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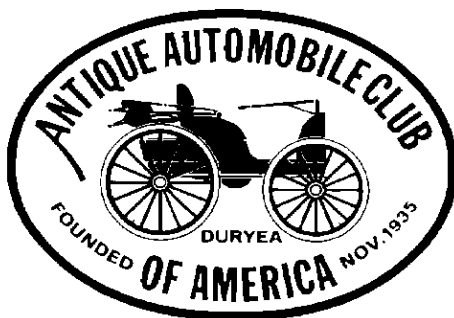
A row of cars for sale at Basil Classic car center.

JUNE 2025

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Bold type indicates board members

Events for 2025

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

July 13 – LER Picnic, hosted by Cliff Shulz & Chuck Weimer

August 10 - Hosted by Ron Billo and Ken Knoll.

*This is a tentative schedule. The dates & locations are subject to change, so check this list monthly for more information and possible changes.

All material and want ads must be submitted to the editor by the 20th of the previous month that material is to appear.

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JUNE ANNIVERSARY



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Sympathies

- to the family Eileen Wode on the loss of her mother.
- to the family of Lester Wedekindt on the loss of his sister.

Get Well Wishes

Elaine Haid
Gertrude Wolski
Bob Snyder

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, the main focus of the board meeting was on the upcoming Car Show, with a progress report from Chuck Facklam. Everything seems to be falling in place, and now all we need is a good weather report. As always, we need all hands on deck that day. If you can spare an hour or two, especially in the morning to assist with parking cars, or early afternoon with judging, it would really help to make this show a success. I know the deadline has passed for pre reg, but don't forget that club members who have more than one vehicle, can register a second vehicle for free. Also, new this year, Class 1D for Classic Cars (for specific makes & models – See classiccarclub.org for more info).

In addition to the other reports given at the meeting there were some updates and wording clarification to the Policy & Procedures Manual. Barb Noonan always has a good handle on those things.

Have an interest in what we do at a board meeting? Do you have a few hours a month to assist the club? Consider becoming a board member. Right now, we are one member short and would welcome some new blood. Talk to any board member about joining us.

On to events, and our first outdoor one of the season started out a little wet. Nothing like Mother Nature's car wash before we started our touring. Some of us, like Lon & I, chicken out and went modern. We have some leakers in our fleet. But, despite that, we had a great time looking at some great cars in the Basil Classic Car Center. I think all of us could pick out at least one car that would look nice on our driveway, although we personally don't have any room for any more four-wheel items. That includes pedal cars as well, as Basil had a few nice ones on display, too. After dinner, I spotted one of the rag tops of the

day drop to enjoy some sunshine. Hope that little Fiat got home before it rained again.

On an interesting note, I contacted the owner of last month's cover car. We had a very nice talk on the phone and he has an interesting story about his car. He will be sending me a writeup for me to print in an upcoming issue. Just a little tidbit about the car – TVR stand for Trevor. The man who built the car just took out some letters from his first name! Look for his article in an upcoming issue.

Also, when I have space, I will be running a story from George Camann. He found photos of when the Thomas Flyer was in the Rich Products Atrium years ago. Look for the story sometime soon.

This past Memorial Day as we honored our Vets, here is a little military mystery that I found on the internet. Recently, the NOAA Ocean Exploration crew was researching the USS Yorktown which was torpedoed by a Japanese sub. While it didn't sink right away, the crew threw whatever they could overboard to keep it from listing. Planes and anti-aircraft guns were among the things sent overboard. While exploring the sunken ship the team found a car! There is no record of a car being on the ship. A 1940-41 Ford Super deluxe woody convertible was sitting upright in one of the aircraft bays. The team wondered why it occupied such valuable space and why it was not tossed overboard. Speculation is that it belonged to a high-ranking officer. While it is in bad shape for being down there for so long, "Ship Service" can still be read from what is left of the license plate. An internet search will show several pictures of the vehicle. Such a sad ending for what was probably a really nice car.

