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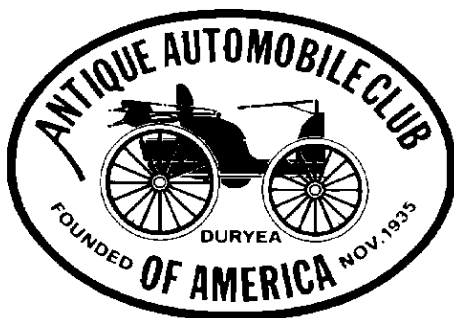


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## Events for 2025

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

**May 17 – Rustbuster, Basil Classic Car Show room & tour to dinner - Mike Mesi, 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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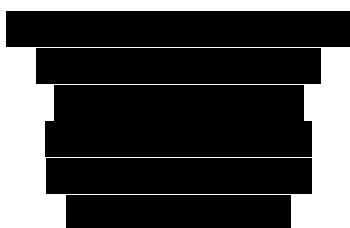
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## MARCH ANNIVERSARY



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The board is working on several things including filling in the rest of the year with events. Mike Mesi has stepped up and taken on the Rustbuster, which will be on a Saturday. For some reason this first outdoor event seems to be a tough one to fill. Even so, it is time to get those vintage vehicles out from their winter slumber and give them a little exercise.

Don't forget that we will be looking for all able-bodied members to volunteer some time to our annual car show. Remember, proceeds from this are how we are able to subsidize some of the events throughout the year. Lots of judges are needed and this is not a difficult task to assist with. There are also many other jobs which need people, too. If you can give an hour or two, please step forward and let any board member know, or sign one of the clipboards at our next two events.

A big thank you goes out to Mike Mesi, Cliff Schulz & Chuck Weimer for their dedication and early rising to get in line to book the same pavilion for our summer picnic. This is a good location and always a fun day.

It had been confirmed that the movie "The Natural", will be rescheduled to the November meeting. I was surprised at the number of people who wanted to see this movie, both for the first time or revisit memories of when it was film here.

We are always looking for ideas and places to go, so if you have suggestion talk to any board member.

More Thank Yous go out to Dave Kaplan & Chuck Facklam for a very informative presentation on the Playboy. I loved the home movies showing Dave's grandfather and another company employee driving the Playboy on the back roads to see how it performed. A very interesting picture of the Playboy sitting in the driveway with the Thomas Rocket car sitting next to it! Chuck told of his hand in helping to restore the Thomas Rocket car back to its glory. It is nice to know that this and many of the Playboys are being saved for future generations to see.



Speaking of memories, I have seen a preview of the 2024 Year in Review slide show and again it will be another great presentation. Most people don't realize the number of hours Barb Noonan puts into selecting, arranging, formatting and titling all those slides from Lon Wilson, into a terrific program. Hope to see you there.

Valerie Wilson



Steve & Maggie Cryan's daughter Dottie in a friend's custom pedal car at the Toronto Motorama. (before you know it, she will be driving a real car!)

### SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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### \*AUTO MISC FOR SALE\*

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**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 March 9<sup>th</sup>** Chuck Facklam and Dave Kaplan gave a presentation at the Polish Falcons on the Playboy Car Company. If you weren't up on history of the company you are now. Thanks to Chuck and Dave for putting the presentation together, also to Karen Schwartz for the refreshments.

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 the Sidelight for details, signup is not required. Refreshments will be provided by Karen Schwartz.

**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>** Rustbuster will be hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. They have arranged for a tour at the Basil Classics show room on Transit Road in Depew. Following the tour,

we will take a ride to East Aurora for an afternoon banquet at The Iron Kettle Landmark Restaurant. Additional details in this issue.

**Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>** 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. Please help out with the show and judging, signup at our next indoor event or contact Chuck or Mike. Registration form in this issue.

**Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>** Summer picnic will be hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schulz. It will be at the Clarence Town Place Park in the Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. Drop off banquet by Cozy Catering. We will be planning an optional driving tour prior to the picnic. Additional details to follow.

