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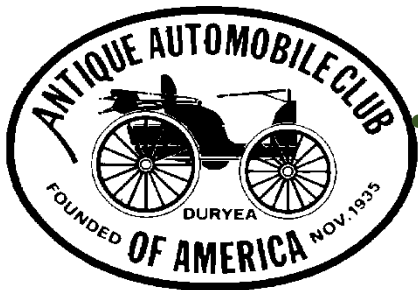
**George Nash waves to one of the many cars that drove by to celebrate his 102 birthday!**

**AUGUST 2020**

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- George's 102 Birthday pictures
- People of The Villages in Florida find out about Al
  - A quiz from the past



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**LER EVENTS FOR 2020**

**August 8** - Mark Brylinski has put together a tour and ice cream stop. Sign up ASAP if you can attend. Rain Date, August 9  
\*This is a tentative schedule. The dates 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sympathies to:**

Cliff Schulz on the loss of his aunt.

**AUGUST  
ANNIVERSARIES**



- Larry & Laurie Gee - 1
- Frank & Marilea Meyers - 2
- Carol & Bill Fox - 3
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- Jim & Christine Smyczynski - 9
- Edward & Nancy Group - 9
- Tom & Colleen McCarthy - 11
- Ron & Mary Moll - 12
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- George & Ruth Camann - 16
- Martin & Mary Korkuc - 18
- Bob & Marilyn Hartinger - 18
- David & Karen Lechner - 20
- Ronald & Karen Leavy - 22
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- Rickey & Diane Wojtowicz - 24
- Gregg & Suzanne Zimmerman - 25
- Steven & Maggie Cryan - 26
- John & Carol Winnickey - 26
- Leslie & Afaf Pickering - 27

Members of LER who braved the weather to celebrate George Nash's 102 birthday were: Gary & Vallie Alt, Sr. (20) - '34 Chevrolet; Corey & Allison Balling & sons (20) - '67 Chevrolet; Don & Joyce Butlak (55) - '64 Ford; Jack & Linda Foster (55) - '58 Metropolitan; Russ & Jackie Galbo (20) - '69 Buick; John & Elaine Haid (70) - '87 Chevrolet; Spike Mertes & Galina Duortsis (20) - '82 Corvette; Bob & Peggy Nash (50) - '58 Corvette; David Nash (20) - '64 Chevrolet; Donald Roberts (20) - '59 Metropolitan; Martin Troutman (30) - '34 Ford pickup; Steve & Kathy Vaccaro (20) - '53 GMC truck; Fred & Connie Warnick (20) - '68 Chevrolet; Lon & Valerie Wilson (115) - '53 Buick; Charles & Gertrude Wolski (40) - '85 Buick; Sam & Jean Yanik (65) - '80 Chevrolet; Mark Brylinski (20); Dean & Pat Burgstahler & Gorilla (55); Jeff & Linda Cryan (45); Tim Cryan (60); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (70); H. Paul Henderson & sons (10); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (60); Joe & Linda McCaffery (10); Mike Mesi (60); Frank & Marilea Meyers (20); George Nash (55); Ray & Barb Noonan (65); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (45); Dennis Powers (60); Cliff Schulz (60); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (55); Gary Vergils (10); Don & Doris Warnick (35); Lee Wass (10); and Mark & Sue Yearke (80).

Another month down with not too much happening in the car world. The state has loosened up some of the restrictions on businesses, but as some of the "usual" car cruises have started back up, the County Health Department has closed them back down as to having too many people. We haven't had much to complain about the weather other than maybe being too warm, but there haven't been any car shows to attend anyways.

The only really rainy day was Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, the day our club was to show up with our old cars and drive by longtime member and past president, George Nash's home to help him celebrate his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. But I will have to say that 10 – 15 members did show up with their old cars and maybe 45 modern cars to have a parade for George. If you missed out there is a YouTube video of the whole parade.

I decided to have a bunch of LER members over to my back yard for a "pop-up" cruise night in my backyard

on Tuesday July 14. A bunch of members and friends attended. This looks like it might be the only way to get our people together this summer. The offer is still out there for any member who wants to run a tour for August or September? I have heard a member may be trying to set up a tour and ice cream run, but by 07/20 I have not heard a definite yes or no yet. If it is a go you will see the info in this Sidelight.

As of now the AACA Grand National is still on for August 22<sup>nd</sup> and I am taking my 1971 Buick GSX to try for its Senior Grand National Award. Also, the Hershey car show is still on for Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, even though the Flea Market has been cancelled.

Stay Safe.

Till next time...

Tim

## THANK YOU

To everyone who sent cards and participated in Dad's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday car parade and celebration....

