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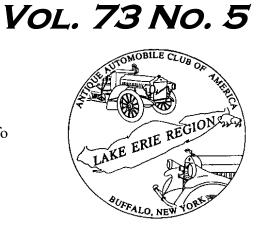
One of the more unusual cars to register at our car show last year





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- May, June & July meeting info
 - Car Show Flyer
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 - New members





Member & guests who learned about the Playboy in March were: Dean & Pat Burgstahler (10); George & Ruth Camann (40); Orrin Catlin (10); Christopher Ciszek (10); Dennis Conrad (10); Jeff & Linda Cryan (25); Tim Cryan (25); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam & guest Faith & Tom Carberry (55); Kenneth Figel (10); John & Elaine Haid (45); David Kaczmarek (10); David & Mary Ellen Kaplan & guest (son) Michael (30); Ken Knoll (25); Mike Kosmoski (10); David Lombardo (25); Ross Martin (25); Mike Mesi (45); Barb Noonan (45); Candace Reed O'Connor (25); Mark Palmer (45); Kenneth Pielechowski (10); Tom Pirrung (10); Mary-Teresa Platt (25); Bill Prenevau (10); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (45); Dale Pyne (10);Cliff Schulz (25); Karl Schurkus (10); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (65); Bob Snyder (10); Terry Tredo and guest Dan (10); Chuck Weimer (55); Lon & Valerie Wilson (45); Charles Wolski (30).

Members & Guests who revisited "The Year In Review" LER slide show in April were: Dean & Pat Burgstahler (20); George & Ruth Camann (50); Jeff & Linda Cryan (35); Tim Cryan (35); Chuck Facklam (65); Jack & Linda Foster (10); John & Elaine Haid (55); Ken Knoll (35); Mike Kosmoski (20); Robert Mandziak (10); Joe & Linda McCaffery (25); Mike Mesi (55); Joe & Mary Momot (10); Bob Nash (45); Barb Noonan (75); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed (35); Mark & Ann Palmer (55); Ken Pielechowski (20); Tom Pirrung (20); Mary-Teresa Platt (35); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (55); Cliff Schulz (35); Karl Schurkus (20); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (75); Bob Snyder (20); Terry Tredo and guest Dan(20); Dennis Upton (10); Chuck Weimer (65); Lon & Valerie Wilson (75); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (50); Sam & Jean Yanik (25); Mark & Sue Yearke (45).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is nice to see that this year's events are almost filled in. That makes for a straightforward board meeting. Mostly just updating on some minor details on some of those dates. Make sure you check the page 4 for the next event. Note: some events are now happening on Saturdays. This is due to some venues not being open on Sunday or another roadblock.

With Chuck Facklam at the helm of our Car Show things are rolling along nicely. We still would like a few more volunteers if you can lend a hand on June 8. Contact Chuck or Barb Noonan (for judging) if you can help out. If you have never judged before, don't be afraid to try it. There will be a judging class the day before. It just takes a small amount of time and really helps out your club. Additionally, a new class has been added. See Barb's article below for more info.

On a sad note, we received a call from Don Butlak's girlfriend Isabel informing us of his passing, I will always remember him as having a smile and a funny story to tell.

Now it's time to get those old buggies out from their winter slumber and give them some exercise. Hope to see you at the Rustbuster

Valerie Wilson

ANNUAL CAR SHOW & JUDGING

Our annual LER car show is coming on Sunday, June 8, and we hope you will consider judging at the show. If you have judged before, please volunteer again. And if you haven't judged but think you might like to try, we hope you will volunteer too.

On Saturday, June 7:

A JUDGE'S CLASS - will be held at 1:30 pm at the show field. This class will be after the show field set-up is complete. Members interested in bringing a vintage car that we can use for training purposes are welcome to do so.

