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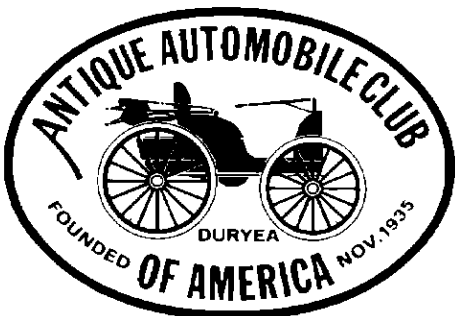
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Events for 2023

Feb 19 – Gregory Kinal’s presentation on Lewis & Clark. Hosted by Chuck Weimer
Mar 12 -Gregory Kinal’s presentation on Artifacts in the American History Smithsonian. Hosted by Chuck Weimer

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

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ON THE COVER: How did station wagons get their name? This 1923 Ford “Depot Hack” was used to transport travelers from train depots to their hotels. When train depots became known as stations, the vehicles became known as “Station Wagons.” From the Don Garlits Racing Museum. Story and pictures from Al Forster on page 5 & 7.



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Attendance Report: Members and guests who kicked the year off by attending the banquet were: Gary & Vallie Alt, Sr. (15); Dean & Pat Burgstahler (15); Don & Joyce Butlak (15); George & Ruth Camann (30); Christopher Ciszek (15) & Pat Haynes; Tim Cryan (30); Joe & Margaret Dallos; Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (30); Jack & Linda Foster (15); John & Elaine Haid (30); Allyn & Joyce Kain (15); Ken Knoll (15); Ross & Gail Martin (15); Joe & Linda McCaffery (15); Mike Mesi (30); Bob & Peggy Nash (15); Ray & Barb Noonan (30); Daniel & Candace Reed O'Connor (15); Mark & Ann Palmer (15); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (30); Cliff Schulz (30); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (15); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (25); Don & Doris Warnick (15); Chuck Weimer (30) & Karen Weimer; Cheryl Westmorland (15) & Sam; Lon & Valerie Wilson (45); and Mark & Sue Yearke (45).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: Happy New Year everyone! Yes, we rolled into 2023 the hard way this year. I remember the Blizzard of 1977 well because I was stuck in Niagara Falls for four days. Finally leading a posse down Niagara Falls Blvd. and busting through left over snow drifts in a 1966 Chevelle. The Blizzard of 2022 was another generational storm of similar magnitude. Please stay focused on your safety for the balance of this winter because Lake Erie is not going to freeze this year. That means another lake effect event is very possible.

Thankfully our January weather has been nice and mild so far. We held our annual Lake Erie Region Installation Banquet last night at Classics V. Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz organized a wonderful evening of fellowship, food and festivities. This year's theme was American Classic Cars. I added the 1970 Chevelle SS to my garage just in time to qualify for this event. I'm not sure my Jaguar or Honda would go over to well? I guess I will keep trying to open hearts to them!

We announced many of the 2023 events and I think this year will be very exciting. In addition to our monthly

events, The Buffalo Transportation Museum will be the center of activity for the 115th Anniversary of the Thomas Flyer victory in Paris. The celebration week is July 24-30, 2023. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Don't forget Valentine's Day guys – February 14th. Stay safe everyone.

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BOARD MEMBER NEWS FOR 2023

Chuck Facklam returns as Car Show Co-Chair and Property Chair. Chuck Weimer returns as Activities Co-Chair. Barb Noonan joins the board of directors in Dennis Powers slot. Barb will continue her duties as Chief Judge and keeping the Policy & Procedures updated. Ruth Camann joins the board of directors in Linda Fosters slot as Recording Secretary. Candace Reed, while not a board position, will be taking over the Split Club.

Leaving the board this year after many years of dedicated service are Dennis Powers and Linda Foster. We miss you already and thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

Cliff

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from previous owner in Lancaster. Great cond. didn't see any rust or damage. Has been garage kept and well cared for. You have to see these clean cars. Contact: Jackie (wife) call after 10:00 AM to arrange to see vehicles at (716) 684-6838 Lead from Chuck Wolski(4)

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Attention LER Members: If you would like to host or co-host a future event, please contact any board member. 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.

January 21st Was our Annual Installation Banquet at the Classic V, hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. The theme was American Classic Cars, red, white and blue, many members showed off their colors. Sue and Karen did an outstanding job hosting this event, from all the detailed decorations to the AACA photo backdrop. The food was excellent. Thanks to Sue and Karen for a great evening.