We extend a **BIG GIANT** thank you!!! We hope you enjoyed the parade as much as we did.

Dad loved all the beautiful and thoughtful birthday cards and enjoyed every minute of the parade in his honor. In fact, he was still talking about it yesterday. We loved the posters and balloons and critters you shared while driving by Dad to wish him a Happy Birthday, as well as the grand water show from the firetruck at the end of the parade! We sincerely appreciate all your efforts in helping with this wonderful celebration!

If you are interested, here is the link to the YouTube video of the parade...

<https://youtu.be/UJ2SxTUxvbc>

The Nash and Noonan Families

A special Thank You to Jim & Karen Prichard for the YouTube video & still pictures

### Department of Corrections

After receiving their July issue of The Sidelight, two LER members, Jim Sandoro & Bill Nichols, called me to tell me the identity of the man in the suit standing by the touring car pictured on page 1. His name is Jack Lambert and he is pictured next to his namesake 1909 Lambert. Jack was a President of both our LER club in 1963 and the National AACA in 1968. Also, the Pierce Arrow in the showroom window belongs to Bob Waver of Alp Steel Corp. Thanks to Jim & Bill for all the information.

In addition, Jim says the building in the back was built by Studebaker in 1922 and the Art Deco showroom in 1928. Pierce-Arrow then used it as their show room for many years until it became a Cadillac dealer.

Another interesting story came from the gentleman that prints the newsletter. He is a history buff and noticed on the cover picture which look like the roofs of houses on the next street, but are actually fake rooftops on the Pierce Arrow building to prevent bombing of that building and the Trico building next door. The Trico building was building airplanes for the war effort, so the fake roofs on the two buildings were designed to make it look like a residential area.

Lon Wilson

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Frank Puma - 1
- Ron Kreavy - 2
- Thomas Smyers - 2
- Ed Zak - 7
- Nancy Group - 8
- Paul Troppman - 8
- Joe McCaffrey - 8
- Carol Will - 9
- Robert Sands - 11
- Paul Vergils - 12
- Ken Knoll - 13
- Adele Upton - 13
- Jerre Walker - 14
- Suzanne Greco - 15
- David Sayles - 15
- Lynelle Schloerb - 16
- Candace Zak - 20
- David Kaplan - 21
- Tom Rosenbusch - 21
- Robert Mandziak - 22
- Suzanne Zimmerman - 24
- Christopher Tucker - 29
- Allison Balling - 30
- Russ Galbo - 30
- Cathy Pera - 30
- Olga Pucak - 30
- Pete Pucak - 31
- Patrick Murphy - 31
- Kathy Vaccaro - 31



## ACTIVITIES REPORT

Please remember to sign up early if an event is scheduled and to treat your club mates with respect and consideration.

Please be advised that all upcoming events are pending cancellation due to the current affairs with the Coronavirus. Everyone's health and well-being are of most importance. Please stay safe and take care.

Since it is looking like the rest of the outdoor season will be cancelled, the board thought that if anyone is interested is hosting a tour in August, September or October, something like a ride in the countryside and maybe stop for ice cream, please reach out to Lynelle Schloerb 716-949-2489 [lynelle2@gmail.com](mailto:lynelle2@gmail.com) or myself, Chuck Weimer 716-955-0834 [cw31961@gmail.com](mailto:cw31961@gmail.com)

### **Congratulations to George Nash turning 102!**

AACALER members gave George a vintage car parade he will not forget!

