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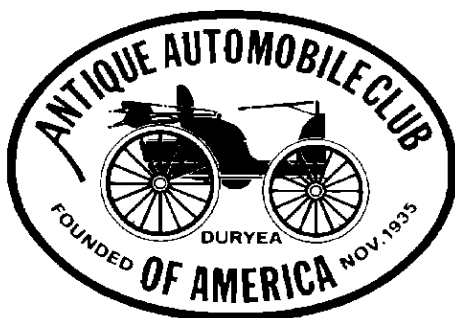
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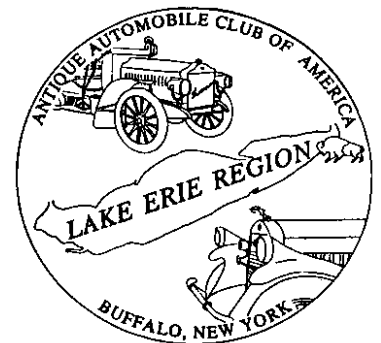
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LER BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2025

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- 23-25 **Activities Co-Chairmen** Chuck Weimer

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- 2025 **2024 Show Co Chairman** Mike Mesi
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- 2025 **Activities Awards Chairman** Peggy Ptak
- 2025 **Split Club** Candace Reed
- 2025 **Property Chairman** Charles Facklam

Bold type indicates board members

Events for 2025

- Feb. 16 – Matinee Movie – hosted by Barb Noonan and Lon Wilson**
- Mar. 9 - A presentation on the Playboy Automobile, hosted by Chuck Facklam and Dave Kaplin.**

*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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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

[Redacted names and phone numbers for February Anniversaries]

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If it still says 2024, this could be your last issue. You need to renew now. Contact Lon Wilson (716-873-6280) to continue your local membership. Don't forget, you **MUST** be a member of the National club to be a member of the local club.

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Don Butlak

ON THE COVER: front row: Peggy Ptak, Jean Yanik, Sue Yearke, Karen Schwartz, Ann Palmer; back row: Mary Beth Facklam, Linda Cryan, Linda McCaffrey, Gail Martin, and Karen Weimer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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,

Members & guests who attended the Annual Installation Banquet were: Gary & Vallie Alt, Sr. (15); Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana (15); George & Ruth Camann (35); Russ Christopher & Maria Gugliuzza (15); Jeff & Linda Cryan (15); Tim Cryan (15); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (15); John & Elaine Haid (35); Allyn Kain (15); Ken Knoll (15); David & Amy Lombardo (15); Ross & Gail Martin (15); Joe & Linda McCaffery (15); Mike Mesi (35); Bob & Peggy Nash (15); David Nash (15); Barb Noonan & Guest Connie Ashcroft (35); Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed (15); Mark & Ann Palmer (35); Mary-Teresa Platt (15); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (35); Cliff Schulz (15); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (55); Chuck Weimer & Guest Karen Weimer(35); Lon & Valerie Wilson (35); Sam & Jean Yanik (15); Mark & Sue Yearke (35).

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 5 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 handmade "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.

Valerie Wilson

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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.

Saturday January 25th Was our annual Installation Banquet. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen Schwartz at the Classic V. The club members enjoyed a starlit evening, plenty of delicious food and drinks. Thanks go out to Sue and Karen for putting this together.

Sunday February 16th Will be a Matinee Movie! Hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan. They will be showing movie The Natural. Several of our member's classic cars appear in the film. See the Sidelight for details, signup is not required. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Schwartz.

Sunday March 9th Hosted by Chuck Facklam and Dave Caplin. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. They will be giving a presentation on the Playboy Automobile. See an upcoming issue of the Sidelight for details, signup is not required. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Schwartz.

Sunday April 6th Will be our Annual Year in review at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan. They will be giving a photo presentation from the 2024 club events. See an upcoming issue of the Sidelight for details, signup is not required. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Schwartz.

