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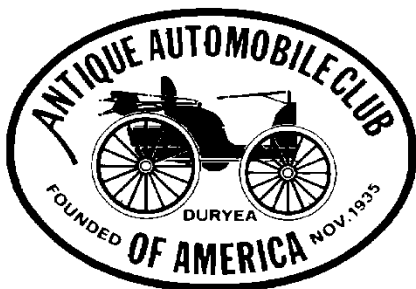
The LER Installation Banquet 2020

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**LER EVENTS FOR 2020**

**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**

**Apr. 19 - A year in review slide show hosted by Lon Wilson.**

\*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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**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**



- Lee & Phyllis Wass - 5
- John & Mary Kay Birtch - 11
- Daniel & Roseann Gernatt, Jr. - 14
- Mark & Sonya Bojak - 14
- Donald & Doris Warnick - 25
- Sam & Jean Yanik - 27

LER members who masqueraded to the Installation Banquet were: Marie Boron (15); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (15); Don & Joyce Butlak (15); George & Ruth Camann (15); Jeff & Linda Cryan (15); Steve & Maggie Cryan (15); Tim Cryan (30); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (30); Al Forster (15); Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (15); John & Elaine Haid (30); Lee Hartung (15) & Nadine Ormond & guest; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (30); Ken & Carol Knoll (15); John & Judy Kruse (15); Mike Mesi (30); Paul & Dolores Meyer (15) & guest; George Nash (15); Ray & Barb Noonan (15); Dan & Candace O'Connor (15); Walter & Suzanne Osuch (15); Dennis Powers (30); Dale & Sally Pyne (15); Randy Rogalsky & Cheryl Westmoreland (15); Lynelle Schloerb (30); Cliff Schulz (30); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (15); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (25); Chris Snyder (15); Don & Doris Warnick (15); Chuck Weimer (30); Lon & Valerie Wilson (45); Sam & Jean Yanik (15); and Mark & Sue Yearke (40).

\* indicates member(s) has achieved the required number of 150 points to receive the activities award. Y indicates Youth Member.

A listing of how you can achieve points appears on page 3 in this newsletter. You need to sign in at each event to be credited with points. Check the attendance list the following month to see your point total.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



- Suzanne Wedekindt - 2
- William Wolff - 2
- Lauren Fix - 3
- Hugh Snowden - 3
- Christina Henderson - 5
- Dan Graff - 6
- Mary Ellen Kaplan - 12
- Candace Reed - 13
- Edward Vogt - 13
- Vallie Alt, Sr. - 14
- James Galvin - 14
- Christine Snyder - 15
- Julie Walter - 16
- Jane Licata - 17
- Leslie Pickering - 17
- Eileen Holden - 18
- Mary Momot - 18
- David Hargrave - 20
- Karl Schurkus - 20
- Deborah Schloerb - 21
- Barney Platzer - 22
- Ruby Kielt - 23
- John Sole - 24
- Dr. Kristen Smyers - 26
- Robert Snyder - 26
- Roseann Gernatt - 28
- Bob Nash - 28
- Edward Ferber - 29

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February, one month closer to Spring! So far the weather hasn't been too bad? This will be an odd message for me as I was at the Huge Mecum Kissimmee car auction and was unable to attend our January Board meeting that was held on January 7<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Cliff Schulz at the Hillview Restaurant. With the Annual Banquet being held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January I have to submit this message before that event happens.

Our attendance at the Annual Banquet has been dropping each year, the Board and the Chair people are asking why? Please let me know your feelings, we do realize that a bunch of members do go to Florida for all or some of the winter and that the 2 most expensive events, the Banquet and the Christmas party, do occur in consecutive months, so if you have any feelings on this please let me or any Board member know?

Our February meeting will be held on the third Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, instead of our usual second Sunday back at the Polish Falcon's and our guest speaker will give a very interesting talk and presentation on the history of those big old mansions along Delaware Ave. Who built them, the money behind them and the family's that lived in them, please try to attend. The Board moved the date because the second weekend in February is normally the AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia, which I really wanted to attend this year on behalf of the region but I am unable to go because of work conflicts.

