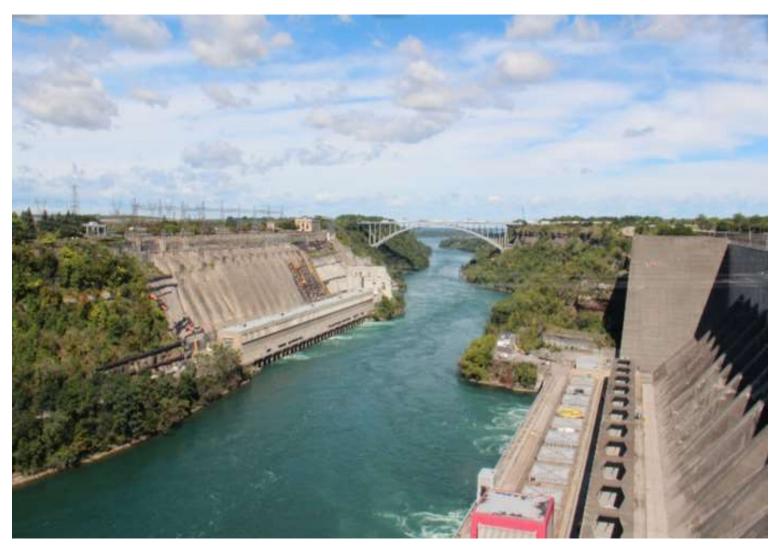
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## View from the bridge at the Niagara Power Vista OCTOBER 2024 VOL. 72 No. 10



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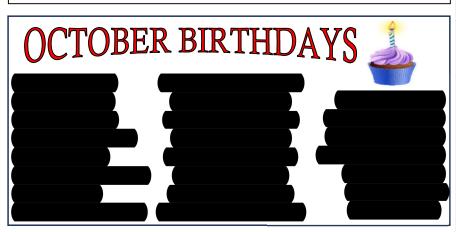


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**Events for 2024** 

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\*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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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start to wind down this season, plans are falling into place for some events for 2025. By the time you read this, we may have already enjoyed the Saturday tour to the Coke Museum and Yard of Ale restaurant. Don't forget to contact Jerry Ptak to let him know you are coming to the November meeting. There is no sign-up sheet and it doesn't cost anything for our first indoor event, we just want to make sure that Lynelle has enough treats for everyone as this should be well attended. I am looking forward to getting a lot of good info and advice that night.

In other news, the board discuss the Christmas Party and the Installation Banquet. Since the board determined that these are the two premier events of the year, they have agreed to a larger subsidy for members. If you don't already know, most events are subsidized for members and guest pay the actual cost of the event. That is one of the benefits of club membership. Activity Chairs work hard to give us the best price on events and since the car show is or only real "money maker", this is a way for the club to give back to its active members. Both the Christmas Party & the Installation Banquet are filled with fun, good food and wonderful people, so be sure to register for these events.

Again, it is that time of year when a couple of board members will be leaving us. We will be looking for persons interested in coming "on board". If you have any interest, you can talk to any board member to answer any questions you might have. Being on the board is not a difficult job, and it helps to keep this great club going. We have a couple of people interested, but will accept more nominations if they come in. It has been a long time since we had an election, and if we get enough interest, we just might have one again. I will be bringing this up at the next two events with the November indoor meeting being the final time to throw your hat in the ring.

Just to keep you informed, Chuck Weimer is pursuing an alternate venue for the car show for next year. He will not be able to make any firm decisions just yet, but early indications are we may be at a new location. I am sure that will please some people. If things don't work out, we may be at the same location as this

past year. We will update you with further details if they become available.

A big thank you goes to Ken Knoll & Mike Mesi for planning the run to the New York Power Vista. We started out with a nice sunny ride to Lewiston. Once there we meet a tour guide who explained some of the structures we were looking at as we crossed over a walkway to the interactive displays. She then let us loose to "play". Most of the gang had some fun with registering our badges so that we could get a picture of ourselves to stick on the

badge. I think everyone saw the movie narrated by a drop of water. If you missed it, you missed feeling his long ride as well as being touched by some of his friends. One of the many displays showed how a lot of men had to scale down the side of the gorge to aid in the construction of the power plant. I wonder how many of our members tried their hand at "rock climbing". I did, and I have a picture to prove it. After testing out all the exhibits we headed to the Lockport Locks for another fine meal. Everyone should have had fun and full tummies by the end of the day.