Sunday May 18th Rustbuster we have some possible events, but nothing confirmed. Now is your chance to get involved, bring your ideas to any board member.

Sunday June 8th Will be our annual car show. Hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. The show will be held at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove. We have two main sponsors, West Herr Automotive Group and Gernatt Asphalt. The show flyers are complete and will be available at our upcoming indoor meetings. Additional 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

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.

AUTOS FOR SALE

'53 GMC Pickup, yellow, 350 Chevy engine, 4 barrel, auto, PS, PB, AC, for more info call Kathy 716-625-8029 (4)

'66 GTO Conv, red, white top, 55,000 miles, Hurst 4 speed, perfect, \$67,900 Dennis 716-444-0898 Lead from Valerie Wilson (1)

'68 Chevrolet Chevelle Conv., stock 327 cid/275 horse power, automatic, third owner, AACA 2nd Jr, call Kathy 716-625-8029 (4)

'09 Chevrolet Silverado PU, 5.3 liter, auto trans, orig, owner, 27k miles, Call Kathy 716-625-8029 (4)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

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February 16th
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Come and relive when Western New York because the backdrop for a major movie. directed by Barry Levinson, and starring Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glenn Close, Kim Basinger, Wilford Brimley, Barbara Hershey, Robert Prosky and Richard Farnsworth.

Many Buffalo antique cars were featured, including some from LER members.

Refreshments will be provided.

Activity Awards Points

We would love to have more of our members reach the 150 points to win an award. You can begin earning points starting in January and earn throughout the year. It really is quite easy ~ you just need to be involved, attending meetings, bring your antique car to summer events, you can even go to a National Car Show. There is no need for you to keep track of your points ~ that's my job! Once you have 150 points, you will receive a chip designating the year you won this award at the following Installation Banquet. First time winners will receive a plaque and

a chip with the year on it. There is a lot of space on the plaque for future chips. The three highest achievers (yes you can earn more than 150 Points) will receive a special gift.

The following list has the events/activities and the points they will accrue. Please make sure you sign in at every meeting. If you have questions or think I have missed you, please let me know. Thank You.

Please join us if you can.

Event	Points	Per
Attend January Annual Meeting	15	Person/Couple
Attend LER monthly meeting / activity	10	Each meeting attended
Bring an antique car to an LER tour / event	10	Each Event attended
Enter a car in LER annual car show	10	20-point max (two or more cars)
Work at LER annual car show	10	Person/Couple
Judge at LER annual car show	10	Person/Couple
Attend an AACA national meeting / activity	10	Each event attended
Judge at an AACA national meet	10	Person/Couple
Enter a car in an AACA national meet	10	Person/Couple
Chair / Co-chair an LER event / activity	20	Each event chaired/co-chaired
Sign up a new member	10	Each new member
Write an article for <i>Sidelight</i> / Website	10	Per each article published (see note*)
Submit a recipe or puzzle / game for the Sidelight	5	Per item published
Serve on LER Board	20	Per Year
Serve as <i>Sidelight</i> Editor	20	Per Year
Serve as Website Editor	20	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Chair	30	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Co-Chair	20	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Chief Judge	20	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Registration Chair	20	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Field Marshall	15	Per Year
Serve as LER Car Show Parking Chair	15	Per Year
Serve as Split Club chair	15	Per Year
Serve as Activity Awards Chair	15	Per Year
Serve as Policy & Procedures Chair	15	Per Year
Special Member Contribution	10	Per contributions made (eg. Car show DJ)

*Article for *Sidelight* / Website Notes: Article must be written by the person submitting the article. Copyright laws apply to all non-original material. Points are not awarded for required articles.

Does Anyone Remember...

...Les Pfleuger and his 1910 Willys Overland?
A review of club records shows Les was a member in the 1960's. Our club was contacted through our website by a gentleman named Les Johnson from Sydney Australia who now owns the

Overland, and is seeking any information club members had regarding its history. If you have any memory of the vehicle, please contact Jerry Ptak or Valerie Wilson.



