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Now that a lot of things are set for the car show, we have started throwing around some ideas for the other outdoor events. Remember that old poster of Uncle Sam pointing at you? Well, LER needs you, too. I know it is getting harder to come up with ideas as to where we can go as a club for monthly outdoor events, or to even get some members involved in planning events, but please talk to any board member if you have any ideas. Lon & I have been in the club long enough to know where we have already visited, and even revisited, so we know it is hard to find new places. That is why we need your ideas. I can't stress this enough. While some other clubs are dwindling or even fading away, we need to keep this one going strong. We have a number of open months this summer/fall and would like to get things "ink in" soon. We would like to see more members get involved in chairing, or co-chairing an event, too. Keep in mind that any of the board members will be more than willing to assist you as most are experience in what needs to be done. It is not that difficult. You also get extra Activity Points for chairing and a gift/ recognition at the next banquet for taking on an event. After all this is your club, lets keep it going strong.

Wow, they did it! Karen Schwartz and Sue Yearke pulled off another great banquet. After a delicious, filling meal, we rounded out the evening with the main event. After a short business meeting, we got into the awards. Peggy Ptak has really taken on the role of Activities Awards Chairman very well. She handed out gift cards to those who helped out the club by chairing events, as well as Sidelight Editor and Webmaster. She kept an attendance record throughout the past year and awarded chips to those members who achieved 150 points or more (See the article on page X for how points are awarded). Unfortunately, Chuck & Gertrude Wolski were not able to attend and will receive a board with their chip as first-time winners. Peggy also had special gifts for the club members who obtained the top three highest points. I am not sure what was in those beautifully wrapped gifts, but I am sure it was something nice. I had a special surprise for all the board members and a few other contributing club members. I presented hand made "gear shift" pens to all the 2024 board members (those not in attendance will receive theirs at a later date), as well as a few other club members who made their mark on last year, and to our incoming new board members. It was my Thank You to last year's board and club members for a job well done as well as to our newest board members for volunteering their talents for the upcoming year. See the picture pages for all the winners.

Next up is our movie night. "The Natural" will be playing while we enjoy some snacks provided by Karen Schwartz. It seems like I have seen the movie mentioned on TV a few times recently, so the timing must be right to show this film. A number of our members were involved with their antique cars during the filming and you might even hear a few stories about that after the meeting. Hope to see you there.