A number of LER members showed up for the Elderwood Cruise on the Boulevard, where Ray Noonan is currently. It was a warm evening with music, refreshments and lots of reminiscing. A lot of chairs were set up in the courtyard so quite a few of the residences were enjoying the warmth, the tunes and the cars.

Valerie Wilson

Members & guests who attended the Niagara Power Vista tour were: Don Butlak & guest Isabel Barros – '64 Ford Galaxy (135); Tim Cryan (105) – '81 Cadillac; John & Elaine Haid – '89 Chevrolet (\*); Joe & Linda McCaffery – '55 Mercury (120); Mike Mesi – '82 Supra (\*); Barb Noonan & guest Margie Heick – '57 Chevrolet (145); David & Jane Szachta – '82 GMC Cabaliero (90); Lon & Valerie Wilson – '53 Buick (\*); Jack & Linda Foster & guest Carol (65); Ken Knoll (\*)(Ken was also on the Grand Lady Boat ride); Jeff Mahl (10); Mark & Ann Palmer (105); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (\*); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (125); Chuck Weimer (\*); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (125); and Mark & Sue Yearke (\*)







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#### **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**LET'S GO LER Members:** The club needs members to be more involved with future 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.

**Sunday September 8**<sup>th</sup> Was hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. They had arranged a self-guided tour of the Niagara Power Vista in Lewiston. Followed by a buffet at the Lockport Erie Canalside. Thanks to Mike and Ken for arranging a very educational tour and delicious luncheon buffet.

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> Fall Foliage Hosted by John & Elaine Haid, Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed. They have arranged a tour of the Coca-Cola Barn Museum in Silver Springs. This museum was opened approximately two years ago, a new two-story barn with each floor covered from top to bottom and wall to wall with vintage Coca Cola items. All the Buffalo area TV stations have visited the museum, Kevin O'Neil from Channel 2 did a story about the museum. In addition, the owner also has a woodworking shop where he makes furniture, and other items, which we will be able to tour. Furniture and other items will be available for purchase, along with duplicate Coca Cola items from the collection. Following the tour there will be a banquet at The Yard of Ale Restaurant on Rt 63 in Piffard, NY. See the Sidelight for

The club needs additional details and the signup sheet. Reservation deadline ctivities, come up was September 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Indoor season begins**

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Peggy and Jerry Ptak. They have arranged guest speaker Jim Bardot, a former college professor and dean. Mr. Bardot will give a presentation titled "What Your Survivors Need to Know", he will discuss what documents and details to gather, how to organize and store this information. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1pm to 5pm. Refreshments will be served by Lynelle Schloerb. See the Sidelight for details.

**Sunday December 8**<sup>th</sup> Will be our annual Christmas Party at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Hosted by Lynelle Schloerb and Barb Noonan. See the Sidelight for details. Reservation deadline is Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>** Will be our annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz. This will be at the Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst. This year the theme will be "A Starlit Evening". Details to follow.

**Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>** We have a possible pending event. Details to follow.

We always need volunteers, helpers and ideas for clubsponsored events. If you are interested in sponsoring, cosponsoring or helping out at an event, please contact any board member.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

#### SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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

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#### October LER AACA Club Tour

## Coca Cola Barn Museum - Silver Springs, NY Saturday Oct 5, 2024



Credit goes to John & Elaine Haid for identifying this WNY gem for a Club Tour that will take us through Erie and Wyoming Counties.



Dave Phillips and his late wife Janet started collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia in 2012. In little more thana decade, their collection now fills their entire barn. You will be amazed by the collection of Coca Cola memorabilia the Phillip's family has collected, and is displayed, that paved the way for Coca-Cola to be a globally recognized brand. Visited and reported on by all the local TV stations, here you to will get to re- visit some of the most historic items, including the original distinct script, iconic Contour bottle, Coca-Co- la Polar Bear, Santa Claus, and famous taglines used throughout the years! Come check out all the critical pieces that led this Iconic brand to where it is today!

