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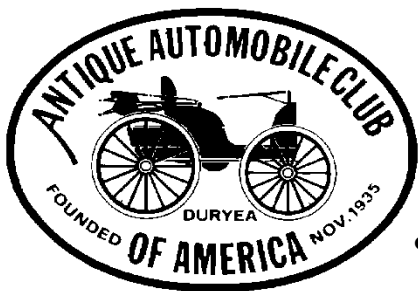
Don & Joyce Butlak's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500

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LER EVENTS FOR 2020

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.

May 24 - Rust Buster hosted by Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll

*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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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- Jeanne & Ron Kreavy - 2
- Edward & Kathryn Wilson - 9
- James & Joan Goetz - 12
- George & Regina Gallo - 26

LER members who got a history lesson on early Buffalo were: Marie Boron (25); Mark Brylinski (10); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (25); Don & Joyce Butlak (25); George & Ruth Camann (25); Orrin Catlin (10); Jeff & Linda Cryan (25); Steve Cryan (25); Tim Cryan (40); Rich & Mary Ann DeBolt (10); Kenneth Edwards (10); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (40); Jack & Linda Foster (25); Ray & Bernie Gajkowski (25); Jim Greco (10); Ed & Nancy Group (10); John & Elaine Haid (40); Lee Hartung (25) & Janet Kill; Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (40); David Kaplan (10); Mike Kaplan (Y) (10); Ken Knoll (25); Mike & Nadine Kosmoski (10); John Kraus (10); Mike Mesi (40); Paul & Dolores Meyer (25) and Crista Scheiten; Bob & Peggy Nash (10); George Nash (25); Ray & Barb Noonan (25); Marilyn Obermeyer (10); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (25); Kenneth Pielechowski (10); Herm & Mary-Teresa Platt (10); Dennis Powers (40); Bill Prenevau (10); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (25); Mark Schleicher (10); Lynelle Schloerb (40); Cliff Schulz (40); Karl Schurkus (25); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (35); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (10); Bob Snyder (25); Don & Doris Warnick (25); Chuck Weimer (40); Ken Weinstein (10); Lon & Valerie Wilson (55); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (10); Sam & Jean Yanik (25); and Mark & Sue Yearke (50).

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- Barbara Troutman - 2
- Donald Schloerb - 3
- Rosanne Franco - 4
- Jacqueline Gilbert - 5
- Jeffrey Ortman - 6
- Beverly McHenry - 7
- Mary Beth Facklam - 7
- Allan Duncan - 10
- Martin Troutman - 10
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- David Suggs - 20
- Charles Gugino, Jr. - 21
- Elizabeth Hulley - 21
- Melissa Anderson - 21
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- David Kaczmarek - 23
- Linda McCaffrey - 26
- John Bauer - 27
- Mary Korkuc - 27
- Ray Winzig - 28
- Nadine Kosmoski - 29
- Kenneth Edwards - 30
- Paul Fix - 30
- Todd Schupbach - 30
- Corey Balling - 31
- Nancy Hargrave - 31

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March! Spring is just days away. This winter has not been too bad overall. Time to start thinking about going to Spring Carlisle to get the old car juices flowing. You can see from the pictures in last month's Sidelight that we all had a great time at the Installation Banquet hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz plus all the other members who helped out. Thanks go out the Sue & Karen.

Our February Board meeting was held on Tuesday Feb 4th at the home of Ken Kaczka. The Board went over the year's activities. Looks like all of this year's functions are set. It's a good feeling to have everything planned for the year, but we can always look forward to next year. If anyone has any ideas about a club function please contact Chuck Weimer or Lynelle Schloerb, our Activities Co-Chairpersons. Based on our Sidelight printing and club members receiving the Sidelight we need at least 6 months of a lead time to be able to have a club member come to us, suggest an idea for a function, go over it at the next Board meeting, approve it, get the needed costs approved then get an announcement in the next available issue of the Sidelight. If the function ends up being at a restaurant, they have a week to 10-day lead-time for a count of how many people are coming to have the correct amount of food available. Therefore, you can see why we are always asking members to host an event even though we are good with events for the time being. This is why Barb Noonan has volunteered to update the Club's Policy & Procedure's manual. This manual has been kicking around for the last few years in need of an overhaul. It will give the Board and members what is expected from each Board position and it will help with the Chairpersons of each event, as it will give them a guideline of when and how to get the needed things done when hosting an event. It will also put into place an after-event report that will be completed by the chairperson. As we then collect more of these through the years, it will give the Board an idea of how many people

come to certain events and will help the next chairperson in planning their event.

Back to the indoor meeting schedule and on Sunday February 16th we had a very informative presentation on the early history of Buffalo its families, the companies they founded and the mansions on Delaware Ave. Thanks to Lon Wilson in finding this very informative presenter, Rick Falkowski. We also had a very large turnout of members and guests. The car show flyers are now available to hand out if you need some to distribute to friends, cruise nights and car shows please see Chuck Facklam. We will have them at the next couple of indoor meetings. With the two show sponsors of Gernatt Asphalt and West-Herr Automotive, we are able to get the car show flyers done in color and also have them out early in the year to promote the show. I would like to thank club member Dan Gernatt, for facilitating the two sponsors again for us this year.

