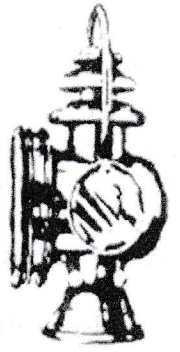


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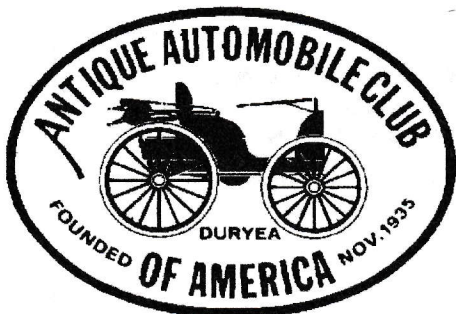
Dan Gernatt with his 1930 Duesenberg

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LER BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2023

- 21-23 **President** Cliff Schulz
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Bold type indicates board members

Events for 2023

July 16 – LER Picnic hosted by Cliff Schulz & Chuck Weimer

Aug. 6 - Genesee Country Village in Mumford hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll

*This is a tentative schedule. The dates & locations 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 20th of the previous month that material is to appear.

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Sympathies to: Don Butlak and his family on the loss of his wife Joyce. They planned several LER events including the Railroad trips and the event at the Charcoal Corral.

On The Cover: Dan Gernatt with one of the many show stopping vehicles he brought to our show. He, along with Scott Bieler of West Herr Automotive are show sponsors which make our show a success. Many thanks to both gentleman!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: Sunday June 11th was a good day to have a GREAT DAY! Yes, this was our LER Annual Car Show Day and the week leading up to it was filled with worries about rain. Oh no, not again. However, lady luck was on our side this year. Holding off the rain until Sunday night.

I believe we enjoyed a bit over 200 cars on display. Organizing this event is always tons of work. Special Thanks go out to Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi for putting the car show puzzle together. Super Thanks go out to about 40 members who dedicated their day to see that the show was a success. Feedback I received throughout the day expressed a good vibe. Thanks to all!

Next up is our Summer Picnic, which will be a more relaxing event for the club. Sign up early to enjoy a short cruise followed by a tasty summer buffet. Afternoon games this year will include a Cornhole tournament and a Checkers tournament. Oh yeah and don't forget to bring out your favorite ride for display.

Lots of plans are coming together folks, promising more wonderful summer events. I hope to see you all soon.

I will be taking orders for LER name tags at the July picnic. If needed, please call me if you miss the event.

Drive safe. Cliff

Sue whips up another tasty treat (This one was served at a recent board meeting and Lon Wilson asked for it).

Chocolate Trifle

- 1 box (family size brownies)
- 3 boxes of chocolate pudding (can use any flavor pudding)
- 1 bag of Heath bars or Oreo cookies (can use any candy or cookie)
- 12 oz cool whip



Make brownies as directed. Let cool completely.

Make the pudding as directed.

For cookies or candy pound them out into small pieces. You can put them in a food processor but pulsate it. You want chunks. You don't want them too fine.

Get a glass truffle bowl so you can see the layers.

Layer the bowl in the following order:

Brownies, pudding, cool whip, cookies or candies

Repeat another layer of each. Ending with the cookies or candy on top for decoration.

Then enjoy!!

Points of Interest

items from club members that may be of interest to other club members

Jeff Cryan sent in this website for a ton of local shows in this area. You can check them out at your leisure.

<https://carcruisefinder.com/new-york-car-shows/events/category/new-york-car-shows/western-ny-car-shows/>



"An Evening with Terry Buchwald as Elvis and Cruise Night", The Brothers of Mercy Campus, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence. Cars arrive at 6:00 P.M., Show starts at 7:00 P.M. Show date is Wednesday July 12th.

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Attention LER Members: If you would like to host or co-host a future event, 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.

June 11th Was our Annual Car show, hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. The weather turned out to be just fine. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and a special thanks to Chuck Facklam for all he did for this event.

July 16th Will be our annual summer picnic, hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schulz. It will be at the Clarence Town Place Park in the Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. We have arranged for a drop off banquet by Cozy Catering of Clarence. See the Sidelight for the sign up sheet. Reservations deadline is July 2nd.