#### This Club Tour is limited to the first 50 Club Members who register.

Originally marketed as a temperance drink and intended as a patent medicine, Coca-Cola was invented in the late 19th century by John Stith Pemberton in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1888, Pemberton sold the ownership rights to Asa Griggs Candler, a businessman, whose marketing tactics led Coca-Cola to its dominance of the global soft-drink market throughout the 20th and 21st century. The name refers to two of its original ingredients: coca leaves and kola nuts (a source of caffeine). The current formula of Coca-Cola remains a trade secret. The secrecy around the formulahas been used by Coca-Cola in its marketing as only a handful of anonymous employees know the formula.

#### Lunch Buffet at 1pm at the "The Yard of Ale Restaurant" Piffard, NY



Sliced Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Smashed Potatoes, Pasta Salad, GardenSalad, Dessert Station, Coffee, Tea & Soda, Table Bread.

- Stay informed to potential menu changes to be published in the September issue of the SIDELIGHT -

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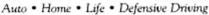
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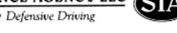
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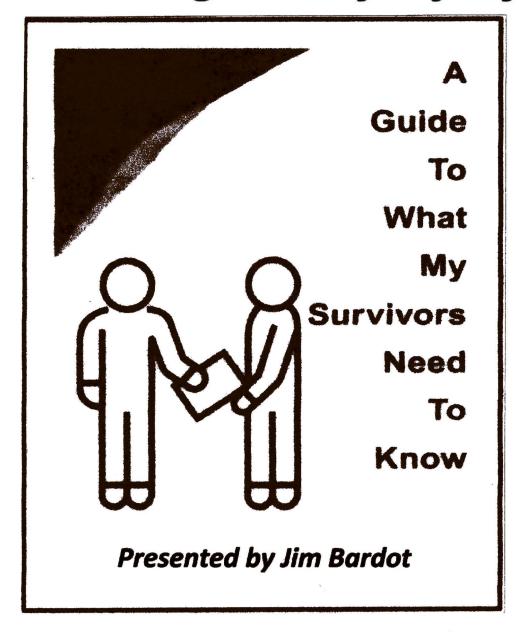
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November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1:00 PM

Polish Falcons Hall 43 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY

Reservations are NOT required, however your RSVP before November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jerry or Peggy Ptak can help ensure sufficient refreshments and seating are available for everyone attending.

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

AACA Lake Erie Region Christmas Party



#### Join us at the Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY 14043
Cash Bar: 1:00 pm & Dinner: 2:00 pm
Entertainment to Follow Dinner

Turkey with stuffing, breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy,
Vegetable, salad & rolls, and dessert
Members: \$35 / Guests: \$45

#### We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor.

Donation suggestions include fleece blankets, art supplies especially paint brushes, colored pencils, highlighters, pens (please no crayons), coloring books for kids & women, fidget toys, bath & body works sprays & lotions, and clear plastic totes with lids (for belongings).



If you have a favorite Christmas cookie, please bring some along to share.

Reservations must be received by November 29, 2024
and mailed to Barb Noonan, 1374 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.
Checks should be made payable to AACA Lake Erie Region.

For questions, contact Barb Noonan at 716 957-3076 or Lynelle Schloerb at 716 949-2489.

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#### Legislative Affairs Info

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

<u>Chevron Doctrine:</u> Update First we must understand the Law is the Law. The Chevron Doctrine allowed federal agencies like the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) among others to fill in ambiguous points in law with rulings which when used in a court decision is referred as the Chevron Deference which allowed the court to defer to a recognized agency rules as matter-of-fact expert in deciding cases.

A simple hypothetical example of this would be as follows: Congress passes a law that passenger automobiles must be painted. The EPA decided that the law was ambiguous and established a rule that automobiles should be painted Black (sounds like Model T Fords, but I jest) because Black was the only color environmentally safe. Next a car maker wants to paint a car Orange, but that is against the Law. The car maker then goes to court and petitions the court to allow them to paint their car Orange. The judge hears the case and rules against the car maker using the EPA rule as the matter-of-fact expert in the case since the original law was not clear.

The overturning of the Chevron Doctrine will undoubtingly result in the following:

- 1. Return power to the court and judges.
- 2. EV ICE mandate will be back in court
- 3. CARB (California Air Resources Board / EPA Compliance to emissions std. may stall.
- 4. It may also result in breakdown of CA. vs other 49 states adherence
- 5. The 16 states not following CA emission may be the start of additional states moving away from ICE BAN.
- 6. Behind the scenes effects will most likely be felt in the Trucking/Train and Transportation of hazardous materials.

