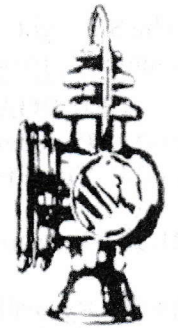
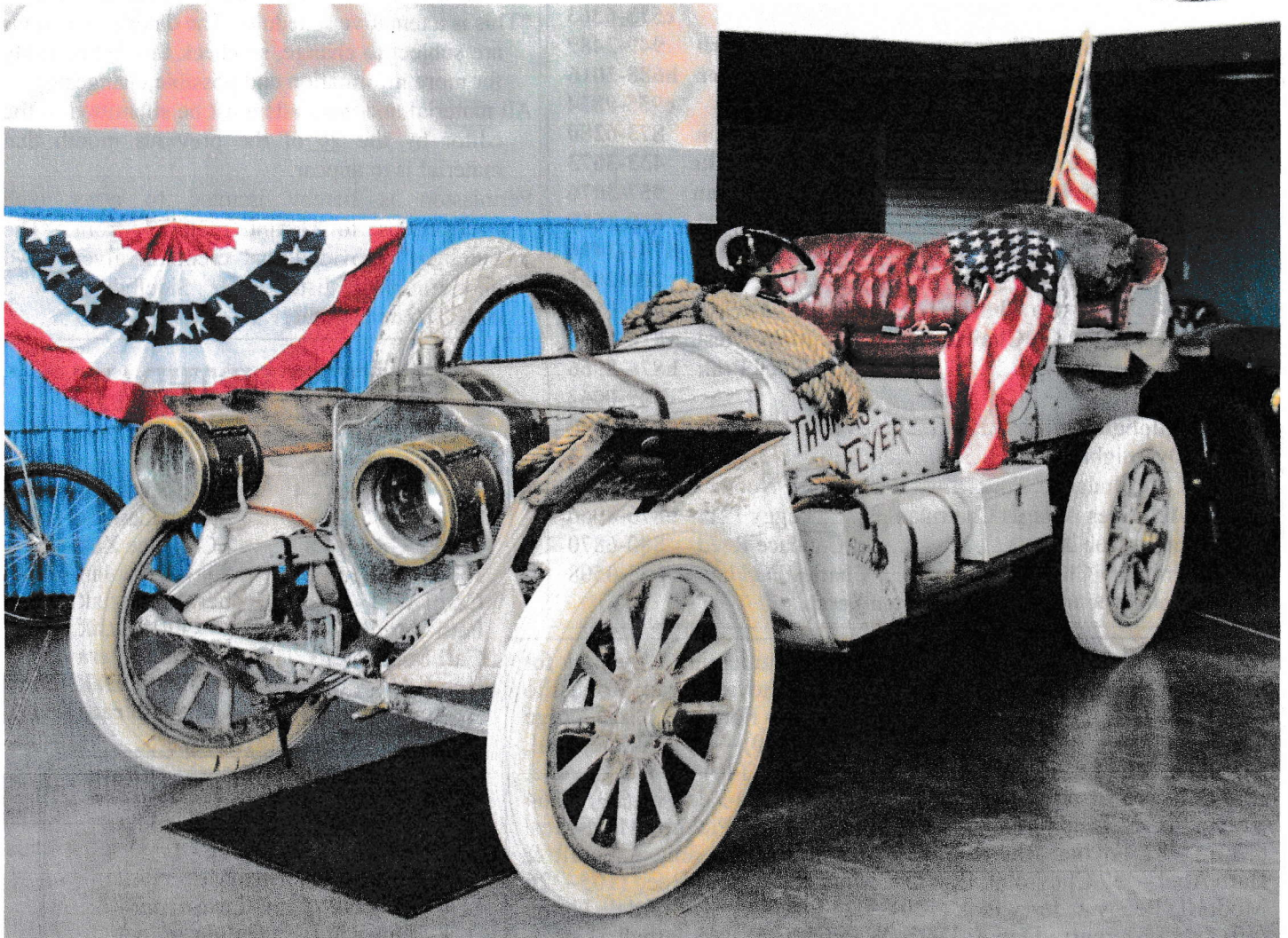