August 6th Hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll, they have arranged a visit to the Genesee Country Village in Mumford. See the Sidelight for the sign up sheet. Reservations deadline is July 17th.

September 9th&10th Our annual overnight event. Hosted by Cliff Schulz. Cliff has arranged an overnight

stay in Mt. Morris at the Country Inn & Suites and dinner at the Genesee River Restaurant. Details to follow.

October 1st Fall run, will be hosted by Dan O'Connor, Candice Reed, John and Elaine Haid. They have arranged a Southern Tier pumpkin run to the Valley View Farms in Machias. Details to follow.

Indoor season begins

November 12th Hosted by Cliff Schulz, he is planning an AACA Coffee & Cars. Members can bring their model cars, coffeecake, pastries, appetizers or their favorite dish. This will be at the Polish Falcons. Details to follow.

December 10th Will be our annual Christmas party at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm, hosted By Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. Details to follow.

January 20th Annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. This will be at the Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst. 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

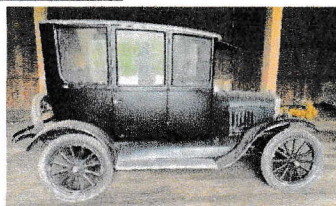
SIDELIGHT TREASURES

These ads can also be viewed at www.lakeerie.aaca.com.

Ads are free for members. Ads from non-members must be submitted by a current member. Ads run for at least 3 months. Phone numbers are area code 716 unless otherwise noted.

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'21 Model T, rare center door, barn find, complete & in restable condition, have spare parts with it, contact Chuck 716-655-0508 (9)



'31 Ford Model A Town Sedan 160B, 4dr. 6 window, slant windshield. Had since 9/01, bought from Arthur Schwartz. Been in Ken-Ton Memorial Day Parade for many years, many awards. Retired & moving to KY \$17,000 716-748-1360 Valentine Fudala. (8)

'37 Buick Special model 41, driver with good paint and

serviceable interior, runs well & complete, chrome & stainless are good, not a show car, 66,000 miles believed to be original \$9,000, Contact Earl 716-652-4830 (9)

'74 Chevrolet "Monte Carlo RS", 400 cid/ w 2bl, AT, PS, PB, AC, CC – If interested, please call or email Marty for details, 716-625-8087 c716-864-7479, mkorkuc@yahoo.com (10)

'93 Chevrolet Van Beauville 20, 3/4 ton, 8 passenger, PS, PB, air front only, 72,627 miles. Not on road since 2019 but starts and runs. New fuel and break lines in 2017. Clear NYS title. \$7,000. Contact Barb at 715-957-3076 (9)

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LER PICNIC

July 16, 2023

We will meet at Transitown Plaza
(Main St and Transit Rd) at 10:30am
Departures start at 11:00 am.



A short driving tour throughout the
Clarence, NY countryside is planned.

Arrive at the Clarence Town View Pavilion

5400 Goodrich Rd., Clarence, NY, 12 pm to 12:30 pm



Picnic Buffet at 1:30 pm

Food by Cozy Catering of Clarence

BBQ Chicken, Roast Beef, Baby Salt Potatoes

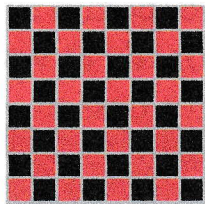
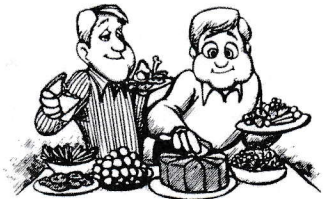
Chef Salad, Steamed Cauliflower & Broccoli, Dessert,

Soda, Water & Music provided.

No glass bottles or pets permitted in the park.

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Reservations deadline July 2nd, 2023

Make checks payable to AACA Lake Erie Region.

