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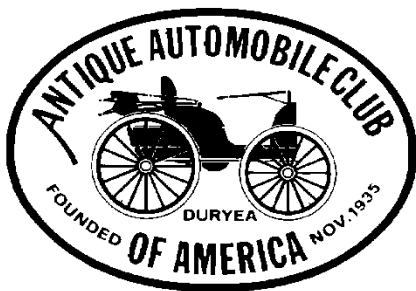
The Polish Falcons was all decked out for the Holidays

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**LER EVENTS FOR 2020**

**Jan. 25 - Annual Installation Banquet hosted by Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz.**

**Feb. 16 - Presentation on the early history of Buffalo, NY by Rick Falkowski. Lon Wilson, host.**

**Mar. 8 - Presentation on the restoration of the Darwin Martin house by Jerry Ptak and John Hulley**

\*This is a tentative schedule. The dates are subject to change, so check this list monthly for more information and possible changes.

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**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



John & Maria Bauer - 2  
Donald & Marie Ulrich - 30

LER members who shared a Christmas dinner together were: Gordy & Debbie Allan (60); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (50); Don & Joyce Butlak (\*); George & Ruth Camann (\*); Tim Cryan (\*); Rich & Mary Ann DeBolt (95); Chuck Facklam (\*); Al Forster (\*); Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (95); Chuck & Chris Gugino (50); John & Elaine Haid (\*); Lee Hartung (55) & Nadine & Janet; Eileen Holden (35); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (\*); Ken & Carol Knoll (\*); John & Judy Kruse (20); Dave Lechner (60); Andrew & Tomoko Menard (10); Mike Mesi (\*); Paul & Dolores Meyer (85); Joe & Mary Momot (50); Bob & Peggy Nash (125); George Nash (115); Ray & Barb Noonan (\*); Daniel & Candace O'Connor (\*); Herm & Mary-Teresa Platt (120); Dennis & Darlene Powers (\*); Peter & Olga Pucak (70); Dale & Sally Pyne (55); Randy Rogalsky & Cheryl Westmoreland (60); Mark Schleicher (100); Don & Lynelle Schloerb (\*) and Arianna; Paul Schrader (30); Cliff Schulz (\*); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (105); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (\*); Bob & Chris Snyder (110); John & Darla Sole (20); Dennis & Del Upton (140); Steve & Kathy Vaccaro (110); Ed Vogt (30); Don & Doris Warnick (70); Chuck Weimer (\*); Ken Weinstein (50); Lon & Valerie Wilson (\*); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (\*); and Mark & Sue Yearke (\*)

\* indicates member(s) has achieved the required number of points to receive the activities award. Y indicates Youth Member.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



John Birtch - 4	Randall Rogalsky - 18
Susan Sayles - 4	John Hulley - 20
George Taylor - 6	Debra Suggs - 20
Marie Ulrich - 7	Betty Coon - 21
Frank Ciminesi - 10	John Kraus - 21
James Zak - 11	Joe Momot - 21
Marie Boron - 11	Barb Noonan - 24
Christine Smyczynski - 12	Tim Cryan - 25
Donald Ulrich - 12	Jeffrey Cryan - 25
David Pera - 15	Jim Greco - 27
William Nichols - 16	Joyce Morris - 27
Dick Haynos - 17	

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2020 already! I hope your Holidays were excellent and Santa brought you everything you wanted? Maybe a new "old" car?

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mike Mesi hosted the last Board meeting for 2019. The meeting went quickly with the year winding down. Since no new members volunteered to join the Board for 2020 and Chuck Facklam staying on we quickly had the Re-organization meeting, I think that meeting was also a record for how quickly it went. With no one volunteering to take the Presidents job everyone just stayed with their current jobs and the order and hosting duties of the monthly Board meetings also stayed the same as last year, so as I said we were done in less than 20 minutes.

Lynelle and Darlene Powers hosted our annual Christmas/Holiday party at the Polish Falcons on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to both of them and Santa, and all the other "elves" who helped to make it a memorable evening. A good group of almost 90 members attended. The food was excellent and we also had a brief explanation from the director of Cornerstone where our donations were sent this year.

Next up is our Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>. Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz have put a lot of time and effort into this event, please try to attend. You will still have time to send in your

reservations when you receive this edition of the Sidelight. We are trying a new place in the northtown's this year, the Classics V Banquet hall on Niagara Falls Blvd.

Most of our monthly functions are already set for the 2020 year. I hope you all will be able to attend some of them and hope for nice weather so we can bring our old cars along.

Till next time....