**This event has been cancelled. August 2nd, Dan O'Conner's Batavia Downs.**

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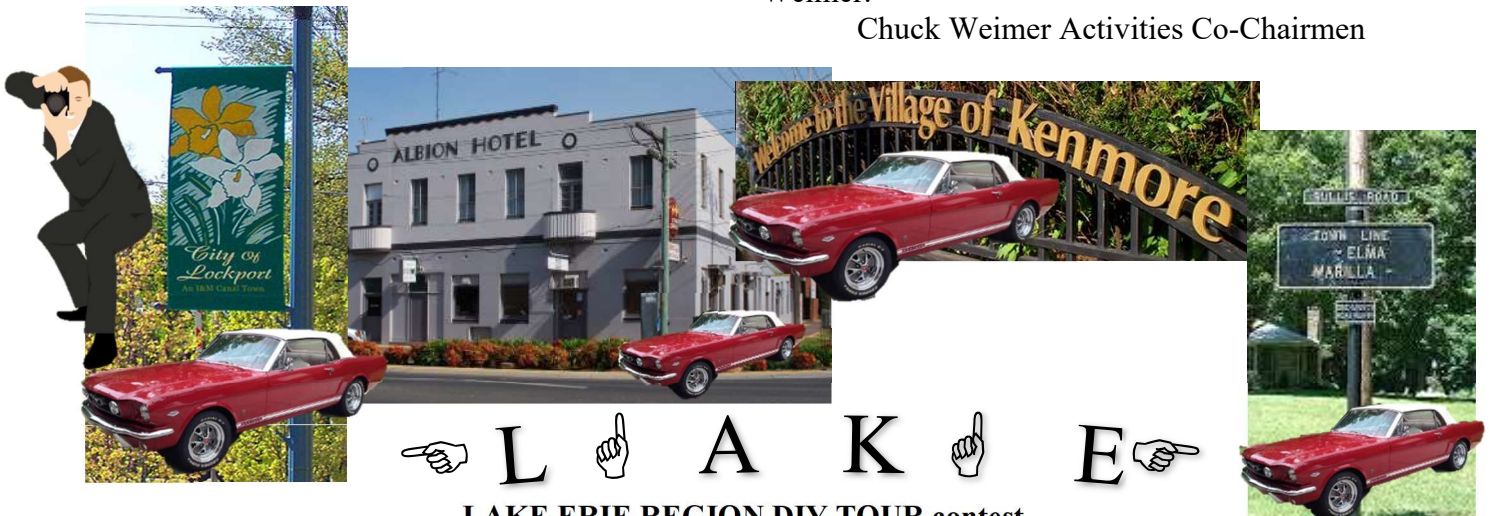
**September event has been cancelled.**

**October event has been cancelled.**

**November event is pending cancellation.**

We need volunteers, helpers and ideas for revised, safe, social distancing 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-Chairmen



### **LAKE ERIE REGION DIY TOUR contest**

Since our club is limited this year in events, we'd like to introduce the opportunity to participate in an event that you create. Our club specializes in tours, so this one is a "Create Your Own" tour, that you can do all at once, or in segments of your choosing. The primary idea is to visit towns throughout western New York where the first letter of the towns spells out LAKE ERIE REGION. For example, you can take a drive to Ellicottville, Rochester, Indian Falls, and East Aurora, and the first letter of those towns spells ERIE. And then maybe your next tour is to towns that spell LAKE (or part of LAKE), and so on. The whole tour can be spread out over the summer and fall.

#### **There are a few rules for this contest:**

1. Pictures are to be taken in locations decided by you.
2. You can use up to three different vehicles for the pictures.
3. The pictures have to have the sign from different towns with the vehicle in it. (Some towns don't have a town sign, so you may use a post office, town hall or fire station, etc.) You may substitute up to 4 street signs for a town sign.
4. You can use a town only once.

5. The vehicle has to be driven, not trailered to all the towns you use. Trailering a vehicle to a tour and then driving to the town is acceptable.
6. Your tour should be put together in a scrapbook that includes the town pictures, mileage driven, and any interesting occurrences and or problems encountered. Scrapbooks can be printed or digital (e.g. a power point presentation), depending on your preference.
7. You do not have to drive all the tour at once. You have until November to complete this.
8. Entries will be judged with consideration to the age of the vehicle, mileage driven to take the picture, and final scrapbook presentation, either paper or digital.
9. The contest will be judged by a panel of judges not entered in the contest.
10. All entries must be submitted by November 30, 2020 to be eligible for a prize.
11. There will be prizes awarded at the Installation Banquet.
12. All vehicles will have an equal chance.

Good luck and happy letter hunting.



# Get Out of The House Tour!

Hosted by Mark Brylinski & Maria



Lets take a drive and get some ice cream!



When: Saturday August 8th at 1pm

Where to meet: Wegmans, 4960 Transit Rd, Depew NY (Losson & Transit) We will be leaving promptly from there at 1:30

Why: To get out and play (dont forget your masks, and social distancing skills!)

How: By old car, of course! Or a modern one will work too!

Destination: Route 20 Ice Cream, 2783 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park



Please call Mark or Lon by August 3rd (#'s below), to RSVP for a head count.  
No need to mail anything in, this is a buy your own ice cream day!



We have a rain date set for Sunday August 9th. Call Mark Brylinski 716-390-9500, or Lon Wilson 716-873-6280 if unsure about weather for Saturday, to see if we have switched to Sunday.