**August** We have a possible event, but nothing confirmed. If you have an idea, please let any board member know.

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-Chairman

### Legislative Affairs Info

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

**Tariffs:** President Trump announced plans to impose import tariffs against China, Mexico and Canada followed by threats of retaliatory tariffs on goods exported to these countries. What does this mean to you? Before answering that, let us stay calm and look at this rationally. First, Trump has historically used tariffs as a bargaining tool in negotiating against other countries on other issues not related to trade such as, immigration, drug trafficking and defense spending. President Trump said tariffs will be lifted if an agreement is successfully negotiated. Now, these tariffs can impact all of us due to increased costs for OEM's, part manufacturers, and consumers (us). One item that comes to mind, the new Buffalo Bill's Stadium. Competition to secure steel, aluminum and other components to lower costs may be intense.

**U.S. Appeals Court In Validates FTC's (Federal Trade Commission) CARS (Combating Auto Retail Scams Rulemaking) Rule:** The appeals court's 2-to-1 ruling in favor the auto dealers, maintained the CARS rule violated procedural rules in writing the regulation without giving advanced notice of the planning regulation. The FTC can appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. Currently, it is unclear if the FTC will accept the ruling or fight to maintain the rule.

**SEMA and PRI's (Performance Racing Industry) Agenda:** Both organizations will be kicking in their agenda in both Washinton DC and state houses across the country focusing on their 2025 Advocacy Agenda. This agenda highlights a series of critical priorities, including:

- **Protecting the right to repair and modify vehicles**
- **Halting** electric vehicle mandates and preserving vehicle choice
- **Preserving** access to public lands for recreation use
- **Shaping** tax policies that help small businesses
- **Defense of classic vehicles and collector rights**



- **Protection** of small businesses from regulatory overreach.

**Bipartisan Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus Takes Shape in Congress:** U.S. Reps **Doug LaMalfa** (R-Calif.) and **Sanford D. Bishop** (D-Ga.) are leading efforts in Congress to speak on behalf of the automotive industry and enthusiasts, co-chairing the **Congressional Automotive Performance and Motor Sports Caucus for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress**. *The bipartisan caucus has worked since 1996 to recognize the contributions the automotive performance and motorsports has made, and continues to make, to the U.S. economy. Note, Rep. LaMalfa is a lifelong car enthusiast and Rep. Bishop carries a deep respect to the role that cars play in the fabric of our nation.*

**Advance Clean Cars II:** In the final days of the Biden Administration, California received a Clean Air Act waiver to enforce its EV mandates and ban ICE vehicles. Cal. if upheld, and New York and ten other states must have Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) by 2035. However, Congress could use CRV (Congressional Review Act) authority nullify the waivers and stand up for American ingenuity and innovation, for the free market, and for the individual freedoms of people to choose which vehicle is correct for their lifestyle and needs.

**Updates:** NY S00261 – Prohibits idling of any passenger vehicle for more than 3 minutes. Status, still in the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. (3/4/25)

NY A00075 – Require repair shops to disclose type of parts used in collision repairs. Status, still in the Assembly Transportation Committee. (3/4/25)

NY S00344 – Provides that a person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle on public roads in NYS. Status, still in the Senate Transportation Committee. (3/4/25)

**Classic / Antique Car Beat:** - *“Note Bold Italicized Text above”* -

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Advocacy,  
Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Chairman (03/04/25)

Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson Present

# THE EVENTS OF LER 2024

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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**  
**Christmas Party**  
**& More**

APRIL  
6th

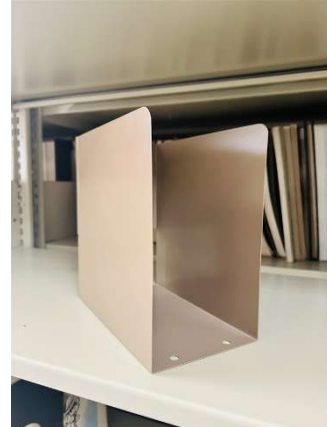
**Polish Falcons**  
**445 Columbia Ave**  
**Depew**  
**1-5pm**

**TASTY**  
**Refreshments**

*By Karen  
Schwartz*

It may be a little early for spring cleaning yet, but it's not too far off! Here at the AACA Library we are fortunate to be the recipients of many donations of automotive materials and documents that come to us from our members and others in the hobby – but did you know there are other items the library can use, too? You might have some yourself or know of an office or local library looking to pass theirs along instead of throwing them out.