Tim

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Remember dues for AACA National & local LER must be paid by December 31, 2019. The form for National was in the latest Antique Automobile magazine. You can call them at 1-717-534-1910 and pay by credit card. Don't forget you must be a paid member of the National club to be a member in the local. For the local club, check the lower left-hand corner of your address label on the Sidelight to see what year your dues are paid through. If it reads 2019, contact me to renew your membership. Keep in mind, we need you to return the LER renewal form with your dues to keep our records complete.

Lon Wilson – membership chairman.

## NEWS AND NOTES

The Model A Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region is hosting their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Automotive Swap Meet, February 2, from 9am-3pm, at The Event Center, located on the Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Ave, Hamburg, NY. Vendor space or info Salvatore Castellana 228-5599 or email snowbusterswapmeet@gmail.com.

The Rochester, NY Ford V-8 Club is holding their 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Indoor Automotive Flea Market on April 5, from 9am to 2:30pm at the Total Sports Experience 880 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624. Admission is \$5.00 General info Frank 585-637-8863 or vendor info 585-786-2876

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

2020



**The club would like to order more shirts and jackets. Contact Chuck Facklam for styles & prices!**



**See Cliff Schultz if you would like to order a magnetic name badge**



## ACTIVITIES REPORT

Please remember to sign up early for these events and to treat your club mates with respect and consideration

**December 8, 2019**, well, another annual Christmas party is in the books. It was hosted by Lynelle Schloerb and Darlene Powers. The evening was full of holiday spirit, great food and even a guest appearance by Santa Claus. What an awesome evening getting together with friends from the AACA Lake Erie Region to celebrate the Holidays. Much thanks go out to Lynelle, Darlene and all who helped put together this amazing event! Also, thanks to all who brought donations for the Cornerstone Manor.

**January 25, 2020**, the annual Installation Banquet will be hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. The banquet will be held at the Classic Five Banquet Hall in Amherst, NY. This year's theme will be a masquerade. The sign-up sheet and additional details are in the Sidelight. The deadline to sign up is January 13, 2020.

**February 16th 2020**, please note, this event has changed. Lon Wilson will host the meeting. Lon has arranged to have Rick Falkowski as a guest speaker to give a presentation on the early history of Buffalo, NY. The event will be held at the Polish Falcons and refreshments will be provided by Lynelle Schloerb.

**March 8th 2020**, Jerry Ptak will host the meeting. Jerry has arranged to have John Hulley as a guest speaker to give a presentation on the restoration of the Darwin Martin House. The event will be held at the Polish Falcons and refreshments will be provided by Lynelle Schloerb.

**April 19th 2020**, this will be our annual presentation of the past year in review hosted by Lon Wilson. The event will be held at the Polish Falcons with refreshments provided by Lynelle Schloerb.

The 2020 outdoor season begins!

**May 17th 2020**, the Rust Buster will be hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. Mike and Ken have arranged for an Erie Canal Cruise on the Lockport VI, a 75-foot double-deck Mississippi style stern paddle wheel vessel, followed by a Canal-Side Banquet. More details to follow.

**June 2020**, annual car show. More details to follow.

We 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-Chairman

“Hershey – 2019, My 48<sup>th</sup> Year!”

by Bob Morris

My first trip to Hershey was in 1972. I was extremely fortunate in that I was able to make the trip each year. This year it was beginning to look more of a challenge. I don't know if it was because of medical issues or the “forest fire” on the birthday cake, but I knew it might be a real challenge this year.

Luckily, everything the week before came together so we made our plans to leave on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. I like to be at Hershey on Tuesday, set-up day, because there is a lot of opportunities to find, or check out things before it really gets “krazy.”

Off we went Monday morning. By the time we got to Route 63, South of Batavia it started to rain, and it rained and after a while it rained some more. By the time we stopped for lunch at the Country Cupboard Restaurant South of Williamsport, PA it had just about stopped. I was really happy. Driving in the rain for about 200 miles is enough. Finished eating lunch, walking to the car and here came the rain again. I thought, “Is this going to be a wet

Hershey?” It stopped raining about 5-6 miles from the motel.

Tuesday morning, I headed into Hershey. Joyce had her Feather Weight sewing machine and a whole lot of fabric so she was happy at the motel. I parked in Maintenance Employee parking lot, unloaded my scooter and was on my way. The sky was clearing, the sun came out and the weather was outstanding for the whole week. Low to mid 70s, clear skies, no wind. You couldn't ask for better. I saw and visited with a lot of friends, saw 6 or 7 or maybe 8 or 9 cars I would have liked to buy, but I haven't won the lottery yet! (I was told I had to buy a ticket.)

It was a great week!! You can't add any more to it! On Saturday after a quick check of that area of the car show that I was interested in, we headed home. And wouldn't know it, it rained most of the way.

Am I going back in 2020? I don't know, but I have my reservations at the motel. You figure it out.