Next up is the car show. Hope to see everyone there.
Valerie Wilson

From Chuck Weimer: I recorded the Wheels on Weck talk radio show last Wednesday. It will air Saturday May 31st at 6:30am, also available on podcast <https://bigweck.com/podcasts/wheels-on-weck>



From Valerie: Did anyone see the first ever Weinie 500 race ahead of the Indy 500? Now known as "Carb Day", Weinermobiles hauled their buns to the speedway. A google search will slaw these icons hotdogging it twice around the track. See which one got smoked. Ketchup on this event and relish the results. The winning crew was grilled afterwards on their victory. Mustard been fun! (all puns intended)

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 May 17th Rustbuster was hosted by Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll. They had arranged for a tour of the Basil Classics show room on Transit Road in Depew. Following the tour, we had an afternoon banquet at The Iron Kettle Landmark Restaurant. Thanks to Mike and Ken for putting together this event.

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 sponsors, West Herr Automotive Group and Gernatt Asphalt. Please help out with the show and judging, contact Chuck or 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 Mike Mesi and Ron Billo. 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. Prior to the tour we will be meeting at The Iron Kettle Landmark Restaurant for a breakfast buffet. See the Sidelight for details and the signup sheet. Reservation deadline is August 3rd.

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

October is open. If you have an idea for an event please contact any board member.

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

Legislative Affairs Info

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

House Does Its Job; SEMA Looks to Senate for Final Action on Calif. EV Mandates, ICE Ban: The US House of Representatives in a bipartisan vote of 246 -164 to overturn California's Clean Air Act waiver for the states Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) policy (a.k.a. EV mandates or ICE vehicle bans. It's now on to the Senate Republicans and Democrats to stand up and declare that California does not speak for our nation, that the Golden States policies are not solutions for our countries issues, and that it is not partisan to say, "I believe in America Ingenuity, not mandates."

"Ban the Ban" Rolls Forward in West Virginia: The West Virginia Legislature passed legislation prohibiting the state from restricting the use, purchase or sale of vehicles based on their energy source, i.e. electric-vehicle (EV) mandates that would ban internal combustion engines. The "ban the ban" bill is on the way to Governor Patrick Morrisey's desk, and he is expected to sign the bill into law.

Cracks Forming: Maryland Pauses Enforcement of California's EV Mandate: Indications are that states are growing weary of tethering themselves to California's oppressive emission standards. Maryland is making a significant change to its compliance with the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulation.

Maryland Gov. Wes Morre issued an executive order last week delaying enforcement of the state's adoption of ACCII, which bans the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035. Starting in the 2026 model year, 35% of new vehicle sales must be electric. Maryland is one of 11 states that have adopted ACCII, but the new order acknowledges that the state is not ready to fully implement the rule. The order pauses penalties for manufacturers that miss electric sales targets in 2027 and 2028 and establishes a working group to recommend ways to make the mandate more workable.

Tariff Update: Tariffs are a complex topic that can evoke strong emotions and concerns. Currently, if it hasn't changed today, the E.O. (Executive Order) exempts several categories of items, including:

Articles subject to 50 USC 1702(b) (IEEPA general exclusions for donations, goods in personal effects/baggage, information transfers, postal and other transactions that do not involve the transfer of anything of value);

Steel/aluminum articles and autos/auto parts already subject to Section 232 tariffs;

Copper, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors and lumber articles;

Bullion; and Energy and other certain minerals not available in the United States.

I expect that tariffs will continue to be in flux for the next few months due to continuing negotiations.

SEMA and PRI's (Performance Racing Industry)

Update: Iowa Legislature passed bill (HF 645 that provides immunity to racetracks from nuisance claims brought by surrounding property owners, so long as the track existed before the neighboring property was purchased or developed. This ensures these venues can continue to thrive without constant threat of litigation.

Oregon Bill was defeated with the help of SEMA and PRI: Oregon House Bill 2738, which aimed to ban the use of leaded fuel at Portland International Raceway (PRI), and thus shut down the race track. However, the bill missed a critical legislative deadline and will not advance this year.

