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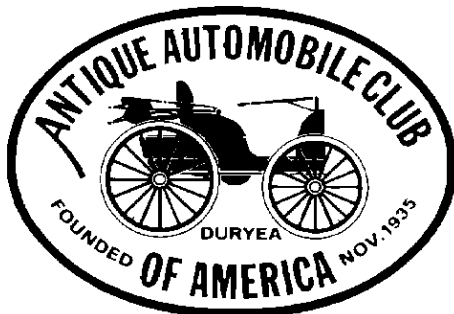
The tasty dessert created for the October run

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Events for 2025

Nov. 9 – Movie Night, hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson, “The Natural” will be showing

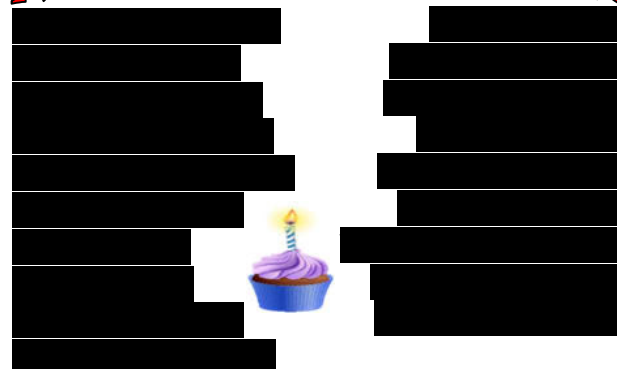
Dec 7 – Annual Christmas Party – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lynelle Schloerb.

*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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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Members & guests who enjoyed the poker run & rally were: Andy & Carol Boulet – ‘62 Buick Wildcat (20); Mark Brylinski & Maria Orellana – ‘68 Volkswagen Bug (95); George & Ruth Camann - ‘89 Ford Probe (*); Christopher Ciszek – ‘55 Chevy (70); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam – ‘95 Neon (*); John Haid and Guest Margaret Haid – ‘67 Buick (*); David & Mary Ellen Kaplan – ‘48 Frazer (110); Mike Mesi – ‘64 Chevy Impala (*); Barb Noonan with Guests Barb Able and Connie Ashcroft – ‘57 Chevy Bel Air (*); Daniel O'Connor & Candace Reed – ‘49 Ford Pick Up (125); Jerry & Peggy Ptak – ‘75 Fiat Spider (*); Leonard Sayward – ‘40 Chevy Super Deluxe Convertible (40); David & Jane Szachta – ‘82 GMC (70); Sam & Jean Yanik – ‘95 Chevy Impala (*); Ray Gajkowski and Guest Janis Fisher (30); Kenneth Kaczka & Sue Reville (120); Mark & Ann Palmer (135); Cliff Schulz (*); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (*); Terry Tredo (90); Chuck Weimer (*); Lon & Valerie Wilson (*); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (100).

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Lon Wilson Membership Chmn. 716-873-6280

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The board meeting was a little bit shorter than most as Chuck Weimer has a number of events scheduled well into 2026, so things are moving along smoothly. The first open month is May for the Rustbuster. We are still looking for someone to come up with an idea for this event. If you have an idea, talk to any board member. We can provide a person with experience to help plan a run. It is not hard, but there are some things that LER requires to make for a great tour. We are also willing to talk to anyone who may have an interest of joining the board. It can be very interesting to see how this club ticks. It was also mentioned that some club members don't realize that the club does subsidize most events as a benefit of your membership. Your dues also covers the cost of the newsletter, so attending just a few events and you are ahead of the game.

If you missed the last outdoor run of this season, you missed a good one. Despite the wet start, it turned out to be a very nice day with a number of antiques getting their last run of the season. Because it was a Saturday run, we welcomed a few different members who normally can't make it on Sunday. It was also nice to welcome new members, Andy & Carol Boulet in their 1965 Buick Wildcat. George & Jerry created a run like no other. After motoring to the first stop together, we were sent off one at a time to follow a unusual set of directions. We first had to follow which way to turn following stick

figures, then we had to decipher clues to see where to go next. We were also given "emergency" packets in case we go lost. Several stops along the way to get cards, counting stop signs and watching for pumpkin sales were other parts of the run. It was certainly a new and different type of run on a warm fall day, that I hope the guys will do again sometime.

Afterwards we enjoyed a nice luncheon at Panes Restaurant where prizes were awarded for the best poker hands, correct number of stop signs and what farms had pumpkins for sale. Lon & I were a bit off on the number of stop signs, so I wonder how we missed some. I am sure that everyone had a good time that day. Cliff Schulz gets the Hard Luck trophy as his little Honda broke down in the morning. Now that the '65 Jaguar is done, I guess it is time to do some work on the daily driver. Good luck Cliff.

