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# From the Editor:

We do still have washable, reusable face masks for sale. They are \$5 each and we will mail them out if you include \$1 for P&H. All proceeds go to LER. Of course, they will be available at all upcoming events

# **NEWS & NOTES**

Tim Cryan reported that new member Chuck DiBella won the following at the recent National show Charlotte, NC. For his 1910 Sears J he won Original HPOF and for his 1914 Overland he won a Senior Award. Congratulations both awards!





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: May days are finally here and the trees and spring flowers are colorizing the landscape. Hooray! It's such a good feeling to smell that fresh spring air. In this month's message I have some good news, some bad news and back again to good news. First, the Rustbuster 2021 event has met the minimum needed and will kick off our outside season. Because of the early time start, we will not be touring together to Lockport. Remember to get there early for the best parking and don't forget your masks. This will be a great event! Second, for the bad news, I must report that our 2021 car show will have to be postponed again to 2022. Chuck Facklam has met with the town of Elma several times and they cannot lift all of the state restrictions for an event of this size. There are just too many obstacles to overcome. Even if we were to move the event to another location the financial risk this year would be high. We cannot afford to lose money on the show. Third, we will be replacing our show with a new ICE CREAM SUNDAE TOUR II. Don Butlak is excited to take us to the Charcoal Corral in Perry, New York. This is a destination tour that promises great food, ice cream sundaes and games. Then, take the long way home by driving through Letchworth State park. Look for the flyer in this month's Sidelight. Don't miss this one!

OK, back to Cliff's story: With the Red Jaguar XKE all shined up and ready to go, I hit the local show circuit in 1982. The first win ever was at the huge Victor Car Show held in Victor, NY. What a great show that was back in the day. Always held on the grass, they regularly attracted about 1000 cars. For the next ten years, I regularly drove to all the best car shows. Do you remember the Tri-Five Show, Ford Lord Show, Southgate Plaza Show, Eurocar Car Day and many more? Many shows did not have a foreign/sports car class until the Jaguar Club kept showing up. Then I bought an open car trailer and took the Jag on the road to several out of state shows. We hit many shows in Canada, Massachusetts, New Hope PA., Cleveland to mention a few. Everyone knows how much work that is and fun at the same time. So, 10 years and 30 + wins is a pretty good record for an old Cat. Time for a pause, to promote family needs, career, friends, a new house and the Jaguar Club. I received many offers to buy the Jag from the original owner to Rick Mears the Indy 500 winner. But, I just could not let it go. So, I look forward to bringing the Cat back all shined up and Purrfect soon! The saga continues...

Thanks for reading my story and I look forward to you and AACA being a part of the next chapter.

Stay well and stay safe.

Cliff

# On the cover - The Fosters Go From the Big Wheels to the Little Wheels

In the winter of 2012, Linda told Jack she thought it was high time she look for a cute little two seater convertible. The Penny Farthings (antique big wheel bikes) that the Fosters rode for several years in local parades with the Wheelmen Club was coming to an end. "They are just too dangerous for us to ride anymore. Let's find a safer hobby!" Linda had her eyes on a Mazda Miata. It was a perfect size and fit their budget. Jack suggested that they take a look at a Nash Metropolitan.

So the search began. Linda joined the MOCNA club and an online Metropolitan forum, researching the Met. They drove to see a Met on Long Island and after careful inspection; they discovered that the body was severely rusted. Then they looked at about ten more Mets at Otto's in Horseheads. All these cars ran, but were in need of major restorations. Through the forum and the club, Linda discovered a Met for sale in Dryden, NY. Its owner had passed away suddenly and the widow was not able to drive it or part with it! They drove three hours to see it. Crawled under, pulled up the rugs, and checked everything. She was perfect for them! When they left, they asked the widow to please let them know when she was ready to sell; and assured her that the car would go to a loving home. Within a few months, the Fosters heard that she was ready to sell. Off they went with a utility trailer to pick her up. This was May, 2013.