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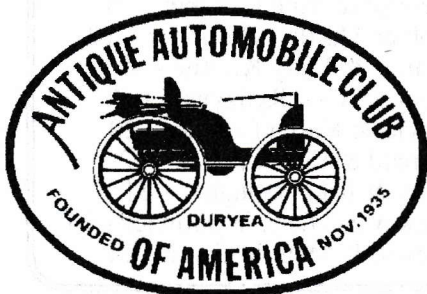
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**The 1907 Thomas Flyer visits back home**  
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- More on the Thomas Flyers's visit
- Photos from LERs picnic





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Events for 2023

**Aug. 6 - Genesee Country Village in Mumford hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll**  
**Sept 9-10 Overnighter to Mt Morris, hosted by Cliff Schulz**  
**Oct. 1 - Fall Run, hosted by Dan O'Connor, Candice Reed, and John & Elaine Haid**

\*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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Members and guests who enjoyed a perfect summer day at the park for a picnic were: Gary & Vallie Alt (35) – '93 Chevrolet van; Ron Billo (70) – '71 Oldsmobile; Don Butlak (75) – '64 Ford Galaxie; George Camann (140) – '89 Ford Probe; Tim Cryan (140) – '81 Cadillac; Paul, Christina, Vondin, Holdin & Henri Henderson (40) – '68 Chevelle; Ron & Karen Leavy (60) – '72 El Camino; Dave Lechner (20) – '64 Volvo; Joe & Linda McCaffery (75) – '37 Ford Pickup; Mike Mesi (130) – '82 Toyota; Ray & Barb Noonan (140), Connie Ashcraft & Barb Abel – '57 Chevrolet; Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed (105– '26 Model T; Peggy & Jerry Ptak (100) – '75 Fiat; Dennis & Adele Upton (60) – '56 Mercury; Don & Doris Warnick (85) - 65 Impala; Lon & Valerie Wilson (\*) – '66 Mustang; Sam & Jean Yanik (100) – '95 Impala SS; Pat & Dean Burgstahler (65); Christopher Cizek (45); Joe Dallos & son (75); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (120); Ken Kaczka & Sue Reville (65); Ken Knoll (95); Jeff Mahl (10); Ross & Gail Martin (45); Joe & Mary Momot (20); Jeffery Ortman & Deane McGloin (10); Mark & Ann Palmer (75) & Gary B; Lynelle Schloerb (85); Cliff Schulz (140); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (85); Jeff & Karen Schwartz (85); Terry Tredo (40); Chuck Weimer (\*), Margaret Pierce & Kate Pierce; Ken & Iris Weinstein (20); and Mark & Sue Yearke (\*)

*Get Well*

Elaine Haid & Steve Mangione

*Sympathies*

To Dr. Elizabeth Love on the passing of her sister Dr. Susan Love





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Cliff's Notes:* Sunday July 16 was our annual LER Club Picnic. We started off with a 50-mile fun ride through Erie, Niagara and Genesee Counties. The weather worked out good after a cloudy start. Thanks go out to Chuck, Cliff and Lynelle for organizing a GREAT EVENT. Thanks also go out to all the servers and helpers. I know there were many of you and everyone got to eat hot food like it should be. A FIVE STAR event for sure. Nobody went hungry at this picnic. Many people were able to take home some leftovers.

Then there were the games. WINNER take all.

Looks like the Henderson family will have bragging rights again this year. Although, the teams were different. Christina and Vondin won the corn hole tournament \$\$\$.

Little, but very smart, Henri won the checkers tournament \$\$\$.

Congratulations.

Many more events are coming up as 2023 Summer is starting to fly by. Please sign up early.

Looks like the LER board will need a couple of new members for next year. Talk to some of the board members and they can fill you in on the details.

Drive Safe.

Cliff

### Points of Interest

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



One of our members was spotted in the Kenmore Memorial Day parade. Do you recognize Marilyn Obermeyer? Thanks Dean Burgstahler for the picture!

