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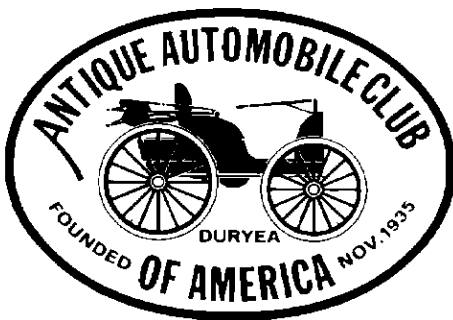
## LERs Annual Car Show is almost here – are you registered?

**APRIL 2024**

**VOL. 72 No. 4**

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**LER BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2024**

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23-25	Recording Secretary.....	Ruth Camann	██████████
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23-25	Activities Co-Chairmen .....	Chuck Weimer	██████████
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24-26	Legislative Co Chairman .....	Chuck Wolski	██████████
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2024	2024 Show Co Chairman .....	Mike Mesi	██████████
24-25	Webmaster .....	Jerry Ptak	██████████
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2024	Overnighter .....	TBA	██████████
2024	Chief Judge .....	Barb & Ray Noonan	██████████
2024	Activities Awards Chairman .....	Peggy Ptak	██████████
2024	Split Club .....	Candace Reed	██████████
2024	Property Chairman .....	Charles Facklam	██████████

**Bold type indicates board members**

**Events for 2024**  
**Apr. 14 – Pine Wood Derby – hosted by George Camann, Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia, Depew, 1pm**  
**May 18 – Rustbuster – hosted by Lon & Valerie Wilson,**  
 \*This is a tentative schedule. The dates & locations 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.


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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** 

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Members who relived, through pictures, the LER events of 2023 were: Dean & Pat Burgstahler (35); Don Butlak (35); George & Ruth Camann (55); Orrin Catlin (20); Christopher Ciszek (20); Tim Cryan (25); Chuck Facklam (35); John & Elaine Haid (55); David Kaczmarek (35); Ken Knoll (35); Mike & Nadine Kosmoski (20); Joe McCaffery (30); Mike Mesi (45); Joe Momot (25); Bob Nash (25); Ray & Barb Noonan (65); Daniel O'Connor (35); Kenneth Pielechowski (10); Tom Pirrung (10); Mary-Teresa Platt (35); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (60); Lynelle Schloerb (55); Cliff Schulz (35); Karl Schurkus (25); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (55); Bob Snyder (10); Chuck Weimer (55); Lon & Valerie Wilson (75); Sam Yanik (25); Mark & Sue Yearke (65) Guests : Russ & Maria Christopher and Pat & Victoria Kaczmarek.  
 Points accrued this year are in parenthesis. A star indicates member(s) have achieved enough points for Activities Award.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I know others will say it too, but the year in review was again a great show. It brought back a lot of memories. A big THANK YOU goes to Barb Noonan who was the computer whiz behind the show and to Lynelle Schloerb for the pizza.

The board has been discussion the results so far of the survey. One of the items that was on the survey was Saturday events. OK, people here is your chance! The Rustbuster is on a SATURDAY. We have booked the planetarium at Williamsville North High School (see flyer), and it was the only time it is open. Afternoon, evenings and Sundays were not a possibility. With the upcoming solar eclipse, we know there is a renewed interest in the stars. Put your "vote" in for Saturdays by coming to the Rustbuster. The club response will be discussed at upcoming board meetings to determine if we will schedule more events on a Saturday.

Another item on the survey is the willingness of some members to assist with club activities. If you were one of those, please talk to a board member so we know who you are. We would like to see some "new" people helping to plan our events. Anyone can "shadow" someone who is currently working on activity. That means you don't have to do any work; just observe how things are done. You will see

that usually it is not difficult at all. You are always free to talk to any board member or club member who has previously planned an event to see what needs to be arranged. Once you see how things are done, we are hoping you will possibly pair with a seasoned planner to help create a fun day for everyone. We are always looking for new things to do that the club has not done before.

