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1911 Oldsmobile at the AACA National Meeting Photo by Bob Nash

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- Bob Nash's trip to National AACA Meet





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Events for 2025

Mar. 9 - A presentation on the Playboy Automobile, hosted by Chuck Facklam and Dave Kaplin.

Apr. 6 – LER Year in Review Slide Show by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson

*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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Unfortunately, due to the frigid and icy conditions and constant snow, the February LER meeting was cancelled. Hopefully the next meeting, a talk on the Playboy car will be a go. Point adjustments will be discuss at the next board meeting.

Peggy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of year again where Chuck Facklam and Barb Noonan will be looking for volunteers for the car show. If you have an hour or two to assist them, please step forward. This is your club and the funds we make from the show help to subsidize the rest of our monthly events.

Barb Noonan has been reviewing the policies and procedures, and updating some areas that are a bit out of date. She is doing a great job at this. Karen Schwartz and Chuck Weimer are also doing a good job filling in our monthly events. Some plans are falling into place for the Rustbuster so we will keep you informed as the plans are finalized.

On that note, we still have a few summer months to fill in. There have been some discussions on some possible events, so if those pan out, we will let you know. Again, we will still entertain ideas for possible tours or other events, thus if you have any, let any board member know.

Another discussion at the board meeting, was what to do with two large trophies that were used back in the 1960's and 1970's. Since they have been around a long time, one of them

is pretty beat as you can see in the photos. The much larger one is in a plexiglass case and better preserved. Right now, they are taking up space at our home and we need to find a new place for them. There has been some talk about taking the plaques off of them and getting rid of the trophies themselves.

As most of you know, we cancelled the February general meeting, this activated the emergency phone committee. It has been a looong time since we had to do this, but...the weather was too icy and the snow was starting to pile up that morning to venture out. We didn't want anyone to get into an accident or to fall on the ice. Fortunately, we did not have a speaker that we had to cancel. Barb Noonan owns the DVD of the movie so we can reschedule it sometime later. Perhaps we can show it in November.

At the time the movie was being shot in Buffalo, some of our members were involved in the movie with their antique cars. Lon had a '31 Model A Ford Victoria at the time and attended the "casting call" for cars. His was selected and does appear in the wide screen version. Several other LER members' cars appear in the movie. We also just found out that one of our members also drove their car around City Hall in the movie. Let's hope we get another chance to see it.

DON'T FORGET – OUR MARCH MEETING IS THE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, SO DON'T BE LATE!!

Valerie Wilson









AACA National Activities Calendar From the AACA newsletter "The Speedster"

February 6-8, 2025 Annual Convention Charlotte, NC

April 3-5, 2025 Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte, NC

May 1-3, 2025 Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals Tucson, AZ June 1-7, 2025 Vintage Tour Southern/Eastern PA

June 19-21, 2025 Eastern Spring Nationals Beckley, WV

July 2-5, 2025 Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN

July 24-26, 2025 Grand Nationals/Zenith Dayton, OH August 12-15, 2025 Eastern Divisional Tour Aroostook County, ME

September 7-12, 2025 79th Revival AAA Glidden Tour® Hosted by VMCCA Owensboro, KY

CANCELED September 18-20, 2025 Southeastern Fall Nationals Corydon, IN October 7-10, 2025 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025 Central Divisional Tour San Antonio to Galveston, TX

October 23-25, 2025 Central Fall Nationals Galveston, TX

This list is subject to change. New events may be added to the schedule. Continue to watch Speedster for up-todate information, changes and additions

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

LET'S GO LER Members: The club needs 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 February 16th Event was canceled due to poor weather.

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

Sunday May 18th Rustbuster, we have some members to be more involved with future activities, come 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.

> July Summer picnic will be hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schulz. We will be working to secure the Clarence Town View Pavilion. The date and 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

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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'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)

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Manuals for sale:1976-1978 Buick Chassis Service Manual (2 Vol.) very poor condition \$5.; 1985 Celebrity/Citation II Service manual poor front cover \$10.; 1969 Chevrolet Chassis Service Manual \$10.; 1969 Chevrolet Chassis Overhaul Manual (poor covers) \$10.; 1973 Chevrolet Passenger car service manual \$10.; 1973 Chevrolet Passenger car & Light duty truck overhaul manual \$5.; 1991 Chevrolet S-10 Truck Service Manual \$10.; 1987 Chrysler Service Manual Front Wheel Drive (3 vol.) \$6.; 1960 Corvair shop Manual (very poor condition) \$3.; 1962-63 Corvair Shop Manual

Supplement \$5.; 1969 Fisher Body Service Manual (poor covers) \$10.; 1973 Fisher Body Service Manual \$6.; 1974 Ford Shop Manual vol. 1-5 \$30.; 1974 GM light duty Truck Service Manual \$5.; 1985-86-87 GM Vacuum & Wiring Diagrams Manuals \$30.; 1986 GM Body Service Manual \$12.; Master Parts & Accessories Catalog FP7566A Text, 1965/72 Lincoln-Mercury FP7566B Illustrations, 1965/72 \$30.; 1966 Lincoln Continental Shop Manual \$15.; 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera SL, Century (2 Vol.) \$5.: Ed Group, 1-814-474-3652 (6)

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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.









NOWSHOWIN

Come out to see what Lake Erie Region did in 2024

Installation Banquet

Pinewood Derby

Rustbuster to the Planetarium

LER's Annual Car show

July Picnic

Grand Lady Boat Tour

Power Vista Tour

Fall Run to the Coca Cola Museum

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By Karen Schwartz

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- "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.
- AACA 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.

