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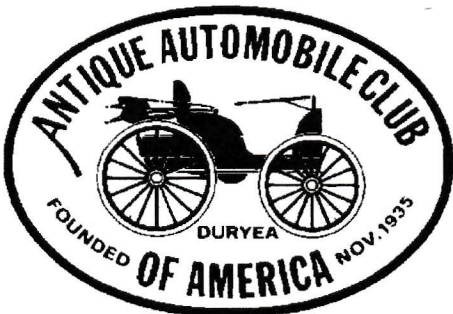
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LER BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2023

- 21-23 **President** **Cliff Schulz**
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 - 23-25 **Activities Co-Chairmen** **Chuck Weimer**

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 - 2023 **Split Club** **Candace Reed**
 - 2023 **Property Chairman** **Charles Facklam**
- Bold type indicates board members**

Events for 2023 & 2024

- Dec. 10 – Annual Christmas Party, hosted by Barb Noonan & Lynelle Schloerb, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm**
- Jan. 20, 2024 – Annual Installation Banquet, hosted by Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke**
- Feb. 18 – Revisit the 50s – hosted by Jerry & Peggy Ptak, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm**

*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 who attended the mini cars and enjoyed some delicious treats were: Mark Brylinski (60), Dean & Pat Burgstahler (85), Orrin Catlin (70), Tim Cryan (*), Chuck Facklam (*), Jack & Linda Foster (95), John & Elaine Haid (*), David Kaczmarek (30), Ken Knoll (*), Mike Mesi (*), Joe & Mary Momot (50), Barb Noonan (*), Mark & Ann Palmer (105), Jerry & Peggy Ptak (*), Lynelle Schloerb (125), Cliff Schulz (*), Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (*), David & Jane Szachta (20), Terry Tredo (70), Chuck Weimer (*), Lon & Valerie Wilson (*), Charles & Gertrude Wolski (70), Sam & Jean Yanik (*) and Mark & Sue Yearke (*)

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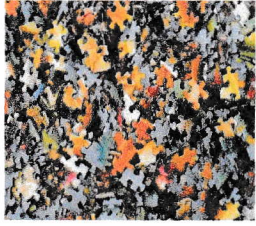
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**AACA LAKE ERIE REGION
2024 INSTALLATION BANQUET**

**Jigsaw Junction
“Piece Together the Fun”**

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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

Classics V
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd
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Doors Open at 5:00pm
Cash Bar w/Hors D’Oeuvres
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PRICE: Members \$43 each/ guests \$48 each

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

Name(s): _____ # of members _____ x \$43 = _____
Email/phone # _____ # guests _____ x \$48 = _____
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 16, 2024~~~~~

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: The weatherman has been doing a great job giving us some very nice November days. We all know what's soon to take over Western New York. Cold, wind, snow, ice, slippery roads, walkways and traffic jams. No matter, we are seasoned Buffalonian's, and we know how to handle all of it.

Take our November meeting for example. It was a great day for "Indoor" Coffee and Cars. This was a low octane, display of model cars and automobilia all shined up to the max. Then this was a high calorie cruise through a huge assortment of treats. Row by row of coffee cakes, banana bread, pastries, Danish, muffins, doughnuts and car cookies. Lynelle was serving hot coffee, tea and cold apple cider. I did see a couple of traffic jams but there were no fender benders. I think everyone skipped lunch after this tour.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving 2023 will be a family and friends' memory. It's one of the best

traditions of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in December for our annual Christmas Party. Santa will be in attendance and taking note of all the nice people. The alternative is still just a lump of coal. See you there... HoHoHo... Drive Safe...

Cliff

Points of Interest

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



Model A Restorer's Club 22nd Annual Snow Buster Automotive Swap Meet, Sunday, February 4th, 9am -3pm. The Event Center, at the Erie County Fair-grounds, 5820 South Park Ave, Hamburg, \$8 Entry Donation supports MARC Scholarship Fund.