Chef Sue has a quick and simple treat for us this month

#### Chocolate Mug cake

3 tbsp fudgy chocolate cake mix

2 tbsp water

1 tbsp semi-sweet chocolate chips

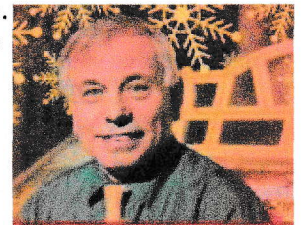
1 coffee mug



Mix ingredients in a mug and cook in the microwave for 50 seconds. Enjoy

Member Ricky (Lincoln) Wojtowicz would like you to know that Sunday, August 13 is the Rotary's Classic Car Show & Family Fun Day at Northtown Center at Amherst, 1615 Amherst Manor Drive (off Maple Rd) from 10-4pm, rain or shine, with Trophies, and special awards. Pre reg \$15 must receive before Fri Aug 11, with day of reg \$20. In the morning coffee & donuts/pastries available. Hot dogs, hamburgers, pop/water snacks and corn on the cob also available for purchase. There will be a basket raffle and 50/50 Music by DJ Hank Nevins. The Marines kick off the judging at noon. For more info Rickey (Lincoln) Wojtowicz @ 716-634-2730 or email wojtowiczr@aol.com

Mark your calendars for November 30<sup>th</sup>, as our very own LER member, Joe Momot, will be playing the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ at the Riviera Theater at 7:00pm. This is a FREE concert and if you have never heard him play, you are in for a real treat! Now is your chance to get into the holiday spirit! "The Riv" is at 67 Webster St, North Tonawanda



Ron Billo sent along this picture from Florida of sand art. The theme was 1950's so this sculpturer did a drive-in theater. He was told that the builders use spray bottles of glue and water while constructing them. There are some nice fins and a camper! It looks like beverages will be served, too!



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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.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>** was our annual summer picnic, hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schulz. It was at the Clarence Town Place Park in the Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. The weather turned out just fine and the food was excellent, members were going up for seconds. The corn hole and checkers tournaments were a big hit with the members. Thanks to everyone that helped out to make the event a big success.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** Hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll, they have arranged a visit to the Genesee Country Village in Mumford. You should have already signed up for this.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup>** 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. See the Sidelight for details and the sign-up sheet.

**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. See the Sidelight for details and the sign-up sheet.

### Indoor season begins

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

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Attention LER Members** February, March and April 2024 indoor events are open! If you have an idea, please get with any board member. 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

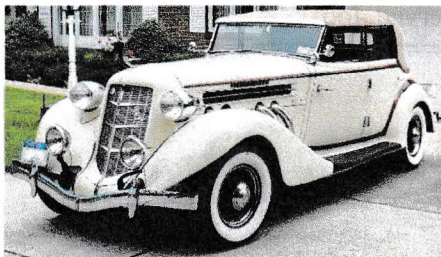
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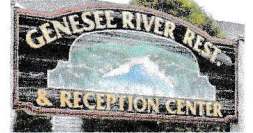
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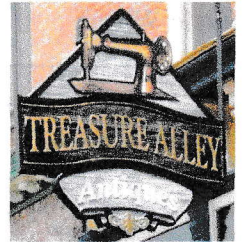
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## Caption This Photo Contest Winners!

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - Get out of the way Dave, I drove over to move the outhouse closer to the Judges... Hurry Jerry, I'm holding Chuck back until you're finished in there.

*Submitted by Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed*

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Chuck says, "Dave, you're walking right past a late entry"

Dave says, "Chuck, what kind of vehicle is this?"

Chuck says, "It's a 1921 Durant single seat, limited production utility vehicle, very rare and highly desirable."

Jerry says, "How do we judge it, its missing parts?"

*Submitted by Dave Lechner*



### Honorable Mentions – all submitted by Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed

- AACA Car Show Organizer Chuck Facklam, waits in line behind Dave Nash for Jerry Ptak to clear out of the Outhouse.
- I GOTTA GO, I GOTTA GO! Dave, out of my way or I'll take the potty down with Jerry in it!
- These Judges are full of it!



Dan & Candace received a set of vintage old car glasses & tumbler; Dave also won a set of vintage old car glasses, presented by Valerie Wilson

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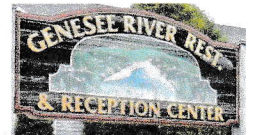
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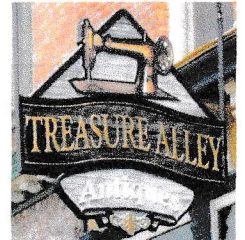
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# October Club Tour



The Fall Foliage Run will be to Valley View Farms located in Machias NY, a third generation 160-acre family farm. Tour participants will have first choice of pumpkins and other farm grown seasonal items that will be available for purchase on the 1st of October.