It was great





**AACA LAKE ERIE REGION**  
**2020 INSTALLATION BANQUET**  
**AND**  
**MASQUERADE BALL**



January 25, 2020

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

Classics V  
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5:00pm Cash Bar w/Hors D'Oeuvres  
 6:00pm Dinner

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**PRICE: \$35 per member/\$40 per non-member**

Questions? Call Sue Yearke (433-3673) or Karen Schwartz (393-3043)

**~~~~~Reservation Deadline January 13, 2020~~~~~**

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**February 16, 2020**



# *The History of Early Buffalo by Rick Falkowski*

Hear about the building of the mansions on Delaware Ave as well as the famous families & early industry that put Buffalo on the map as a leading city.

Rick is the founder of the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame.

**Place:** Polish Falcon Club, 445 Columbia Ave, Depew, NY

**Time:** 7:00 pm Business Meeting, 7:30 pm Presentation  
Refreshments will be served after the meeting.



## SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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### \*AUTOS FOR SALE\*

'30 Model A Ford Closed Cab Pick-up, Registered And Inspected. \$14,000.00. Local Truck. Pete Pucak, 759 - 2988. (1)

'36 Pierce Arrow, model 1601, 8 cyl, 139 wheelbase, no sidemounts, needs restoration, very complete and solid. \$10,000 Bob Sands 826-2416 or email: [muzandali@yahoo.com](mailto:muzandali@yahoo.com) (3)

'39 Plymouth p8 deluxe. All original except for whitewall radial tires [also have whitewall bias ply tires that go with the sale]. Rebuilt engine has 12,500 miles. Older restoration [approx.. 2012] but still in excellent condition. Electrical system is original 6 volt with positive ground. Car won awards in 2 out of 3 shows it was entered. Asking \$20,500 or best offer. Serious inquiries only please. Contact Jerry Schickling 440-6695 or email [razor.schickling@yahoo.com](mailto:razor.schickling@yahoo.com) (1)

'57 Chevrolet Nomad wagon, sierra gold & adobe beige, rebuilt 283 4 speed, newer paint, chrome, tires, etc \$49,000 Ken Weinstein 689-6888, nights. (3)

'64 Corvair Monza Convertible, great sporty driver. Later model 110hp engine with automatic transmission and power top. Older but well-maintained restoration. Ready to drive and tour. Even comes with many spares (Alternator, starter, distributor etc.) Lead from and call Chuck at 655-0508 (2)



'91 Cadillac Brougham. 49,332 miles...showroom condition...10 disc player in the trunk with a remote...car cover...original window price sticker...Call Jeanne for more info 693-9054 Lead from Dennis Upton (1)



'91 Mazda Miata MX-5 (base) manual 5 sp trans, less than 82,000 miles, blue/black cloth inter., \$4995.00 or B/O. Bill 346-9079 (4)

### \*AUTO MISC FOR SALE\*

Set of 4 new NEXEN Radial tires, size 205/75R15, all-season "N'PRIZ AH5" series, w/ slimline whitewall- (if WW not desired, can be reversed-tires are not directional) Tires mfg. Mar. 2018. NEXEN is a factory orig. equip. supplier for Kia/Hyundi cars. Also fits Bias equivalent size 6:70x15. Local tire dealer price for each is \$83.98. Asking \$225.00 for all 4. Can deliver locally. Dennis Powers, 716-694-5517 (3)

Seatcovers '49-80 benchseat cars, usually plaid or striped vinyl hogrings \$130/car. Ken Weinstein 689-6888, nights (3)

Sun distributor test machine. For more info call Bob Morris at 694-9830. (3)

Buick literature from the collection of Guy Bennett Buick Corporation, Wayland, NY. 70 yrs of Buick hard cover book, the Buick Bugle, '76 to '82, 20 pieces of Buick sales pictures, (2) 1978 Buick sales brochures, all items in excel. condition, lot sale \$40.00 Pete Pucak 759-2988 (2)

5.9 Brumfield head, brand new, including new copper gaskets & grade 8 head bolts \$550.00 Norman Gannon: [normnpat70@gmail.com](mailto:normnpat70@gmail.com). Lead from Lon Wilson (1)

Steel utility trailer 5 1/2 X 8 ft inside, 15" wheels plus spare \$600.00 /OBO. Call Nadine 510-3338 leave a message. (1)

Fiberglass cap for Ford Ranger, black, \$400.00/ OBO. Call Nadine 510-3338 leave a message. (1)

### \*AUTO MISC WANTED\*

'66 or '67 Lincoln Continental, 4dr hdt p sedan or convert sedan "parts car". Especially need rear doors, Bob Sands 826-2416 or email: [muzandali@yahoo.com](mailto:muzandali@yahoo.com) (3)



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## AACA 2019 Fallbrook, National Meet by Bob & Peggy Nash

Early in November, Peg and I took a vacation out to California to visit a couple of old friends. We also worked it around the AACA National West Coast Meet in Fallbrook, California. We flew out a couple of days before the car show. Bill and Cheri, the couple we went to visit are both car people. This worked out well.