On that same note, we are starting to fill in the rest of this year. The upcoming car show has a new home and the picnic will revive the auction. Joe Momot attended the board meeting as he is working hard on an August event that the board is considering. At the last meeting, a show of hands indicated we would get enough members/guests to register to make the minimum for a wonderful boat ride. When you think about it, if you were to do a boat ride and a meal separately, I know it would cost a lot more than what Joe has worked out. It is unfortunate that prices are going up all the time, but the club does it best to secure whatever we can to get the prices as low as we can.

Stay tuned for what exciting events are coming. See Chuck's Activities Report for further updates on what lies ahead.

Valerie Wilson

**Calling all Interested Judges for our June Car Show!**

Spring is here and before you know it, we'll be driving our favorite historic vehicles to our annual car show on **June 9th**. We've ordered plenty of sunshine, and one of the key components that makes our show successful is the volunteers. So this is a good time to consider being one of those volunteers; there is always a need for registration, parking, traffic direction, judging and of course, clean up teams.

We would like to encourage you to sign up to be a judge at our show - both gals and guys are welcome. We have 21 classes of vehicles to judge so please give this some consideration. If you are interested but a little reluctant because you don't know the judging process, we will provide guidance. If you are concerned that you don't know everything about every car, rest assured that there are very few people who do. We can assign you to judge a class that you are familiar with, and keep in mind that there are other judges around who can help you.

So give this some consideration, and give us a call. We would love to hear from you. Help us to continue to be called "The Best Judged Show in WNY."

We hope we see you there!

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## ACTIVITIES REPORT

**LET'S GO LER Members:** The club needs members to be more involved with activities, come up with new ideas, host or help with an event. Board members are ready, willing and able to assist. 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.

**March 10th** Was the Annual year in review, hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan, at the Polish Falcons. The members enjoyed looking back at last year's events and certainly enjoyed the surprise pizza and refreshments served by Lynelle Schloerb. Thanks to Lon, Barb and Lynelle.

**April 14th** LER Pinewood Derby Event, hosted by George Camann at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. George has arranged the Western NY Boy Scouts for an afternoon of pinewood derby racing. This will be open to non-member family and friends. See the Sidelight for details and how to sign up, questions call or email George Camann, his contact information is in the flyer. Reservation deadline is April 13th.

**May 18th** Rust Buster hosted by Lon and Valerie Wilson. They have arranged a visit to the Planetarium at the Williamsville North High School. There will be a 90 minute program including a tour of the heavens. From there we will go to the Lockport Erie Canalside for a lunch. See the Sidelight for details and the sign-up sheet. Reservation deadline is May 6th.

**June 9th** Will be our annual car show hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. The new location for the car show will be at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove. We have two main sponsors, West Herr Automotive Group and Gernatt Asphalt. See the Sidelight for the Flyer.

**July 21st** Summer picnic will be hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schultz. It will be at the Clarence Town Place Park in the Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. Drop off banquet by Cozy Catering. The auction is back, so start gathering your items. We will be planning an optional driving tour prior to the picnic. Details to follow.

**August 11th** This will be hosted by Joe Momot. Joe has arranged an LER cruise and buffet aboard the Grand Lady Boat. There will be a two hour boat excursion through the Buffalo River, out into Lake Erie, the inner harbor and Black Rock Canal. On board buffet by GLC Catering. This is a rain or shine event. See the Sidelight for details and the sign-up sheet. Reservation deadline July 26th. Don't miss out on this, nothing beats being out on the water, then add friends, food, drinks and yes, we reserved bright sunshine!

**September** Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll will be hosting an event. Details to follow.

**October** John Haid and Dan O' Connor will be hosting an event. 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

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# LER PINEWOOD DERBY EVENT

**\*\*George will be available at the March 10 meeting to assist you in signing up on line that night\*\***



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Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

@ Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave., Depew 14043

Your Antique Car may be stored for the Winter, but now it is time to:

## **START YOUR PINEWOOD DERBY CAR ENGINES**

Pinewood Derby Cars are not just for scouts anymore!! Entries are open to all AACA LER members and their families: children, grandchildren, (girls like to design and race too!)

