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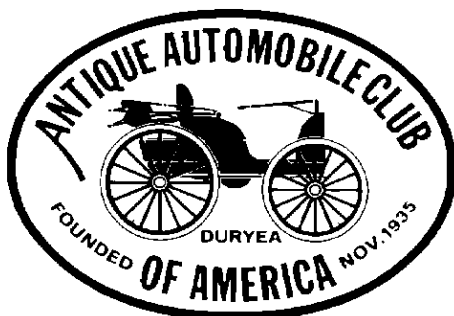
One of the many tractors at Grant's Toy Farm

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Bold type indicates board members

Events for 2025

Oct. 18 – Poker Run, hosted by Camanns & Ptaks
Nov. 9 – Movie Night, hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson, “The Natural” will be showing
Dec 7 – Annual Christmas Party – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lynelle Schloerb.

*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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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Members & guests who enjoyed Grant’s Toy Farm were: Mark Brylinski – 1969 Camaro (65); George & Ruth Camann – 1989 Ford Probe (*); Tim Cryan – 1981 Cadillac (*); Chuck Facklam – 1995 Honda Neon ACR (*); John Haid & sister Margaret – 1967 Buick (*); Mike Mesi – 1982 Toyota Supra (*); Ron & Mary Moll – 1972 Chevy SS (20); Jerry & Peggy Ptak – 1975 Fiat (*); John & Heather Roberts – 1953 Packard (40); Bob Snyder – 1960 Buick (60); Dennis & Del Upton – 1956 Mercury (70); Lon & Valerie Wilson – 1966 Ford Mustang (*); Sam & Jean Yanik – 1995 Impala (145); Ray Gajkowski (20); Ken Knoll & guest JoAnn Gullett (*); Mark & Ann Palmer (125); Dave & Ellen Schoenle (50); Karl Schurkus & Eileen Wode (60); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (*); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (20); Terry Tredo & guest Dan Tredo (80); Lee & Phyllis Wass (10); Chuck Weimer (*); and Mark Yearke (135).

Sympathies

On September 7th, we lost a long time and very active member in the passing of Joe McCaffrey. Joe and his wife Linda hosted a club picnic at their home in Pendelton in 2021. He was very proud of his 1970 Pontiac GTO “The Judge”, 1955 Mercury Convertible and his 1937 Ford truck. Joe and Linda recently returned from the AACA Grand National Meet in Dayton, Ohio where he won a Senior Grand National award for his Pontiac. Joe was a regular at the Saturday breakfasts. He will be missed. Our Sympathies to Linda and the McCaffrey family.

The renewal form for the national AACA is in the magazine you recently received. Please fill it out and send it in to Hershey by December 31st 2025. The local renewal forms will be sent out in the November Sidelight. If you renewed for more than 1 year, you will not receive a renewal. You can check your mailing label for the expiration date. If it says 2025, you will receive the form. It is also due by December 31st 2025. Also, I have three free National applications for anyone who has never been an AACA member before. Contact me for more information. Lon Wilson Membership Chmn. 716-873-6280

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the board meeting, we discuss a number of upcoming events. Check Chuck's Activity Report for the great things we have planned for the future. By the way, don't forget to check the website, too, as Jerry continues to update it. You might find some other interesting things there.

Don't forget we are still looking for a few good men or women, as new board members. We are still running one short. This opening is now down to a two-year stint. If you think you want to see how this club operates, let any one of the board members know. Also, consider it if someone asks you.

Lon & I were both shocked with the news of Joe McCaffrey passing away unexpectedly. Although Lon has missed a few Saturday breakfasts, he never thought that Joe would no longer be there. Joe had a good rapport with the waitress and she will also miss him. For those who were in the club at the time, we can't forget the great time we had at the picnic at McCaffrey's home. This is when we revised the LER auction. It was a rainy.

day, but we all had a good time.

Grant's toy farm was an amazing collection. In addition to seeing more tractors, both big and small, than I have ever seen in one place, it was also our 40th anniversary. My mother contacted Dennis Upton and arranged for special cupcakes for our dessert. Thanks to Yaniks & Del for their hand in this. What a surprise!

As we are also in the Model A Club, we attended one of the events they had on the schedule. It was a picnic at the Ford Stamping Plant in Hamburg. We did not attend the year before so I didn't know what to expect. There were already a ton of cars there when we arrived. Lon & I were parked with the Mustang club as cars were parked somewhat together. The Model As were just a short distance from us. There were games to play, booths to visit, and plenty of food. All on such a great weather day.