Classic / Antique Car Beat Update: California Senate Committee approved California State Bill 712, commonly known as Leno's Law after Jay Leno, a lifelong collector and advocate for the automotive culture, backed California State Bill 712 introduced by Senator Shannon Grove. The bill will now move on to the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it will be considered in late April and if approved it would go for a vote in the State Senate. If enacted, the law would exempt vehicles 35 years or older from smog checks provided 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 (05/06/25)

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- 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

| 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 classiccarrclub.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 not have your vehicle judged by printing DNJ after the class.

I have read and accept the rules of the Show: (signature on the line below please)

Please Print Clearly

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Address _____

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ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Make of Car _____

Year _____

Model _____

Class # _____

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☐ \$20 At the Gate
☐ \$20 Flea Market Space

☐ \$20 Car Corral
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Would you like to help with Judging?

☐ Yes
☐ No

☐ Would you like more 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

Food by Cozy Catering of Clarence

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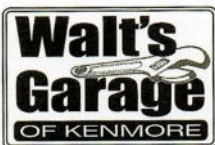
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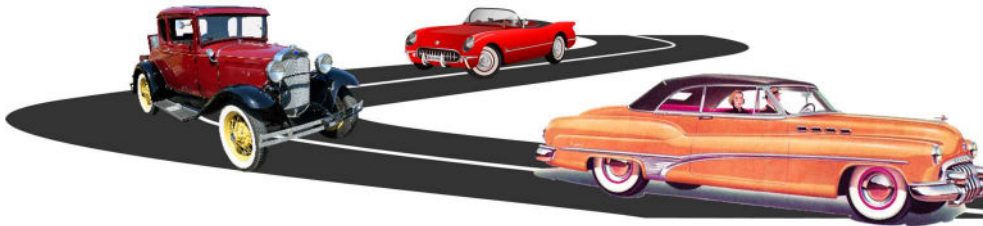


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3 building collection of automobilia and cars.

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Ron Billo, 127 N. Transithill Dr., Depew, NY 14043

Reservation deadline August 3, 2025*

*No refunds after this date

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Please include a phone number or email for preferred method of reservation confirmation.

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No. of Guests: _____ X \$27 = _____

Total _____



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AUTOS FOR SALE

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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 Conv. Call Jackie Galbo 716-773-7361 (7)

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RUSTBUSTER 2025



Foster's '58 Metropolitan



Steve Vaccaro, Ron Billo & Mike Mesi chat about cars



Mandziak's '72 Buick



Vaccaro's '53 GMC truck



Ptak's '75 Fiat



guest Jim Nemeh, Dennis Upton, Ron Billo talk cars, too



Barb Noonan, Kathy Vaccaro, & Barb Able get photobombed by Sam Yanik



The Guys: Sam Yanik, Cliff Schulz, Tim Cryan, Bob Nash, Jeff Schwartz & Chuck Facklam



Dennis Conrad signs in with Peggy Ptak



←↶↗ A few of the cars for sale



Valerie Wilson & Ruth Camann check out a '27 Ford Model T truck



Mike Mesi was our host for the day



Trouble maker Sue Yearke just wants to touch
←all the cars.
later Sue & Karen Schwartz serve dessert →



A table full of hungry LER members







More await a good meal ↓ →



FIRST CLASS

The Sidelight

| JUNE | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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Calendar of Events

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

June 15 – Father's Day

June 21 – Summer Solstice

July 4 – Independence Day

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Chuck Weimer

August 10 - Hosted by Ron Billo and Ken Knoll.



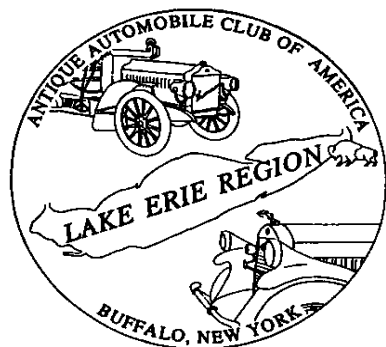
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