Purchase, design, build and enter your car in the AACA LER First Annual Pinewood Derby Race.

Entry Fee: \$10 plus the cost of the Pinewood Derby Car Kit. Kits can be purchased from the Boy Scouts online at: <https://www.scoutshop.org/pinewood-derby>, or WNY Scout Council BSA: 2860 Genesee St., Buffalo, NY 14225 (call 716-891-4073 hours: Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm) or from Amazon, JoAnn Fabrics and Craft Stores or Hobby Lobby Stores. If you still have a pinewood derby car from your childhood, enter it in the Antique/Vintage Division.

There are five divisions for the races: Adults ages 16 and over, youth division 1 (age 8 & under), youth division 2 (ages 15 to 9), Hi-Performance (no limitations other than length and width, Antique/Vintage (derby cars built before 1997). Also: Best Design and Best Paint Job.

The Boy Scouts will provide and set up the four lane track, organize the registration and weigh in, and run the individual heats with a computerized timing system. All decisions are final. SIGN UP & Register Early. We expect the competition will be fierce. Space is limited to 75 cars.

**Reservation Deadline – April 13th, 2024 - Registration and payment of the \$10 registration fee should be made online directly with the Boy Scouts @**

<https://wnyscouting.doubleknot.com/event/antique-car-club-pinewood-derby/3032302>

If you prefer, you can send me an email at [budcamann@gmail.com](mailto:budcamann@gmail.com) and I will reply with the link above in the text.

If you register on-line prior to February 16<sup>th</sup>, you have the option of paying the registration fee of **\$10 plus an additional \$10** for the car kit and the Boy Scouts will deliver the car kit to you at our next meeting.

Registration will include rules for building your car along with tips to make your car fast.



Once we have 75 entrants, the registration will be closed.

**At time of press, the website would only let you order a car kit. Contact George if you cannot register.**

For questions, Contact George Camann at 716-727-9559 or email at [budcamann@gmail.com](mailto:budcamann@gmail.com)

The registration fee directly supports the WNY Scout Council BSA. Thank you for supporting Scouting in Western New York. Your support helps to actively support thousands of families in 6 counties.



★ Come and join us  
 ★ as we study the stars  
 ★ SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 ★ at the  
 ★ Williamsville North High School

We will meet at 9:30 am at door #34 of the school.  
 Enter the school parking lot off of Hopkins Rd and go straight to the back of the lot.  
 There will be signs pointing to the Planetarium. Enter through door #34  
 At 10 am we will enjoy a 90-minute program with a tour through the constellations and debunk  
 some misconceptions about the Universe. There is a limit of 75 people in the planetarium.

After we return from the heavens,  
 our group will motor to Lockport Erie Canalside for lunch at 1:30 pm

*The Menu*

- Fresh Leaf Lettuce & Baby Spinach Garden Salad*
- Carved Roast Beef, Carved Roast Turkey, Deli-style Corned Beef*
- Mashed White Potatoes with Gravy*
- Pasta Station with Marinara Sauce on the side*
- Our signature Maple-glazed Carrots*
- Apple & Cranberry Sauces*
- Various Condiments*
- Freshly Baked Breadsticks*
- Chef's Choice of Dessert / Coffee & Tea Station*



An optional tour to Uncle G's Ice Cream will finish off the day.

Please detach and send with check payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**

Send reservations to:  
 Lon & Valerie Wilson  
 235 Villa Ave  
 Buffalo, NY 14216

Reservation deadline May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 \*Reservation can not be cancelled after this date



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of members: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$33 = \_\_\_\_\_ Children's price (10 yrs and under) upon request

No of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$38 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a phone number for reservation confirmation. Questions call Lon Wilson at 716-873-6280