In the National AACA magazine, there is a return post card on the paper insert. This is the request form for any National AACA function, shows and tours that are hosted by other regions. It does not cost anything more than a stamp to fill out the request card and ask for any and or all information. Once received by National they will send out the packet requested. This lists the events that region has planned for their particular area. Send it in to see what other regions are doing and maybe attend a National event.

The March indoor meeting has a presentation on the restoration of the Darwin Martin House, which I am looking forward to seeing. We are going to try an afternoon meeting time for our April indoor meeting, the Board would like to see if having our meetings earlier on Sunday will be more convenient for our members, as always let any Board member know your feelings on this?

Till next time....

Tim



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NEWS AND NOTES

The Rochester, NY Ford V-8 Club is holding their 43rd 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



ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

February 16th, Lon Wilson hosted the meeting. Lon had arranged to have Rick Falkowski as a guest speaker to give a presentation on the early history of Buffalo, NY. The presentation was very educational and interesting. The event was held at the Polish Falcons and refreshments were provided by Lynelle Schloerb, which were enjoyed by all of the AACA club members in attendance.

March 8th, 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, 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 24th, the Rust Buster will be hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. Mike and Ken have arranged for an Erie Canal Cruise on the Lockview VI, a 75-foot double-deck Mississippi style stern paddle wheel vessel, followed by a Canal-Side Banquet. More details to follow.

June 14th, is our annual car show at the Elma Village Green Elma, NY. More details to follow.

July 12th, 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.

August 9th, the event is being planned, 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 Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairman

ON THE COVER:

Our story began 31 years ago when I discovered a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 in my brother-in-law's salvage yard. The car looked pretty sick, but I was anxious to join other family members who were involved with restoring their own classics, so I brought the car home and started a 6-year part time endeavor to restore it.

I purchased a parts car which I found resting in a farmer's field nearby, and began stripping and exchanging parts. During the paint stripping process, I discovered many sins. The body needed various patch panels which were not available back then, so I had to hand form them. I primed the car and sent it out for final paint. All the chrome was replated, even that original front bumper.

The car has been very reliable and comfortable, and has transported us to Lake George for the Adirondack Nationals show 17 years in a row.

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Don & Joyce Butlak



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like to order a magnetic name
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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.

Hershey---The Early Years, Part 2.

by Bob Morris, Oct 2017

Hershey 2017 is over! It was, again, exceptional weather. Which reminded me of my second trip to Hershey in 1973.

After my first trip to Hershey in 1972 I was determined to go again in 1973 and maybe a day or two earlier. The first thing I thought I should do was to find a motel closer to Hershey than York, PA. That, I found out was a challenge. Nothing definite, but most hotels/motels were already booked early for the event in 1973, but they would put me on the list in the event of a cancellation. Then Joyce saved the day. In her travels throughout the area in 1972 she had checked out the Hershey Highmeadow Campground. Her suggestion was, "Why don't we stay at the campground? We have the camping equipment. "I said, "You can't be serious?"

She was! I had no problem camping out. I certainly had enough experience with it in the military. Joyce thought it would be fun and look how close I would be to the flea market area. (Three miles.) She said when she was a Girl Scout it was great fun so why not? So I called Hershey Highmeadow and had no problem getting a campground space for tenting.

Now to this day---this is strange, unbelievable, or ironic you choose. After setting up our tent at Hershey Highmeadow we met our neighbors in the next space over to the right as you face the creek. They were three friends from Indianapolis, IN. Paul, Michael, and Steven. Joyce and I looked at each other and said, "You have to be kidding?" They wanted to know what was wrong?

"Nothing!" We told them except that we had three sons. Paul, Michael, and Steven. They were a crazy bunch, but forty-four years later they are still friends and when we take our trip to Denver, CO we always stop in Indianapolis and have dinner. Its true when they say that many times you meet and make lifelong friends at Hershey.

The weather in 1973 was sunny, warm, and hot. A great time. While roaming through the Blue Field I got a lead on two Cadillacs. A 1938 60 Special and a 1948 61 Series sedan. The '48 was in the NJ area not far from where my brother and his family lived. The '38 was somewhere in Eastern PA. I don't remember just where.

The owner of the '48 said he was heading home on Saturday if I wanted to come and look at the Caddy on Sunday. I thought, "This will work out great. " My brother lived in the area so I thought we would head over to his home and visit and on Sunday check out the Cadillac.

