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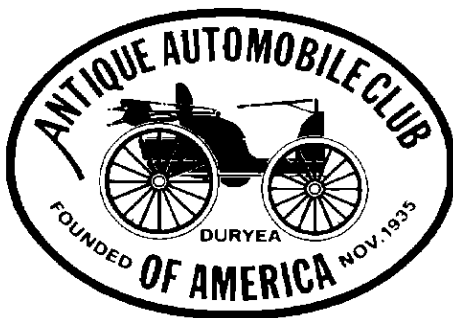
The Historic Warren Hull House

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Events for 2026

Sept 19 – Hawk Creek, hosted by Karen & Jeff Schwartz

Oct. 17 – Poker Road Rally hosted by George Camann and Jerry Ptak

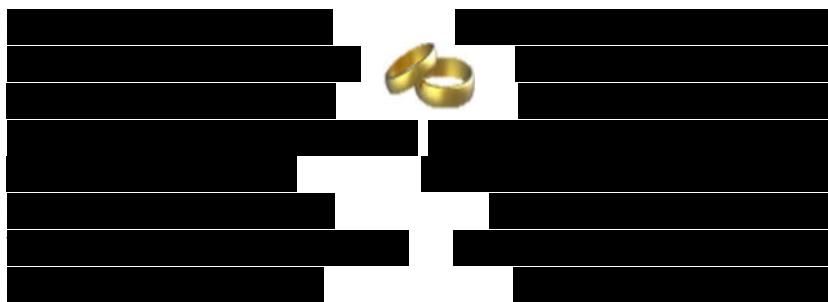
Nov. 8 – Desserts in the Afternoon. Hosted by Sam & Jean Yanik

*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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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Members and Guests who enjoyed the tour of the Hull House were: Jim & Lisa Galvin – 1955 Packard Caribbean & Guests Jim Casey – 1961 Belvedere & Jennifer Schenk (50); Ken Knoll & Guest Jo Ann Gullett – 1961 Impala (135); Mike Mesi - 1982 Toyota Supra (*); Jerry & Peggy Ptak – 1975 Fiat Spider (*); Bob & Chris Snyder - 1960 Buick Invicta (60); Lon & Valerie Wilson – 66 Ford Mustang (*); Sam & Jean Yanik – 1995 Chevy Monte Carlo (135); Eddie & D'Lynn Zurek – 1979 Olds Cutlass (60); Andy & Carol Boulet (125); Jared & Patti Cooper (40); Kenneth & Sue Reville Kaczka (100); Mark Palmer (105); Jeffery & Karen Schwartz (*); Jim & Christine Smyczynski (40); Chuck Weimer (*)

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LER members. WOW, another great outdoor club event, this one was at the Hull Family Home and Farmstead, we had fantastic weather all day. The LER members had a choice of a guided or self-guided tour. It was very interesting hearing about the Hull Family and how they lived. There had to be a last-minute restaurant change, arrangements were quickly made at La Bella's on Genesee St. which was right in line with our original destination. If you haven't been to La Bella's and like Italian this is the place to go. The food at the banquet was outstanding. Big thanks go out to Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll for making the last-minute restaurant change and for hosting this event.

Our next event is Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, if you like seeing wildlife up close you don't want to miss out on this one, see the flyer in the Sidelight for sign up information and details.

The board is still looking to fill the open position for treasurer, this is a great opportunity to get involved, if you have any interest or know of a candidate please contact any board member. The all-important car show is being discussed at the board meetings, as decisions are made, they will be announced.

A group of LER members went to the AACA Grand Nationals in Allentown, PA, some showed their cars and some spectated. If you attended, please let the Activities Awards Chair Peggy Ptak know to receive your activity points. Upcoming National events 2026 AACA, September 9th thru 14th Founders Tour Williamsburg, VA, then September 21st thru 26th Revival AAA Glidden Tour Dover Delaware.

Thanks for being a member!
Chuck Weimer, LER President

Cliff's Notes: On the road with the Phantom Jaguar.

Todd (Schupbach) and I were invited to show the little Red Jag at the 48th Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance. About 250 high level collector cars were in attendance. My class was contemporary sports cars from 1960 to 2000. My competition included Porsche, Corvette, Alfa Romeo, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Mustang and more. The Judges loved the little Red Jag but it was a dead heat between me and a 1962 Corvette recent winner of a top NCRS Bloomington Gold award. The Jag was also selected to be judged by the Hagerty



Youth Judges, ages 8-16. Suddenly, I was surrounded by 30 kids that wanted to know all about the little Red Jag. I was first of 14 cars, one from each class, to be judged.

Results: The Youth Judges honored the Jag with a Third Place in Show Glass



Trophy. Next, the Jag received a Second Place in Class - Glass Trophy and Red Ribbon Award. Although, I was disappointed, rumors started to circulate that the Jag was being considered for a Specialty Award. Best Preservation, Best British Car or Best Jaguar.