Now it's time to put those four wheeled summer babies to bed for their winter hibernation.

Hope to see you as we relive the filming of The Natural by watch this Buffalo made film. DON'T forget to sign up early for the Christmas Party and the Banquet. Those are our premier events that YOUR club subsidizes.

Valerie

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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AUTOS FOR SALE

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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)

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

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

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'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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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.

Saturday October 18th Was hosted by George Camann and Jerry Ptak. They had planned a poker run and mini road rally, followed by a luncheon banquet at Panes Restaurant. Thanks to George and Jerry for putting together this fantastic event.

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 from 1 to 5pm. 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". This will be an evening event, doors open at 5pm. See the Sidelight for details. Reservation deadline is January 20th 2026.

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



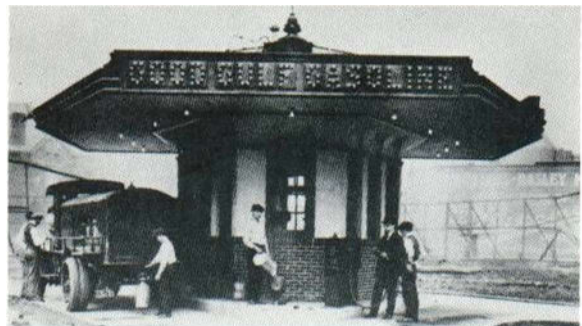
Mike Mesi & Chuck Weimer participated by judging the Driver Participation Class at Hershey. Meanwhile Jeff Cryan spotted a few club members cars: Dan Gernatt's '26 Rolls Royce – 3rd Junior; Lee Singer '48 Playboy – First Junior; Dave Kaplin's '48 Playboy on display after running The Great Race & Cliff Schulz's now famous '65 Jaguar - Senior. Not pictured - Paul Fix's '67 Mustang – Junior Award Congratulations everyone!

Also in attendance: Mark Brylinksi, Tim Cryan, Chuck Facklam, Ross & Gail Martin, Ken Pielechowski, Paul Schrader, Todd Schupbach, Jeff Schwartz, Bob Snyder, Chris Tucker, Ed Vogt, Brian White, and Mark Yearke.



Did You Know?

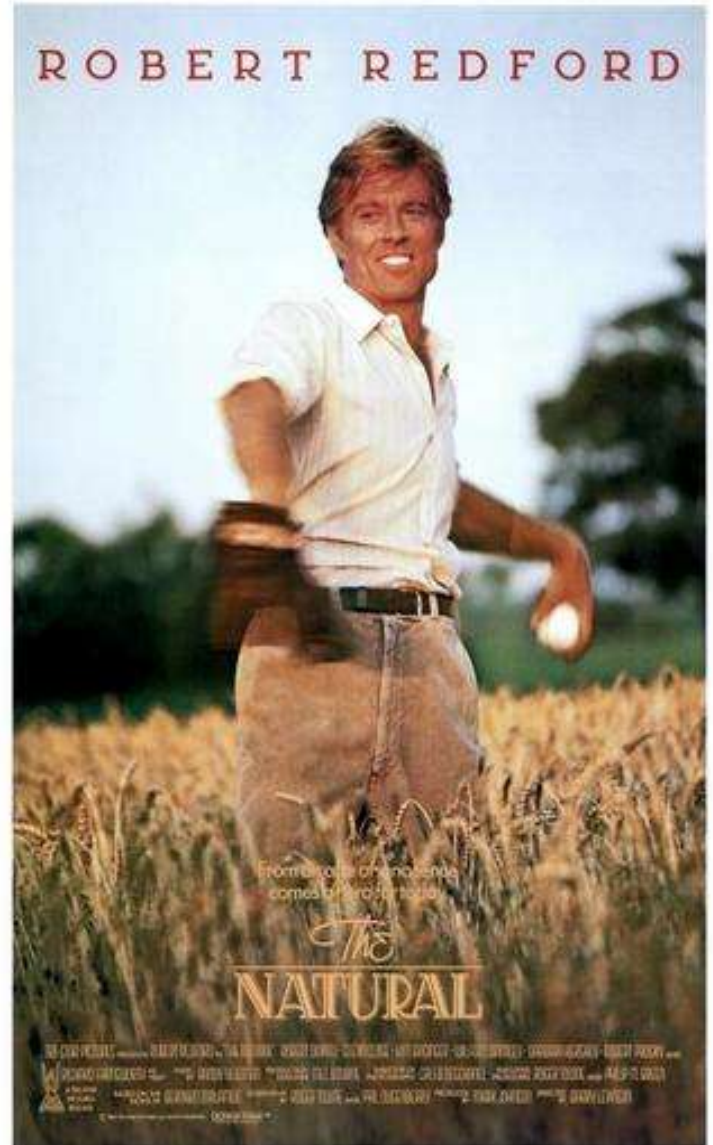
The first drive-in gas station opened on December 1, 1913, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Gulf Refining Company. It was designed specifically for motorists, allowing them to refuel their vehicles conveniently, and it was also the first to distribute free road maps.