Send to: Chuck Weimer, 8120 Red Clover Ave, Williamsville, NY 14221

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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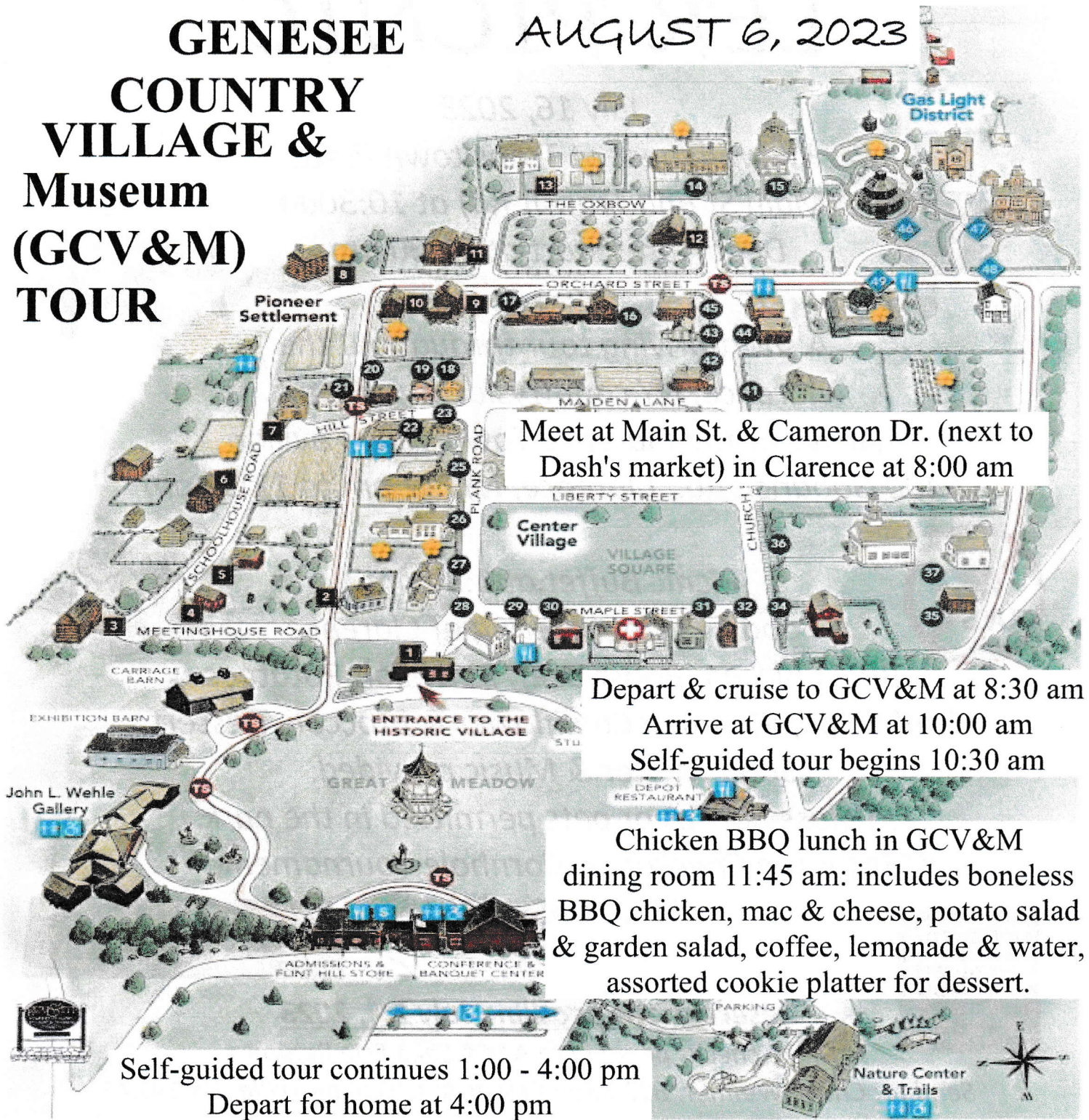
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Questions - call Chuck – 716-955-0834

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & Museum (GCV&M) TOUR

AUGUST 6, 2023



Meet at Main St. & Cameron Dr. (next to Dash's market) in Clarence at 8:00 am

Depart & cruise to GCV&M at 8:30 am
Arrive at GCV&M at 10:00 am
Self-guided tour begins 10:30 am

Chicken BBQ lunch in GCV&M dining room 11:45 am: includes boneless BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, potato salad & garden salad, coffee, lemonade & water, assorted cookie platter for dessert.

