

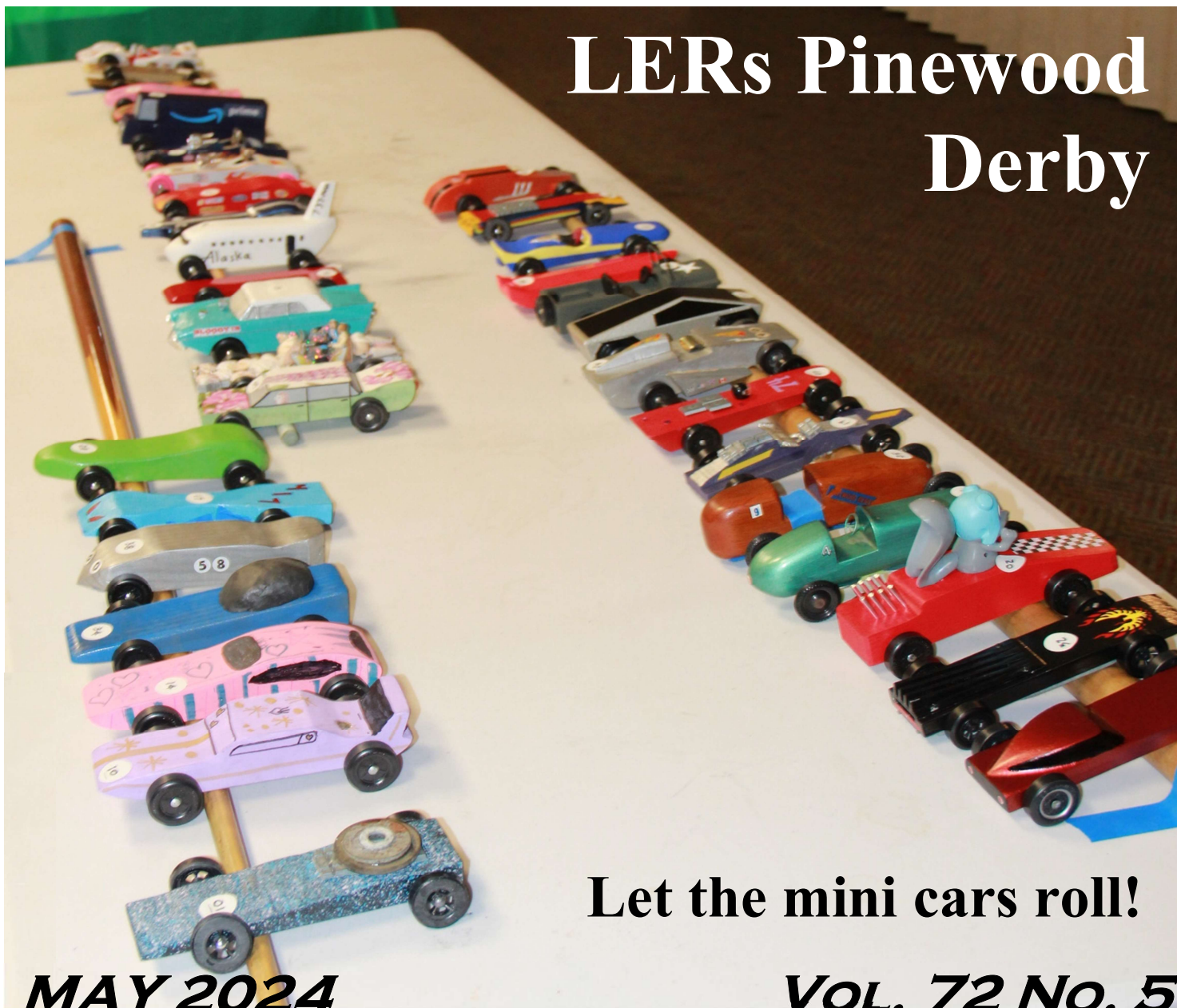
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LERs Pinewood Derby



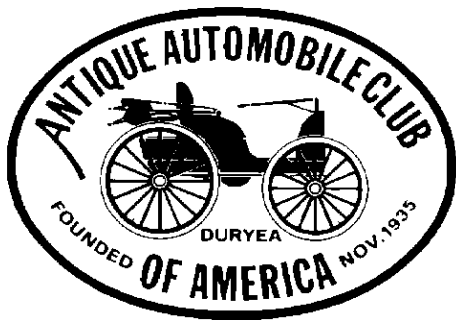
Let the mini cars roll!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the last board meeting, the discussion on upcoming events proved that things are falling into place nicely for the next several months. Now all we have to do is hope for is good weather to wake up those four wheeled machines from their winter slumber.