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**November 9th
1:00pm
Polish Falcons Hall
43 Columbia Ave, Depew, NY**



Come and relive when Western New York became the backdrop for a major movie, directed by Barry Levinson, and starring Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glenn Close, Kim Basinger, Wilford Brimley, Barbara Hershey, Robert Prosky and Richard Farnsworth.

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
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total Enclosed		\$





AACA LAKE ERIE REGION
2026 INSTALLATION BANQUET
SEA CRUISE



Saturday, January 24, 2026

Please join us in the **TERRACE ROOM** for fun, food, and friends.

Classics V
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Doors Open at 5:00pm
Cash Bar w/Hors D'Oeuvres
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~~~~~Reservation Deadline January 20, 2026~~~~~

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Name(s): _____ # of members _____ x \$45 = _____

Email/phone # _____ # non-members _____ x \$55 = _____

TOTAL: _____

****Please include email address or phone number for reservation confirmation within 5 days. Should you not hear from us please call Karen 716-860-7480 or Sue 716-796-1942***

Send Reservation to Karen Schwartz; 483 Schwartz Road; Lancaster, NY 14086



Legislative Affairs Info

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

Tariff Updates: Steel & Aluminum, Japan and UK Deals: On 9/15/25 the US Commerce Dept. open the process for the next round of inclusions under the steel and Aluminum Section 232 tariffs, and will close on 9/29/25, Companies that import products containing any amount of these metals and that are not currently subject to the steel and aluminum tariffs should monitor the process. However, it's important to note that products covered by automotive tariffs aren't subject to 232 tariffs. Monitoring submissions during this window (Sept. 30th – Oct 14th) and participating in the public comment process may be important steps to protect supply chains.

U.S. Japan Trade Agreement: The agreement, concluded this summer and implemented early in September, makes notable changes for autos and auto parts. Under the deal, tariffs on Japanese autos and parts are being reduced from 25% to 15%. The reduction took effect within a week of the executive order's publication and applies retroactively to August 7th, meaning importers may be eligible for refunds on qualifying shipments.

U.S. UK Trade Agreement (Known as the Economic Prosperity Deal): This agreement reshapes trade flows. UK-manufactured vehicles exported to the U.S. now face a reduced tariff of 10% (down from 27.5%) for up to 100,000 vehicles annually. Parts produced in the UK for use in these vehicles benefit from the same 10% tariff.

SEMA Pushes EPA to End Regulation That Limits Vehicle Options: SEMA is urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to follow through with its proposal to rescind a dubious policy position that empowered regulations at the federal and state levels to deprive American of vehicle choice through electric-vehicle (EV) mandates that were out of step with market realities. SEMA maintains its backing of the EPA's proposal to:

- Restore the Clean Air Act to its proper scope,
- Create long term certainty for entire industry sectors,
- Provide cost-effective alternatives while preserving flexibility in vehicle choice,
- Reduce adverse impacts on small businesses; and prevent a patchwork of competing federal and state mandates that destabilize markets by delegating policymaking back to the legislative branch.

North Carolina Going Full Throttle to Protect

Racetracks: A bill to protect racetracks from NIMBY-led (Not in My Back Yard) nuisance complaints is set to become law in North Carolina. The North Carolina General Assembly passed HB926 last week, which protects racetracks from nuisance claims, specifically in cases where motorsports facility had legally established development rights and received all necessary permits and approvals to begin construction and operations. Governor Josh Stein announced he will allow the bill to become law without his signature

California Ends EV Mandate for Private Truck Fleets: SEMA sued, and California retreated. Now the state's emissions standards agency has formally scrapped its zero-emissions purchasing rule for private fleets. Last week, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced the repeal of key parts of its Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) policy, including applying to federal and private fleets, including drayage trucks (trucks used to transport shipping containers to its final destination). This is a resounding victory for the industry against California's effort to ban ICE engines and, specifically, California's plans to ban new diesel truck sales by 2036 and require full-fleet conversion by 2042. Previously, the state sought to require only zero emission vehicles (ZEV's) could cross California's borders, regardless of which state the vehicle was purchased or registered.