Back to the Mecum Car Auction, Mark Yearke and I have been attending this event for 10 years now and it has

really grown, plus we have been meeting a bunch of LER "snowbirds" while down there. This year we met up with Paul Vergils, Al Forster, Ron Billo, Dan Gernatt and Joe and Linda McCaffrey. If you get the chance, it is really a great time. Non-stop direct airfare with Southwest, Jet Blue or Frontier is less than \$200 roundtrip and being just after the Holidays the hotels are very inexpensive. Please contact me if you would like more info on it for next year.

One other note, the Annual AACA Grand National meet is one not to be missed this year. It is being held on the grounds of the NB Center for Automotive Heritage in Allentown PA. July 25<sup>th</sup>. It is founded by Nicola Bulgari, the famous jeweler, his complex consists of 26 acres and 14 buildings where his personal collection of cars are displayed and at the centerpiece of his display is a drive in movie house. He collects cars from the 30's and 40's. In the latest issue of Hemmings Motor News the Editor goes into much greater detail. They are expecting a very large turnout of show cars, so they are limiting it to the first 600 cars entered, even if you will not be showing a car it may be a very cool trip to make.

Don't forget The Model A club's Snowbuster Flea Market is Sunday Feb 2 at the Agri-Center on the Erie County Fairgrounds, I know a bunch of LER members get tables to sell their items. Please try to support them by attending.

Till next time....

Tim



### Activities Awards Report

As Activities Awards Chairman for 2019 I would like to report that we had a near record number of members who achieved the required 150 points for the award. Of the 22 memberships, 6 were first time winners (which *is* a record). I would like to recognize these members for their great support of our club. They are: First time winners: Don & Joyce Butlak; Jack & Linda Foster; Don & Lynelle Schloerb; Jeff & Karen Schwartz; Chuck Weimer; and Sam & Jean Yanik. Repeat winners: George & Ruth Camann; Tim Cryan; Chuck & Marybeth Facklam; Al Forster; Russ & Jackie Galbo; John & Elaine Haid; Ken Kaczka; Ken & Carol Knoll; Mike Mesi; Ray & Barb Noonan; Dan O'Connor & Candace; Dennis & Darlene Powers; Cliff Schulz; Lon & Valerie Wilson; Charles & Gertrude Wolski; and Mark & Sue Yearke. In addition, Tim Cryan, Mike Mesi and Barb & Ray Noonan received special recognition for having the top three point totals. I would like to send a special Thank You to Dan O'Connor for being the creative force behind the three special gifts. See the picture page for photos of these award recipients.

Other members that were recognized with gift cards for either hosting a monthly event or other contributions were: Jan – Sue Yearke, Marybeth Facklam – Banquet; Feb – Barb Noonan – Corvair presentation; Mar – Lon Wilson – Crystal Beach presentation; Apr – Lon Wilson – Year in Review; May – Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll – Rustbuster; June – Chuck Facklam & Mike Mesi - Car show; July – Yanik's & Fosters – Picnic & tour; Aug – Haid's - Chautauqua Belle boat ride; Sept – Upton's & Galbo's – Grand Island tour; Oct - Butlak's – Medina RR tour; Nov – Cliff Schulz – Desserts R Us night; Dec – Lynelle Schloerb & Darlene Powers – Christmas Party; Food at indoor meetings – Lynelle Schloerb; Website – Jerry Ptak; and Newsletter – Valerie Wilson

Valerie Wilson – Activities Awards Chairman



### SYMPATHIES TO:

The Family of Gene Holden

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

Since we needed to get the Sidelight completed on time, the Activities Report was written prior to the Installation Banquet.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** the annual Installation Banquet was hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. The banquet was held at the Classic Five Banquet Hall in Amherst, NY. This year's theme was a masquerade.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** please note, the date 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.