Now its on to the Poker Run. Brush up on your poker hands and we will see you there.

Valerie

Legislative Affairs Info

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

Tariff Update: Tariffs are continuing to be a complex topic that can evoke strong emotions and concerns. It seems to change daily. Court injunctions challenging tariffs add more confusion.

President Trmp's August 1st deadline for new deals with international trade partners has come and gone. Here's how things stand, with analysis of the impact on the automobile aftermarket industry.

- The White House issued a July 31st Executive Order expanding tariffs on a broad range of foreign goods, including automotive components central to the specialty aftermarket industry
- While several notable trading partners – notably the European Union (EU), Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, and the Philippines – have recently secured trade deals with the U.S. that lock in lower tariff rates, many others face increases in duties effective August 7 that are likely to effect sully chains and pricing.
- The new tariff rates apply to goods entered for consumption or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption on or after August 7, at 12:01 a.m. (EDT), unless the product is in its final mode of transit before that date and withdrawn for consumption before 10/5/25.

The following list shows 27 out of 72 countries that have tariffs of over 15% effective 8/7/25

Country	Tariff Rates 8/7/ 25	Country	Tariff Rates 8/7/ 25	Country	Tariff Rates 8/7/25
Algeria	30%	Kazakhstan	25%	Serbia	35%
Bangladesh	20%	Laos	40%	South Africa	30%
Bosnia/Herzegovina	30%	Libya	30%	Sri Lanka	20%
Brunei/Darussalam	25%	Malaysia	19%	Switzerland	39%
Cambodia	19%	Moldova	25%	Syria	41%
Canada	35%	Myanmar	40%	Tiawan	19%
India	25%	Nicaragua	18%	Thailand	19%
Indonesia	19%	Pakistan	19%	Tunisia	25%
Iraq	35%	Philippines	19%	Vietnam	20%

The above are current rates, there are exceptions tied to steel, aluminum, automobiles, and auto parts by country that would be too lengthy to cover here. Copper Tariff Increase: The United States has implemented a 50% tariff on all imports of semi-finished copper

products and intensive copper derivative products, effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time August 1st.

SEMA Shines Spotlight on ADAS,, Todays Most Pressing Automotive Issue: With safety concerns front on mind, SEMA is urging the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Congress to take a long look, unflinching look at how the federal government can deliver advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) policies and guidelines that account for the needs of vehicle owners and the aftermarket amid the rapid, unparalleled advance of vehicle safety technology.

Aftermarket companies manufacture, sell and service popular and widely used products like vehicle wraps, lift kits, bike racks, bumpers, winches, and side view mirrors, which must operate harmoniously with the technology automakers employ to support ADAS features on modern vehicles and thus ensure safety systems continue to be operated as intended for the full lifecycle of a vehicle. As a result, ensuring proper calibration and recalibration of safety systems is a critical consideration for maintaining driver and passenger safety following these common modifications.

USDOT has requested information on the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill, commonly known as "the highway bill". SEMA is requesting that USDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) work with Congress to craft a bill addressing the following through rulemaking and the issuance of guidance and industry requirement:

- Establish modification ranges and tolerances for new vehicles.
- Develop guidelines that ensure proper calibration of ADAS and create neutral validation protocols.
- Create either a visible diagnostic indicator to determine ADAS operational status or an electronic diagnostic indicator for ADAS status.
- Require that automakers make full lifecycle support for ADAS achievable.
- Provide full access to Vehicle Dynamic Systems and data needed to maintain compliance and functionality.

Classic / Antique Car Update: Senate Bill 712, referred to as "Leno's Law," has had its implementation postponed to 2027 due to technology updates at the DMV and a budget deficit. The finish line is in sight but still stalled in committee. I will continue to report on the status of "Leno's Law" next month.

The above information is from SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Advocacy,
Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (09/02/25)

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.

Sunday September 7th Was hosted by Dennis Upton. Dennis planned a drive through Niagara County; along the route we pasted by some of the notable secrets and landmarks. Then stopping at Grant's Toy Farm for a tour of his collectible's. Followed by a banquet at Willowbrook Golf Course. Big thanks to Dennis for hosting this event.

