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	Bold type indicates board members

DUES WERE DUE: If you have a 2023 on your address label, you still owe local dues. **This will be your last issue.** Contact me ASAP to continue memberhsip. Thank you.

Lon Wilson – Membership Chairman



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Events for 2024

February 2024

Feb. 18 – Revisit the 50s – hosted by Jerry & Peggy Ptak, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm

Mar. 10 – 2023 Year in Review – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson, 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.

All material and want ads must be submitted to the editor by the $\underline{20^{th}}$ of the previous month that material is to appear.

Permission is hereby granted to other club publications to reprint material from "The Sidelight" provided that credit is given. All phone numbers listed in the Sidelight are area code 716 unless otherwise stated.

Members who were not puzzled by the LER banquet were: Gary Brewer (15); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (15); Don Butlak (15); George & Ruth Camann (35); Tim Cryan (15); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (15); Jack & Linda Foster (15); John & Elaine Haid (35); David Kaczmarek (15); Allyn Kain (15); Ken Knoll (15); Ross Martin (15); Joe & Linda McCaffery (15); Mike Mesi (35); Joe & Mary Momot (15); Bob & Peggy Nash (15); Ray & Barb Noonan (35); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (15); Mark & Ann Palmer (15); Mary-Teresa Platt (15); Don & Lynelle Schloerb (35); Cliff Schulz (15); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (15); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (15); Chuck Weimer (35); Lon & Valerie Wilson (55); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (35); Sam & Jean Yanik (15); and Mark & Sue Yearke (35).

Points accrued this year are in parenthesis. A star indicates member(s) have achieved enough points for Activities Award

The LER board has determined that membership includes two adults. That means that single member can bring a second adult to a function at member price. Any additional adults are at guest price.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year as we ring in 2024!

As I sit here and think, what did I get myself into this year? But I also know that there are 12 + people on the board (and support staff) that will help make this another good year and I look forward to that. And what a year this past one has been. From last Christmas where we were stuck in our house venturing out only to brave the weather to clear the furnace vent, to this year with a green Christmas, 2023 seems to have flown by. I guess we are paying for an easy Oct to Dec now.

This past summer was another highlight as we took our first big trip in a long time when we cruised the Inner Passage of Alaska (first cruise ever). According to the locals, Lon & I were there on the best weather days of the summer.

As we head into 2024, I would like to thank both Tim Cryan & Cliff Schulz for their time on the board. Each are taking a break for at least the upcoming year. They will be welcomed back when they decide to return. Until then Chuck Wolski & I will be filling those slots. Jerry Ptak has accepted the remainder of Chuck Facklam's term, as Chuck, along with Mike Mesi, concentrate on the new venue for our annual 2024 car show. I have not seen the new site, but from what I have heard so far, it sounds like it will suit our needs just fine. Please help out Chuck & Mike when the time comes as they have a monumental task ahead of them setting up a new show field.

Speaking of helping out, we will be in need of people to step up to chair or co-chair some of the remaining events this year. Every year we beg and plead and miraculously things do seem to come together. It would be nice to see some of our more active members get involved with planning an event for the club. No one has to do the entire event, as we will pair you with a "seasoned planner" to get your feet wet. Talk to any board member if you have any ideas as

most of us have planned events before and know what needs to be done.

More thanks go out to other board members who have done a yeoman's job behind the scenes and continue to do so. Chuck Weimer & Lynelle Schloerb do a tremendous job with both outdoor and indoor events. Until you are on the board, you don't realize what all is involved with these jobs. Barb Noonan has been working throughout the last couple of years in updating our Policy & Procedures Manual. The manual has made it so much easier for people to understand the different jobs on the board and what their responsibilities are. This task was long overdue and Barb's knowledge of the club and proper procedures spell everything out clearly. John Haid deserves a shout out as well as he has balanced the books for a number of years now. His expertise in this area is truly appreciated. Ruth Camann has picked up the pen where her predecessor left off and continues to do a fine job as secretary. Chuck Wolski & Ken Kaczka will be filling us in on what the government is trying to do to our hobby. And don't forget Jerry Ptak who makes us look good on the web. Jerry's wife, Peggy, took over the reins of the Activities Points and has added a fresh pair of eyes to the point system, so don't forget to sign in at each event. Of course, we need to mention Candace Reed who peddles those split club tickets. Her efforts ensure that at least one person goes home a little heavier in the pocketbook!

Additionally, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke for a wonderful planned Installation Banquet. Their creative ideas always make this event so much fun. Last, Thank You to Mary Beth Facklam for filling in for Peggy Ptak in handing out the awards this year. If you missed this event, you may have missed a hug!