Jeff Cryan sends along these pictures of some beautiful antiques from Hershey this past October. It looks like it was a rainy day which is typical of the weather there this time of year. – Thanks Jeff.



ACTIVITIES REPORT

LET'S GO LER Members: The club needs members to be more involved with activities, come up with new ideas, host or help with an event. Board members are ready, willing and able to assist. 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.

November 12th Was AACA Coffee & Cars hosted by Cliff Schulz at the Polish Falcons. Members brought their model cars, coffeecake, pastries, appetizers and their favorite dish. The tables were full of great displays and delicious treats.

December 10th Will be our annual Christmas party at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm, hosted by Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor. Details are in the Sidelight. Reservations deadline is December 1, 2023.

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. The theme will be Jigsaw Junction: Piece Together the Fun. See the Sidelight for the sign-up sheet. Reservation deadline is January 16th.

February 18th Peggy & Jerry Ptak will be hosting this event at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. They have arranged guest speaker Gregory Kinal. Refreshments will be provided by Lynelle Schloerb. See the Sidelight for the flyer, sign up is not required and there will be no cost for members to attend.

March 10th There is not a confirmed event, if you would like to host or just have an idea see any board member, board members can assist in planning an event.

April 14th Tentative LER Pinewood Derby Event, hosted by George Camann at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. George has arranged the Western NY Boy Scouts for an afternoon of pinewood derby racing. The Boy Scouts will provide and setup the four-lane track, organize the registration, weigh in of the cars and run the heats with a computerized timing system. Entry fee will be \$10 per car, you will need to buy your own car, kits are available as little as \$6.99. Details on how to sign up to follow. If you want to get a head start on some car shopping you can visit Scoutshop.org. This will be open to non-member family and friends.

May The Rust Buster is open, we need an event and someone to host, there is plenty of time to come up with something, bring your ideas to any board member and they can assist you in planning the event.

June 9th Will be our annual car show hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. There will be some big and exciting changes for next year's show. Details to follow.

July Summer picnic is open, anyone that wants to do something different now is your opportunity. See any board member with your ideas, they can assist in planning.

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

DUES ARE DUE If you have a 2023 on the bottom left corner of your address label you should have received a dues renewal form in the November newsletter. If you did not receive a renewal form and you think your dues are about to expire, contact Lon Wilson, membership chairman. You can pay by mail or bring your form with payment to me any of the next upcoming meetings. PLEASE RETURN THE FORM, as it is the proof you paid once your funds have been turned into the treasurer. Remember you can pay for multiple years to save having to pay each year. Just contact Lon if you have any updates to any information such as address or cars owned. Don't forget to renew your National dues as well as you need to be a National member to stay in the local club. Thank you Lon Wilson – Membership Chairman




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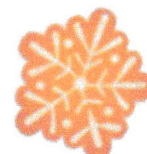
Sunday, December 10, 2023
 AACA Lake Erie Region
 Christmas Party

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

The dinner menu will include
 Turkey with stuffing, beef, mashed potatoes & gravy,
 Vegetable, salad & rolls, and dessert
 Members: \$35 / Guests: \$40



We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor.
 Donation suggestions include fleece blankets, slippers, gloves, mittens & hats,
 games, sweatshirts & sweatpants for boys and girls and adults (especially
 large sizes), storybooks, and clear plastic totes with lids (for belongings).



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

Reservations must be received by December 1, 2023
 and mailed to Barb Noonan, 1374 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

