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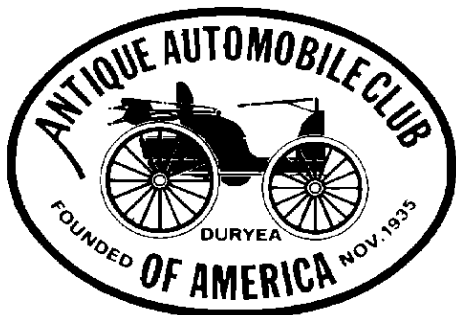
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You never know what will show up at our Annual Car Show  
Come out to see what will be there this year!

**APRIL 2026**

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## FEATURES:

- President's Message
- Activities Report
- April Slide Show info
- May Rustbuster info
- Car Show flyer



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Bold type indicates board members/positions

**Events for 2026**

- Apr. 12 – Annual year in review slide show – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson
- May 17 - Rustbuster, hosted by Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer
- June 7 – Annual Car Show, Chuck Facklam & 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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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

*Sympathies*



Members and guests who learned about Buffalo vehicles were: George & Ruth Camann (75); Orrin Catlin (10); Christopher Cizek (10); Jared & Patti Cooper (10); Tim Cryan (25); Chuck & Mary Beth Facklam (55); John Haid and Guest Peter Haid (30); David Kaplan (10); Ken Knoll (35); David Lombardo (25); Ross Martin (35); Mike Mesi and Guest Alan Chrzanowski(45); Bob Nash (25); Barb Noonan (55); Daniel & Candace Reed O'Connor (25); Mark & Ann Palmer (55); Ken Pielechowski (10); Tom Pirrung (20); Mary-Teresa Platt (25); Jerry & Peggy Ptak (55); Cliff Schulz (35); Karl Schurkus (10); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (75); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (20); Terry Tredo and Guest Dan Tredo (10); Martin Troutman (10); Ed Vogt (10); Chuck Weimer (55); Ken Weinstein (10); Lon & Valerie Wilson (55); Charles & Gertrude Wolski (30); Sam & Jean Yanik (35); Mark & Sue Yearke (55).

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello LER members. Just as we had a taste of a few nice days in March, then old man winter returns. It's par for the course. Think spring, it's on the way. We teamed up once again this year to secure the Clarence Pavilion for the summer picnic. Cliff Schulz arrived a little after 3am and was tenth in line on sign up day at Clarence Town Hall, then Mike Mesi relieved him at 5:30am, followed by myself at 7am, we were able to get the date and preferred pavilion we wanted. Thanks to Cliff and Mike for rolling out of bed in the wee hours of the morning.

Our March event was hosted by Chuck Facklam; his presentation was about The Real History of the Buffalo Built Vehicles. He provided a lot of interesting and

educational information, many thanks to Chuck Facklam. Don't miss out on our next indoor event at the Polish Falcons, it's the annual year in review, see the activities report for details. Also, at the next indoor club event we will have the signup sheets to volunteer to help out with the June 2026 car show, please consider signing up, we need all the help we can get. If you're not able to attend and would like to sign up, please contact the Car Show Chairman listed in the Sidelight. Upcoming National events 2026 AACA, April 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte, NC, then April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nats Las Vegas.

Thanks for being a member!  
 Chuck Weimer, LER President

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## ACTIVITIES REPORT

The nice weather is coming – time to check out your antique cars and get them ready for the warm weather activities.

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – “**The Year in Review**” hosted by Barb Noonan and Lon Wilson, at the Polish Falcons. This is a slide show presentation of all the fun events from last year. It starts at 1pm, and we are asking our members to bring in an appetizer if they would like. Please let Karen Schwartz know what you will be bringing so she can anticipate your needs.

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** is **The Rustbuster**. Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer are our hosts for this event. We will meet at Southgate Plaza and begin our cruise to Eden. There we will tour Bill Gacioch’s Specialty Museum, then move onto lunch at Danny’s South and dessert on Route 20 Ice Cream Stand. We hope you sign up to attend. See the flyer in the April Sidelight.