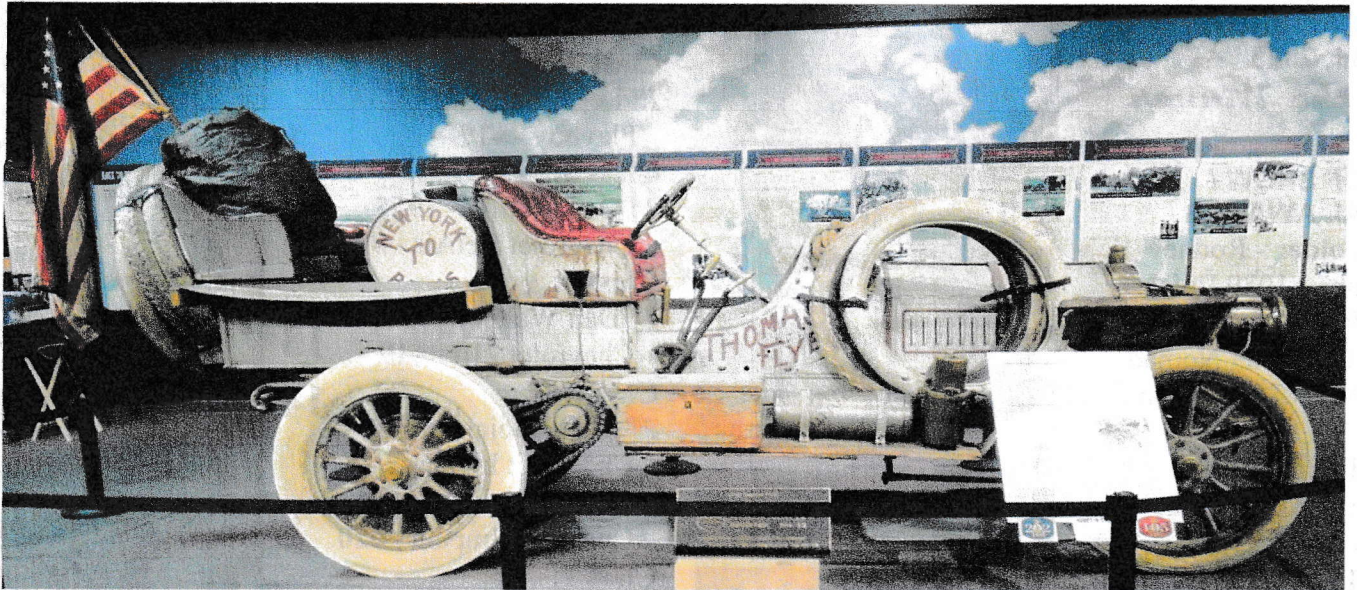
Self-guided tour continues 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Depart for home at 4:00 pm

Price: \$35.00 per member/ \$40.00 per guest: lunch & tour Questions: Ken Knoll 716-683-7242
Lunch only: Members \$18.00/ guests \$23.00 Mike Mesi 716-810-2610
RESERVATION DEADLINE: July 17, 2023 (no reservations after this date!)

Make checks payable to AACA - Lake Erie Region
Send reservations to Mike Mesi, 8300 Hirschwood Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221



Name(s) _____ # Members: _____ x \$35/ lunch only _____ x \$18 = _____
Phone # _____ # Guests: _____ x \$40/ lunch only _____ x \$23 = _____
Questions - Call Mike - 716 810-2610 TOTAL = _____



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All checks made payable to the Buffalo Transportation Museum
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Maciuba - 1939 Buick**
**951-1970 - Dan Singer -
1957 Chevrolet Nomad**
**971-1997 - Tony Salvo -
1981 El Camino**