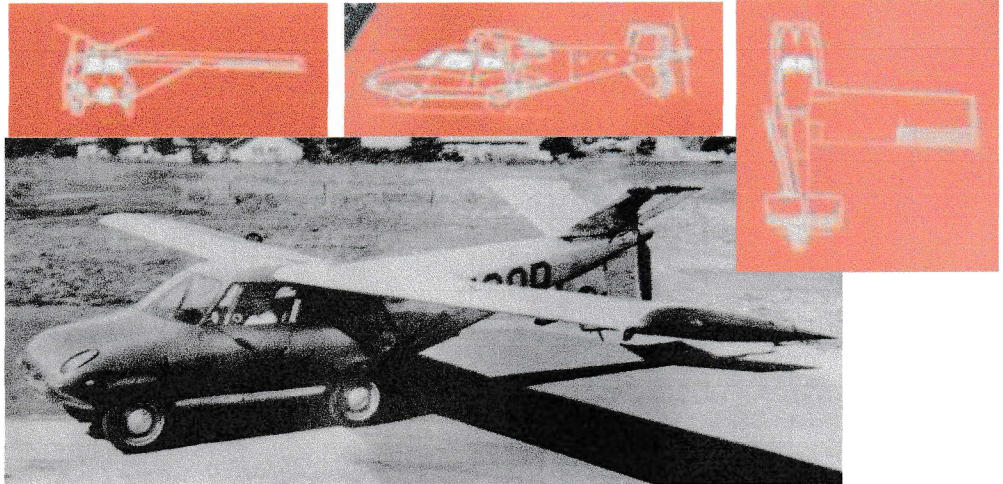
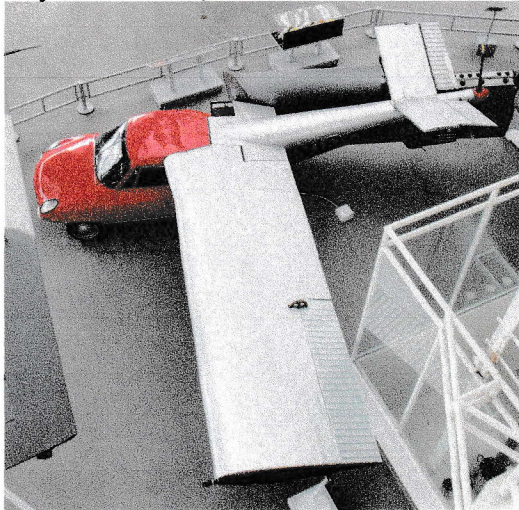


Checks should be made payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**.

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

Member or Guest Name	Phone Number	Cost
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total Enclosed		\$

On The Cover: Once again I go back to our trip out west. Our last few days of our trip after our Alaska cruise we took the train down to Seattle, Wa where we visited the Museum of Flight. The only "car" in the building was this Taylor Aerocar, which I found interesting. Here are a couple of more pics of this rarity. Valerie Wilson



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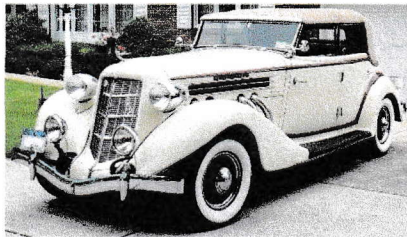
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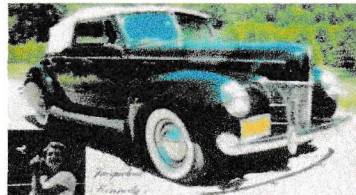
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AUTOS FOR SALE

36 Auburn 852 Convertible Sedan, vin GH 5280. 279.2 cu in Lycoming straight-eight super-charged engine, 3-speed manual trans-mission, 2 speed differential. Equipment includes a Startix automatic starting system, four-wheel hydraulic brakes, 16" wire wheels. Everything works, recently NY State inspected, National AACA Presidents Award winner, kept in heated garage, 10 minutes from Buffalo, NY airport. \$175,000. Call Bob at 716-864-8506 for more information. (12)



40 Ford Deluxe conv, car owned by Jackie Kennedy Onasis, excellent shape, drive it home, fully documented, Car in Wilson, NY, \$48,000. Call Randy at 716-525-4409. Lead from Gary Alt (2)



41 Studebaker Champion, 2dr, barn find, maroon, original 52,527 miles, needs restoration, to settle estate, first \$3,000 takes it home, bring a trailer, Todd Schupbach 716-435-4279 (3)