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The History of the Buffalo Playboy Motor Car Company



March 9th

1 to 5 pm

At the Polish Falcon Hall 1 - 43 Columbia Ave, Depew

The complete history of the Buffalo Playboy Car Company starting with the Charles Thomas "Rocket Car" and subsequent development of military vehicles and finally the revolutionary Playboy car will be discussed with many rare historical photos including the assembly line in what is now known as Engine Plant 4 of the Tonawanda GM facility. Also, the back story of the company name and how the "Playboy" name ended up years later on the iconic and infamous "Playboy" magazine.

The presentation will be presented by Dave Kaplan, grandson of the company president and creator of the vehicle idea and Chuck Facklam, now specialist in the technical aspects of the cars.



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

EPA grants California OK to ban sales of new gas-powered cars by 2035.

- The Biden administration has provided the green light for California and 11 other states (including New York) to ban the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035.
- EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) approved California's ambitious plan, aligning with the state's push for environmental and cleaner air through the Advanced Clean Cars (ACC II) Regulations. These regulations mandate an increasing percentage of ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle), starting at 35% by 2026, to 100% by 2035.
- California's large economy influences vehicle regulations nationwide.
- Future political shifts could threaten California's environmental policies.

The above actions may face reversal by the Trump administration after the Jan. 20th inauguration. Stay alert to see if New York and the other 10 states continue to follow California. Considering the Supreme Courts consideration of the Legality of California's Clean Air Act Exemption.

SEMA-Supported Bill to Boost Outdoor Recreation Economy on the Brink of Becoming Law. As the 2023-24 Congress recessed the Senate passed the "expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act" (EXPLORE ACT), H.R. 6492. This bill will secure a significant boost for those who enjoy, support and cater to outdoor recreation. The bill will increase access to outdoor recreation opportunities and will help grow the outdoor recreation industry's \$1.2 trillion annual economic impact went to President's Biden's Desk for approval on Nov. 27th, 2024.

Update on 1/4/25 President Biden signed the bill into law.

OSafety Update: SEMA has applauded California's Governor Gavin Newsom for his October 2024 veto of Senate Bill 961 for a Proposed Speed-Limiting Devices on new cars which was opposed by 69% of California's voters earlier in 2024.

It was reported by SEMA Action Network (SAN) that New York introduced a SAN opposed legislation (A. 10712) to require most new vehicles to be equipped with intelligent speed assistance starting in 2029. These systems notify drivers every time they exceed the speed limit by 10 mph. This intrusive legislation threatens your driving experience and personal freedom. Although New York usually follows California almost all the time. It has failed to be recognized that this initiative failed in California after a 69% rejection of their voters followed by their Governor's Veto as noted above.

Miscellaneous: Here are a couple of Bills introduced in the NYS legislature that are worthy of watching.

1/08/25, NY S00261: Prohibits idling of any passenger vehicle for more than 3 minutes. 1st violation is a warning, subsequent ones are traffic violations subject to a \$150 fine. This has referred to Environmental Conservation.

1/08/25, NY A00075: Requires motor vehicle repair shops to disclose types of replacement parts used in automobile collision repairs and provides a disclosure form to be signed by the owner consenting to the use of any such parts; forbids use of any other parts except new original equipment manufacturer parts on any vehicle during the first year of its manufacture and for the two years following. This was referred to Transportation.

1/08/25, NY S00344: Provides that a person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle on the public roads of this state without a human driver provided that the automated driving system is engaged, and the vehicle meets certain conditions; defines terms; requires insurance and that such vehicle is registered as a fully autonomous vehicle; makes related provisions. This was referred to Transportation.

