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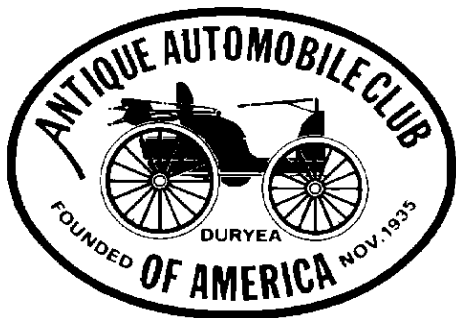
Dan & Roseann Gernatt's 1910 Thomas Flyer Flyabout
as it arrived at last year's car show

JUNE 2024

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Bold type indicates board members

Events for 2024

June 9 – Annual Car Show – Chuck Facklam & Mike Mesi, Chairmen
July 21 – LER Picnic – Cliff Schulz & Chuck Weimer, Chairmen

*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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Members who went star gazing were: Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana – '66 Mustang (30); Don Butlak – '64 Galaxie (65); George & Ruth Camann – '89 Ford Probe (85); John & Elaine Haid - '87 Caprice (85); Mike & Nadine Kosmoski - '49 Dodge Coronet (50); Mike Mesi - '83 Toyota (75); Barb Noonan & Barb Able - '68 Cadillac (85); Jerry & Peggy Ptak - '75 Fiat Spider (90); Leonard & Sally Sayward – '57 Chevrolet (20); Cliff Schulz - '70 Chevelle (65); Dennis & Del Upton – '56 Mercury Montclair (30); Steve & Kathy Vaccaro – '53 GMC truck (20); Lon & Valerie Wilson - '53 Buick (125); Sam & Jean Yanik – '95 Impala (55); Ron Billo (10); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (45); Jack & Linda Foster (25); Jackie Galbo (10); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (30); Ken Knoll (55); Bob & Peggy Nash (45); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (55); Mark & Ann Palmer (55); Lynelle Schloerb & Granddaughter(75); Dave & Ellie Schoenle (10); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (45); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (65); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (30); David & Jane Szachta (10); Terry Tredo (30); Chuck Weimer (75); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (65); Mark & Sue Yearke (85).

Points accrued this year are in parenthesis. A star indicates member(s) have achieved enough points for Activities Award.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LER did a little star gazing for the Rustbuster. I think Dave Szachta said it best with "It was out of this world". I think that everyone who attended walked away with at least one tidbit of information about the cosmos that they didn't already know. I know I did. I now know that Beetlejuice is not just a movie starring Micheal Keaton! I still say the Greeks had a very good imagination to be able to "see" the pictures in the sky from just a few stars, but I now know the stories behind some of them. The day was dry and overcast when we went into planetarium. It was different as the sun was shining and the temperature had risen a bit when we came out for our tour. It made for a nice day for our "maiden voyage" with the antiques.

A discussion about the upcoming car show took up a good chunk of the last board meeting. Chuck Facklam's experience & expertise are truly an asset to the club. As prepared as we seem to be, it is still our first time at this location and we hope there are no unforeseen glitches. Obviously, new location means a new show field layout in which Jerry Ptak has now taken on the role of Field Marshal. I hear that in addition to a food truck, there may also be an ice cream truck! How many previous shows would that have been a welcomed sight? Keep those prayers going to the weather Gods for a nice day. If you can, we can always use more volunteers. Check with Chuck Facklam or Barb Noonan (judging) if you can help. Remember the proceeds help to fund our other events.

We don't normally spend a lot of time at the board meetings on past events, but this month was an exception. There were a number of different, good comments about the Pine Wood Derby. Included was how it was received, possible different

divisions, and maybe even awarding points to members who bring a car. We would like to know your take on this event. It would help us determine if we do this again. You can talk to any board member and they will relay your thoughts at the next meeting. Personally, I wasn't going to enter until I was given a kit and I would have liked a little more time to create my set of wheels. I have an idea in the back of my mind for "car number 2."

Some other ideas of events were also brought up and as always, if you have a suggestion, we would like to hear it. It is getting more difficult to do different things as we have done so many things in this area already. We would be even more pleased if you would be willing to chair or assist in chairing an event. On that note, Lon & I had recruited Dean Burgstahler to plan our route for the Rustbuster. Lon and Dean laid out the tour to avoid any difficult turns to make sure we all get there safely. We did get a nice day to kick off the touring season.