010 Mini Cooper, new brakes & rotors, new tires, 6 speed, 4 cyl, power sunroof, A/C, CD player, Florida car owned by senior, Info call Mike Mesi (716) 810-2610 or (716) 429-3109. (11)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

Winter storage for vehicles, boats and RVs. Very large barn in Elma, wood floor storage available for vehicles. Contact Chuck at: 716-254-3926 (leave message and I will get back to you.) cfacklam@roadrunner.com (2)

'64 Ford Galaxie 2 dr hdt: passenger door, trunk lid & hinge assy (with torsion bars), ¼ windows (l&r), windshield & back window glass & trim for both, partial side trim, front & rear bumper brackets, gas door, exhaust hangers (l&r), drive shaft, trans. crossmember, brake pedal assy, power brake booster, emergency brake ass, rear tail- light lenses & trim bezels, Call Paul at 716-874-9119 for prices. (2)

'61 Chevrolet Bel Air LH front door, 4 dr sedan, door has glass & window regulator, needs some work, but usable \$50 B/O Ed Vogt 716-826-9082 (2)

Shop manuals for sale: '42 Buick - \$35.00; '70 Cadillac, reprint in a binder - \$10.00; '74 Oldsmobile - \$25.00; '83 Oldsmobile -all RWD models & Tornado - \$25.00; '90 GM B body cars, all - \$25.00; Fisher Body service manuals 1983 & 1984 - \$20.00 each. Ed Vogt 716-826-9082 (12)

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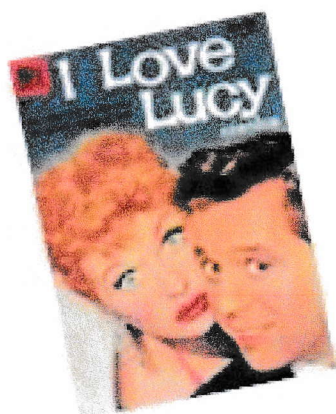
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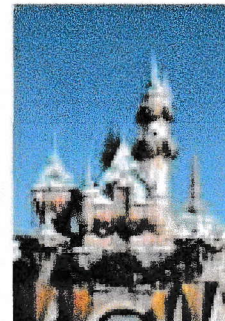
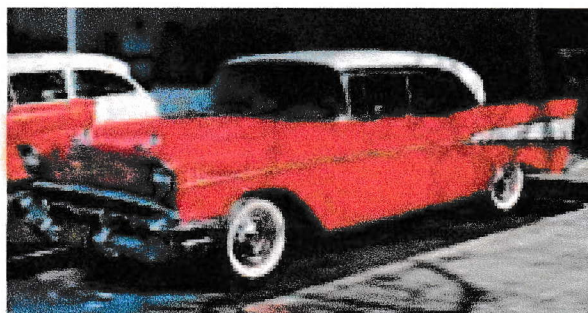
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Mark your calendar from 1 - 5 pm

Greg Kinal presents "The 1950's"



Many of our members have classic cars from the 1950's.....why???? Because of the look, the color, the time of life that brings back great memories. Greg will bring back the age of television, the 57 Chevy, and all the "Happy Days" along with important events. Come and join us for an afternoon of nostalgia.

Refreshments by Lynelle

See you there.

LER's COFFEE & CARS NIGHT – photos by Lon Wilson



Peggy Ptak & Terry Tredo sell split club tickets – You have to be in it to win it!



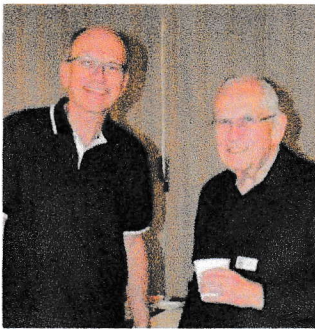
Business was brisk – Sell, sell, sell!