**MODIFIED - James
Miller - 1981 Pontiac
Trans Am**

**MEMBER Members Who Won
Class 1A:**

**Bob Snyder - 1936 Ford
Panel Delivery - Jr - #1**
**Bill Prenevau - 1985
Chevrolet Z-28 - Jr - #2**
**Ken Knoll - 1961 Chevrolet
Impala Conv. - Sr - #3**
**Jack & Linda Foster - 1958
Metropolitan - Jr - #4**
**Dan & Roseann Gernatt -
1931 Pearce Arrow - #5**
**Bill Markowski - 1973
Pontiac GTO - Jr - #6**

Class 1B:

**Tim Cryan - 1938 Buick
HPOF Original - #7**
**Joyce Kain - 1966 Ford
Mustang HPOF - #8**
**John & Elaine Haid - 1987
Chevrolet Caprice Classic
Brougham HPOF - #9**

Class 1C DPC:

**Mark Kraus - 1958
Chevrolet Impala - #10**
**Don Wilson - 1953 Buick
Roadmaster**
**Merry Ptak - 1975 Fiat 124
Spider - #11**

**Ray & Barb Noonan - 1967
Chevrolet Impala - #12**

**Don & Joyce Butlak - 1964
Ford Galaxie 500 - #13**

**Dave Nash - 1964
Chevrolet Impala - #14**

Class 3:

**1st Stephen Mangione -
1942 Studebaker
Commander - #15**



**2nd Dan Gernatt - 1933
Cadillac Conv - #16**

**Class 4:
1st Lee Singer - 1948
Playboy - #17**

**Class 5:
1st Orrin Catlin - 1955
Chevrolet BelAir - #18**

**Class 6:
1st Dan Walter - 1957
Chevrolet 210 - #19**

**Class 7:
2nd Mark Bojak - 1962
Chevrolet Impala**
**3rd Don Warnick - 1965
Chevrolet Impala - #20**

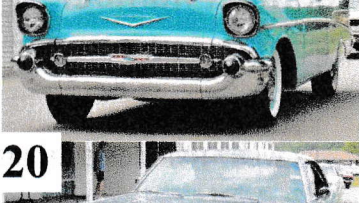
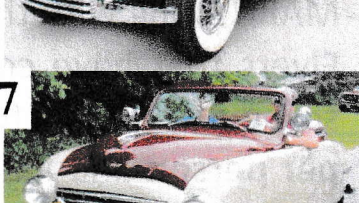
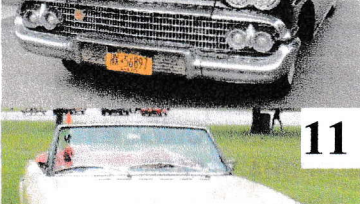
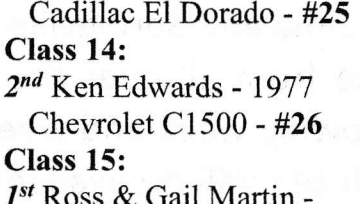
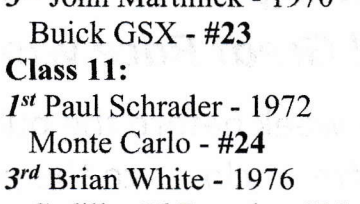
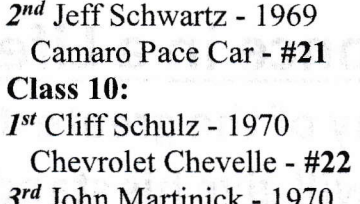
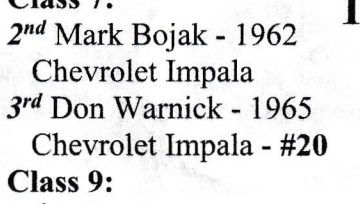
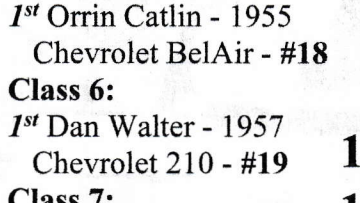
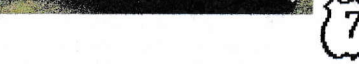
**Class 9:
2nd Jeff Schwartz - 1969
Camaro Pace Car - #21**