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August 7<sup>th</sup> with the US Supreme Court to oppose California's ICE ban, has generated attention from high-profile media outlets for it's defense of a technology-neutral approach to emission reduction.

SEMA maintained that the government should remain technology neutral when it comes to vehicle technology, noting EV's are part of our future but shouldn't be the only part, with fuel alternatives like biofuels, hydrogen, synthetics, hybrid and EV's all be part of the larger strategy to achieve cleaner admissions

Safety: The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has proposed a regulation for a partial ban on chemicals found in brake cleaners and degreasers. The proposed rule is for 1-BP, a solvent commonly used in automotive care products such as engine degreasers, brake cleaners, refrigerant flushes and spray adhesives. If finalized as drafted, the proposal would ban use of all consumer products that contain 1-BP except when used in building and construction insulation materials. The ban would go into effect six months after the final rule is published. The rule would require extensive worker protection for industrial and commercial uses of 1-BP.

#### Classic / Antique Car Beat:

Nothing to report this month.

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

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (9/03/24)





#### RCR Racing Visit, by Bob Nash

On our last visit to our family in NC, our son Dave, grandson Henry and I took a day to visit the RCR Museum.

We started at the museum which houses a large collection of Dale Earnheart race cars along with a display of how they build racecars. It took about two hours to walk through it all.

After a stop at a local hamburger place it was off to DCE race engines. Tim, our oldest son had a friend who works there, and he gave us a tour of the engine build and research facility. Another two hours of race engines.

Next it was off to the Race Car build shop where RCR has a walkway where you can watch the men working there build race cars and load them into trailers for shipment to the next race track. The place was spotless, and we saw several cars being prepped for races.

All in all, it was a really great day. Anyone can visit the Museum and the Race Shop; it was a very special tour of the Engine Shop. More pictures on back cover

























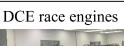


























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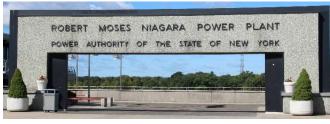


Clockwise from top left: Tim Cryan's '81 Cadillac, Don Butlak's '64 Galaxie; Barb Noonan's 57 Bel Air; Dave & Jane Szachta's '82 Cabaliero; Joe & Linda McCaffrey's '55 Mercury; John & Elaine Haid's '89 Chevrolet; Lon Wilson's '53 Buick and Mike Mesi's '82 Supra.



Chuck Wolski & Mike Mesi are ready to tour. Karen & Jeff Schwartz, Tim Cryan & Don Butlak chat before the run.





A nice view of the Peace Bridge from the walkway over the river. Entrance to the Power Vista. Photos by Lon





Leff: A model of the turbines,
Right: The water reservoir and the
first set of turbines start the
process, and the next set of
turbines which create all that
power.

Below: Jerry & Peggy Ptak, Mike Mesi, Linda & Joe McCaffrey, and Sue & Mark Yearke feel the power of the wind on the observation deck, while Jeff Mahl, our tour guide, Kurstin & Ken Knoll play it save inside.











Linda & Jack Foster, Isabell Barros & Don Butlak spent all their energy and take a break; below Hosts Ken Knoll & Mike Mesi flank Valerie Wilson with the banner





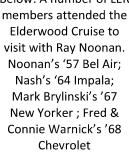




"Live wire, Sue!" or should we say "Live wire Sue", checks out this display; Right: A small version of the power lines that bring the power to our homes, Left: Chuck Weimer reviews our upcoming events



Power Vista photos by Lon Wilson: Elderwood photos by Lon Wilson & Mark Kraus







Cliff Schulz, Sue & Mark Yearke, Mark Brylinski, Lon Wilson & Mark Kraus: Below left, Cliff, Valerie Wilson, Bob Nash, Sue & Mark,

Below center: Bob, Barb & Ray Noonan



















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#### **Calendar of Events**

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Oct 14 – Columbus Day

Oct 31 – Halloween

Nov. 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 5 – Election Day

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Race Car build shop: views from the walkway & hauling trailers.

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