February 19th Chuck Weimer will be hosting the event, I have arranged Gregory Kinal to give a presentation on Lewis and Clark. The great two year plus adventure into the new land acquired by the Louisiana Purchase. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Refreshments will be served by Lynelle Schloerb.

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April 16th 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.

Our outdoor season begins

May 21st Rust Buster, hosted by Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer. We have arranged a tour of The Graycliff estate designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the restoration has been completed since our last visit there. After the tour we will be going to Danny's South for a banquet.

June 11th Will be our Annual Car show, hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi, at the Elma Village Green Park. Details to follow.

July will be our summer picnic hosted by Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer. Details to follow.

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

Chef Yearke starts the year off with another tasty treat.

Beef and broccoli with mushrooms

- 1 tbsp butter
- 3/4 lb thin beef strips
- 1 small sweet onion, sliced
- 2 c. fresh broccoli florets
- 1/2 c. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 package of brown gravy mix
- 1 c. water
- pepper to taste



In large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add beef strips and onion and sauté for 3 to 4 minutes; add broccoli and mushrooms. In separate bowl, combine gravy mix, water and pepper. Pour over beef mixture. Stir and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 5 to 8 minutes or until broccoli is tender.

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February 19th

Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Avenue, Depew

From 1 to 5pm.



Guest speaker Gregory Kinal will give a presentation on Lewis and Clark. The great two year plus adventure into the new land acquired by the Louisiana Purchase. Be amazed by the tough times the Corp of Discovery had in their epic journey.



Refreshments by Lynelle



From time to time, I receive article that I don't have room for in the month I receive them. So, now is the time for a little catchup with one of these. The following is an article from Al Forster that he sent a while back. Because of the number of great pictures, I will be making this a three-part series. Valerie – Editor

Cadillac LaSalle Club Reunion – Part 1

Last week I attended the Cadillac LaSalle Club Reunion in Orlando Florida. It was not a car show or tour, but a gathering to view some public and private collections. First visited the Don Garlits Drag Racing Museum in Ocala, FL. Al Forester



Al Forster's car ↑



A row of racers ↓



↑ A 1/4 scale model of the '62 Swamp Rat ↓



↑ "Old Noisy" '57 rear engine car



↑ A '62 Dodge & "Bustle Bomb" ↓



↑ "The Mongoose" (Corvette)



↑ "Pocket Rocket" & '91 Dodge Daytona



↓ Bobby Langley's '58 Scorpion II



↑ #183 - "The Bug"

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MARCH 12TH
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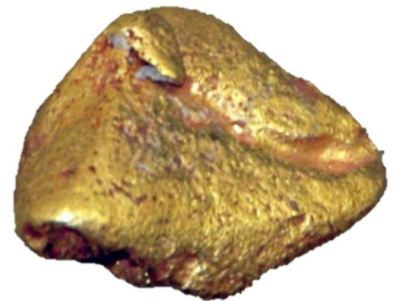


From 1 to 5pm.

Gregory Kinal's presentation on Artifacts in the American History Smithsonian.

Of the 1.7 million artifacts in the American History Smithsonian, 50 of them will be presented.

Come to hear about them and the story behind them. The speech entitled artifacts at the Smithsonian included a picture and discussion of Washington's uniform, Andrew Jackson uniform from the battle of New Orleans, Babe Ruth's signed baseball, the gold nugget found in California which started the gold rush, the artificial heart and much, much more.

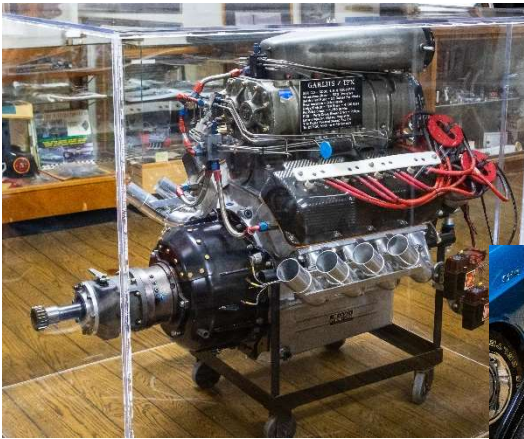


Refreshments served by Lynelle.



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Lots of engines both in and out of cars were on display. Right: old films and film projectors in this case



A large collection of automotive memorabilia was on display. Below: A 1952 Chrysler Air Raid Siren (wouldn't want to be next to that when it goes off!!)