Soon after, I was asked to drive the Jag up to the Victory Lane Gallery. "Ladies and Gentlemen, I present the Best of Show Jaguar for 2026." Wow, I received a beautiful Green Ribbon and a Large Crystal Two Handle Trophy. A much bigger honor than winning my class. Good job Phantom I said and back to the trailer we went. Rain was predicted all day but held off until we got the Jag back into the trailer.

Next shows in Cleveland, Ohio and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Wish me Luck!



This just in – Jerry & Diana Aquilina attended the AACA Grand National in Allentown, PA with his 1993 Cadillac Allante. They were very happy and proud to be

awarded the Grand National First award! Congratulations! Don't forget to let Peggy Ptak know if you attend any AACA functions in addition to LER events.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Yikes – Only two more outdoor events left in this year! We hope you can join us as they will be entertaining and fun! We then go back inside at The Polish Falcons for more events. Please note that the last two outdoor events are on Saturdays.

Saturday, September 19th – Our hosts are Jeff and Karen Schwartz. We start off with breakfast at the Columns at 9:30 then we are going to Hawk Creek in West Falls. They have other attractions besides our special demonstration, so sign up early. Space is limited to 50 people, so see the Sidelight and sign up.

Saturday, October 17th – Here comes the Road Rally! George Camann and Jerry Ptak are hosting this event which will take us into the South towns. We will start by meeting in front of Panara at the McKinley Mall and travel south before returning to Chestnut Ridge Park. There

the Rally will begin.....Interested???? More information is in the Sidelight.

Sunday, November 8th – Sam and Jean Yanik will host Desserts are Us. Please plan ahead and bring one of your favorite desserts and the recipe, if you wish to share. More information will be in the upcoming Sidelight.

Sunday, December 13th, - We end our year of events with our Christmas Party. Hosted by Barb Noonan and Lynelle Schloerb we have a fun time playing games and being with friends. More information for this event will be in the upcoming Sidelight.

Anyone who has attended an AACA Car Show, did any judging or won an Event – Please let Peggy Ptak know so she can give you the points you have earned by going to the AACA event.

Peggy Ptak – Activities Co-Chair

Did You Know?

Lon saw an article about a car collection that included a 1929 Checker. He didn't know that Checker made cabs that early. While doing a little research on when the first Checkers were made, I found that "The Deschaum Motor Car Co. founded 1908 in Buffalo, New York was the earliest ancestor of what would eventually become Checker Motors"! At one point for a short period, the cars ran on a four-cylinder Herschell-Spillman engines. After a series of ownership & name changes, Morris Markin of the Markin Automobile Body, who

made his money selling uniforms to the US in WW I, would eventually acquire the company. He is the one who named the company Checker in 1922 and introduced the checkered beltline signature design in 1923.

Two restored older Checkers reside in the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. One is a 1923 Model E, the other is a 1936 Model Y. The museum also features the very last car the company assembled, a 1982 A11 taxi in Chicago green and ivory livery.



1923 Checker



1982 Checker

SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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AUTOS FOR SALE

'48 Frazer, great running and driving car, engine and brakes are rebuilt, new radial wide white tires, interior good. \$8500. Call David 716-617-1334 (9)

'48 Playboy solid running car. 4 cyl hercules with overdrive, original upholstery, serious inquires only, video & pictures available Call Lee 716-570-6131 (9)

'55 Buick Roadmaster, 2 door hardtop, Dynaflo, 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 (9)



'64 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible, Silver Blue Metallic, 2-door, automatic trans, 6-cylinder 110 HP, good driver. \$6,500. Contact: Bob at 716-754-2391 or Barb at 716-957-3076. (9)



'89 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, 50,850 miles, 2 tone silver & charcoal gray, maroon interior, all original & in beautiful condition. This car has never seen a snowflake or been driven in rain, garage kept, stored & covered from Oct to May. Serious inquiries only. No tirekickers, pics available to serious buyers. Call Tim 716-435-5073. Lead from Lon Wilson (11)



Massey-Harris Tractor: Model #30, gas powered, 4-cyl 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. (9)



Hawk Creek Wildlife Center

Saturday, September 19, 2026

We will begin at 9:30 with breakfast at

The Columns

2221 Transit Road
Elma, NY 14059



Breakfast Buffet includes:

Assorted Muffins and Danish
Freshly Cracked Scrambled Eggs
French Toast & Pancakes
Home Fried Potatoes
Fresh Fruit Salad
Smoked Bacon – Breakfast Sausage
Orange Juice & Apple Juice
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Hot Tea
Homemade Rice Pudding



We will assemble at 10:45 and depart at 11:00 for a cruise to

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center

1963 Mill Road
West Falls, NY 14170

At Hawk Creek we will have a private tour led by one of their experienced naturalists. The 60 minute tour will introduce you to Hawk Creek's permanent residents. This amazing experience will take you throughout the beautiful center grounds where you will have the opportunity to take amazing wildlife photos as you learn about each of the residents' unique stories.