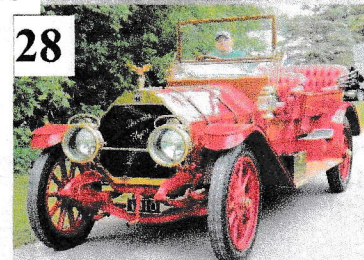
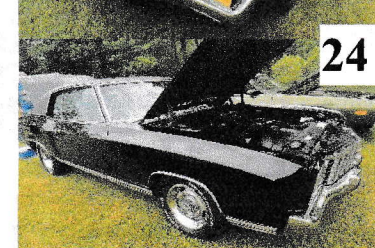
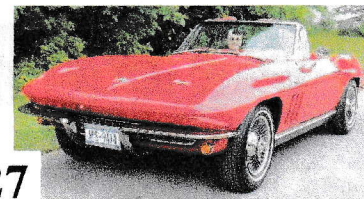
**Class 10:
1st Cliff Schulz - 1970
Chevrolet Chevelle - #22**
**3rd John Martinick - 1970
Buick GSX - #23**

**Class 11:
1st Paul Schrader - 1972
Monte Carlo - #24**
**3rd Brian White - 1976
Cadillac El Dorado - #25**

**Class 14:
2nd Ken Edwards - 1977
Chevrolet C1500 - #26**

**Class 15:
1st Ross & Gail Martin -
1966 Corvette - #27**





Other members who participated by either showing their cars, or pre-registering **Class 1A:** Don & Heather Roberts – 1953 Packard; Chuck Weimer – 1970 Buick; Joe McCaffrey – 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge; Mark Yearke – 1969 Chevelle; **Class B:** David Sayles – 1975 Pontiac; **Class 2:** Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1930 Bentley; Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1930 Duesenberg; Dan & Rosann Gernatt – 1926 Rolls Royce; Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1929 Bentley; Dan & Rosann Gernatt – 1910 Thomas Flyer #28; Christopher Ciszek – 1931 Ford; Chuck DiBella – 1935 Ford; Dan O'Connor – 1926 Ford Model T; Deb Gampietro – 1934 Ford; Donald Conklin – 1919 Ford Model T; **Class 3:** Dennis Bray – 1939 LaSalle; Chuck Wolski – 1937 Buick Century; Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1941 Cadillac; Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1941 Cadillac; Paul Vergils – 1940 Ford; Joseph Dallos – 1940 Buick; **Class 4:** David Kaczmarek – 1948 Dodge; **Class 5:** Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1953 Buick; **Class 7:** Bill Gailie – 1962 Thunderbird; David Pera – 1965 Buick; **Class 9:** Steve & Kathy Vaccaro – 1968 Chevelle; Fred Warnick – 1968 Chevrolet; David Pastor – 1968 Cadillac; Ed Vogt – 1968 Chevrolet Biscayne; **Class 10:** Ron Billo – 1971 Oldsmobile; **Class 11:** Bob Mandziak – 1972 Buick Skylark; **Class 13:** Sam Yanik – 1998 Impala; George Camann – 1989 Ford Probe; **Class 14:** Charles Facklam – 1948 Willys 1 ton stake truck; Karl Schurkus – 1941 Ford pickup; **Class 15:** Ken Kaczka – 1975 Corvette; Ron Leavy – 1976 Corvette; **Class 16:** Valerie Wilson – 1966 Mustang; **Class 18:** Leonard Sayward – 1932 Chevrolet; Jeff Cryan – 1929 Model A Tudor; **Class 19:** Mike Mesi – 1965 Chevrolet BelAir; **Class 20:** Bob Carrick – 1975 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Landau; **Class 21:** Steven Cryan – 1929 Model A Pickup; **Class 22:** Dennis Upton – 1956 Mercury Montclair and Gerald Tooke – 2005 Dodge Magnum;

We finally had a nice day for our Lake Erie Region 9th car show on Sunday June 11! Thanks to all those that brought cars out! We had a total of 160 vehicles on the show field, and our team of judges did another fine job determining winners in those 21 classes. Some of the teams even judged two classes. Ray and I extend our sincere thanks to each of you who willingly volunteered to help. You are a great group of individuals and a big part of what makes our show a success. Thanks to you we can still say we have been the “Best Judged Show in WNY” for 69 years.