On Sunday, June 8:

The **Judge's HQ** is behind the pavilion of the show field. On the day of the show, please note these times:

11:00 am - Judge's HQ for Judge's Training

11:30 am - Judge's HQ for Judge's Meeting for final instructions and assignments

This is our second year at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove, and we hope all our members will participate in this year's show as well as encourage other car owners to do the same. There are many opportunities to participate in the show in addition to judging, including parking cars, directing traffic, registration, providing directions, and of course, clean-up. Please let me know if you are interested in judging and contact Chuck Facklam if any of these other activities interest you. We look forward to hearing from you. The following is information about our **Class 1** cars that might interest you.

- **Class 1A** is for cars that have received the prestigious achievement of a National First Junior, Senior or Grand National Award. These cars have been point judged based on authenticity and condition in national competitive classes.
- **Class 1B** is for cars that have been recognized as Historic Preservation of Original Features, otherwise known as HPOF. Cars receiving this award are focused on the preservation of the vehicle is it's original as-manufactured condition, retaining significant feature in original condition.
- **Class 1C** is the National Driver's Class award. Cars in this class must be certified upon passing a visual inspection and must provide evidence of being factory assembled.
- **Class 1D** is new this year. This class is reserved for Classics that have historical significance, unique design, and cultural impact. The Classic Car Club of America has specifics on what vehicles fit this category, and have this information listed on their website at <u>www.classiccarclub.org</u>.

We hope to see you at the show, and even better, as a volunteer!

Barb Noonan, Chief Judge, 716-957-3076

Sympathies to the family of Don Butlak. LER lost a long-time member in the passing of Don Butlak in

April. Don was very active and drove his 1964 Ford Galaxie "Moody Blue" to many events and our annual show. Don restored that car from a wreck to a beautiful car that he really enjoyed for many years. He also enjoyed many LER events as well as the Christmas parties and annual banquets.

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 April 6th Was our Annual Year in review at the Polish Falcons, hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan. The presentation looked back at the 2024 club events. Thanks to Lon and Barb for putting this together.

Saturday May 17th Rustbuster will be hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. They have arranged for a tour of 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. See the Sidelight for the signup sheet. Reservation deadline is May 12th.

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. See the Sidelight for details and the car registration form. We have two main

Legislative Affairs Info

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

EPA Announces Plan to reverse Federal EV Mandates: EPA will reconsider the federal motor-vehicle emission standards that require automakers and truck manufacturers to increase zero-emission vehicle sales (known as the Model-Year 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles regulation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles). Today, only EV's and five plug-in hybrid vehicles meet these standards. The EPA will reconsider its March2024 vehicle emission regulations for model-years '27-'32, which states 2 out of every 3 new vehicles sold to be EV's by 2032. The EPA will also re-evaluate the 2022 Heavy-Duty Nitrous de (Nox) rule, a centerpiece of the Biden Administration's Clean Truck Plan. California's EV mandate and ICE ban-known as ACCII and currently impacting 11 other states-remains in place and is not affected by these EPA actions. Congress has until mid-April to overturn the federal waiver that enables the California mandates (see my report in last month's newsletter).

<u>**Tariff Update:**</u> Trump unveiled his plan for tariffs on the automotive industry on March 26th, impacting cars, trucks and SUV's along with various parts and components. According to the White House, a 25% tariff will be levied on imported automobile on April 3rd and a later date for automotive parts (no later than May 3rd). The Higher-Level Details:

- 1.A 25% tariff will be applied on complete, imported passenger vehicles and light trucks.
- 2. Key auto parts engines, transmissions, powertrain parts and electrical parts are subject to the tariffs.
- 3. Importers of Autos under the U.S. -Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will be given the opportunity to certify their United Staes content, and the 25% tariff will only apply to the value of non-U.S.

The club needs sponsors, West Herr Automotive Group and Gernatt Asphalt. ctivities, come up Please help out with the show and judging, contact Chuck or Board members Mike.

> **Sunday July 13th** 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. There will be an optional driving tour prior to the picnic. See the Sidelight for the flyer and signup sheet. Reservations by July 2nd.

> Sunday August 10th Hosted by Ron Billo and Ken Knoll. They have arranged a tour of Frank Bork's classic car collection in Lime Lake, he is the owner of the Upstate Dealerships. He has added a new building since our last visit. Details to follow.