The tour will be followed by a **SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION**

****The Hawk Creek driveway and parking lot are compacted gravel and grass with handicap parking****

WE ARE LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE; this is a first come basis event. Once we reach 50 reservations we will start a waiting list. We will contact everyone who registers to confirm their reservation. If we receive enough additional reservations we will add a second group.

RESERVATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Please detach and send with check payable to **AACA Lake Erie Region**

Name(s): _____ # of members _____ x \$34 = _____

Email/phone # _____ # non-members _____ x \$39 = _____

TOTAL: _____



****RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE VALID WITHOUT PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS****

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



CARS ON TOUR TO THE HULL HOUSE 8-16-2026

Top row: Sam & Jean Yanik – 1995 Chevrolet; Eddie & D'Lynn Zurek – 1979 Oldsmobile; Jim & Lisa Galvin – 1955 Packard; Bob & Chris Snyder - 1960 Buick; Bottom row: Jim Casey – 1961 Belvedere; Jerry & Peggy Ptak – 1975 Fiat; Ken Knoll – 1961 Impala; Lon & Valerie Wilson – 66 Ford Mustang; and Mike Mesi - 1982 Toyota.



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***Are you ready for
the 2nd Annual LER
Poker Run and
Road Rally?***



Meet us at **10 AM Saturday, October 17th, 2026**, in front of the Panera at McKinley Mall.

We will head south for some seasonal 'leaf peeping' before starting our rally from the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino where restrooms will be available.

We will keep things simple, so don't fret if you have never taken part in a road rally. We do recommend bringing a navigator along. The rally will mostly take place on residential streets in the vicinity of Orchard Park. The total distance will be less than 40 miles. Time and speed are not a factor.

Our focus is on having a good time!

Afterwards, we have a three-meat buffet meal planned for 12:30 at Danny's South, 4300 Abbott Road, Orchard Park 14127

Prizes will be awarded! Don't miss out on this fun event!

Deadline for reservations is October 7th

**For any questions, please contact George Camann at (716)727-9559
or Jerry Ptak at (716)449-0062**

Your Name: _____ # of members _____ x \$30 = _____

Email/phone # _____ # non-members _____ x \$35 = _____

TOTAL: _____

****YOUR EMAIL/PHONE # WILL BE USED TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION****

Send this form with your check payable to AACA Lake Erie Region to:

Peggy Ptak, 195 Crosby Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14217





Jim Casey & Jim Galvin talk things over while Mike Mesi & Jared Cooper do the same. Below: Jerry Ptak & Jim Smyczynski have things to discuss.



Above: Christine Smyczynski, Sue Reville, Jean Yanik & Jo Ann Gullett smile for the camera Below: Bob Snyder is surrounded by the ladies: Valerie Wilson, Ann & Chris Snyder & Peggy Ptak



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Desserts in the Afternoon

Do you have a favorite Dessert?
or maybe it's a recipe from your
mom or grandma or was
this a dessert made on a Holiday?

Here is your chance to show off
your baking skills at the
November meeting.

Sample size appreciated.

Host Sam & Jean Yanik

Date: Sunday, November 8

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Polish Falcons

445 Columbia Ave, Depew

Call: (716) 759-1072

leave a message with member count,
(to indicate how many tables to set)





AUGUST 16, 2026



Our tour guides told us of the history of the family and explained how they lived



Left is the common room



Left and right, our guide talks about the parlor

The kitchen has three different types of ovens!



Below is the larder room, used for storing perishables because it is cool and dry



A large clock at the top of the stairway
Right: a desk displays some paperwork in the office





Above is the girl's bedchamber.

The boy's bedchamber displays a bed strung with rope. Tightening the ropes is where the term "Sleep Tight" comes from!



Above and middle: bed & table from the master bedchamber showing items they would have used while living in the home.



A couple of reconstructed features in the backyard. A smoke house & well.

Jared & Patti Cooper are thinking of make a wish at the well.

Photos by Lon



Members check out the gardens and the beautiful flowers,



Time to eat!!

Ken Knoll & Mike Mesi planned a great day for us.



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The Sidelight



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Calendar of Events

Sept. 7 – Labor Day

Sept. 11 – Patriot Day

Sept. 19 – Breakfast, then Hawk Creek presentation, hosted by Jeff & Karen Schwartz

Sept. 22 – Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)

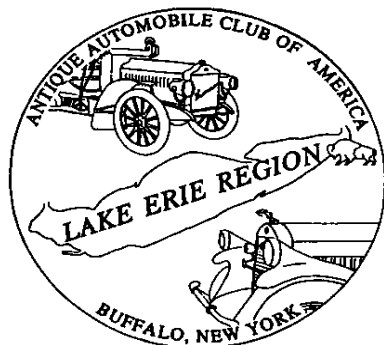
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