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**April 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup>** is our annual car show at the Elma Village Green Elma, NY. More details to follow.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** Joe and Linda McCaffery will host the summer picnic at their home in Pendleton, NY. Mark Brylinski will be planning our tour. 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

### ACTIVITIES AWARDS POINTS

For the new members and those who may have forgotten, here is the list of how activity points are awarded on an annual basis. The Board feels this system provides members with recognition for outstanding participation.

Members are responsible for signing in at each event. Members must also notify the Activities Chair (or any board member) when they attend, bring a car or judge at a National meet. The Activity Chairman then tabulates these points throughout the year. Members with 150 points (or more) at the end of the year will receive the Activities Award, presented at the January Installation Banquet, with the first-year recipients receiving a plaque with a small tag or chip designating the year. There will be available space for future tags to be added.

**\* Per membership:**

**\*\* Article must be written by person submitting the article. Copyright laws apply to all non-original material. Points not awarded for required monthly columns.**

Event	Points
Attend Annual Banquet	15 pts *
Attend monthly meeting / activity	10 pts each meeting attended *
Attend a national meeting / activity	10 pts each event attended *
Enter car at national meet	10 pts *
Judge at national meet	10 pts *
Bring antique car to summer club tour /event	10 pts (added to attendance pts)
Enter a car(s) in LER annual show	10 pts - 20 pts point max
Work at annual car show	10 pts *
Get a show sponsor for the car show sponsor	10 pts sponsor *
Chair an event / activity – local or National	20 pts each *
Co-chair an event / activity – local or National	10 pts each *
Sign up a new member	10 pts each new member
Write an article for <i>Sidelight</i> / Web Site **	10 pts per each article
Board Member	15 pts year
Sidelight Editor	15 pts year

**GET WELL WISHES TO:**  
 Marilyn Hartinger  
 John & Judy Kruse  
 Karen Lechner  
 Karen Schwartz  
 Tom Smyers  
 Bill Wolff



February 16, 2020



# *The History of Early Buffalo* *by Rick Falkowski*

Hear about the people who contributed to the history, commerce & culture of Buffalo, including the businesses, mansions & accomplishments of these famous families.

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.





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**March 8, 2020**

Join us at the Polish Falcon Club,  
445 Columbia Ave, Depew, NY for a  
7:00 pm Business Meeting, then a  
7:30 pm Presentation on the

# **Restoration of the Darwin Martin House**

LER Members John Hulley & Jerry Ptak took part in the interior restoration process of this historic Buffalo landmark. Come and hear about their experiences as they helped to preserve this Frank Lloyd Wright home designated a National Treasure.



The Martin House as seen from Jewett Parkway



The Gardener's Cottage



The Barton House

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Welcome to our new members

### Ronald & Karen Leavy

East Amherst, NY 14051

741-2399

1972 Chevrolet El Camino SS

1976 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe

Sponsor by: Frank Meyers



### John & Carol Winnickey

14 Chapman Pl.

Tonawanda, NY 14150

874-0329

1955 Ford Fairlane 2 Dr. Club Sedan

Sponsor by: Paul Troutman

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If there is a red **X** on your mailing label, your membership has expired. This will be your last issue of the Sidelight. Please return your check along with the renewal form from the November issue.

Lon Wilson – membership chairman

### NEWS AND NOTES

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

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'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)

'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)

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

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## “Hershey--- The Early Years”

By Bob Morris, Sept 2017

Hershey 2017 is fast approaching. As I sit here writing this, it is only two weeks away. My intent is to leave here on Sunday, 1 October so that on Tuesday, weather being good, I can be at Red Field in time for the arrival of Frank Puma and Dan Marinola.

In the forty-five years since my first trip to Hershey, the event has grown beyond belief. In the early 1960s while I was still in the mid-west and a member of the CLC and the Classic Car Club I had heard references about the event at Hershey, PA. I didn't quite understand the excitement it generated among some of the other members. “What's the big deal! I like chocolate bars, but so what?”