See you as we relive the '50s in February.

Valerie Wilson

LER logo banner is missing. Last known sighting in 2016 at Philadelphia. If you know the whereabout of the banner, contact any board member.

Thanks





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.

January 20th Was our annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz at the Classic V. The club members enjoyed plenty of great food, drinks and pieced the fun together. Thanks go out to Sue and Karen for putting this together.

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 to give a presentation on the 50's. Refreshments will be provided by Lynelle Schloerb. See the Sidelight for the flyer, sign up is not required and there is no cost for members to attend.

March 10th Annual year in review, hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Refreshments will be served by Lynelle Schloerb.

April 14th 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. This will be open to non-member family and friends. See the Sidelight for details and how to sign up.

May Rust Buster. There is some talk of an event, pending board approval. Your ideas are still welcome, contact any board member.

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

July Summer picnic will be hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schultz. We will be looking into the Clarence Town Place Park, the Townview Pavilion, the same location as last year. Details to follow.

August There is some talk of an event, nothing confirmed, it's still 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.

September Is open, it doesn't have to be an overnight event. We need a host with an event. Please contact any board member with your ideas.

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

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 Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Ave, Hamburg, \$8 Entry Donation supports MARC Scholarship Fund.

Dave Kaplan's 1947 Playboy has been selected by AACA for a National Award, Dave is going to the Convention in Virginia to accept. Congratulations Dave!



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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

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See you there.



NOMS

Come out to see what Lake Erie Region did in 2023

Installation Banquet Rustbuster

Car show Picnic

Tour to Genessee County Village &

Museum

Fall Run

Cars & Coffee

Christmas Party

& More

MARCH 10 th

Polish Falcons
445 Columbia Ave
Depew
1-5pm



By Lynelle Schloerb

LER PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT



Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

@ Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave., Depew 14043

Your Antique Car may be stored for the Winter, but now it is time to:

START YOUR PINEWOOD DERBY CAR ENGINES

Pinewood Derby Cars are not just for scouts anymore!! Entries are open to all AACA LER members and their families: children, grandchildren, (girls like to design and race too!)

Purchase, design, build and enter your car in the AACA LER First Annual Pinewood Derby Race.

Entry Fee: \$10 plus the cost of the Pinewood Derby Car Kit. Kits can be purchased from the Boy Scouts online at: https://www.scoutshop.org/pinewood-derby, or WNY Scout Council BSA: 2860 Genesee St., Buffalo, NY 14225 (call 716-891-4073 hours: Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm) or from Amazon, JoAnn Fabrics and Craft Stores or Hobby Lobby Stores. If you still have a pinewood derby car from your childhood, enter it in the Antique/Vintage Division.

There are five divisions for the races: Adults ages 16 and over, youth division 1 (age 8 & under), youth division 2 (ages 15 to 9), Hi-Performance (no limitations other than length and width, Antique/Vintage (derby cars built before 1997). Also: Best Design and Best Paint Job.

The Boy Scouts will provide and set up the four lane track, organize the registration and weigh in, and run the individual heats with a computerized timing system. All decisions are final. SIGN UP & Register Early. We expect the competition will be fierce. Space is limited to 75 cars.

Reservation Deadline – April 13th, 2024 - Registration and payment of the \$10 registration fee should be made online directly with the Boy Scouts @

https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/antique-car-club-pinewood-derby/3032302

If you prefer, you can send me an email at <u>budcamann@gmail.com</u> and I will reply with the link above in the text.

If you register on-line prior to February 16th, you have the option of paying the registration fee of **\$10 plus** an **additional \$10** for the car kit and the Boy Scouts will deliver the car kit to you at our next meeting: "Let's Revisit the 1950's with Greg Kinal" event on February 18th at the Polish Falcons.

Registration will include rules for building your car along with tips to make your car fast.

Once we have 75 entrants, the registration will be closed.



**At time of press, the website would only let you order a car kit. Contact George if you cannot register.

For questions, Contact George Camann at 716-727-9559 or email at budcamann@gmail.com

The registration fee directly supports the WNY Scout Council BSA. Thank you for supporting Scouting in Western New York. Your support helps to actively support thousands of families in 6 counties.

Legislative Affairs Info

The US House of Representatives has recently passed bipartisan support. The intent of the Act is to prevent the EPA (Environment Agency) from issuing a waiver to California for regulations that would ban the sale of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE)in the state by 2035.