Saturday October 18th Hosted by George Camann and Jerry Ptak. They have planned a poker run and mini road rally, followed by a luncheon banquet at Panes Restaurant. See the Sidelight for details. Signup deadline is October 10th.

Sunday November 9th Matinee Movie! Hosted by Lon Wilson and Barb Noonan. They will be showing the movie The Natural at the Polish Falcons, refreshments will be served. See the Sidelight for details. Signup is not required.

Sunday December 7th Will be our annual Christmas Party. Hosted by Barb Noonan and Lynelle Schloerb. This will be an afternoon event at the Polish Falcons. See the Sidelight for details. Reservation deadline is November 29th.

Saturday January 24th 2026 Annual Installation banquet at the Classic V. Hosted by Sue Yearke and Karen

Schwartz. This year's theme will be a "Sea Cruise". Details to follow.

Sunday February 15th 2026 LER Pinewood Derby Event is back! Hosted by George Camann at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. George has arranged Scouting America for an afternoon of pinewood derby racing. The Scouts will provide and setup a four-lane track, organize the registration, weigh in of the cars and run the heats with a computerized timing system. Entry fee will be \$10 per car, you will need to buy your own car, kits are available at <https://www.scoutshop.org/pinewood-derby> or from the Niagara Frontier Scout Shop located at 2860 Genesee St. Buffalo, NY 14225 (call Dan Carpenter at 716-512-6208, hours: Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm). This will be open to non-member family and friends. Additional details to follow.

Sunday March 8th Hosted by Chuck Facklam, he will be giving a mystery presentation. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Refreshments will be provided. Signup is not required. Details to follow.

Sunday April 12th Will be our annual year in review, hosted by Barb Noonan and Lon Wilson. This will be at the Polish Falcons from 1 to 5pm. Refreshments will be provided. Signup is not required. Details to follow.

Next open event is the May Rustbuster.

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



Here are a couple of photos from the Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village Sept 7. Candace and I are standing in front of Chuck Dibella's 1910 EMF with Joe and Mary Momot standing in front of their 1927 Chevy. And then there is one of me disassembling my (Model A) carburetor because of poor performance. All was well after reassembly. Dan O'Connor



Antique cars on the Grant's Toy Farm tour. Lon & Valerie Wilson - 1966 Mustang; George & Ruth Camann - 1989 Probe; Mark Brylinski - 1969 Camaro; Tim Cryan - 1981 Cadillac; Jerry & Peggy Ptak - 1975 Fiat; John Haid & sister Margaret - 1967 Buick; Bob Snyder - 1960 Buick; Dennis & Del Upton - 1956 Mercury; John & Heather Roberts - 1953 Packard; Mike Mesi - 1982 Supra; Chuck Facklam - 1995 Neon; Sam & Jean Yanik - 1995 Impala; Ron & Mary Moll - 1972 Chevrolet.

LER OCTOBER POKER RUN & MINI ROAD-RALLY



SATURDAY - October 18, 2025

Meet at Ellicott Creek Park,
1 Ellicott Creek Rd,
Tonawanda NY 14150 in the
Main Parking lot off
Niagara Falls Blvd



We will meet at 10:00am with Departure at 10:30am. The Tour will include stops at various locations where each vehicle will receive a total of 5 playing cards.



At the end of the tour, prizes will be awarded for the Best Poker Hands

The tour will also include directional clues for the mini road-rally. The tour will be less than 30 miles on paved roads with posted speed limits no more than 50 mph.

Rally prizes will also be distributed



The tour will end around noon at Pane's Restaurant, 984 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, Phone 716-692-7076. A Luncheon Buffet will be served at 12:30pm.

The menu includes:

Salad, Potatoes, Rigatoni & Sauce, Italian Bread, Pork Chops, Roast Beef au jus, Kimmelwick and Soft Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Pop, Ice Cream and Cake for Dessert. If there are any dietary restrictions, call George and he can make sure the restaurant will take care of any accommodations that may be required.