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Will be the **Annual Car Show** hosted by Chuck Facklam and Mike Mesi. The show is going to be held at the Como Park Bowen Road Grove. Our sponsors are West – Herr Automotive Group and Gernatt Asphalt. The shows flyers are available at our other upcoming events. Please sign up to help out at the show, call either Chuck or Mike. Registration is needed and information is in the Sidelight.

**Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>** – is the **Summer Picnic** hosted by Chuck Weimer and Cliff Schulz. It will be held at Clarence Town Park in the Townview Pavilion on Goodrich Road. Lunch will be catered by Cozy Catering. Please look for the flyer in the upcoming Sidelight and sign up for this fun event.

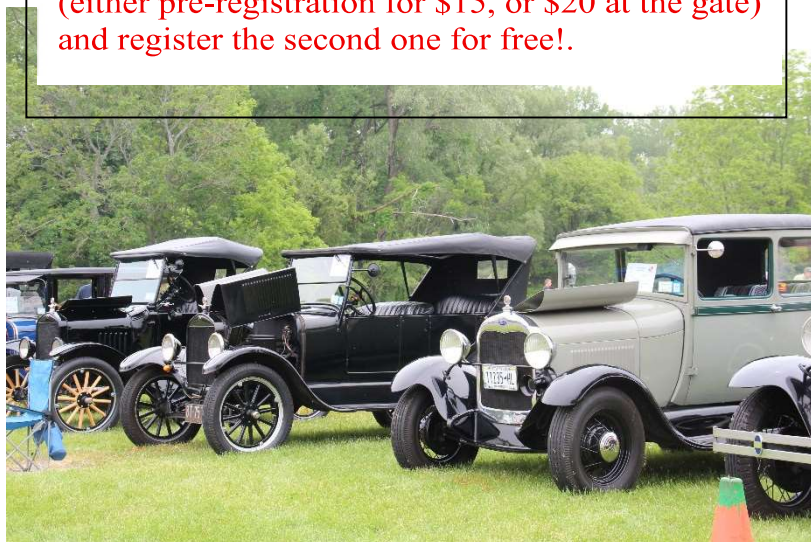
Peggy Ptak – Activities Co-Chair

**On The Cover:** From last year’s car show, Mark Sexton with his 1950 Plymouth Suburban Special

# EARTH DAY

## Did You Know?

One of the perks of being an AACA & LER member in good standing is that you can register two cars for the price of one. In other words, for those members who have more than one drivable vehicle, you can register the first one (either pre-registration for \$15, or \$20 at the gate) and register the second one for free!



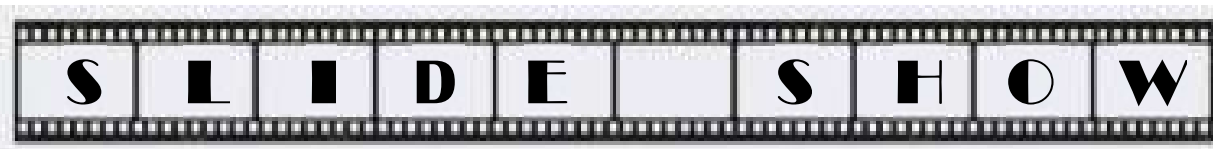
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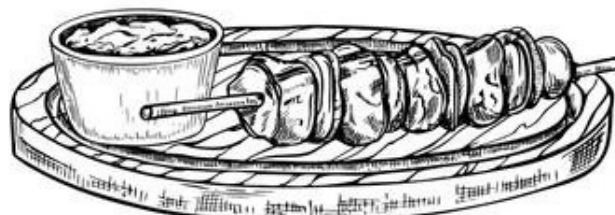


**Of 2025 Events**



**Do you have a favorite appetizer?**

You are invited to bring it along to share with other members while we watch the Slide Show.



## Welcome to our new members

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## SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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### \*AUTOS FOR SALE\*

'64 Impala Convertible 283, AT, bucket seats, rebuilt engine, \$39,900 Ken Weinstein 716-689-6888 (7).