The member volunteers for judging were Valerie Wilson, David Nash, Jerry Ptak, George Camann, Ed Vogt,

David Pastor, Paul Vergils, Martin Korkuc, Mark Kraus, Chuck Facklam, Joe McCaffrey, Jerry Tooke, Orrin Catlin, Jeff Schwartz, Bob Snyder, Dan O'Connor, Bill Mutignani, Tim Cryan, Mark Yearke, Chuck Weimer, Ken Knoll, Cliff Schulz, Mark Palmer, Mike Mesi, Ken Weinstein, Ken Kaczka, Bill Prenevau, Brian Busch, Jeff Cryan and Steve Cryan. Our Judging Staff included Mark Beth Facklam, Linda McCaffrey, Karen Schwartz, and Ruth Camann. These people did a super job in tabulating results of judging in a very busy room and in a timely manner.

Thanks again to all of you,
Barb & Ray Noonan, Chief Judges

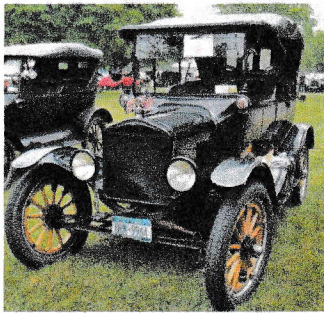
Saturday setup crew: Chuck Facklam, Mike Mesi, Carl Schurkus, Ken Knoll, John Haid, Cliff Schulz, Tim Cryan, Mark Yearke, George Camann, Barb Noonan and Jeff Schwartz.

Registration: John Haid, Tim Cryan, Candace Reed, Mary Beth Facklam, Margaret Haid, Jean Yanik, Peggy Ptak, Valerie Wilson, Ann Palmer, Jerry Gallagher,

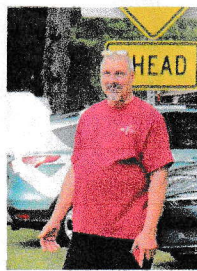
Parking / Show Field: Ron Billo, George Camann, Jack Foster, Mike Mesi, Dan O'Connor, Jerry Ptak, Dennis Upton, Sam Yanik, Don Schloerb and Mark Palmer

Note: if you do not see your name listed in any of the above lists and you worked or brought a vehicle, contact Peggy Ptak or any board member to receive your recognition points.





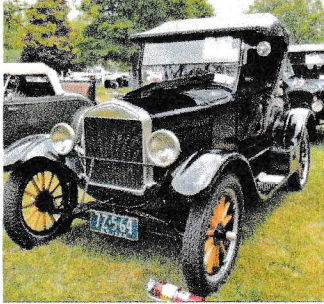
Donald Conklin – 1919 Ford Model T



Sam Yanik directs traffic to registration while Jerry Gallagher & Ann Palmer work Pre reg



Jean Yanik & Tim Cryan assist Ed Vogt in registering his 1968 Chevrolet Biscayne



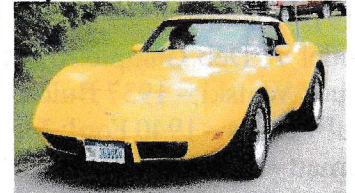
Dan O'Connor – 1926 Ford Model T



When Jean Yanik, Mary Beth Facklam, Peggy Ptak & Valerie Wilson take the tent away, registration is closed as per John Haid's direction