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JUDGING CLASSES FOR 2025 CAR SHOW

Class	Description					
1 A	AACA National First Junior and Senior Winners- No Judging (all receive same awards)					
1 B	AACA National HPOF Winners – No Judging (all receive same awards)					
1 C	AACA National Driver's Participation Class – No Judging (all receive same awards)					
1 D	AACA Classic Cars (visit classiccarclub.org for specific years, makes & models identified in this class) No Judging (all receive same awards)					
2	Production Cars thru 1935 (Including Model T & Model A Fords)	11	Trucks & Commercial Vehicles thru 2000, including Model A & T Fords (excluding Modified)			
3	Production Cars 1936 thru 1945	12	Chevrolet Corvettes thru 2000			
4	Production Cars 1946 thru 1951	13	Ford Mustangs thru 2000			
5	Production Cars 1952 thru 1955	14	Foreign, Sports, & Kit Cars thru 2000			
6	Production Cars 1956 thru 1960	15	Modified Cars 1955 & Older			
7	Production Cars 1961 thru 1965	16	Modified Cars 1956 thru 1969			
8	Production Cars 1966 thru 1970	17	Modified Cars 1970 thru 2000			
9	Production Cars 1971 thru 1977	18	Modified Trucks thru 2000			
10	Production Cars 1978 thru 2000	19	Display Only			

----- Registration -----

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wake or Car			Yes
Year		□	No
Model			Would you like more
Class #			information about the Club?

Legislative Affairs Info

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

Donald J. Trump has been sworn-in as the 47th President of the United States and has signed a plethora of executive orders as he promised.

EV Mandates: However, Before the Inauguration the 119th Congress was called into session with a loud call to End "Inflationary EV Mandates". At that time Rep. Mike Johnson was up for re-election as Speaker of the House. But this was blocked by a group of hold-out lawmakers. In a letter to Johnson, these holdouts stated:

"Reverse Biden-Harris policies immediately, including disastrous and expensive student loan bailouts, inflationary EV mandates and Green New Deal subsidies to unleash American energy, massive subsidization of unhealthy foods in the food stamp program to make Americans healthy again and save taxpayer dollars and much more."

Rep Mike Johnson met their demands and was elected Speaker of the House.

Let's look at where we stand as a country on EV.

Re-examining what a Zero emission vehicle is considered any vehicle that uses a propulsion technology that does not produce internal combustion exhaust or other greenhouse gas emissions. This means it must include the following as ZEV:

Battery- electric vehicles (BEV) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV)

Sales of EV vehicles are continually on the rise and likely will continue, possibly at a lower rate, until technology advances in electric propulsion, is refined, and augmented by new discoveries that will help reduce prices and reliability.

Over the last 20 years, 17 states have adopted the CARB (California Air Resources Board) vehicle standards: New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, *Maine*, Pennsylvania, *Connecticut*, Rhode Island, Washington, Oregon. New Jersey, Maryland,



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Delaware, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, **Virginia**, and New Mexico. However, four of these states indicated by bold/italic print have modified their stance by dropping or severely modifying their position on ICE Ban, leaving vehicle choice to the consumer.

Trump's pulling a U-turn on EV's: Although he has fulfilled his promise to remove the EV mandate to the electorate and SEMA, nothing has really changed yet. Removal of the 50% EV target scheduled for 2030 was fulfilled but, in fact, the target was never enforceable on its own; served as a signpost for other policies that will have more tangible effects. Removing the target doesn't change much, since executive action cannot change, undo or overwrite laws. Therefore, consumer tax credits are still available; state mandates and federal emissions rules are still in place. We will have to see how the courts and congress pushes the president's agenda forward. The only thing we can do now. is to watch our government in action and see if our elected officials put Our Nation before politics (both sides).

Updates: NY S00261 – Prohibits idling of any passenger vehicle for more than 3 minutes:

Status, still in the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. (2/3/25)

NY A00075 – Require repair shops to disclose type of parts used in collision repairs:

Status, still in the Assembly Transportation Committee. (2/3/25)

NY S00344 – Provides that a person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle on public roads in NYS:

Status, still in the Senate Transportation Committee. (2/3/25)

Classic / Antique Car Beat:

Nothing to report this month.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Advocacy, Bobit Business Media, and NPR Business

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (02/04/25)







While I was down in Charlotte visiting the family I had the opportunity to attend the AACA National meeting. It was very interesting with the usual trade show and seminars. I attended several on carburetors, Nash autos, SEMA and Judging School. There was the usual trade show and AACA booths.









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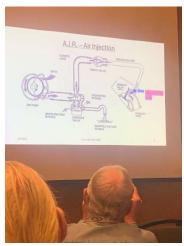


Attached are several pictures I took at the meeting showing the trade show, a seminar, and several cars the local AACA members drove to the meeting.

Bob Nash









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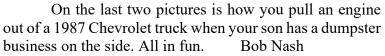














In other February news, while we are freezing, Ron Billo & Don Schloerb were at the pool. Ron was heading out to the classic car show later in the day. Go ahead and rub it in, Ron! Photo from Ron Billo



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Calendar of Events

Mar. 4 – Mardi Gras

Mar. 5 – Ash Wednesday

Mar. 9 – Daylight Savings Begins

Mar. 9 - A presentation on the Playboy Automobile, hosted by Chuck Facklam and Dave Kaplan.

Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20 - Start of Spring

Apr. 6 – LER Year in Review Slide Show by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson









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