Linda plated her 58 QTPIE, (much to Jack's disapproval). All they wanted was to drive the Met and have fun watching the accolades she got on the road. Everywhere they took her, people would smile and say she was CUTE! There were no plans to show her at car shows or attend cruises.

A friend suggested that they attend the AACA Elma car show in 2013. To their utter surprise, QTPIE took third place in her category! Needless to say, that was IT! Bitten now by the antique car bug, they began to participate in local shows and events. In 2014 QTPIE won her First Place Junior in the AACA's spring meet.

# **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Please remember to sign up early for these events and to treat your club mates with respect and consideration.

Please be advised that all upcoming events are pending cancellation due to the current affairs with the Coronavirus. Everyone's health and well-being is of the utmost importance. Please stay safe and take care.

Things are finally looking up, we are moving forward with our outdoor season!

May Rust Buster, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike Mesi and Ken Knoll will host the Rust Buster. Mike and Ken have arranged for an Erie Canal Cruise on the Lockview VI, a 75-foot double-deck Mississippi style stern paddle wheel vessel, followed by a Canal-Side Banquet. Please note, there is a minimum of 50 people needed for this event and a maximum of 75. See the signup sheet in this issue of the Sidelight.

June 13<sup>th</sup> We are sad to announce that the Annual car show has been canceled. Instead we are pleased to announce that Joyce and Don Butlak have stepped up to provide us with another highly enjoyable ice cream run. These were very popular runs last year. Please make sure you contact them to ensure you get a set of directions for this run.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Joe and Linda McCaffery will host the summer picnic at their home in Pendleton, NY. Mark Brylinski will be planning our tour. More details to follow.

August 1<sup>st</sup> This event is pending.

We will 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 Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairmen

From the Photo Album

Bob Hartinger sent in this photo of Marilyn, when she was about 5 years old, sitting in a peddle car, with mag wheels, fender skirts and modern headlights She has liked cars ever since. We knew there was a reason Bob likes her!

Our friend Paul Beyer, Editor of the Oneida Lake Gazette, sent in this photo of a VW train. Notice even the smallest one has a trailer! I have seen Mustangs done similar to this with a Mustang peddle car on the hood of a full-sized car, then a toy on top of the peddle car, then a Hallmark ornament on top of the toy. Valerie Wilson



# AACA LAKE ERIE REGION PRESENTS THE RUSTBUSTER 2021 ERIE CANAL PADDLE BOAT CRUISE

SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021





Please join us for a cruise down the Erie Canal Followed by



A Canalside Buffet Lunch Lockport Locks and Canal Cruises 210 Market St. Lockport, NY 14094

Meet promptly at 9:30 AM - Cruise leaves at 10:00 AM Signature Buffet Lunch served at 12:00 PM - Cash Bar Includes Salad, carved Roast Beef and Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta, Carrots, Breadsticks + Dessert & Coffee

# Reservation Deadline May 5th, 2021

Please detach and send check payable to AACA Lake Erie Region Send to: Mike Mesi 8300 Hirschwood Buffalo NY 14221 Questions? Call Mike 908-6325 or 810-2610

Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_# of members\_\_\_\_\_X\$35=

# of guests \_\_\_\_ X \$40=\_\_\_\_

TOTAL =

Please remember to bring your masks and practice social distancing.

As space permits, I will try to keep the paper activities going since I got a good response on most of them. This month, to keep the mind sharp, I found a Cryptogram. It is a simple substitution of one letter for another. If you think that A is B, it will be the same throughout the entire puzzle. Use short words and letter combinations as clues.