Bob Mandziak – 1972 Buick Skylark



Ron Leavy – 1976 Corvette



Dan & Rosann Gernatt – 1926 Rolls Royce



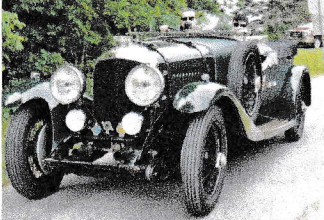
Chuck DiBella – 1935 Ford



Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1941 Cadillac



Sam Yanik – 1998 Impala



Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1929 Bentley



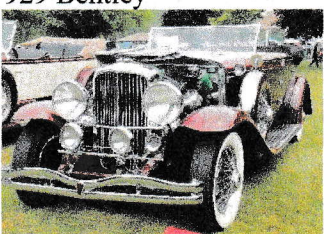
Paul Vergils – 1940 Ford



Bill Gailie – 1962 Thunderbird



Jeff Cryan – 1929 Model A Tudor



Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1930 Duesenberg



Dan & Roseann Gernatt – 1941 Cadillac



Valerie Wilson – 1966 Mustang GT



Steven Cryan – 1929 Model A Pickup



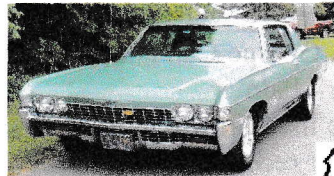
Chris Ciszek – 1931 Ford Model A



David Kaczmarek – 1948 Dodge



David Pastor – 1968 Cadillac

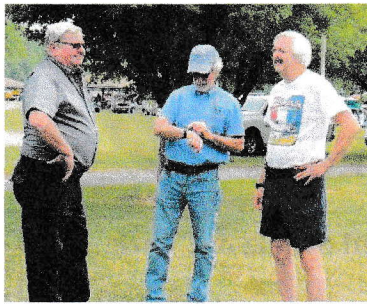


Fred Warnick – 1968 Chevrolet

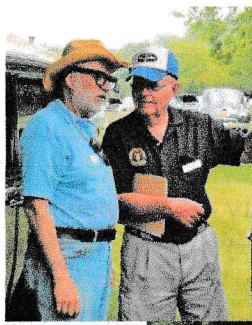


Dennis Upton – 1956 Mercury Montclair

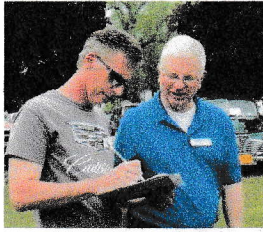




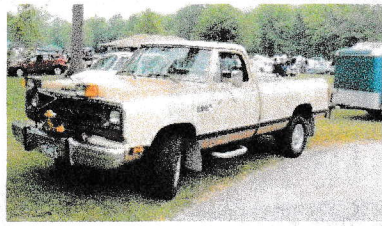
Left: Joe McCaffery, Mark Yearke & Jeff Schwartz wait to see what time judging starts; right: Chuck Facklam & Paul Vergils discuss points



Joe Dallos & Mike Mesi are truly Class 1Bs – HPOF that is! while below Ed talks to Chuck Weimer & Tim Cryan about the awards.



David Pastor & Ed Vogt check the tally sheet.



Chuck Facklam's work horse truck and Dan Gernatt's new dump truck

"Did somebody say car ride? I love car rides, especially with the top down!!"



Cliff Schulz says "Thank goodness another show is over" as he looks at the empty boxes from the trophies



Did Somebody call a cab?

Photos by Lon Wilson and Dean Burgstahler

Caption this photo of Chuck Facklam, Dave Nash & Jerry Ptak (hidden on other side of port-a-potty) Phone in your entry to the Editor at 716-873-6280. A prize for the best entry will be awarded at the picnic & published next month.



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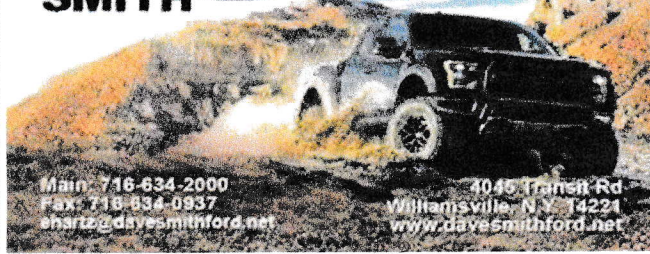


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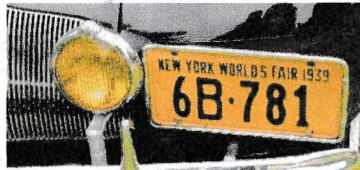
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Calendar of Events

July 4 – Independence Day
 July 16 – LER Picnic hosted by Cliff Schulz & Chuck Weimer
 Aug. 6 - Genesee Country Village in Mumford hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll



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