******Deadline is October 10, 2025******

Please detach and send check payable to AACA Lake Erie Region

Send reservation for & check to:

Reservation deadline is October 10, 2025*

George Camann - 909 Sun Valley Dr, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

*no refunds after this date

Name (s): _____ Phone No. or email _____

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

No. of members: _____ X \$30 = _____

No. of guests: _____ X \$35 = _____

TOTAL: _____

All venues are handicap accessible

Questions? Call George 716-727-9559
or Jerry Ptak 716-449-0062



SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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AUTOS FOR SALE

'30 **Pierce Arrow**, great driver, runs excelt. Call Chuck 716-655-0508 (11)

'36 **Ford panel delivery truck**, rare, Vineyard Green, restored 2010 orig rebuilt 85hp flathead V8 engine, orig running gear, AACA National winner, everything works \$35,000 716-864-8506 Bob (11)

'40 **Buick Century**, 4 dr, fireball V8 engine, runs & drives, new upholstery, paint & chrome \$14,000/BO, Tenny 716-807-5195 Lead from Mark Brylinski (11)

'48 **Frazer**, 4dr, rebuilt engine, new brakes & WW tires, inter good, older paint, runs, drives & stops great \$8500 Call David, 716-861-5428 Lead from Dave Kaplan (11)

'48 **Playboy**, rare, 1 of only 2 with raised headlights! Call Chuck 716-655-0508 (11)

'48 **Playboy** solid running car. 4 cyl hercules with overdrive, original upholstery, serious inquires only, video & pictures available Call Lee 716-570-6131 (10)

'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 (10)

'64 **Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convert**, Silver Blue Metallic, 2-door, automatic trans, 6-cylinder 110 HP, \$6,500. Call: Bob at 716-754-2391/Barb at 716-957-3076. (10)

'67 **Volkswagen conv.** red, black top, red/white inter., has correct bumpers, seat belts, side view mirrors, & wheel colors, runs well, located in Erie, Pa. Call Ed 814-474-3652 (10)



'64 **Corvair 300D** not currently running, best offer, call 716-759-1396 Lead from Rick Pearl (11)

'68 **Chevrolet Chevelle Conv.**, stock 327 cid/275 horse power, automatic, 3 owner, AACA 2nd Jr, call Kathy 716-625-8029 (1)

'78 **Porsche**, 928 stick shift, not currently running, best offer, call 716-759-1396 Lead from Rick Pearl (11)

'80 **Triumph TR7**, not currently running, best offer, call 716-759-1396 Lead from Rick Pearl (11)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

VW radio, 6vt, Saphire 1 by Bendix, with faceplate, does work, make offer Lon Wilson 716-873-6280 (1)

'36 **Dodge rims**, 4, \$125; '55 **Studebaker rims**, 4, \$125; '72 **Ford tailgate**, excell cond \$200, Mike Kosmoski 716-208-1167 (12)

'58 **Ford rear glass** \$75 Mike Kosmoski 716-276-9696 (1)

'93 **Cadillac DeVille radio**, still in orig wrap, factory Delco symphony sound cassette, pd\$240 – B/O. Call Rickey 716-634-2730 (11)

'12 **Mercedes Benz** orig, stock wheels with snow tires,\$1000/BO Rick 716-220-2272 please text (1)

Wheel covers'55-67 Chevy & '63 Ford 4/60 Ken Weinstein nites 716-689-6888 (11)

LITERATURE FOR SALE – Chilton's Auto Multi-Guide (1926-1931) \$20; '35 Chevy Repair Manual Supplement for '36 Manual \$10; Motor Services Auto Encyclopedia 3rd Ed '57 \$20; Motor Auto Engines & Electrical Systems 5th Ed '70 \$20; Saturday Mechanic Tune-up & Trouble Shooting Guide (all makes '74-'79) \$20; '64 Caddy Owner's Manual, Access, and Owner Protection Plan booklets in a Caddy sleeve \$20; '65 Caddy Owner's Manual, Access, and Owner Protection Plan booklets in a Caddy sleeve \$20; '65 Caddy Shop Manual & Body Service Manual \$20; '69 Caddy Owner's Manual \$10; '73 Chevy Vega DIY Service Manual \$10; '90 T-bird / Cougar Shop Manual w/ Wiring Diagrams \$20; '90 T-bird / Cougar Electrical & Vacuum Trouble Shooting Manual \$15; '90 Ford / Mercury DIY Maint Info \$15; All manuals in great cond & were donated to the Elma Historical Society. Proceeds to benefit the EHS Open to offers. Contact Bill Markowski at billygoat1973@outlook.com or call 716-818-6267. (1)






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

Refreshments will be provided.