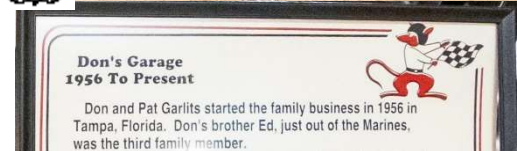


Above: A '34 Ford
Below: '66 Dodge Coronet

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↑ Even some two wheeled transport - A 1902 Pierce Cycle- made for cobblestone streets, note the front wheel suspension, wooden wheel rims & no chain, bike is shaft driven!

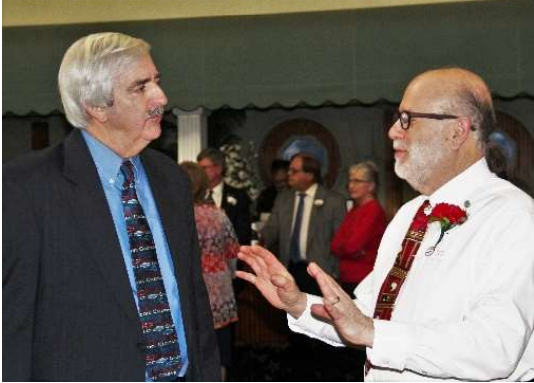


A row of Chryslers: a '56 limo, a '58 convertible & a '54 Custom Imperial
Next month - Al's photos from his National Parts Depot visit

AACA Banquet 2023



Jerry Ptak & Dan O'Connor share a laugh, Cheryl Westmorland & Mike Mesi spy the camera. Dean & Pat Burgstahler pose for the camera with Cheryl



Jeff Schwartz listens to Chuck Facklam's explanation

Ruth & George Camann are deep in conversation with Mark & Ann Palmer



Karen Weimer, Chuck Weimer & Tim Cryan. Below: Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam would like this car in their garage.

Ray & Barb Noonan, Bob & Peggy Nash await dinner with Joe Dallas



Above: Doris & Don Warnick, Cliff Schulz, John & Elaine Haid, and Vallie & Gary Alt wait for Allan Kain to fill in their table. Right: Linda & Joe McCaffery have their seats.





Activities Awards Chair Peggy Ptak presented Valerie & Lon with 50-year membership badges and Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam with 25-year badges. Not present were Ed & Nancy Group & Paul & Donna Vergils who will be awarded badges for 50 years of membership. Other 25-year members are: Eileen Holden, Earl & Barbara Jann and Don & Heather Roberts. Peggy also awarded the top three activities point getters, Cliff Schulz, Mark & Sue Yearke and George & Ruth Camann, with a picture puzzle with each one's car on it. How cool is that?! Congratulations to all.



L to R: Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed want a ride in this Caddy. Barb & Ray Noonan say they have the real thing in their garage! Chris Cizek & Pat Haynes pose for the camera.
Photos: Lon Wilson, Dean Burgstahler & Jeff Schwartz



Left: Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz were our hosts for the evening, Joyce Butlak plans a kiss on husband Don when he isn't looking,



Right: Valerie & Lon take their turn in front of the display (watch out Valerie wants the license plate "Rock & Roll"). Linda Foster and husband Captain Jack are all smiles.



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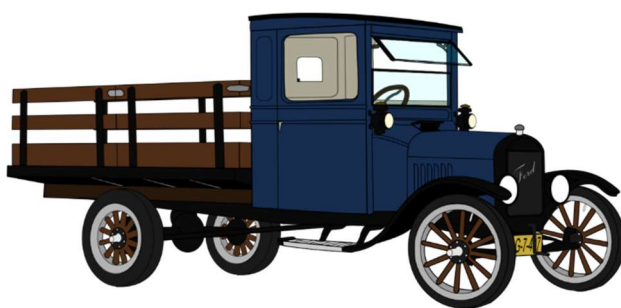
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Calendar of Events	
Feb. 2	– Ground Hog Day
Feb. 5	– Model A Club Snow Buster Automotive Swap Meet, The Event Center at the Erie County Fairgrounds, 9-3pm, \$7 adm. Info Salvatore Castellana 716-228-5599
Feb. 12	- Super Bowl
Feb. 14	– Valentine’s Day
Feb 19	– Gregory Kinal’s presentation on Lewis & Clark. Hosted by Chuck Weimer



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