To date 14 out of the 17 CARB (California Air Resources Board) states have begun to follow the California zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) mandates. However, the following states have chosen not to follow California's lead. They are as follows:

Ohio – They are moving closer to a Consumer Freedom in Vehicle Market legislation which would prohibit state and local government from restricting the sale of motor vehicles based on their power source including ICE.

Delaware - Reversed course in a surprise move not to establish a ban on the sale on new internal combustion vehicles (ICE). After the Delaware Department of Natural Resources finalized regulations adopt California's ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicles) mandates.

North Carolina - Passes Bill to prohibit ICE ban, which will leave the decision up to the citizens not the government what vehicle to purchase.

Connecticut – Has withdrawn proposed ICE ban. The Governor has not totally given up on stricter emissions and using multiple technologies, and not just substituting one for another.



SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) – the "Preserving Choice in Vehicles Act (HR1435) with supported CARS (Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act) has been sent to the US Senate after passing the US House of Representatives. If this passes it will allow Americans to have choice on what type of vehicle they want to purchase, not dictated what to do by the government.

Classic / Antique Car Beat

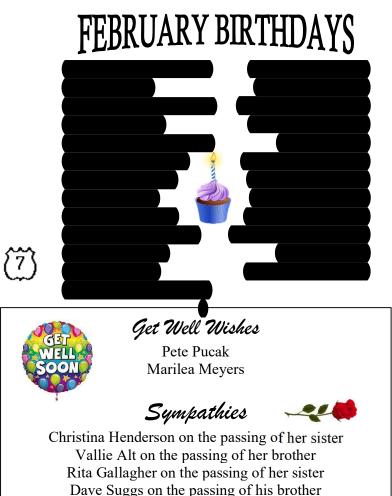
Just for your information California legalized cruising on Jan 1st, 2024, to celebrate the history and culture of Automobile cruising and to encourage co-operation between car clubs and local officials and law enforcement to insure safe cruising.

However, California is looking to restrict travel for Classic Cars by instituting "zero emission zones" which would imitate Ultra Low emission Zones (ULEZ)seen in boroughs in the UK with plate readers, fining violators. It has also been reported that the CARB (California Air Resources Board) has been gathering info from classic car owners with cars from 1978 and earlier about how they are used, stored, where driven and milage on the odometers.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Law and Order News.

Can New York follow? Maybe not but who knows, our state seems to always looking for more money through taxes. Is it just me.

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair





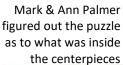


Don & Lynelle Schloerb enjoy the evening



Chuck & Gert Wolski got a photo from Jeff Schwartz







Pat Burgstahler & Valerie Wilson were not puzzled as to what to wear



Ken Knoll & Joe Momot catch up on things (above) while below, Mark & Sue Yearke pose for the camera









One of the many car puzzles on the tables



The supply of hugs was plentiful, especially for Don Butlak, above Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz



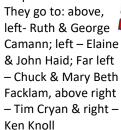
have the honors; left; Don gets one from Mary, too!





Mary-Theresa Platt & Ruth Camann chat





Linda McCaffery talks to Valerie while Russ Martin looks on











Mary Beth awards Linda & Joe McCaffery a board as first time winners. Hugs continue when Mike Mesi gets his chip, Candace Reed & Dan O'Connor also get a chip as Cliff Schulz looks on. Below left to right: Valerie & Lon Wilson, Jean & Sam Yanik and Karen & Jeff Schwartz were also winners for getting the required points. Photos by Lon Wilson & Dean Burgstahler







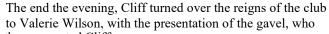




members with the top three point totals a special gift – Left (rumor has it, they got a fire extinguisher!) Right: Cliff Schulz congratulates Dave Kaczmarek on his 50 years of membership with a gold name badge.



Mary Beth also handed out gift cards to those who hosted one of the monthly events in 2023. Right: Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson hosted the Annual Slide Show; below, Karen & Sue did last year's banquet and Chuck Weimer hosted several events along with Cliff Schulz, Chuck Facklam chaired the Car Show, Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll planned a tour, as did Dan O'Connor & John Haid. (continued below)



then presented Cliff with a Chevelle Only Parking sign.





And finally, Lynelle Schloerb (right) took on the Christmas Party with Barb Noonan.







SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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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> '64 Ford Galaxie 2 dr hdtp: passenger door, trunk lid & hinge assy (with torsion bars), ½ 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)

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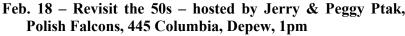
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Calendar of Events

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day



Feb. 19 – Presidents' Day (Washington's Birthday)

Mar. 10 – 2023 Year in Review – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm



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