September Hosted by Dennis Upton, he is planning a Niagara County Tour. Details to follow.

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

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

4. Auto parts that are USMCA-compliant will remain free until the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the U.S. Customs and Board Protection (CBP), establishes a process to apply tariffs to their non-United States content.

SEMA and PRI's (Performance Racing Industry) Update: Arkansas House Bill (HB) 1564 covering rural race track in Arkansas, which proposed new insurance requirements, limitations on noise levels, hours of operation and types of events that venues can hold. SEMA & PRI mobilized quickly along with local support (7000 letters and 400,000 views of an Instagram reel promoting the letter writing campaign) were successful in having HB1564 officially withdrawn. This is a definite success to protect Grassroots Racing in Arkansas.

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)

<u>Classic / Antique Car Beat:</u> Jay Leno, a lifelong collector and advocate for the automotive culture, is backing California State Bill 712 introduced by Senator Shannon Grove which has been affectionately being called "Jay Leno's Law". The bill if passed, would exempt vehicles 35 years or older from smog checks if they are insured as collector cars. "From car shows to weekend cruises, classic cars bring people together and keep history vibrant," added Senator Grove.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Advocacy,

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (04/01/25)





Menu Garden salad & macaroni salad, Roast beef au jus, soft roll & Kummelweck, Carved turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans & carrots, Coffee, tea, iced tea & pop

Deadline May 12, 2025

Please detach and send with check paya	ble to AACA Lake Erie Region
Send reservation form & check to: Mike Mesi, 8300 Hirschwood Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221 *No refunds after this date	Reservation deadline May 12, 2025*
Name:	Phone No.
No. of members: X \$27 =	
No. of Guests: $X \$32 =$	All venues handicap accessible
Total	
Please include a phone number for reservation confirmation.	Questions? Call Mike at 716-810-2610

Welcome to our new members

John & Bonnie Cady

8545 Glen Rd PO Box 442 Rushford, NY 14777 719-801-5414 1992 Buick Regal GS 6cyl 2dr Sponsored by Chuck Wolski





Jim & Sally Cramer 5040 Salt Rd Clarence, NY 14031 716-759-8542 1951 Chevrolet Bel Air 8cyl 4dr Sedan 1967 Plymouth Belvidere 8cyl 4dr Sedan 1967 Plymouth Belvidere 6cyl 4dr Sedan 1930 Ford Model A 4cyl Coupe Sponsored by Russ Christopher

164 Doncaster Rd. Kenmore, NY 14217 716-867-5880 1931 Oldsmobile Patrician 6cyl 4dr Sedan 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 8cyl 4dr Sedan 1968 Oldsmobile 442 8cyl 2dr. Sponsored by Chuck Facklam

John Scheider



FRENCH CREAM from Ruth Camann

Here is a decadent, creamy delightful dessert for LER members to enjoy!

1 envelope unflavored gelatin

¹/₄ cup cool water

Sprinkle gelatin over water to soften. Place cup in bowl of hot water to dissolve gelatin.

Combine in saucepan and beat together till warm and sugar dissolved:

1 cup sour cream

1 cup heavy cream

³⁄₄ cup sugar

Stir in dissolved gelatin and remove from heat. Beat **8 oz. cream cheese** until soft and smooth. Gradually add cream mixture with

¹/₂ tsp. vanilla, beating well after each addition.

Pour into greased 4 cup mold and refrigerate at least 4 hours till firm. Serve with strawberries Serves 8 or more

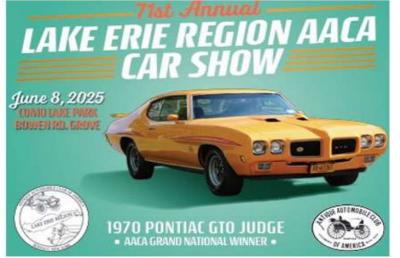






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RULES OF THE SHOW

- Cars 1925 & Older FREE Registration.
 Gate opens at 9:00 am.
- All Vehicles must be insured with proof.
- UL approved & fully charged Fire Extinguisher is required in all cars to be judged.
- "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