A planned drive will begin with a seasonal appropriate undisclosed stop, led by John and Elaine Hand. Then, we are off in our old cars heading South on our way to see vibrant Fall colors along less traveled Southern Tier Country roads to Valley View Farms. Leaving Valley View Farms we arrive in Colder, NY to enjoy a beautifully prepared Butter-style lunch at Colder Mill Restaurant being served at approximately 2:00pm.



Four participants should plan for an approximately 80 Mile round trip driven from the starting location of Southgate Plaza and returning to Southgate Plaza after having lunch at Colder Mill Restaurant. A fuel refilling stop having Ethanol free gas has been thoughtfully planned as well as bathroom rest stops. Each location has been verified to be open on Sundays. Tour route designers John & Elaine Hand have taken the necessary steps to route the tour around any traffic delays that may be caused by road construction and/or the scheduled Buffalo Bills home game.

Clubs Participating in this event are members from LER AACA, Model A Restorers Club, and the Chevy Club.

## Lunch Menu

Sausage, Peppers & Onions • Small Open-faced Steak Sandwich w/Fresh Mozzarella & Caramelized Onion • Chicken Breast w/Sun Dried Tomato & Goat Cheese • Tri-Color Tomellini Salad (cold) • Roasted Red Potatoes • Roasted Seasonal Vegetable Medley • Mini Tiramisu or Brownie Sundae • Coffee/Tea/Soda • Table Bread.

Approximate Drive Time	Stop	Address
14:10	A	Southgate Plaza, Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224
12:34	B	Undisclosed
12:34	C	Valero Gas Station, 1045 Davis Way, West Seneca, NY 14224
14:03	D	Golden Mill Restaurant, 8348 Boston Rd, Colder, NY 14033
14:10	E	Valley View Farms, 8567 Route 240, Machias, NY 14101

Meet at: Southgate Plaza, Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224 @ 9:30am on Sunday October 1st (Departing at 10:00am)

Last Day to Register is Wednesday September 20th.

Checks payable to: Lake Erie Region AACA  
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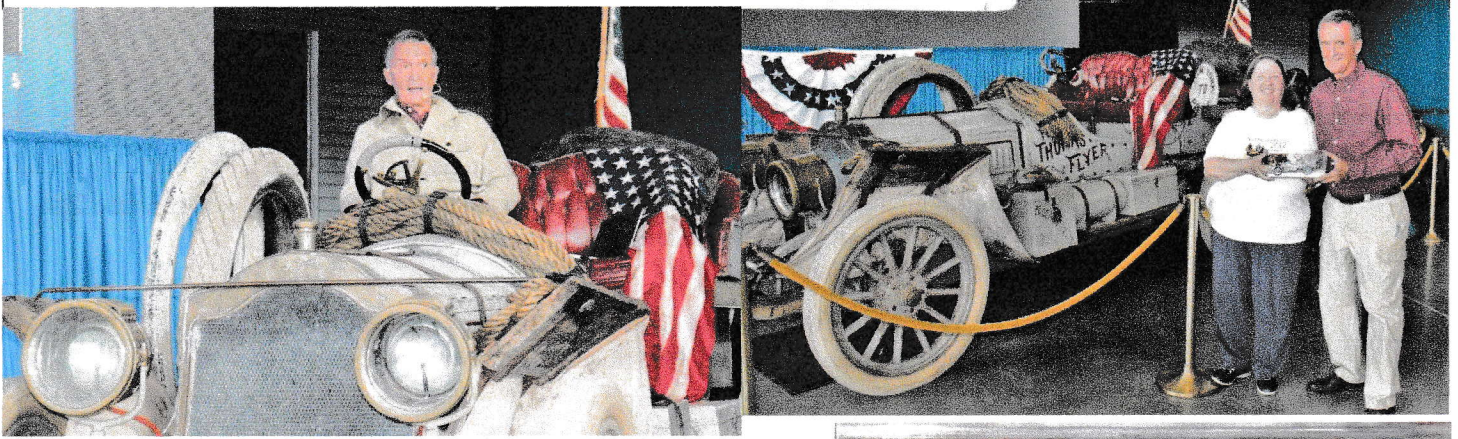
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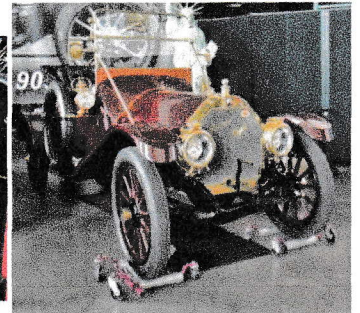
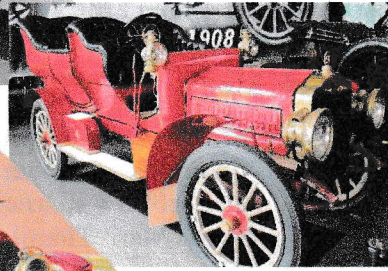
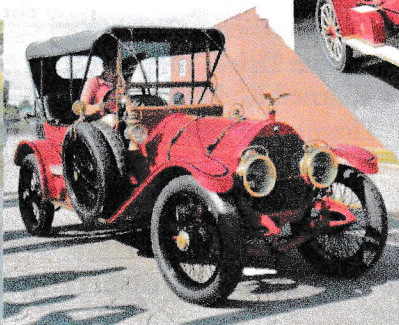
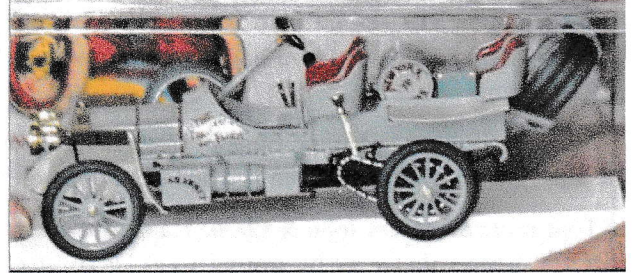
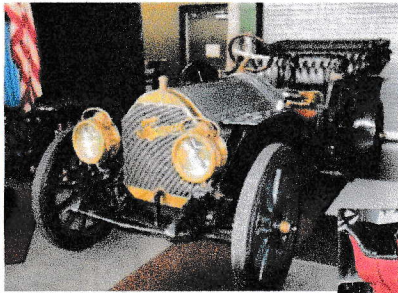
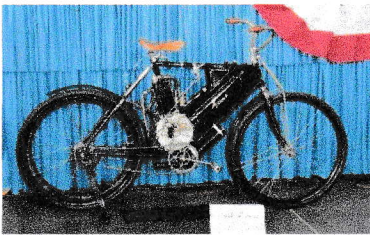