On the way to Suffern, NY we stopped and checked out the '38 60 Special. It was not a bad looking car, but the owner wasn't there so there was no opportunity to hear it run. So on to NY we went. It was dark when we arrived at my brother's home. The garage, which was located under the house was open. So I walked through the garage to the door to the family room. I opened the door to the family room and my nephew, Kevin, and my niece, Karen were there watching TV. Karen looked at me, jumped up and running through the house, shouted, "Mommy! Daddy! There's a strange man in the house!" Kevin just stood there and looked at me. My brother Roger showed up and said, "Hiya Bob, what's up?" He turned to Karen and said, "It's your Uncle Bob and Aunt Joyce." Karen, 13 at the time, just laughed. My brother said they were just getting ready to go out to dinner. I told him what was going on and we didn't want to interrupt their plans, but it was family and we always had a very strong relationship so everything was fine. We had a good time at dinner and the next day my brother and I hiked over to NJ to check out the '48 Cadillac. There it was in this huge garage underneath this large upscale apartment complex setting between two Roll Royces.

The Cadillac was nice, low mileage 34K, beautiful original interior and sounded and ran well. It did have one grille bar that had a dent, but that was about all. It had been repainted sometime in the past and it was okay, but not the original color. It was a deal! I gave the owner a deposit and told him I would be back with the balance in a few weeks and pick up the car.

A few weeks later we rounded up our kids and headed back to Suffern, NY for a combined family visit and pick up the Cadillac. The trip home was uneventful. A 25-year-old Cadillac and it ran just great without a problem. I drove the Cadillac; Joyce drove the station wagon and the kids took turns riding in the "old car."

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ANNUAL SLIDE SHOW

April 19, 2020

Review of LER Events of 2019

Come out and relive some of the events of the past year,
or if you were not there, see what
the other club members experienced.

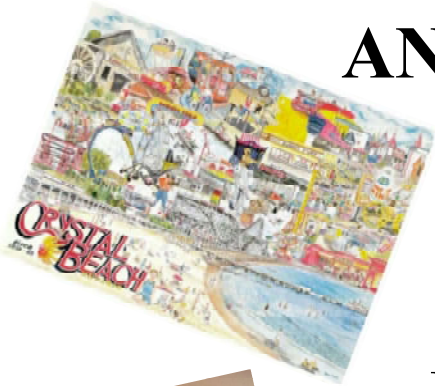
1 pm - Doors Open

2 pm – Business Meeting

2:30 pm – Program

Polish Falcon Club
445 Columbia Ave
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Refreshments will be served



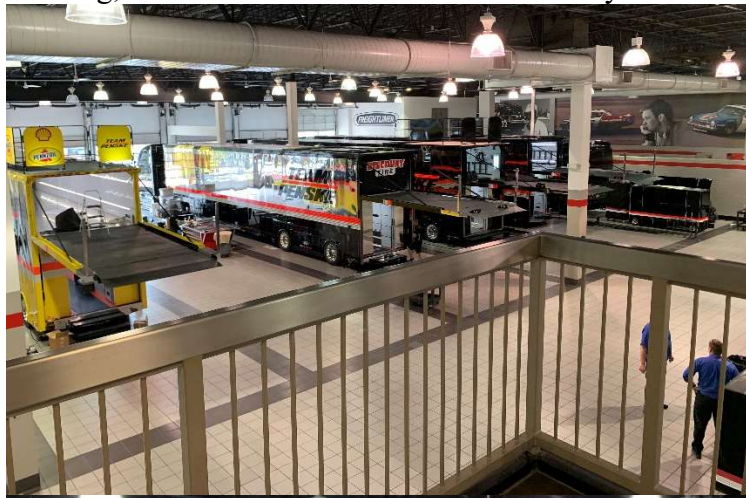
Penske Visit

Peg & I have been at it again. This time it is not vintage cars, but an interesting shop. We were back in Mooresville NC at our son's place and decided to take in a few of the local places of interest. One of our stops was the Penske NASCAR shop. Now you all know I don't care for Fords, but this shop is amazing. As you come in there is a stair to the runway that allows you to walk the length of the shop and see where they finish assembling and fine tune the race cars. It is very clean and organized. As we were there, the workers pushed a car out to another building, and drove a different car into the bay. Was fun

just to listen to. Just so we understand, Penske does use Chevrolet Engines in his open wheel race cars. These were in a different building that wasn't open for tours.

Then we visited a local Museum for Veterans called the Mooresville Living Military Museum. I got a free cup of coffee and to sign into the book of honor as a Navy veteran. I also got a hard time as the gentlemen running the place was an Air Force Veteran. It is small, but well maintained, with lots of Military Memorabilia on display. Their collection of WW1 and WW2 weapons display was impressive.

Bob & Peg Nash



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'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)



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'69 Oldsmobile 442 hardtop, original southern body, automatic, rebuilt 455, dual hood scoops, motor out of vehicle. John Kraus 568-1466 (6)

'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)

'15 Jeep Cherokee Altitude, F/A, 4 cyl. 67K, new tires, rotors brakes, fluids, wipers, back up camera, auto(cold) start, trailer hitch, roof rails, Jan 2020 inspec, Excellent \$12,000 B/O Bob 438-9454 (5)

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