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**Shop Manuals** '42 Buick Shop Manual \$20; '54 Lincoln Service Manual \$25; '52-'55 Lincoln Chassis Parts

Catalogue \$25; '37-'51 Pontiac Parts Catalog \$25; '73 Oldsmobile New Product Service Information Manual \$10; '74 Oldsmobile Chassis Service Manual \$20; '75 Chevrolet Service and Overhaul Manual Supplement \$10; '83 Oldsmobile Chassis Service Manual \$20; '81 Chiltons Auto Repair Manual \$10; '85 Chiltons Auto Repair Manual \$10; '90 GM B Body Platform Service Manual \$20; Ed Vogt 262-4842(7)

**Shop Manuals** '59 Ford Thunderbird shop manual \$10; '69 Chevrolet Chassis Service Manual \$10; '69 Chevrolet Chassis Overhaul Manual (poor covers) \$10; '73 Chevrolet Passenger car & Light duty truck overhaul manual \$5; '60 Corvair shop Manual (very poor condition) \$3; '62-63 Corvair Shop Manual Supplement \$5; '69 Fisher Body Service Manual (poor covers) \$10; '73 Fisher Body Service Manual \$6; '74 Ford Shop Manual vol. 1-5 \$30; '82-94 Nissan Sentra Automotive Repair Manual \$10. Lon 873-6280 (7)

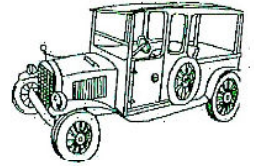
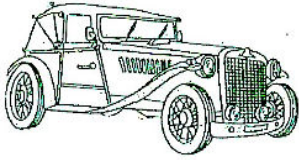
### NON AUTO MISC FOR SALE

**Nazi WW2 binoculars** \$200, S&H green stamp dispenser \$50, Ken Weinstein 689-6888 (4)

### MEMBER SUBMISSION

**May 3** - Street Rod & High Performance 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Swap Meet, Sanborn Farm Museum, 2660 Saunders Settlement Rd. (Rt 31), Sanborn, NY, 7am-2pm, parking & vendor space, car related items only, breakfast & lunch on grounds, info call Tom 716-694-0888, John 716-628-6786 From Tom Grimm





MAY 17, 2026

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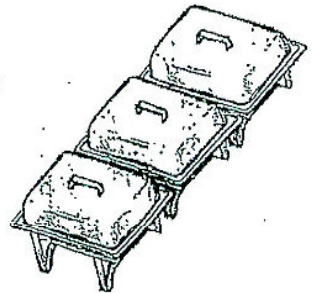
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**RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

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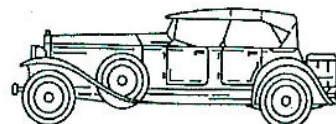
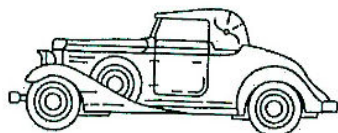
*Send Reservations to Cliff Schulz 66 Patrice Ter Williamsville NY 14221*



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# Lake Erie Region AACA

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- “For Sale” signs are prohibited on Judging Field, they are allowed in the “Display Only” class 19 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, 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 Judge has 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. Registration will close at NOON.**

### JUDGING CLASSES FOR 2026 CAR SHOW

Class	Description		
1 A	AACA National <b>First Junior</b> 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 2001, including Model A & T Fords (excluding Modified)
3	Production Cars 1936 thru 1945	12	Chevrolet Corvettes thru 2001
4	Production Cars 1946 thru 1951	13	Ford Mustangs thru 2001
5	Production Cars 1952 thru 1955	14	Foreign, Sports, & Kit Cars thru 2001
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 2001
9	Production Cars 1971 thru 1977	18	Modified Trucks thru 2001
10	Production Cars 1978 thru 2001	19	Display Only

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Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Class # \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Would you like more information about the Club?



