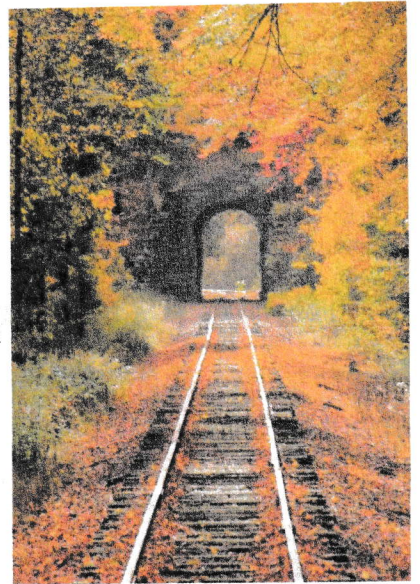


A car full of LER members



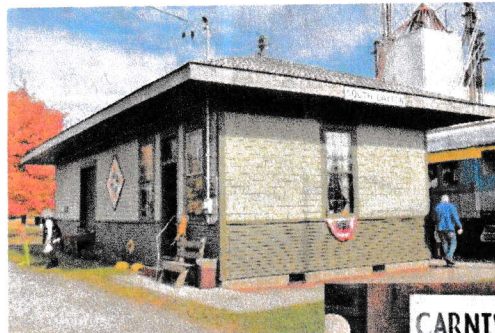
Erin Andrejchak, Christina & Henri Henderson are all smiles

A tunnel ahead (or is it behind us?)

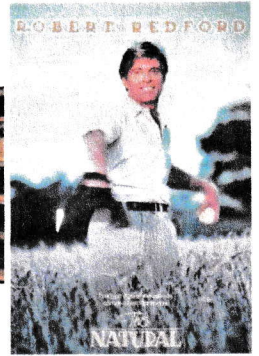


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Our conductor*

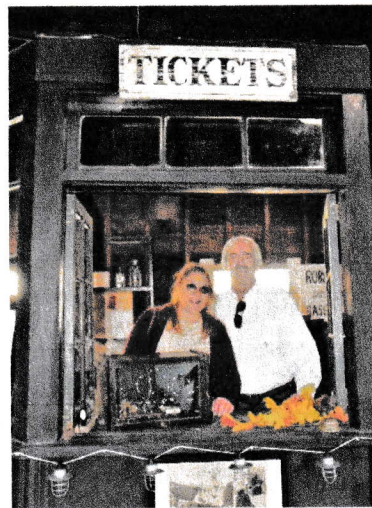
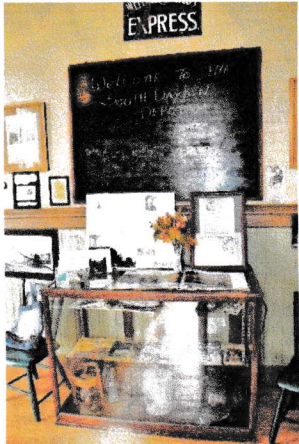


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"The Natural" & "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" were filmed using this RR. Right: Some "Natural" people (cardboard cutouts from the movie & a scene from P,T & A starring John Candy & Steve Martin (center figures). Below Karen & Jeff Schwartz pose inside the ticket booth

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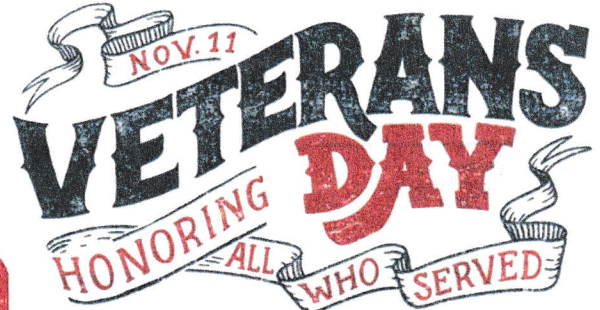
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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 8 – Election Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 13 – Desserts-R-Us, Cliff Schulz, Chairman
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 11 – Christmas Party, Lynelle Schloerb & Barb Noonan, Chairwomen
- Jan 21, 2023 – Annual Installation Banquet, hosted by Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz



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