Speaking of tours, I suggested that we should have some way to designate the modern cars that are on tour within our group. I have been looking into some car flags that members could display so that the public knows that there are more than just the antiques motoring together. There have been a number of times where we have "gone modern", for one reason or another and have experienced Joe Public cutting into our caravan. If you are interested in a flag, we will be making a list of names to see how many we want to order. The cost will be \$10 per flag. Let Lon & I, or any board member know if you are interested in one and hope we can get an order together soon. We will keep you posted on this. Valerie Wilson

Welcome to our New Members

Kenneth & Pamela Figel
7150 Pendale Circle
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
716-998-0575
1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 Dr. Sedan
1922 Studebaker Big Six Speedster



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393 George Urban Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
1969 Chevrolet El Camino
1972 Chevrolet Chevelle SS
1969 Pontiac LeMans



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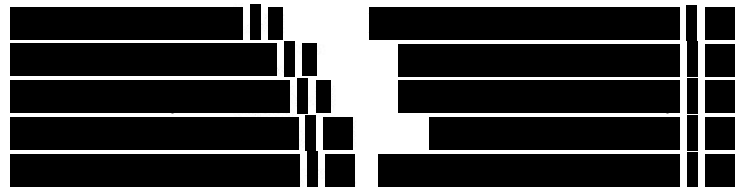
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Terry Tredo on the passing of her aunt

Congratulations

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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.

May 18th Was the Rust Buster hosted by Lon and Valerie Wilson. They had arranged a visit to the Planetarium at the Williamsville North High School for a 90-minute program. From there we went to the Lockport Erie Canalside for a luncheon buffet and then for Ice Cream at Uncle G's. The Planetarium was very interesting, the food delicious and hopefully you had room for the Ice Cream. Thanks to Valerie and Lon for hosting.

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 and 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 the Sidelight 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 the Sidelight 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.

November is open! Any ideas LER members? 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

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

These ads can also be viewed at www.lakeerie.aaca.com. Ads are free for members. Ads from non-members must be submitted by a current member. Ads run for at least 3 months. Phone numbers are area code 716 unless otherwise noted.

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'64 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible, Silver Blue Metallic, 2-door, automatic trans, 6-cylinder 110 HP,

good driver. \$6,500. Contact: Bob at 716-754-2391 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (9)

'75 Pontiac Grandville Convertible, HPOF, 20K orig. miles, 400/4bbc, sliver/black interior \$39,000 Dave Sayles 225-6743 (9)

Massey-Harris Tractor, Model #30, Gas Powered, 4-cylinder engine, Runs very well, two new rear tires. Instructions for Care & Operations Manual, & Parts List are included, \$3,400. Contact: Bob at 716-754-2391 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (9)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

'60/'61 Buick Rear Window Defogger, installation assembly instructions included. \$200 OBO. Contact: Barb or Ray 716-957-3076. (9)

Buick 15-inch wheel covers set of 5 good cond. 50.00 call Chuck Gugino 716-725-3396 (7)



Sun visors, 2 Chevrolet '49-'52 outside visors, 1-excellent condition all chrome intact \$300. 2nd - excellent condition, missing some chrome \$150. Don 716-877-0097 (6)

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ACA Lake Erie Region Car Show Judge's Information

A 30-minute Judging Class will be given by Bob Nash on the morning of our car show, June 9, 2024, at 11:00 am. All judges are encouraged to attend this Judge's Education Class. If you are new to judging, it will be very helpful to understand our judging process, and if you have judged before, it will serve as a valuable reminder. We're sure you will find it worthwhile. The class will begin promptly at 11:00 am, and you should meet up with Bob in front of the pavilion at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove.

ALL JUDGES: Please plan on attending the judge's briefing and team assignment meeting that will be held in the Pavilion starting promptly at **11:30 am**. As a reminder, all judges are encouraged to wear their blue LER car club shirts. This will make you recognizable as one of our judges as well as a proud club ambassador. We look forward to seeing all of you at the show. So, get your beautiful cars out of the garage or barn, give them a little polish, and drive them on to our show field. See you there!

Barb Noonan Chief Judge

RULES OF THE SHOW

- 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.
- ACA 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	ACA National First Junior and Senior Winners– No Judging (all receive same awards)
1 B	ACA National HPOF Winners – No Judging (all receive same awards)
1 C	ACA 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

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City, State _____

ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Make of Car _____

Year _____

Model _____

Class # _____

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\$20 At the Gate

\$20 Flea Market Space

\$20 Car Corral

Would you like to help with Judging?

Yes

No

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

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Reservations deadline July 10th, 2024

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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:

Kentucky legislature passed legislation prohibiting the state from adopting California's motor-vehicle emissions standards that bans sale of new gas and diesel vehicles by 2035. The legislation became law when the Governor of Kentucky failed to sign the bill.

Update: Maine's Governor signed bill (L.D. 2261) that reclassified the proposal to adapt California's clean air rules as a "major" regulation, requiring legislative approval to make clean car laws. Under current law, citizens—including environmental groups—can initiate the regulatory process for minor updates upon submitting a petition with 150 voter signatures.