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## Legislative Affairs Info

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### Current Events:

**The U.S. and Israeli military actions regarding Iran, the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on tariffs, the Greenland territorial dispute, and the situation in Venezuela may all have significant implications, including potential effects on tariffs, as well as the cost and availability of goods, fuel, automobiles, and automotive parts.** Hopefully the next weeks and months we will see a stabilization of the global economy, return peace to the middle east and reduce tensions across the world.

### Tariffs Update: Key Details on the Recent Supreme Court Decision:

The Supreme Court, by a 6-3 vote, upheld an October U.S. Court of Appeals decision stating that tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) of 1977—ranging from 10% to 50%—are unlawful and go beyond what the statute allows. In response, President Trump introduced a temporary 15% tariff on imported goods. However, products already subject to section 232 tariffs—such as automotive parts and steel and aluminum derivatives—are not included in this new 15% tariff. Section 232 tariffs have been applied to automobiles, auto parts, steel, aluminum, copper (and items made with these metals), semiconductors, timber, lumber, and medium/heavy-duty trucks and their components. These tariffs are authorized by the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, which aims to protect national security by limiting imports considered a threat.

New Section 122 Tariffs and Section 301 Investigations:

After the country-specific tariffs issued under IEEP ended on February 24th, President Trump announced plans

for a 15% global tariff under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974. Automobiles and auto parts covered by Section 232 remain exempt from this new Section 122 tariff, which came into effect on February 24, 2026, and will last at least 150 days—expiring July 24 unless Congress extends it.

Tariff regulations like Section 301, Section 232 (for national security), and Section 201 require agency investigations, public comment periods, and official reports submitted to the President. These processes are not immediate.

### Greenland Dispute Generates New Tariffs on European Partners:

President Trump stated the U.S., beginning February 1, 2026, will impose a 10% tariff on imports from eight European countries who oppose United States efforts to gain greater control over Greenland: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Finland. President Trump indicated the tariff rate would increase to 25% by June 1, 2026, if negotiations fail to produce an outcome favorable to the U.S.

### Leno's Law Returns in California as SB 1392:

SB 1392, backed by Jay Leno and SEMA, is a bipartisan bill from Sens. Cortese and Grove that creates a limited exemption from California's smog check requirement for qualifying collector vehicles. The bill applies only to insured collector cars, introduces phased eligibility for older models, and aims to address the challenges classic car owners face with smog checks. With only 7% of smog checks performed on pre-OBD-II vehicles, and classic cars usually driven sparingly, SB 1392 offers a more practical regulation reflecting their actual use.

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

Chuck Wolski, Legislative Affairs Chair (03/03/26)

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# March 8th Indoor Meeting



Mary Teresa Platt & Candace Reed sell split club tickets

Photos by Lon Wilson



President Chuck Weimer prepares to pull the split club winning ticket

Their ship has come in! At the banquet in January, outgoing President Valerie Wilson presented board members with a gift that matched the theme of the evening.



Chuck Wolski & John Haid were unable to attend that night so Valerie presented them their gifts here.



Wrapped underneath the cruise ship was a lap blanket with their car pictured on it.



Chuck was a double winner as he also won the split club \$\$



# FIRST CLASS

# The Sidelight



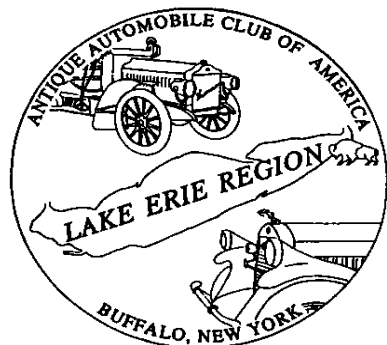
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**Calendar of Events**  
 Apr. 1 – April Fool’s Day  
 Apr. 3 – Good Friday  
 Apr. 5 - Easter  
**Apr. 12 – Annual year in review slide show – hosted by Barb Noonan & Lon Wilson**  
 Apr. 15 Tax Day  
 Apr. 22 – Earth Day  
**May 17 - Rustbuster, hosted by Cliff Schulz and Chuck Weimer**



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