Chuck Weimer slices his banana bread; he also displayed his '70 Buick with a little "mini me"



Left: Orrin Catlin & Ken Knoll, right: Jean Yanik & Joe Momot



Jerry Ptak & Chuck Wolski chat

It's all smiles for the camera as LER members display their prized possessions at the "Coffee & Cars" night.



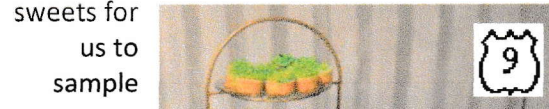
Valerie Wilson & Barb Noonan flash their pearly whites



Pat & Dean Burgstahler shined up their 1969 AMX along with paper & edible VWs. Below: Jean & Sam Yanik had a variety of sweets for us to sample



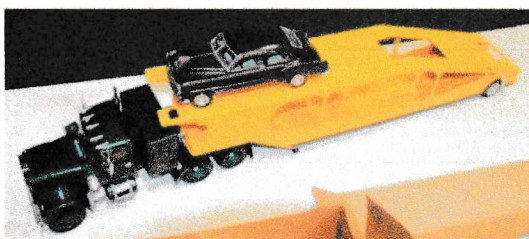
Mike Mesi & Linda Foster share a cup & a hug, while Foster's "Q-T-PIE" is in a display case

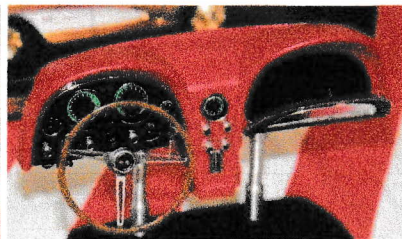


Terry, Linda & Carol (Linda's sister) make a trio of grins! Terry served Cherry Cheese Bars – Yum!

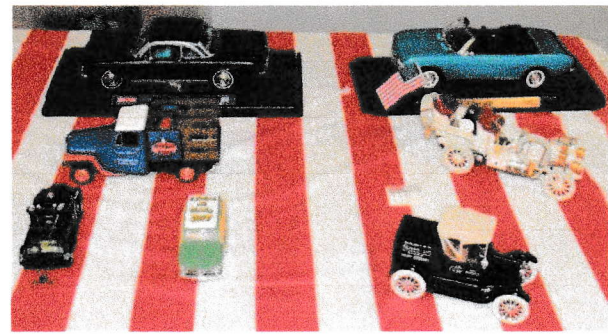


Dave & Jane Szachta are ready to haul your car away in their Diamond Rio Truck, they already have a 1952 Chevrolet on board. So, John Haid, have you owned all these cars that you have photos of?





Mike Mesi had a nice display of unique items, including a car battery radio, oversized spark plug and an undersized Corvette dashboard



The tale of two Chucks, above Chuck Facklam shows off his vehicles including the famous

Below: Ken Knoll has some interesting bases for his models along with a picture of his car



1908 Thomas Flyer mode & at left Chuck Wolski had all his cars numbered with a legend.



Legos & banks were part of the Lon & Valerie Wilson's display. No, they did not take the plush dog toy away from their dog. A hand made pencil sharpener is nestled in the middle. Below: Cliff Schulz has two loves, his

Above: Joe Momot had some of his favorite cars along with a framed copy of his car on the cover of the Sidelight.

Right, below & below right: Barb Noonan has a car lot full of tin. I think she is very well qualified to judge any of the cars on display with her impressive collection of judging chips! I don't think anyone could top that



Jaguar & his "new" '70 Chevelle. We hope to see the real Jag sometime this summer



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Dec 25 – Christmas

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day

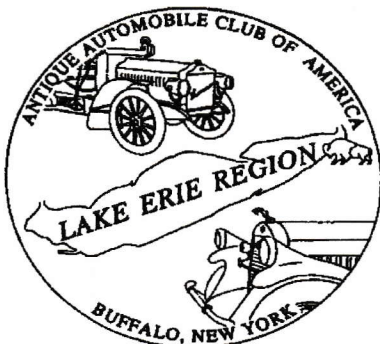
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