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Seat covers for '49-80 vinyl bench seat cars, usually plaid or striped 139/car, hogrings 6, Ken Weinstein 689-6888 nites. (8)

## \*AUTO MISC WANTED\*

Copies of the AACA Magazine from May/June 2020 if you are going to get rid of it. Dennis would like extra copies of the article on his Ford formerly owned by Lowell Todd. Call Dennis at 773-5847 if you have one for him. (5)

AACA & Horseless Carriage Club magazines from the 40s & 50's Call Steve 823-0526 or 335-0728 (6)







# ICE CREAM SUNDAE TOUR II

Sunday 6/13/2021
Hosted by Joyce and Don Butlak
Meet at Tops Market Parking Lot
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@ 10:30 am – leave at 11:00 am
(Antiques leaving first)
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Please RSVP to Don Butlak At 683-5148 by 6/6/21

then we can print enough direction sheets.

# Santa Moonlights during the Offseason By Dennis Upton

So what does Santa do during the offseason I was asked? This year, he has kept so busy that his toymaking is falling behind!

One of Santa's off-season activities is as a patient simulation actor for the Healthcare students at D'Youville and the dental students at UB. This year Santa has worked with college students both



via Zoom and live as they help him recover from knee surgery (PT students). back issues (OT chiropractic students), elder abuse and oral cancer (dental students), deal with a stroke (chiropractic and PA students) among other pretend maladies. If you have Spree magazine for January, check out page 27 for a

captured moment in picture form.

One of Santa's other personas is that of



Joseph Ellicott best known for his connection with the WNY Holland Land Purchase as well as all of the places named for him: Ellicott Creek, Ellicottville, Ellicott Building, etc. (Did you know that Cazenovia Creek, and the towns of Busti and Evans were named after his employers

or family members?) Santa in the form of Joseph

Ellicott will be making an appearance on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Hull House Family Home and Farmstead...5976 Genesee St, Lancaster. Hull House is having a special afternoon called "Meet Our Past Tour – A

Walk Through History".

If you have never visited Hull House, you are in for a real historical treat as the



Hull House Foundation has done an extraordinary job of restoration and bringing history to life.

The Hull House website describes the June 6 activities as follows:

Meet characters from the past – Some you know, while others are little known, but all had a story – hear compelling tales – Stories of people who had an impact on the development of Western New York and who shaped our history.

Erastus Granger - appointed by President Jefferson as Indian Agent, he defended Black Rock along with Red Jacket and the Senecas in the War of 1812 - Joseph Ellicott, agent for Holland Land Investors - Cyrenius Chapin, defender of Buffalo that fateful day in December 1813 - Mrs. Saint John, who stood up to the British that cold December night in 1813 pleading to be spared - Jesse Hawley, with his vision of a grand canal across New York State - and others!

First Tour at 2:00 PM Pre-paid reservations only Call (716) 681-6451 \$12 per person Reservations open May 6 Tour duration approx. 1hour 15 minutes.

Jeff Cryan reports the following upcoming shows & Dan Walter added the Carousel Museum show.

5/2; 6/6; 7/11; 8/8; 9/12 and 10/10 Cars & Coffee; Sundays 9-1 at Wimbledon Plaza, 220 Center Rd, W. Seneca, (rain dates the follow Sundays) Super Cruise 7/31 3-9pm; proceeds benefit local charities

5/29&30, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual East Aurora Car & Bike Show, Car show 5/29, 11167 Big Tree Rd. East Aurora, Info 655-7500 or <a href="https://www.eastauroraevents.com">www.eastauroraevents.com</a>

6/12, Drifters Car Club Swap Meet, 8-2pm, Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, 4999 McKinley Pkwy info Joe 954-3835.

6/12, Auto Show Classics at the Carousel Museum, 11-3pm, 180 Thompson St.,N Tona, pre '72 & special interest, \$20 & museum admission & ride on the carousel, awards 2pm, 50/50 & basket raffle, sponsored by Rods & Customs of Buffalo.