Keeping up with the Trump EPA: September 2025 Update: Trump's and his administration's aggressive approach to reducing the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) imposed regulatory burdens has been aimed at encouraging the re-domestication of American manufacturing, including the automotive sector. Many of EPA's deregulatory actions have either undone or significantly modified rules that EPA issued under previous administrations. These deregulatory actions were taken in response to Trump's executive orders, but are all limited to the authorizing legislation passed by Congress. However, once Congress passes a bill and the president signs it into law, federal department and agencies, such as the EPA, are responsible to write rules and regulations that how they will implement and enforce the law. So, while regulations can generally be repealed, replaced or revisited, the laws are still laws and regulations must be consistent with the framework they establish. If you're wondering, "What do



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all of Trump's executive order and the EPA's responsive actions relate to the automotive industry mean for the aftermarket businesses". The regulatory trickle-down effect with much of the deregulation in the automotive sector, to date, will primarily impact the OE's, but is expected to trickle-down to the auto aftermarket sector. However, the Congressional Review Act (CRA) is the most impactful deregulatory move is a federal law, signed by Trump earlier this year. The CRA is a nuanced, procedural tool that allows Congress to stop the implementation of regulation within 60 days of a regulation being finalized. The CRA may still stop California's electric mandates through 2028 and make California think twice about overreaching and attempting to set national policy through the limited exemption afforded to the state in the federal CAA (Clean Air Act). Also, the overturn of the Chevron Deference will play a significant role in any lawsuits regarding the President's Executive Orders and EPA's deregulation. Therefore, any new regulations passed by a future administration will be subject to stricter scrutiny in the courts, and remedying these challenges will not be fast.

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.

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Co-Chair (10/07/25)

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Poker Run & Mini Road Rally - Oct 18, 2025



Above: Mike Mesi's '64 Impala; Andy & Carol Boulet's '65 Wildcat
Below: Dan O'Connor's '49 Ford; Maria Orellana's '68 VW bug; Chris Ciszek's '55 Chevrolet



Dave & Mary Ellen Kaplan's '48 Frazer; Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam's '95 Neon, and Dave & Jane Szachta's '82 GMC



Leonard Sayward's '40 Chevrolet Convertible sports this license plate topper



Above: John Haid's '67 Buick
Below: Ray Gajkowski, Janis Fisher and Terry Tredo look over the directions



Above: George & Ruth Camann get everyone ready to tour



Left: Peggy Ptak gets Karen Schwartz signed in.



Above right: Maria Orellana looks on as Mark Brylinski goes over instructions with Dave & Mary Ellen Kaplan.



Right: Chuck Facklam & Leonard Sayward listen in.



Below: Jerry Ptak prepares to hand out the next set of cards,



Left: Connie Ashcroft & Barb Able will ride with Barb Noonan on this run. Right: New members Andy & Carol Boulet meet George Camann





Barb Noonan's '57 Bel Air, Jerry & Peggy Ptak's '75 Fiat, George & Ruth Camann's '89 Probe, Sam & Jean Yanik's '95 Impala



Maria & Mark smile for the camera, while, Chuck, Dave & Mary Ellen chat.



Leonard Sayward & Ray Gajkowski discuss their answers with Jerry.



Left: "The Girls" - Sue Reville, Terry Tredo & Ann Palmer.



Below: We know what we are getting for dessert - a piece of this fancy cake!

Margaret Haid & Candace Reed pose for the camera.

Below: "The Guys" - Chuck Weimer, Cliff Schulz & Sam Yanik.



Below: Jerry & George announce the winners as Mary Ellen & Dave Kaplan display their prize

Photos by Lon Wilson



Sue Reville & Ken Kaczka won a prize. Jeff & Karen Schwartz were also winners



Far left to right: Dave Szachta, Barb Noonan & Chris Ciszek also knew the right answers.

Below: George & John Haid settle the bill.



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The Sidelight



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Calendar of Events

Nov. 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 4 – Election Day

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Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

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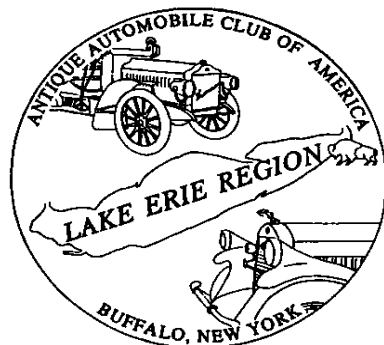


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