# Even in the rain we celebrated George's Birthday



Peggy Nash stops the Wilson's to give them some cupcakes



Galbos were next to brave the rain



Warnick's Chevrolet was the first of many bowties in the parade



Martin Troutman brought out his '34 Ford



Vaccaro's in their GMC truck which gets a nature wash



New members Spike Mertes & Galina Duortsis in a Corvette



The Alts celebrate in their Chevrolet



The Huids add another Chevrolet to the parade



Don Roberts with wipers going on his Metropolitan



Fosters had started out with the top down on their Met



Until the rains came. They had 102 on the back of the car to honor George



Wolskis wave as the parade goes on



Yaniks were next to celebrate George's birthday



The Butlaks made nice signs and get cupcakes from Barb Noonan



Ballings add another Chevrolet





The Burgstahlers brought a friend



And he had his rain gear!



One of George's neighbor joined the parade in his VW bug



Dave Nash was the finale



Bob Nash brought his Corvette



George showed off his car, too!



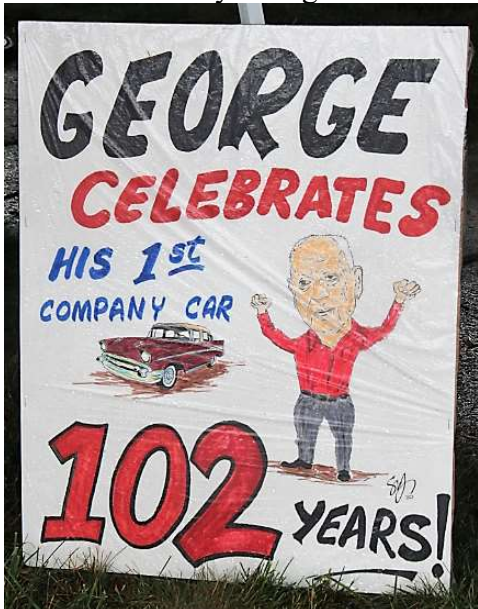
The firetruck stayed to give a demo



George's nephew gets to hold the hose



George enjoyed the many cars



There were plenty of signs displayed in the many vehicles



The big water cannon lets loose



And many more!!

Photos by Lon Wilson & Karen Pritchard

## Passion For Collecting Cars Spans Four Decades

Albert Forster fills storage facilities with his cars

By Sherri Coner

Daily Sun Staff Writer

Residents in The Village of Fenney quickly noticed that every few days, Albert Forster pulled a different car in the driveway.

He was the star of his own mobile car show.

Eventually, they learned that Forster has a dozen different rides in a nearby storage facility.

Ask which car is his favorite, and Forster's response never changes.

"That's like asking me which one of my kids I like best. My favorite is whatever I am driving at the time," he said.

From the oldest, a 1959 Ford Thunderbird, to the youngest, a 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, each classic has an impeccable paint job and immaculate interior.

And each car has a story, Forster said.

But don't think the book ends in that particular storage unit.

"I still have eight more cars back home," he said of Buffalo, New York. "They just aren't here yet."

As a child, Forster was surrounded by three generations of mechanics, even a great-grandfather who was a highly skilled automobile interior craftsman.

Automobiles are part of this guy's DNA.

Fresh out of high school, "I started out cleaning the bathrooms at a car dealer," Forster said. "The I ended up selling cars."

When a buddy needed a partner in his car lot, Forster became co-owner.

"I was buying older cars," he said. "But I also bought dependable cars for people who needed something \$5,000 and under."

Eventually, Forster's sales and management experience led him to the "heavy truck business."

To make time to pamper his beloved cars, he had to get creative.

For example, taking his youngest daughter, Kaitlyn, to school was a perfect opportunity to drive a different car.

"Everybody knew who my dad was," Kaitlyn said.

Of all the cars, Kaitlyn most remembers riding in the one her father has held on to for 32 years – the dark green 1965 Mustang.

"He really seems to like cars from the '60s and '70s," she said.

From a quick scan of his collection, it's obvious that Albert also appreciates makes and models from the '80s and '90s.

Overall, "I like having vehicles that are different from everybody else's," he said.

When Kaitlyn was old enough to drive, she was excited to drive dad's trophy cars, especially that particular



Photo by Bill Mitchell / Daily sun

Mustang. Her happiness faded fast, though. Making a turn required a rather frantic wrestling match with the steering wheel.

Of all the vehicles her husband had bought home, Albert's wife, Janice, said her favorite is the 1974 Cadillac Eldorado.

"It's such a beautiful car," Janice said. "It is a beautiful royal blue with white interior."

In 24 years of marriage, Albert has never left extra space in a garage or driveway.

"He entertains the neighborhood, driving all of his different cars," Janice said with a laugh. "I always know where he is, and I tease him about it. I call all these cars his girlfriends."