6/26, Niagara Swap Meet, 57 Gunville Rd. Lancaster, info: www.lancasternationalspeedway.com

6/27, Festival at the Beach, Classic Car Show, Evangola State Park, \$20 reg (no pre reg) 9-noon, show til 4pm, judged show/110 classes, info Sal 824-2368 or Dennis 822-5218 or <a href="https://www.wnyoldsmobile">www.wnyoldsmobile</a>



The following 2 pages are from the monthly e-newsletter The Speedster from AACA March 2021 Vol 147 edition

# **Member Submitted Story**

# My Fully Restored Olds 98 -- a True Gem!

By Phil Gaffney, Evans, GA, pgaff2609@aol.com

I purchased my very first automobile on October 30, 1965, from Hesselgesser's Auto in Grand Island, NE, for a grand total of \$110. I was only 15 years old at the time.

My dad had insisted that I be responsible for the purchase, and as I did not have sufficient money in hand that day, he ended up co-signing my loan note with CIT Finance. My payments were \$11.25 per month for 12 months. I ended up driving that awesome buggy all through high school in central Nebraska.

When I elected to take early retirement in late 2009 from a senior executive role with the world's best golf car and utility vehicle manufacturer in Augusta, GA (Club Car/Ingersoll Rand), my first project was to travel back to Anselmo, NE, to load up the Olds from the trees on the family farm and bring to Georgia for full body-off restoration. Three and a half years later, the restoration was complete, and I had returned the Olds 98 to its "original condition."



The car continues to run superbly, especially when I'm on I-20 going to Atlanta from Augusta at more than the speed limit!! My wife Susan and I are looking forward to our next adventure in the Olds 98 just as soon as things get a little better with the COVID-19 situation.

# Vehicle Details:

1953 Oldsmobile 98 4-door sedan with 303 cu. in. engine, factory installed Frigidaire a/c, Hydra-Matic transmission

Original and Restored Colors: Olds Baltic Blue and Olds Polar White Full Restoration Cost: My wife will never know!!!

Answer to the cryptogram: The Ford Model T, which some called the Tin Lizzie, started production in nineteen hundred and eight. That was the year that the automobile became popular. The Model T was the first affordable car due to Ford's innovations in the assembly line production instead of hand crafting each car.



# **Accidents Happen: Car Wreck Photos**

Matthew Hocker, Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator, mhocker@aaca.org

At the AACA Library, staff are continuing to process the vast collection which was formerly under the stewardship of the Free Library of Philadelphia. We still have a long road ahead of us, but that just provides us more time to make unusual discoveries, such as a box of car wreck photographs from the 1950s and earlier. This stuck out to me, as the AACA Library also has a file devoted to the subject.

While the photographs in the collection primarily date from the 1930s through 1950s, the history of the car wreck stretches way back to the 19th Century. The first recorded car accident dates back to 1891 in Ohio City, OH, when James W. Lambert lost control of his single-cylinder vehicle after hitting a tree root. He then careened into a hitching post. Fortunately, Lambert escaped the accident with minor injury.

As car ownership continued to grow throughout the 20th Century, so too did the number of car accidents. The photographs in the collection are but a small snippet of this history, showcasing the types of situations that would facilitate the development of safety measures in the automobile industry.

One of the images in the collection that stood out to me was of a fire engine in front of a streetcar with a demolished front-end. An accompanying newspaper clipping detailed the accident happened in the city -- most likely Philadelphia -- on 22nd and South Streets. Fortunately, although only the trolley motorman was hurt, there were no casualties. (note the rear tire on the firetruck, all the spokes are broken and the tire is flat on the ground)

If you are interested in learning about the Free Library of Philadelphia Automotive Reference Collection, be it these photographs or owner's manuals, please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you!

Interested in doing research with the AACA Library?

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# The Sidelight FIRST CLASS

Calendar of Events

May 9 – Mother's Day

May 15 – Armed Forces Day

May 16 - Rustbuster - Mike Mesi. Chairman

May 31 – Memorial Day

Jun. 13 – Ice Cream Sundae Tour II – Joyce & Don Butlak, chairpersons

Jul. 11 – Picnic at McCaffery's, Joe & Linda McCaffery & Mark Brylinski, co-chairpeople.

All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.



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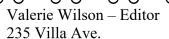




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