	JODGING CLASSES				
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 -----

Mail Registration Deadline Postmarked No Later than June 1, 2025 Mail Applications To: John Haid, 13 Crownland Circle, West Seneca NY 14224

You may choose to <u>not have your vehicle judged</u> by printing DNJ after the class. I have read and accept the rules of the Show: (signature on the line below please)

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Name			\$15 Pre-Registration
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			\$20 Flea Market Space
City, State		<u></u>	
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Phone Number			Need Trailer Parking
Email address			Would you like to help with
Make of Car			Judging?
Year			No (7)
Model			Would you like more
Class #			information about the Club?

Checks should be made payable to AACA Lake Erie Region

LER PICNIC

July 13, 2025

We will meet at Main Street & Cameron Drive (Behind Macy's Pizzeria) in Clarence at 10:30am. Departure at 11:00am for the optional driving tour. Arrive at the Clarence Town View Pavilion at 12pm. 5400 Goodrich Rd., Clarence, NY Members not taking part in the driving tour are asked

not to arrive at the pavilion prior to 12pm.



Picnic Buffet at 1:30 pm

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BBQ Chicken, Roast Beef, Baby Salt Potatoes

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Soda, Water & Music provided.

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Summer outdoor games are available to play. No glass bottles or pets permitted in the park.

Reservations deadline July 2nd, 2025

No exceptions or refunds after this date. Make checks payable to AACA Lake Erie Region. Send to: Chuck Weimer, 8120 Red Clover Ave, Williamsville, NY 14221

Name(s):	Phone #
# Members x \$32.00 =	Please include a phone number
# Guests x \$37.00 =	for reservation confirmation
Total \$	
Questions - call Chuck – 716-955-08	334 (8)

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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'55 Buick Roadmaster, 2 door hardtop, Dynaflow, National AACA Senior Winner. Fully restored in 2001, Titian Red / White, 322 V8 Nailhead



engine, Kelsey Hayes wire wheels, dry storage, 7K+ miles since restoration. \$35,000. Many Buick parts available too. Contact Barb at 716-228-7355 (8)

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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 (5)
- '69 Buick Skylark Call Jackie Galbo 716-773-7361 (7)
- **'09 Chevrolet Silverado** PU, 5.3-liter, auto trans, orig, owner, 27k miles, Call Kathy 716-625-8029 (5)
- Massey-Harris Tractor: Model #30, gas powered, 4-cylinder engine. Runs very well, two new rear tires. Asking \$3000 OBO. Call for more details. Call Bob at 716-754-7028 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (8)



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AUTO MISC FOR SALE

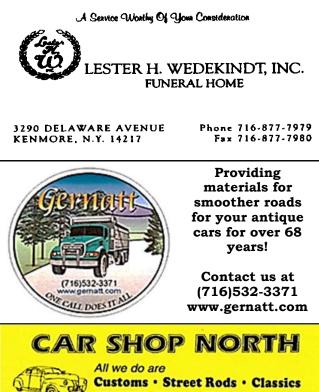
- '51-52 Chevrolet Car Radio #986515 \$6.00 and a Chevrolet Master Parts Catalog \$5.00. Ed Group, 1-814-474-3652 (8)
- '66 Lincoln Convertible operation manual, Original \$10.00, Reprint \$4.00. Original 1966 Lincoln Owner's Manual \$5.00 Ed Group, 1-814-474-3652 (8)
- Manuals for sale:1976-1978 Buick 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) American racing rims & tires with lugs for '68 Chevelle; 2 at 275/40zr17; 2 at 235/45zr17; \$950 or best offer, Steve & Kathy Vaccaro at 716-625-8029 (5)
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Calendar of Events



May 11 – Mother's Day

May 17 - Rustbuster, Basil Classic Car Show room & tour to dinner – Mike Mesi & Ken Knoll, Chairmen

- May 17 Armed Forces Day
- May 26 Memorial Day

June 8 – LER Annual Car Show – Chuck Facklam & Mike Mesi, Chairmen







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