Sunday, December 7, 2025
**AACA Lake Erie Region
Christmas Party**



Join us at the Polish Falcons
445 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY 14043
Cash Bar: 1:00 pm & Dinner: 2:00 pm
Entertainment to Follow Dinner

The dinner menu will include
Turkey with stuffing, breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes & gravy,
Vegetable, salad & rolls, and dessert
Members: \$35/ Guests: \$45



We will be collecting donations for the Cornerstone Manor.
Donation suggestions include Bath & Body Works products (body spray, lotion,
shower gel, paint-by-number kits, journals, family friendly
board games / cards, pajamas, and clear plastic totes with lids.



If you have a favorite Christmas cookie, please bring some along to share.

Reservations must be received by **November 29, 2025**
and mailed to Barb Noonan, 1374 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.
Checks should be made payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**.
For questions, contact Barb Noonan at 716 228-7355 or Lynelle Schloerb at 716 949-2489.

Member or Guest Name	Phone Number	Cost
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Total Enclosed		\$

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Niagara County's Secrets & Grant's Toy Farm Tour – Sept 7, 2025



George Camann & Jerry Ptak are up to something and Del Upton might be taking notes



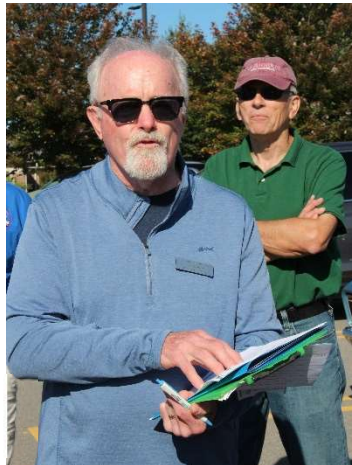
Ruth Camann, Jim & Christine Smyczynski are enjoying the nice weather.



Ray Gajkowski, JoAnn Gullett and Ken Knoll smile for the camera



Eileen Wode, Peggy Ptak, Don Roberts & Bob Snyder listen to Dennis Upton's instructions



Jerry Ptak (behind Dennis), Mark Yearke, Jeff & Karen Schwartz and Chuck Weimer wait for Dennis to say "Start Your Engines!"



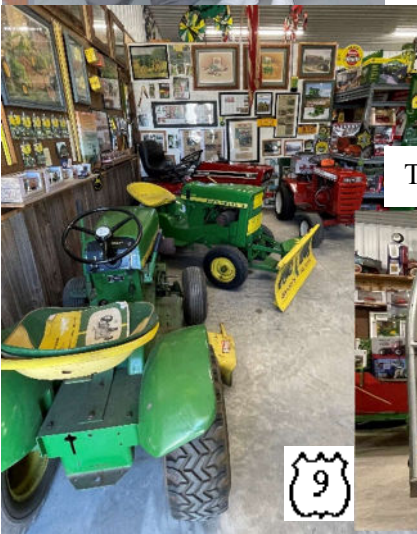
Cliff & Sue Grant welcome us.



Tractors everywhere!



Full size (above), pedal tractors (below left) & models





Left: we figured out what this one was made of – pop cans!
Look long enough you'll find some other collectables
Photos by Lon & Valerie Wilson



Tractors as far as the eye can see, row after row after.....



Shelves full of pedal tractors, too, all very nicely displayed

Above middle: a half of tractor display.
Left: Leave it to Lon to find the John Deere Train!
Below: He's bearly big enough to drive, but he is ready wearing his John Deere shirt.



Cliff & John Haid sit down to chat.

Lon & Valerie Wilson celebrated their 40th anniversary with some tasty cupcakes
Del & Dennis planned a great day!



FIRST CLASS

The Sidelight



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Calendar of Events

Oct 13 – Columbus Day

Oct. 18 – Poker Run, hosted by Camanns & Ptaks

Oct. 31 – Halloween

Nov. 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 4 – Election Day

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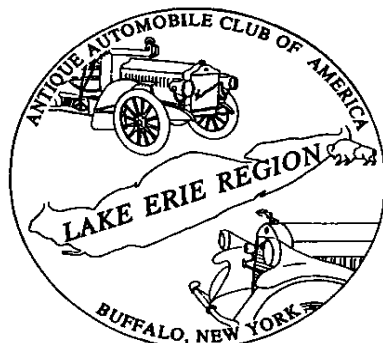


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