The 1907 Thomas Flyer, winner of the New York to Paris race, makes a return visit to its birth place. Sunday night a number of LER members attended a presentation by Jeff Mahl, great grandson of the driver for the race, George Schuster, at the Pierce Arrow Museum. Jeff told of the many trials and tribulations the team encountered while on the race as if he was George. It is truly amazing what they had to do on this trek. Poor roads, many repairs and human roadblocks were overcome to complete and win the race!!



Valerie Wilson brought her Thomas Flyer kit that she built way back in high school to show Jeff. Below are some of the other Thomas Flyers that were in the museum, including a Thomas bicycle! Many more are expected to be in town for a Thomas reunion



Two of the Thomas Flyers that were in town, gave a driving demo that fascinated the guys. Above is a 1902 Thomas Flyer and a big 1911 Touring, from Georgia, that gets driven all over each year. It was even driven from Georgia to Buffalo once!

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# LER PICNIC 2023

Driver's meeting, then time to tour



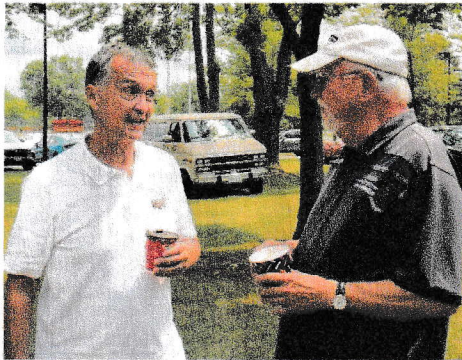
Peggy Ptak gets the Wilsons signed in



Seems the Mustang needed a little drink after the tour. Many thanks to all the guys who diagnosed and treated the problem. Special thanks to Sam Yanik for driving Lon to get the golden juice!



Don O'Connor shows off his Model T to the guys



Jeff Mahl & Ken Kaczka enjoy a chat. Wonder if they are talking about the 1907 Thomas Flyer being in town?