On Thursday, the day before the show, Bill and I went to visit Crevier Classic Car Sales in Costa Mesa. They had a wide variety of cars for sale; Packard, Chevrolet, Hudson and more. Very interesting place. In the front corner of their shop they had a 1932 Model J Duesenberg for sale. For \$1.7 million one could drive it home. Just so you know it is still in Costa Mesa.

On Friday we all drove up to Fallbrook. Peg and I had to be there by 2:00 to attend the Judging School. All national judges must attend one judging school every year. After school we went out and explored a little of California. On Saturday, the day of the show, we went to the judge's breakfast where you get your assignment and

meet the rest of the judging team. Peg had the late 50' and early 60's, where I had Sport Cars and early 50's. There were only 125 cars in the show as AACA is not real big out west. Because of the limited number of Judges that showed up, we both had 18 cars to judge. Peg judged exterior and I got to judge engines.

After breakfast, we both attended a CJE. These are Continuing Judges Education sessions to makes us all better Judges. There are members who run these classes to help judges understand specific cars or areas of the cars. Peg took a class on Mustangs and I took a class to learn more about the HPOF Class of Cars. After that it was off to the show field and Judging with our teams. Having 18 cars to judge, it took about two hours to complete the judging and then it is on to tally the sheets and turn them in. Peg and I, with our friends, were then free to enjoy the rest of our visit in California and the abundance of fresh limes: Hello Margarita!



# LER CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



Elves Mary-Teresa Platt, Darlene Powers and Sue Reville are at the door to greet us



Arianna & Lynelle Schloerb sell raffle tickets



Dennis Powers and Candice Reed sell split club tickets – Don Butlak takes his chances



Mike Mesi, George Nash & Ken Kaczka gather for good cheer.



Karen & Jeff Swartz pose for the camera while George Nash & Valerie Wilson share a laugh



Sue Yearke, Karen Schwartz & Jean Yanik donned their gay apparel



Chuck Weimer, Ken Kaczka, Sam Yanik, Tim Cryan & Jeff Swartz raise a glass (actually a beer bottle)



Some of the many items we donated to Corner Stone Manor and Sue Cervie was very thankful for them all.

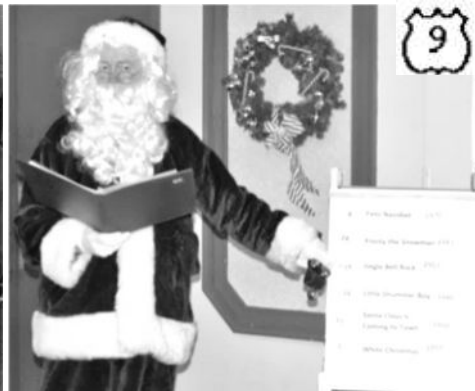


Lynelle Schloerb helps Ruth & George Camann display the table decoration Ruth made. A basket full of automotive safety items was also raffled off.



Left: Elves Lynell & Darlene get the desserts plates ready for after dinner. Above & right: Santa had a song title, year & chart position game for us to play.

Cheryl Westmoreland and Ken Knoll tried their hand at it. (Ken, our resident DJ should be good at this!)



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Sam Yanik helps load the "sleigh" while Cheryl Westmoreland, Chuck Facklam, Karl Schurkus Mike Mesi, Al Forster carry out additional donations,

Cliff Schultz rolls out even more.



We were RIGHT that this game was LEFT to the end as we passed the bottle during Santa's story. Above Pat Burgstahler watches as her husband Dean passes the bottle to Valerie Wilson while Joyce Butlak waits to get it. Above right: Ken & Carol Knoll swap the bottle while Ray & Bernie Gajkowski look on. Right: Mike Mesi doesn't want to give up the bottle to Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode.



Darla Sole says I want the bottle next from Tomoko Menard. Paul Schrader takes the bottle away from Ed Vogt as Cliff Schulz laughs. Right: Sue Reville, Mary-Teresa Platt are disappointed that Herm Platt now has the bottle. Elf Darlene thinks it funny.



Below: Christine Snyder waits to see if she will get the bottle back as her husband Bob Snyder takes it from Mark Schleicher while Jean Yanik looks on



Below: Door prizes go to: Darlene Powers watches as Christine Snyder & Sally Pyne pick one out. John Kruse and Randy Rogalski find theirs. Right: Debbie Allan has one!



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## Calendar of Events

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- Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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- Feb. 16 - Presentation on the early history of Buffalo, NY by Rick Falkowski. Lon Wilson, host.
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