There are three items in particular that we are running short of in the archives, and while we can and will purchase more if needed, we prefer to reuse when possible. If you or someone you know is looking to dispose of the following items, consider the AACA Library before the landfill! These are supplies we use on a regular basis, and the ones that we need more of as our collection grows:



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**Steve Rossi's**  
**Old Car**  
**Quiz**  
 ~For the Trivial Astute~

**Trivia Question**  
 What offbeat, post-War car company offered a four-color paint palette in these idyllic, sea-inspired choices: Beach White, Regatta Red, Fjord Green and Lagoon Blue?  
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Deadline May 12, 2025

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Reservation deadline May 12, 2025\*

**Mike Mesi, 8300 Hirschwood Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221**

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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 <a href="http://classiccarrclub.org">classiccarrclub.org</a> 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 -----

Mail Registration Deadline Postmarked No Later than June 1, 2025

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Please Print Clearly

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Year \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Yes  
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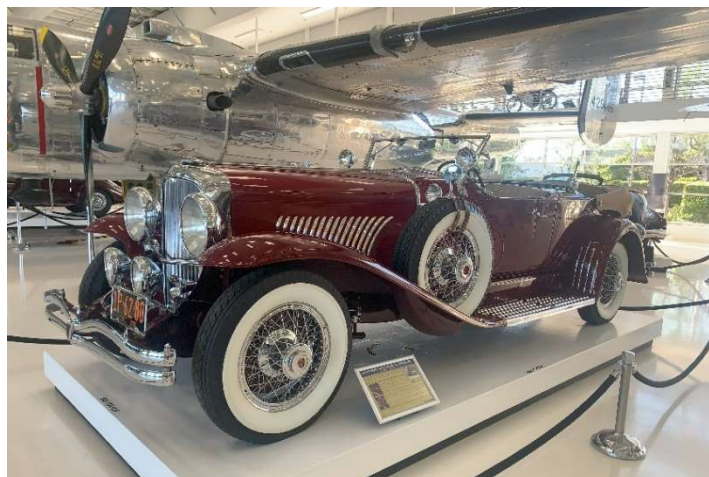
While LER members were learning about Playboys, I was out in Costa Mesa, Calif. visiting some friends.

They took us to a coffee and donuts cruise in the morning. Attached are a few of the pictures I took of some really nice cars.

We also went to the Lyon Vintage Aircraft Museum, they had some very nice cars there, too.  
Bob Nash



Cars at the museum











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# FIRST CLASS

## The Sidelight

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### Calendar of Events

Apr. 1 – April Fool's Day

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

Apr. 13 – Palm Sunday

Apr. 15 – Tax Day

Apr. 18 – Good Friday

Apr. 20 – Easter

Apr. 22 – Earth Day

Apr. 25 – Arbor Day

May 17 – Rustbuster, Basil Classic Car Show room & tour to dinner – Mike Mesi, Chairman

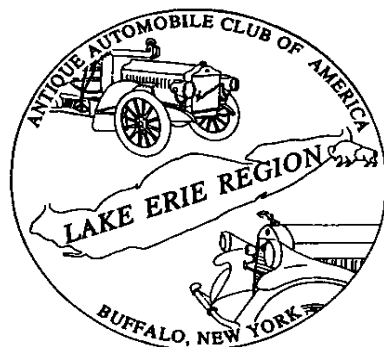


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