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- Cars 1925 & Older – FREE Registration.
- Gate opens at 9:00 am.
- All Vehicles must be insured with proof.
- UL approved & fully charged Fire Extinguisher is required in all cars to be judged.
- “For Sale” signs are prohibited on Judging Field. These are allowed in the Display Only class only.
- All vehicles must be driven through registration and on to the Show Field under their own power.
- Convertible tops and windows must be up for judging. Car doors should be unlocked so judges can view interiors. Hoods and trunks should be open during judging.
- All cars will be judged based on condition / restoration to the same state as the dealer could have prepared the car for delivery to the customer. This includes any feature, option or accessory shown in the original factory catalog, parts book, sales literature, or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. Point deductions will be made for each component that is incorrect, e.g. each radial tire found on a vehicle that was not originally delivered from the dealer with radials will be counted as a point deduction.
- Modifications or changes may result in point deduction except for Modified Classes.
- The Chief Judges have final decisions on all judging matters.
- AACA LER will not be responsible for damage to vehicles on show field.
- Owner should remain with vehicle during judging.
- **Cars must be on the show field by NOON & should remain until trophies are awarded. Entrance gate will close at NOON.**

## JUDGING CLASSES FOR 2024 CAR SHOW

Class	Description
1 A	AACA National <b>First Junior</b> and Senior Winners– No Judging (all receive same awards)
1 B	AACA National HPOF Winners – No Judging (all receive same awards)
1 C	AACA National Driver’s Participation Class – No Judging (all receive same awards)
2	Production Cars thru 1935 (Including Model T & Model A Fords)
3	Production Cars 1936 thru 1945
4	Production Cars 1946 thru 1951
5	Production Cars 1952 thru 1955
6	Production Cars 1956 thru 1961
7	Production Cars 1962 thru 1965
8	Production Cars 1966 thru 1967
9	Production Cars 1968 and 1969
10	Production Cars 1970 and 1971
11	Production Cars 1972 thru 1977
12	Production Cars 1978 thru 1984
13	Production Cars 1985 thru 1999
14	Trucks & Commercial Vehicles thru 1999, including Model A & T Fords (excluding Modified)
15	Chevrolet Corvettes thru 1999
16	Ford Mustangs thru 1999
17	Foreign, Sports & Kit Cars thru 1999
18	Modified Cars 1955 & Older
19	Modified Cars 1956 thru 1969
20	Modified Cars 1970 thru 1999
21	Modified Trucks thru 1999
22	Display Only

----- **Registration** -----

Mail Registration Deadline Postmarked No Later than June 1, 2024  
Mail Applications To: John Haid, 13 Crownland Circle, West Seneca NY 14224

**You may choose to not have your vehicle judged by printing DNJ after the class.**

I have read and accept the rules of the Show: **(signature on the line below please)**

Please Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Class # \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Pre-Registration

\$20 At the Gate

\$20 Flea Market Space

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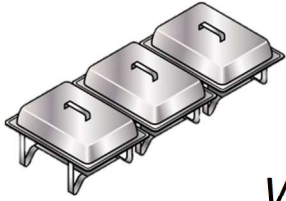
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Would you like more information about the Club?



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# LER PICNIC



July 21, 2024

We will meet at Main Street & Cameron Drive  
(Next to Dash's Market) in Clarence at 10:30am.  
Departure at 11:00am for the optional driving tour.  
Arrive at the Clarence Town View Pavilion 12pm.  
5400 Goodrich Rd., Clarence, NY

Members not taking part in the driving tour are asked not to arrive  
at the pavilion prior to 12pm.



Picnic Buffet at 1:30 pm

Food by Cozy Catering of Clarence



BBQ Chicken, Roast Beef, Baby Salt Potatoes  
Chef Salad, Steamed Cauliflower & Broccoli, Dessert,  
Soda, Water & Music provided.



Bring items & \$\$ for the Auction  
There will also be a 50/50 raffle.



No glass bottles or pets permitted in the park.

**Reservations deadline July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

No exceptions or refunds after this date.

Make checks payable to AACA Lake Erie Region.

Send to: Chuck Weimer, 8120 Red Clover Ave, Williamsville, NY 14221

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions - call Chuck – 716-955-0834



**Scenes from LERs  
Year in Review Night**

Below: Mary Teresa Platt & Don Butlak are ready to sell those 50/50 tickets.



Tom Pirrung spots the camera while talking to our guests, Russ & Maria Christopher & LER member Pat Burgstahler



Lynelle Schloerb & Karen Schwartz served the pizza, Cliff Schulz, Ken Pielechowski dig in while Mike Kosmoski, Victoria Kaczmarek, Dave Kaczmarek, Karl Schurkus, Bob Nash & Peggy Ptak are ready to grab a slice.

**Legislative Affairs Info**

**ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) / ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) / Vehicle Choice**

**ICE BAN:**

California Air Resources Board (CARB) “Advanced Clean Cars II” (ACC II) regulations ban the sale of new ICE by 2035 ACC II requires that 35% of new cars, SUVs and small trucks sold in California must be zero Emissions vehicles (ZEV) starting in 2026. The regulation increases ZEV sales 6% to 8% annually through 2035, when 100% of new vehicles sold in California must ZEV – eliminating the sale of any new gas-powered vehicles.

Before ACC II can be implemented, CARB must obtain a waiver from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for its regulation to take effect. SEMA opposes ACC II because to date 17 states – representing nearly 40% of the American population—have previously adopted California motor vehicle emissions laws. To date, nine states have already adopted ACC II; three states have adopted ACC II through 2032, which requires 87% of new vehicle sales to be ZEV; two states have started regulatory process to adopt ACC II. If EPA grants this waiver, it will reduce vehicle choice and disrupt the automotive industry supply chains and eliminate jobs in vehicle manufacturing, parts production, and repair businesses.

**Vehicle Choice:**

Kansas House approves bill to protect Vehicle Choice like the resolution passed last year, passing the bill codifies this into law.

Connecticut legislature to address reversing state’s ICE Ban in 2024 regular session of the legislature. A recent poll

revealed 59% of registered voter in the state oppose the ICE Ban and 67% believe electric vehicles pose environmental concerns related to battery production.

**Air Quality Std.:** EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) issued a final rule strengthening the national ambient air quality standard, which has been in place for more than a decade, limiting the annual amount of fine particle pollution to 12 micrograms per cubic meter of air. The EPA will now require a 25% reduction in the allowable PM 2.5 to 9.0 from 12 micrograms per cubic meter, while retaining previous standards for all other PM standards.

EPA will be reviewing performance to the new rule over the next six years to target nonattainment and implementation targets.

**Classic / Antique Car Beat:**

Nothing to report this month.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Law and Order News.

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair





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While we were in Myrtle Beach recently, a car show was going on. Jerry & I walked the whole show. Jerry asked how many cars were registered- ready - 3200!!! They charged \$ 20 for admission. Here are a few pics,



### SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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#### \*AUTOS FOR SALE\*



'36 all steel Chevy low cab pickup, freshly painted, new tires, new hydraulic brakes and clutch, all glass intact, new wiring, radiator recently checked and is good. \$17,500 Call Don @ 716-877-0097, [warnickdj@roadrunner.com](mailto:warnickdj@roadrunner.com) (4)

#### \*AUTO MISC FOR SALE\*

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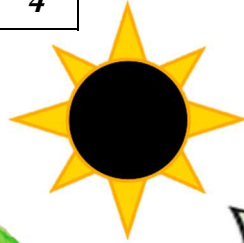
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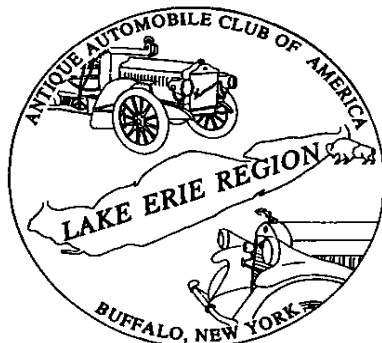
### Calendar of Events

Apr. 1 – April Fool’s Day  
 Apr. 8 – Solar Eclipse  
 Apr. 14 – Pine Wood Derby – hosted by George Camann,  
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 Apr. 22 – Earth Day  
 Apr. 26 – Arbor Day



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