After relocating to WNY in 1965 I finally joined the AACA and then I would hear more about Hershey and what a great event it was for those of us who were into cars. It still took me a few years too finally get around to planning and making the trip, the first of many.

When it was final that I was really going to do this the first thing I found out that what other members had warned me about was true. The closet motel that we could get for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was located in York, PA. So, on Thursday Joyce and I threw our belongings in the Ford Station Wagon and away we went. The weather was a little “damp” (light rain). We arrived at the motel, checked in and turned around, got back in the car and drove up to Hershey. We might have made it to Hershey a little sooner, but my “bride” insisted on stopping at a restaurant so she could get something to eat. You know how testy women can be if you don't feed them two or three times a day.

When we arrived at Hershey, I was able to park in the stadium parking lot and I was looking out the windshield at Blue Field. Remember Blue Field? By now it was somewhere around 1600 hrs and I told Joyce that I wanted to take a “quick look around.” The weather was still somewhat “damp,” but it didn't matter. As I walked through the field, I thought this is unbelievable. It was great.

Friday morning, I couldn't get there fast enough. Joyce decided she would see what all the excitement was about with a antique car flea market. The day was a little

“damp” but we were able to park in the stadium parking lot again. Joyce walked a few rows and then said, “You've got to be kidding! I think I'm going to go sightseeing. Have a good time.” I had filled the gas tank and she had 50 cents so she was all set for the day. I had a great day! I went up & down those rows in Blue Field and I knew I had found my “sand box.” If you were hungry, all you had to do was visit “Strawberry Alley” where some Fraternal organizations had set up food stands. Across the road at the old airport they offered rides in a Stearman bi-plane. I'm pretty sure it was a Stearman. When Joyce picked me up later, she informed me what a great day she had exploring the Hershey area. So, everything was right with the world!

On Saturday morning we had breakfast & headed for the car show. As I recall the show was located in the field where currently the maintenance bldg. stands. There were also more cars in the stadium. After looking at all the cars I went back to the flea market. Joyce took off to do some more sightseeing. (she hadn't spent all of her 50 cents.)

On Sunday morning, we checked out of the motel and went to breakfast. At breakfast Joyce asked me if I was planning on coming back next year. I said, “Yeah! Except I'm going to come down on Wednesday!”

“IT WAS A GREAT TIME”



# President's Day



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George & Ruth Camann



Joyce & Don Butlak



Cliff Schulz



Pat & Dean Burgstahler



Dan & Candace O'Connor



Linda & Jeff Cryan



Chuck Weimer



Marybeth & Chuck Facklam



The Black Hats: Dennis Powers & Dean Burgstahler



Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode



Randy Rogalski, Ruth Camann & Cheryl Westmorland



Left: John & Judy Kruse  
Above: Valerie & Lon Wilson  
Right: Paul Meyer  
Far Right: Chuck Facklam & Jeff Cryan





From Left: Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke were our hosts for the evening President Tim Cryan gets the meeting started and Chuck Weimer gives his activities report.

Below: Barb (& Ray) Noonan, Tim Cryan & Mike Mesi received special gifts for achieving the most activities points for 2019.



Left: First time Activities Awards winners: Lynelle (& Don) Schloerb; Joyce & Don Butlak; Chuck Weimer; Sam (& Jean) Yanik; and Jeff & Karen Schwartz. Not present: Jack & Linda Foster



Mark Yearke explains things to Jeff Schwartz & Cliff Schulz



Above: Elaine & John Haid enjoy the evening

Left: Cheryl Westmorland won one of the table favors



Lynelle Schloerb smiles for the camera with Don & Doris Warnick



Left: Steven & Maggie Cryan  
Right: Joyce Butlak & Valerie Wilson share a conversation







The Girls: Linda Cryan, Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz



The Guys: Tim Cryan, Jeff Cryan, Ken Kaczka & Al Forster

# The Sidelight

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