Vehicle Choice:

Alaska lawmakers advance bill (H.B. 375) to protect consumers choice of vehicle powerplants and fuel technology by preventing a state agency, county, or city from limiting access to internal combustion engines. It is being forwarded and is awaiting consideration by the full House.

development of regulations for the manufacturing, importing, processing, recycling, and distribution in commerce of lead for The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Law and Order News.

Kansas, Governor signed the legislature's House Bill (H.B.) 2783 into law, which ensures consumers' choice vehicle power plants and fuel technology. This law restricts any state agency, county, or city from limiting access to internal combustion engines.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued the "Vehicle Repair: Information on Evolving Vehicle Technologies and Consumer Choice" report. The report found that if independent repair shops face limitations in access to the data and tools needed for repair, consumers will have fewer repair choices, pay higher repair costs, and face longer wait times or traveling further for repairs. H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act" and has 50 bipartisan co-sponsors. It currently awaits consideration in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Air Quality Std.:

Wheel Weights - The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has issued an advanced notice of proposed rule making (ANPRM) requesting comments and information to assist in the potential

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Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (5/07/24)

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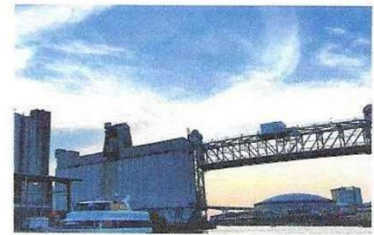


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Sunday August 11, 2024



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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 _____ 4 Wenona St.

Total amount of your check: _____ Depew, NY 14043





Top row: Lon Wilson's '53 Buick lead the way, followed by Vacarro's '53 GMC truck & Upton's '56 Mercury. Second row: Don Butlak's '64 Galaxie; Haid's Chevrolet & Kosmoski's '49 Dodge



Third row: Noonan's Cadillac; Sayward's Chevrolet truck; Cliff Schulz '70 Chevelle, Ptak's '75 Fiat & Mike Mesi's '83 Toyota



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Linda & Jack Foster check in with Peggy Ptak: meanwhile Jack Galbo's sister, Chuck Wolski, Jackie Galbo & Gertrude Wolski are ready for the day.



Sally Sayward gets directions from Valerie Wilson as Leonard Sayward looks on. Below: Candace Reed tells a story to Mike & Nadine Kosmoski



Left: Dan O'Connor & Dennis Upton listen to what Sam Yanik has to say. Below: Mark Palmer gets directions from Valerie while Ann Palmer spots the camera



Above: Dave & Ellie Schoenle talk with Candace Reed & Sue Reville



Below: George & Ruth Camann have their two granddaughters with them as they talk to John Haid



Kathy Vaccaro, Barb Noonan, Barb Able & Steve Vaccaro pose in front of Vaccaro's truck



Below: into the planetarium we go to stare at the stars with our presenters, Tim Claus & Mark Percy (above)



Below: A sign in the planetarium says "Learn Something New Today" and we did just that!




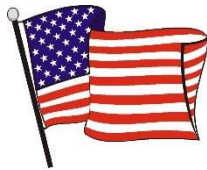
Editor Valerie Wilson presented David & Jane Szachta with a color picture of their car when it was on the cover of the Sidelight. Barb Noonan also got a gift from Lon & Valerie Wilson for all the work she did on the "Year in Review" slide show this past year. It's a radio that looks like a '55 Chevrolet!



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Calendar of Events	
June 9 – Annual Car Show – Chuck Facklam & Mike Mesi, Chairmen	
June 14 – Flag Day	
June 16 – Father’s Day	
June 19 – Juneteenth	
June 20 – Summer Solstice (Summer Begins)	
July 4 – Independence Day	
July 21 – LER Picnic – Cliff Schulz & Chuck Weimer, Chairmen	



Flag Day



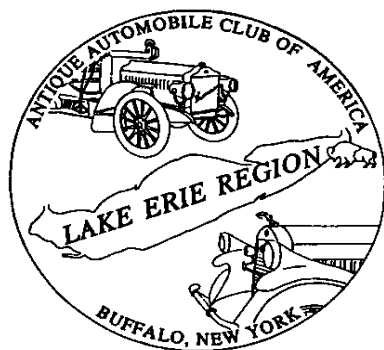
WINDOW FLAGS

The club will be taking orders for window flags for your car. Display them on your antique or modern car while on tour to let others know we are all together. Flags are \$10 each and are double sided. Let Lon or Valerie Wilson, or any board member, know if you would like to purchase one. We will announce an order cutoff date and hopefully order them before this touring season is over.



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