**Editor's Note**

It was amazing to see all the cars that showed up for George Nash's birthday parade despite the weather. As a special remembrance of the occasion, Lon and I created a key chain to commemorate the day. With a picture of George on one side and a cake with 102 candles on the other side, we intended for everyone to get one. The last count we had was about 40 cars. Well, we ended up with 58 cars and unfortunately a few did not get their key chain. I ran out in the parking lot and the Nash family did not get one that day. I did make more, so if you were there, (and we will know as we have everyone on tape), and did not get a key chain, let us know.

Recently, while Lon was cleaning, he found several old issues of the Presque Isle Region's Points & Plugs newsletter. There was a three-part series on the Thomas Flyer that won the New York to Paris race. I will reprint this series at some point when I have room. On the same day I finished retyping the article sections Jeff Mahl sent me the following note. Unfortunately, it came after we mailed the July issue of The Sidelight so voting is now over. But the Thomas still did very well against stiff competition.

Thoughts from Oneida Gazette, May 2020 Page 3

Myrtis King

It is healthy to take a break and have a laugh.

Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I am cracking a safe. I need to practice social-distance from the refrigerator.

Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from standard time to the Twilight Zone.

Day 5 of homeschooling: One of those little monsters called in a bomb threat.

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I am getting tired of Los Livingroom.

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks a woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year" ...

I'm offended.

And the best one:

Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.

This too, shall pass – hopefully soon!!!



**From Jeff Mahl:**

**Thomas Flyer in World-wide Concours Virtual**

In the COVID era, a unique virtual concours of world class automobiles was created to benefit charity. The 1907 Thomas Flyer has been accepted in the Pre-War Super Car Class D. The Flyer easily qualified by every measure.

Take a moment and visit the site:

<https://hothousemedia.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=644e3d5e381410220c6f23c04&id=807b9d3123&e=e90ada4fe7>

World expert judges include Wayne Carini, McKeel Hagerty, Lyn St. James and Bill Warner.

It would certainly be fitting recognition of all that the Buffalo built Thomas Flyer represents... A win for the Flyer would be a win for a great moment in Automotive history!

Friends of the Flyer;

The results are in for the Class D Pre-War Supercar Concours. The Flyer was up against some impressive competition, and it was the only automobile in the class to be on the podium for BOTH the Judges and Peoples Vote! It finished #2 in both votes, which is an amazing accomplishment when you consider the other 17 cars in the Class.

Thanks to each of you for your support,  
Jeff Mahl

Following are the official results.

**Class D: Pre-war Supercars:**

Judges Vote

Coupe (Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum)

2. 1907 E.R. Thomas Motor Co. Model 35 (National Automobile Museum)

3. 1931 Bentley 8 Litre Corsica Tourer (Stephen Brauer)

People's Vote

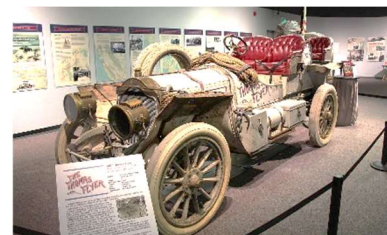
1. 1904 Napier L 49 (Sirdool Singh)

2, 1907 E.R. Thomas Motor Co. Model 35 (National Automobile Museum)

3, 1925 Hispano Suiza H6C (Fritz Burkard)

The Awards presentation video and the panel discussion, alongside profiles of all of the entries can be found on the Concours website:

<https://concoursvirtual.com/class/class-d/>



## SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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'46 Ford 2 dr. sedan, loaded, power steering, disk brakes, Chevy 250 crate engine, turbo 350 trans, new tires, beige, \$18,000 Jerry h:652-2085 c:380-4328 (10)

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### QUIZ OF THE MONTH

1. What three cars had the same name as three U.S. Presidents?
2. What car was named after a flower?
3. What car was named after a famous French battlefield?
4. What five cars were named after animals?
5. What eight cars were named after states?
6. What three cars had the same names as three members of President Roosevelt's cabinet?
7. What four cars had the names of figures on playing cards?
8. What car was named the same as a vital part of the human system?
9. What three cars were named for colors?
10. What car had the same name as a garden shrub?

From The Sidelight August 1965

1. Lincoln, Grant, Roosevelt.
2. American Beauty.
3. Argonne.
4. Badger, Panther, Buffalo, Colt.
5. Ohio, Indiana, California, Texas, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois.
6. Biddle, Jones, Walker.
7. Ace, King, Queen, Jacks.
8. Blood.
9. Black, Brown, Gray.
10. Bush.



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# The Sidelight

## Calendar of Events

**August 8** - Mark Brylinski has put together a tour and ice cream stop. Sign up ASAP if you can attend. Rain Date, August 9

**All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.**



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