As those of you who attended our Pine Wood Derby know, I entered a car. Also, for those who know me, know that I sometimes like to do things a little differently. Member who attended the last number of Installation Banquets will attest to this. Anyway, when presented with a pine wood car kit, I set my mind to building a non-traditional vehicle. After watching tons of videos online, I thought, I'll build a VW. Well, those are not too aerodynamic, so the search was on for a different idea. I have always like, would love to own, but probably never will, an Amphicar. If you are familiar with them, they are the "watercar" of the 1960's. Aerodynamic front, fins on the back and just the challenge I was looking for. A lot of the videos I watched indicated that putting fenders on the pine block would also help to cut down on wind resistance. Perfect, I will add sides to this chunk of wood.

I have done some wood carving in the past, so time to dig out the chisels, gouges, mini saws and other sharp implements. Can you guess what is coming next? Yup, while gouging out the wheel wells, I slipped with the tool. I must have said something bad (I don't remember), but Lon called "Do you need a Band-Aid?" "No, I need much more than that" was

my reply. I caught not one, but two fingers by going between the pointer finger and the middle finger on my left hand. It was one of those deep cuts that doesn't bleed right away, but you know is going to gush when it does.

We had another commitment a little later in the day, so a trip for stitches was not in the original itinerary. After signing in and waiting a little bit at Imediacare, Lon left me to get sewn up, so he could tend to our other meeting. 13 stitches later I was ready to come home and after calling Lon, found out he had just completed the other meeting about the same time. At least that worked out!

After about a week or so, it was time to get back to the car which I had dubbed "Water One". Since Amphicars have to be registered as a car and a boat, the license plate is "Water One" and the boat designation now had a new nickname as "Bloody 13". Now you know the story behind my creation. See the picture page for more photos of LERs Great Mini Race.

Next up is our planetarium presentation. Then comes the Annual Car Show. Get your registrations in on both of these now. Note: as Editor I opted to omit the rules & classes for the car show and leave the registration form in so that I had room for new information. They will be back next month. As always, please consider helping out at the show, especially in judging. It is not a hard job and you will be paired with experience members. Thank you

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.

April 14th Was the LER Pinewood Derby Event, hosted by George Camann at the Polish Falcons. George arranged the Western NY Boy Scouts for an afternoon of pinewood derby racing. WOW, what an exciting event that was! Members were expressing how much fun they had. If you missed out, maybe there will be another one. Congrats to all the racers. Thanks to George for hosting and Lynelle for the refreshments.

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 luncheon buffet. See page 4 for details and the signup 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 page 5 for the flyer and page 4 for registration form.

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 those items from the basement, attic and garage. We will be planning an optional driving tour prior to the picnic. See page 6 for the signup sheet and details. Reservation deadline is July 6th, no exceptions.

August 11th. This will be hosted by Joe Momot. Joe has arranged a boat ride on the Grand Lady. The cruise features

champagne at boarding, music on board, open seating on the aft and bow decks, or inside air-conditioned dining rooms. The boat will cruise the inner, outer harbor and out into Lake Erie. The banquet catered by GLC Catering will be during the two-hour cruise. This is a rain or shine event. See page 8 for details and the signup sheet. Reservations 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 the event. Details to follow.

October John Haid and Dan O' Connor will be hosting the 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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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

We will then 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 to 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 6th, 2024
*No refunds 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.
All venues handicap accessible

Questions call Lon Wilson at 716-873-6280

↓ Car Show Registration Form ↓

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

Please Print Clearly

Name _____
Address _____
City, State _____
ZIP _____
Phone Number _____
Email address _____
Make of Car _____
Year _____
Model _____
Class # _____

Checks should be made payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**

- ☐ \$15 Pre-Registration
- ☐ \$20 At the Gate
- ☐ \$20 Flea Market Space
- ☐ \$20 Car Corral



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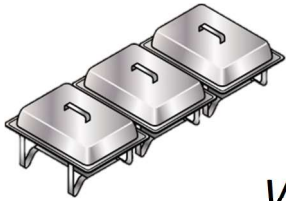
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July 21, 2024

We will meet at Main Street & Cameron Drive
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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 10th, 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





Celebration of Life

Please join us to celebrate the life of
Al Forster
 Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 12 noon
 Clarence Fire District Hall
 10355 Main Street



A picnic lunch will be served starting at 1pm with 'Words of Remembrance' around 2:30pm
 If it's nice weather, we'll be having it outside under a tent in the Grove behind the hall.
 Classic Cars are Welcome! - (Al would be **so happy** to have some old cars at his Celebration!)
 Please RSVP to Lon Wilson at 716-873-6280 by June 1 if you plan to attend.

Legislative Affairs Info

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

ICE BAN:

Maine has rejected ICE Ban. Maine's Board of Environmental Protection (BEP), after debating the adaption of California's clean air rules, lawmakers held a hearing on bill (L.D. 2261) that reclassify the proposal as a "major" regulation, providing the legislature with final approval to make it a law.

Vehicle Choice:

Thousands of Sema Members oppose the California Mandate banning new gas- powered vehicle sales, However, the state legislature and governor still support the regulations below.

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.

Connecticut legislature has officially shelved plans to adopt California's ban on the sale of new gasoline powered vehicles by 2035. This decision reflects concerns the feasibility of enacting such a drastic transition, particularly regarding the readiness of the state's electric grid and charging infrastructure.

Air Quality Std.:

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is delaying their most aggressive tailpipe emission benchmarks from starting in 2027 to 2030. It is estimated that 67% of new vehicles sold would have to be EV's (electric vehicles) by 2032. Comparison of the EPA, Proposed Rules versus Adopted Rules is listed below:

EPA Proposed Rulemaking Req. Automakers

EPA Adopted Rule

Fleetwide Emission Reduction

2027: 18% vs. 2026

2027: 9% vs. 2026

2029: 40% vs. 2026

2029: 27% vs. 2026

2032: 56% vs. 2026

2032: 50% vs. 2026

Safety:

Update, California voters were surveyed on Proposed Speed-Limiting Devices on new cars was rejected by 69% of likely voters in the state.

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

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (4/18/24)

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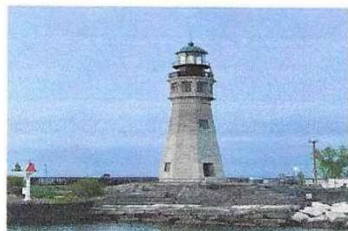
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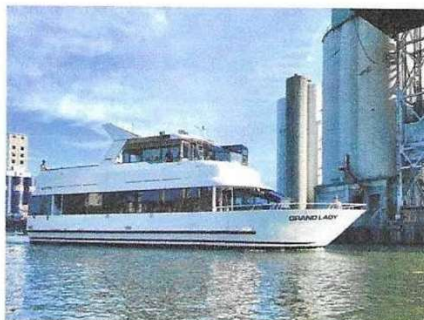
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Cost for this event is \$ 65.00 for Members
\$ 70.00 for Guests

Reservation deadline, Friday, July 26, 2024, No Refunds after this date

For questions and directions, contact Joe or Mary Momot at 716-998-5462 or 716-807-5087.

LER - GRAND LADY CRUISE & BUFFET – 2024 - Make check out to: LAKE ERIE REGION, AACA

NAME/PHONE No: _____

Send reservation and check to:

No. of members: _____ @ \$ 65.00 _____

Joe Momot

No. of guests: _____ @ \$ 70.00 _____

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Total amount of your check: _____

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LER is off to the races – Pinewood Derby races that is!



The evening started out with President Valerie Wilson awarding Dennis Upton his 25-year membership pin. (not present Del Upton)



Left: Valerie Wilson & Ruth Camann check in and weigh the cars while (right) Mary Teresa Platt and Candace Reed split the duties of selling split club tickets. Below: George Camann lines up the entrants while Pat & Dean Burgstahler look on.



Left: Christine & Jim Smyczynski, Gertrude & Chuck Wolski are ready for the next run. Jerry & Peggy Ptak watch as son-in-law Russ Nixon and grandson Teddy Nixon wait to see if Teddy's car will win

Below: George has the first race set to go as Scout Master Dan Carpenter yells "On your mark, get set..."



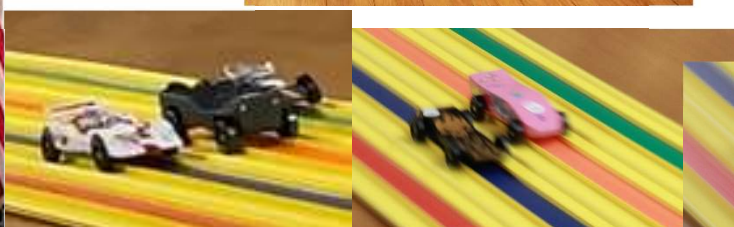
Hannah Haseley waits to see what order the cars will come in and will place them in the tray in that order. →



Neil & Valerie Haseley are set to video their car while Ruth Camann tells them to get ready.



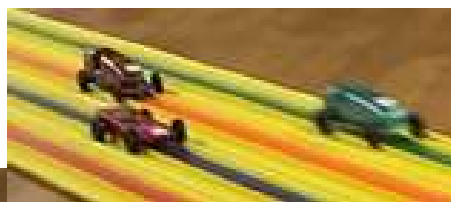
Christina Henderson has her phone on video as she and her daughter Henri & friend Maddie Wyse anxiously await their chance to race.



Above: The 8 and under division race with Henri Henderson, Adam Kosmoski & Maddie Wyse competing. Middle racers above are Colton Schloerb & Emily Nixon, while far right is Henri Henderson & Teddy Nixon



Left: if you blinked, you missed it. Less than 3 seconds to win! Right: The Vintage class with Mark Yearke's car way out in front. He proudly shows off his certificate.



Left: Holden Henderson is the winner in the Age 9-15 class. Above is his race car in the middle of the pack, ahead by a nose.



James Smyczynski is all smiles when George names him the winner of the High-Performance class Cars are below→

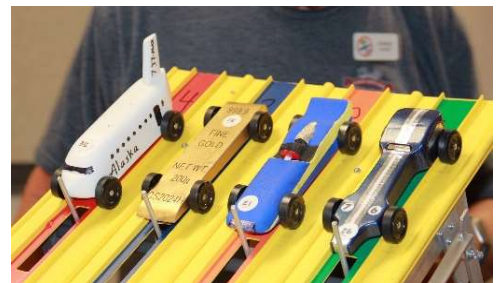




Adult Division: Left to right, above: #38 Margaret Pierce; #28 Mathew Schmidt; #17 Katherine Pierce; #11 George Camann are ready to roll



#34 Neil Haseley; #2 Dean Burgstahler; #20 Chuck Weimer; #9 Ruth Camann were next up



#35 George Camann, Jr.; #15 Donald Schloerb Jr.; #21 Don Butlak; #26 John Preisler were on their marks.



The crowd awaits the next four cars to come down the track



#1 Vondin Henderson; #12 Mary Teresa Platt; #22 Candace Reed; #33 Dan O'Connor were set to roll



#6 Cliff Schulz; #13 Valerie Wilson; #31 Paul Henderson round out this division.

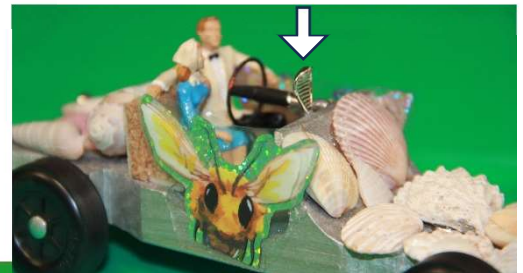


George Camann, Jr. with his nieces, Harper & Hannah Haseley look over the Adult Division



Chuck Weimer congratulates Don Schloerb, Jr. on winning the Adult Division.

Here are some of the more creative cars.



George Camann's Shell-Bee Cobra – adorned with shells, a bee on the side & a Cobra on the firewall!



Cliff Schulz won for "Best Paint Job" Below: Like father like son -- Colton & Donald Schloerb, Jr. were both winners in their divisions.



Henri Henderson's race car looks like it belongs on an oval track



George's granddaughter, Georgia wants a fast delivery with her vehicle.



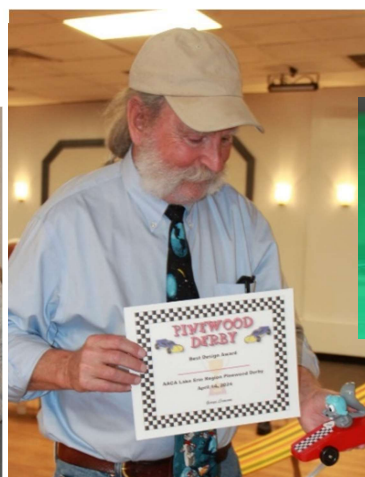
Adam Kosmoski really represented the military very well with his derby vehicle.



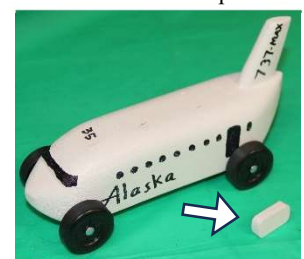
Ethan Kosmoski was thinking into the future with this design. His car was soo quiet – was it electric?



Valerie Wilson said if there had been a water hazard she would have won with her Amphicar.



Dean Burgstahler did not get off to a "Rocky" start. But, if he could have flown, he would have won, too! He did win "Best Design" for his cartoon character



Speaking of flying, George Camann, Jr.'s 747 lost its door taxiing to the starting gate!

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The Sidelight



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Calendar of Events

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 18 – Armed Forces Day

May 18 – Rustbuster – hosted by Lon & Valerie Wilson

May 27 – Memorial Day

June 9 – Annual Car Show – Chuck Facklam & Mike Mesi, Chairmen

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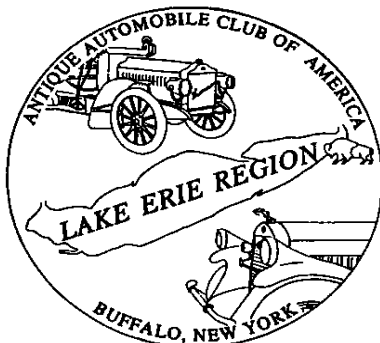


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