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## A Message From Your President Don Dear



Fall is on the way. Nights are cooler and days are shorter. Leaf peeping time is a favorite time to tour with your favorite ride. Enjoy the fall foliage events.

Many thanks to the Moons for fun at Gourdlandia with all its unique creations. Touring in the Finger Lakes is beautiful. Pictures coming soon.

Mark your calendar for the annual meeting and election on November 7. Information is in this issue, along with the slate of officers. We will also be celebrating the 75th anniversary of GVACS. Share memories with our members and bring memorabilia from past events.

Your Board has made several revisions to the by-laws. These will be sent out as an eblast to members in early October. Those who do not have an email address will receive a mailed copy. Revisions will be voted on at the annual meeting.

It is not too early to sign up for hosting 2026 activities. Let's have some new types of activities or day tours. Contact a board member to help you plan.

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### Trivia Question

With almost no roads or rail systems, traveling across which island usually requires a dog sled, boat or airplane?

Answer: Greenland




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## It's AACA 2026 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2026 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

Members can also use our online renewal option on our website. