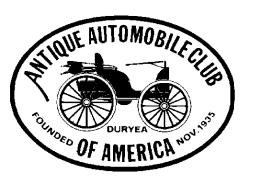
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#### **Events for 2024**

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

Apr. 14 - Pine Wood Derby - hosted by George Camann, 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  $20^{th}$  of the previous month that material is to appear.

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Members who braved the weather to relive the 50's were: Dean & Pat Burgstahler (25) Don Butlak (25); George & Ruth Camann (45); Orrin Catlin (10): Christopher Ciszek (10): Joe & Margaret Dallos (10); Chuck Facklam (25); John & Elaine Haid (45); Eileen Holden (10); David Kaczmarek (25); Ken Knoll (25); Mike Kosmoski (10); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (25); Mark & Ann Palmer (35); Mary-Teresa Platt (25); Peggy Ptak (50); Lynelle Schloerb (45); Cliff Schulz (25); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (45); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (10); Terry Tredo (10) & Dan Tredo; Chuck Weimer (45); Lon & Valerie Wilson (45); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (45) and guests Maria and Russ Christopher

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



Daylight Savings begins March 10 – Don't miss the meeting because you forgot to change you clocks!!





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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a white and stormy day, and the people came. Braving the swirling snow and wind, there was a good turnout to relive the '50's. Once in the warmth of the Polish Falcons, the members were tested with numerous photos and themes during the PowerPoint presentation by Greg Kinal. Questions about the photos of politicians, singers, actors, TV shows, and events of that decade were posed; and our club did well as most remembered the events when they happened. Everyone enjoyed testing the old brain cells. Thank you to Peggy & Jerry Ptak for arranging this presentation. Lynelle Schloerb gets a big thank you as well for the wonderful refreshments which included some candies popular in the '50's that are still available today!

A little unfinished business from meetings past: Eileen Holden was awarded her silver badge for being a 25-year member. Peggy Ptak accepted the chip for making 150 or more activity points from last year as well as a gift card for chairing one of our monthly events. Unfortunately, her husband Jerry was a little under the weather and did not make the meeting. Congratulations to these members for their achievements!

And in other news, we are starting to compile the information from the surveys that have been filled out so far (these are available at indoor meetings). One item mentioned is the waiving of the reading of the minutes of the board meetings at the general membership meetings. We do this because it would repeat almost all of the information that we talk about at our general meeting. For some items not discussed at the general meetings, I will try to address them in my column.

Lynelle Schloerb reported at the board meeting that she received a very nice Thank You note from The Cornerstone for all the donations from our Christmas party. We know that those items were greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who donated the much-needed items.

Chuck Facklam gave a report on our annual car show. Since we are going to be at a new location this year, there are a lot of little details that need to be worked out. Chuck is on top of things and I have faith in his ability to handle it. There may be a few kinks that will need to be work out as the day gets closer, and the board will do a review afterwards to see what we can do better. All in all, I think, (dare I mention) short of the weather, we are going to have another good show. The front of the show flyer is in this newsletter for everyone to save the date and plan for the new location. The registration form will be in next month and will also be available at all upcoming meetings. Register early to make it easier for us *and* you the day of the show. Don't forget, register one car and the second car is free! Also, if you are available to assist during the show, we always welcome an extra hand. Setup, parking, JUDGING, and cleanup are not hard assignments, so pitch in!

Another item discussed at the board meeting is that a couple of members brought the idea to a couple of board members, about awarding points to the Saturday breakfast crew. The board discuss this at length and unanimously voted to decline this idea for several reasons. First, it is not a club event as there is no "official" meeting with the club President, secretary, treasurer, etc. Second, there are times when there are only two or three guys there (I have a very reliable source for this) so it is not enough for a quorum. Third, there are never any women there, which unlike some other club where women don't count, women are full-fledged members of LER and <u>always</u> welcomed. Enough said.

I see on my calendar that our March meeting will be on the day that Daylight Saving's Time begins. That means that you will have to "Spring Ahead" with your timepieces. Don't be late for this meeting, as it should be another terrific show from Lon & Barb.

See you at the "Year in Review" slide show, and don't forget to get those wooden wheels registered for the Pinewood Derby. Any questions or problems registering, contact George Camann. George will be at the March meeting to help anyone that still needs to register their car.

Valerie Wilson

LER logo banner is still missing. If you have any leads, contact any board member







#### **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.

**February 18**<sup>th</sup> Peggy & Jerry Ptak hosted the event, and they had arranged guest speaker Gregory Kinal to give a presentation on the 50's. The members were engaged and enjoyed the refreshments that were provided by Lynelle Schloerb. Thanks to Peggy & Jerry and Lynelle.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 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. See the Sidelight for the flyer, sign up is not required and there is no cost for members to attend.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 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. This will be open to non-member family and friends. See the Sidelight for details and how to sign up, questions call or email George Camann, his contact information is in the flyer. Reservation deadline is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

June 9<sup>th</sup> Will be our annual car show hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. The new location for the car show will be at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove.

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**LET'S GO LER Members:** The club needs We have two main sponsors, West Herr Automotive Group rs to be more involved with activities, come up with and Gernatt Asphalt. 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. The auction is back, so start gathering your items. Details to follow.

August There is some talk of an event, pending board approval, nothing confirmed. Your ideas are still welcome, talk to any board member and they can assist you in planning the event.

**September** There is some talk of an event, nothing confirmed. It's still 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.

**October** There are some members with ideas, nothing confirmed. If you have an idea, bring it to a 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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By Lynelle Schloerb

# LER PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT

# \*\*George will be available at the March 10 meeting to assist you in signing up on line that night\*\*



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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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 <a href="mailto:budcamann@gmail.com">budcamann@gmail.com</a>

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.

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#### **Driving Down Under**

By Peggy and Jerry Ptak

We recently returned from a trip visiting family in New Zealand and Australia

While there we had the opportunity to see makes and models of cars and trucks that are not sold in the United States. There are no auto plants in New Zealand and all vehicles are imported; typically from Japan, Korea, China or Australia. The majority of vehicles on the road were siblings or variants of those we see in the US from Nissan, Mitsubishi. and Toyota, but having unfamiliar names.

Tourism is a substantial part of the economy in New Zealand. We were surprised to see how common small camping vans were, resembling in size and shape the Corvair and Ford Econoline vans of the '60s.

Even after riding as a passenger in the rear seat for a few days, it was still a bit unnerving to see vehicles passing you to concentrate. It goes against everything we've become accustom to after driving for decades on the right.

We take for granted how much we are able to act without really thinking. At busy intersections it took conscious effort to identify the correct path to follow through traffic. Roundabouts are very common in both countries, required even more effort, needing to recognize not only what path you were taking, but the path other vehicles would be taking also.

One last note worth mentioning; once outside of the city, most all bridges and even road culverts were single lane, with signage indicating which direction yielded. "Oh yeah, and gasoline is currently \$6.50 per gallon."

It was mid-summer there, so we saw a modest number of classic cars on the road, in addition to others in storage. Here are a few we found in garages, parking lots and museums.



 $\leftarrow$ 1908 Darracg & '30s Era Bedford Truck  $\downarrow$ 



KMid '50s Austin A30 ← '50s Era Vanguard Pickup 1937 Morris 8→



#### **Legislative Affairs Info**

# ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) / ICE (Internal Combustion Engine)

SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) is supporting Virginia lawmakers who introduced legislation to repeal the law tying the state to California's ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) standards. Under current Law, new gasand diesel-powered vehicles sales will be banned starting in 2035. Multiple bills are awaiting consideration in the Virginia General Assembly.

West Virginia is the 1<sup>st</sup> State in 2024 to introduce legislation that would prevent any state or local government unit from restricting the use or sale of vehicles based on energy source, including ICE. West Viginia follows 7 other states (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, and North Carolina) that have previously passed similar legislation and resolutions.

South Dakota has also introduced a bill supporting ICE, following West Virginia's lead.

Connecticut has moved consideration of the withdrawal of their ICE Ban to the regular session of their state legislature. They were originally going to call a special session of the legislature to address this.

#### **Safety**

NHTSA (National Traffic Highway Safety Administration) announced an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for the purpose of gathering information develop performance requirements and require impaired driving prevention be included in new passenger vehicles. Congress has directed the NHTSA to establish a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) on "advanced drunk and impaired driving prevention technology" in 2021 when it passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Section 24220). The ANPRM presents 3 regulatory options for how the agency might mitigate driver impairment: blood alcohol content, driver monitoring or the combination of the two. Section 24220 defines "Advanced Drunk Driving and Impaired Driving Technology" as a system that:

A. can passively monitor the performance of a driver and accurately identify if the driver may be impaired;

and prevent or limit vehicle operation if impairment is detected.

B. can passively and accurately detect the blood alcohol concentration of a driver is equal or greater than the blood alcohol concentration described in section 163(a) of title23, United States Code and prevent or limit vehicle operation if it is above legal limits.

or

C. is a combination of A & B above.

Long term effect would be all new vehicles would be required to have drunk and impaired driving technology. California has introduced a bill to mandate Speed Limiters using GPS technology on new vehicles by the model year 2027. This would prevent vehicles to operate at more than 10 MPH above the legal limit. This may help but takes away the responsibility of the individual driving safely and seriously.

#### Classic / Antique Car Beat

California enacted a law that creates an older vehicle (76 and newer not equipped with OBD (on board diagnostics)) centralized emission testing network at a reasonable cost to the consumer.

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

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (2/17/24) Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair







#### Points of Interest

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

The Saturday breakfast gang is now meeting at 9am.



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Eileen Holden gets her silver badge for 25 years of membership from President Valerie Wilson







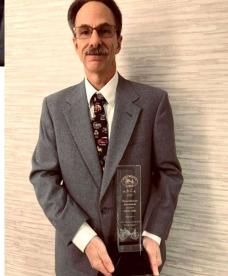


I attended the AACA convention in Chantilly Virginia where my 1947 Playboy won the national award for Discontinued Automobile Award (1939-1959). This car has a very special history to me. My Grandfather Lou Horwitz was born in Russia and came to the United States as a child. He was a self-made man who owned 3 used car lots in Buffalo. He saw a need for a 2nd or companion car for the family. This led him to form the Playboy Motor Car corp. This car was hand built in 9 months and premiered at the Buffalo Hotel Statler on February 18, 1947. This car received great publicity and helped the company raise money to start producing automobiles. When the company went bankrupt in 1949 Horwitz lost everything including his health. He did



rebound and became a district manager for an investment firm when he passed away in 1965. I was able to purchase this car in 1989 from an original Playboy dealer and had it completely restored. The car currently resides in the North East Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY and I enjoy driving and showing this car. What is so special for me is that I have a home movie and pictures of my grandfather with and driving this very car. This car is my Tribute to him so that his Playboy dream will live on. David Kaplan



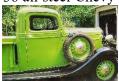


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0097, warnickdj@roadrunner.com (4)

'40 Ford Deluxe conv, car owned by Jackie Kennedy Onasis, excellent shape, drive 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)



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Chuck at: 716-254-3926 (leave message and I will get back to you.) cfacklam@roadrunner.com (2)

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#### **Calendar of Events**

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Mar. 10 – Daylight Savings Begins

Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20 – Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)

Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday

Mar. 29 – Good Friday

Mar. 31 – Easter

Apr. 1 – April Fool's Day

Apr. 14 – Pine Wood Derby – hosted by George Camann, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm









Valerie Wilson – Editor 235 Villa Ave. Buffalo, New York14216-1308

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