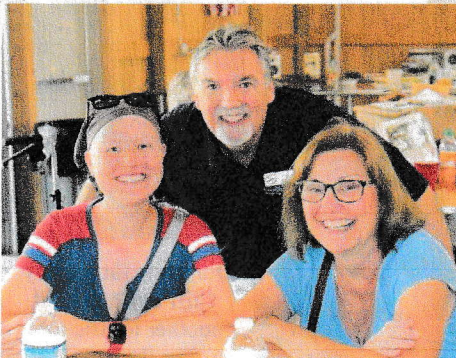
Service with a smile! Deane McGloin, Chuck Facklam, Peggy Ptak & Mary Beth Facklam were happy to dish things out; Right: Jean Yanik has the dish to put it on, while below watch out Sue Yearke is ready to dish it out as Karen Schwartz & Linda McCaffrey keep things warm. Photos by Lon Wilson



Above: Vallie & Gary Alt relax after a good meal. Below: Chuck Weimer poses for the camera with his niece, Kate Pierce & sister, Margaret Pierce



Above Joe & Linda McCaffrey enjoyed their meal as did Ray & Barb Noonan below



Let them eat cake! Picnickers did a number on three of these cakes and with a little scoop of ice cream, was a nice ending to the feast.







Sam drains some water from the melting ice out of the kiddie pool that held the beverages



Joe Momot & Sam Yanik spot the camera as Jean Yanik goes in for another bite.



Don & Doris Warnick have their cake and eating it to!



Jeff Mahl, Gail & Ross Martin full after enjoying the spread of food.



Linda pitches while Joe watches



Cliff says "Let the games begin!"



Mike Mesi, Mark Palmer, Mary Momot & Sue Yearke give it their best shot



Spectators Jeff Schwartz, Tim Cryan, Mark Yearke & Ross Martin



Left: Paul, Vondin, & Holden Henderson are in the game. Karen Schwartz & Christina Henderson throw from one side while team mates Jeff Schwartz & Holden toss from the other side.



Checkers Champ Henri gets her award

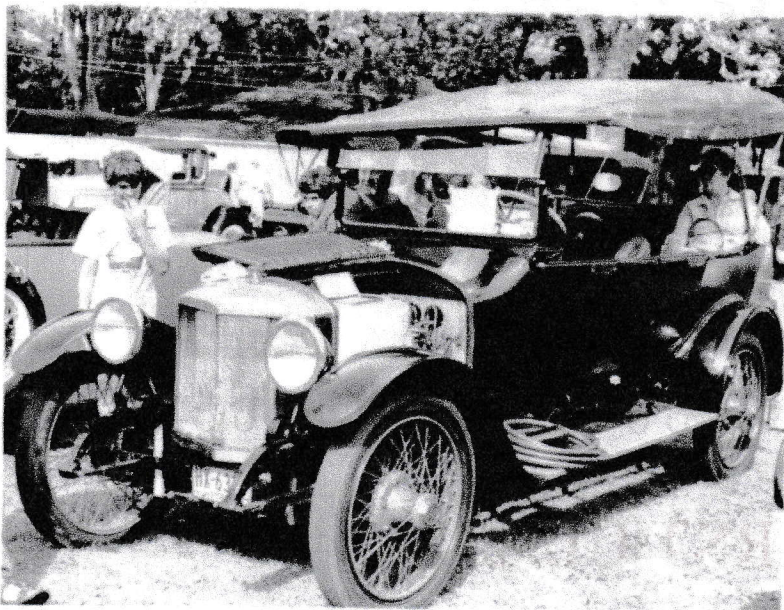
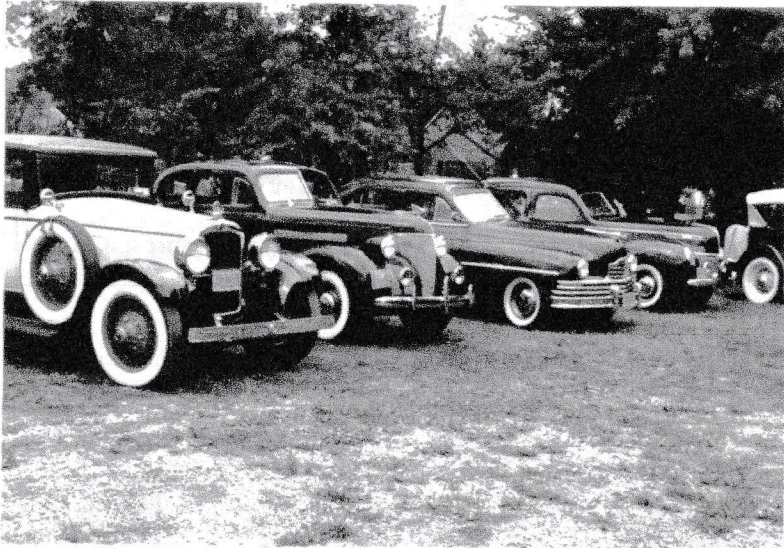
Below: Cliff presents an award to Team Henderson for their win