Classic / Antique Car Beat:

Nothing to report this month.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Advocacy and Hot Rod Magazine
Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (01/07/25)



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The Star-Studded event starts out with Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz, our hosts, beginning the evening's festivities. John Haid gave us a treasurer's report, Chuck Facklam reported on the car show, and Chuck Weimer updated us on upcoming events.



Peggy Ptak, Activities Chair, presented the following club members with gift cards for chairing events (1), chips for achieving 150 activity points (2) & special gifts for top three-point achievers (3). Editor's note: I did not see any of the three open their special gifts which sucks. Really, it was a cordless car vacuum!!



John & Elaine Haid - 1,2,3



George & Ruth Camann - 1,2



Ken Knoll - 1,2
Mike Mesi - 1,1,2,3



Barb & Ray Noonan - 1,1,2



Mary Beth & Chuck Facklam - 1,2



Jeff & Karen Schwartz - 1



Dan O'Connor & Candace Reed - 1,2,3



Jerry & Peggy Ptak - 1,1,2 & Jerry - Webmaster



Cliff Schulz - 1,2



Lon & Valerie Wilson – 1,1,2 & Valerie – Sidelight Editor

Sam & Jean Yanik – 2



Congratulations to all our past year award winners



Mark & Sue Yearke - 1,2



Ken Knoll talks with Ann & Mark Palmer

Not present: Pat & Dean Burgstahler – 1
Don Butlak – 2
Joe & Mary Momot – 1
Don & Lynelle Schloerb - 1
Chuck & Gertrude Wolski (first time winners) – 2
They will receive their awards later.



Valerie has stars in her eyes - shaped glasses that is



The Guys: Left: Dave Lombardo, Mark Yearke and Jeff Cryan
Below: Dan O'Connor, Ross Martin, Sam Yanik & Mark Yearke



The Girls: Linda McCaffrey, Karen Weimer and Gail Martin
Below left: Ken Knoll, Peggy Ptak, Mike Mesi & Jerry Ptak



Below: Jeff & Linda Cryan, Maria Orellana & Mark Brylinski





Board members honored, Standing: John Haid, Mike Mesi, Chuck Weimer, Lon Wilson, Karen Schwartz, Sue Yearke, Jerry & Peggy Ptak, Barb Noonan, Mark Palmer, Chuck Facklam; driving: Candace Reed & Ruth Camann; in front of car: Valerie Wilson. Absent: Ken Kaczka and Lynelle Schloerb



Other drivers, left: Sue Yearke & Karen Schwartz, below: Connie Ashcroft & Barb Noonan who wants to know where the Chevrolet bow tie is?



Above: Peggy Nash, David Nash & Bob Nash



Below: Karen Weimer & Chuck Weimer










Below: Party's over. Right: Ruth & George Camann



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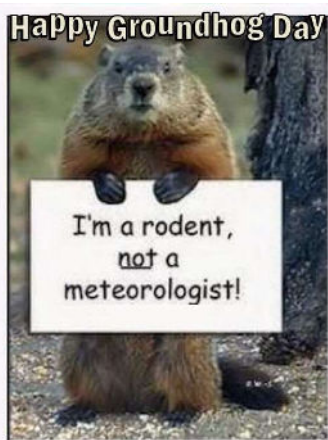
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Calendar of Events



- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 9 – Super Bowl
- Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 16 – Matinee Movie – hosted by Barb Noonan and Lon Wilson**
- Feb. 17 President’s Day
- Feb. 22 – George Washington’s Birthday

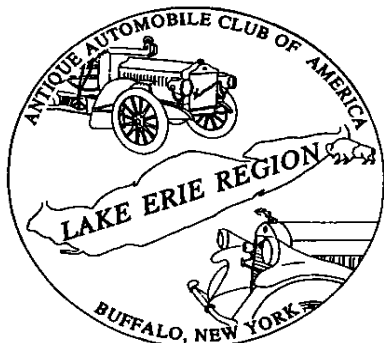


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