Just look at that concentration as Henri Henderson plots her next move

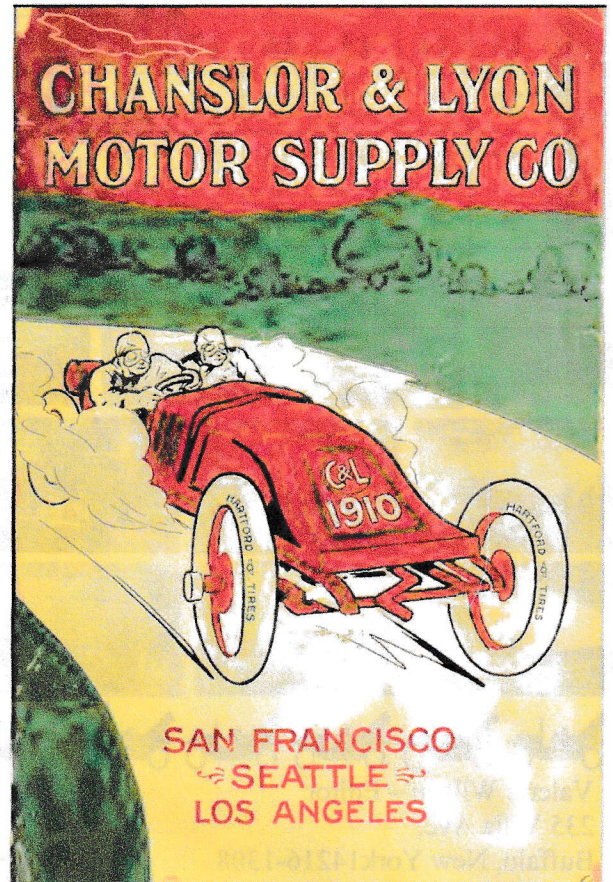


Our hosts for the day, Cliff & Chuck did another terrific job! Thanks, Guys!






A little blast from the past. Long time members may remember these LER cars. The top picture is from a Round Robin event and the bottom is from our car show. Date & places unknown. Kudos if you can identify the cars and who owned them!!




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**Calendar of Events**

Aug. 6 - Genesee Country Village in Mumford hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll  
 Sept 4 - Labor Day  
 Sept 9-10 Overnighter to Mt Morris, hosted by Cliff Schulz

The Cars of LER Picnic: L to R: Dan O'Connor - '26 Model T; Joe & Linda McCaffery - '37 Ford Pickup; Dennis & Del Upton - '56 Mercury; Ray & Barb Noonan - '57 Chevrolet; Don Butlak - '64 Ford Galaxie; Dave Lechner - '64 Volvo; Row 2: Don & Doris Warnick - '65 Impala; Lon & Valerie Wilson - '66 Mustang; Paul & Christina Henderson - '68 Chevelle; Ron Billo - '71 Oldsmobile; Ron & Karen Leavy - '72 El Camino;

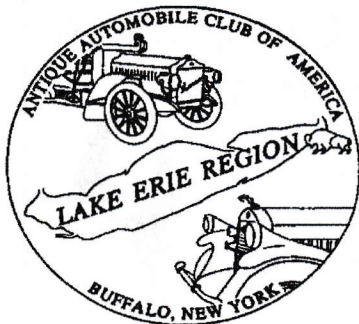


Row 3: Peggy & Jerry Ptak - '75 Fiat; Tim Cryan - '81 Cadillac; Mike Mesi - '82 Toyota; George Camann - '89 Ford Probe; Gary & Vallie Alt - '93 Chevrolet; Sam & Jean Yanik - '95 Impala SS



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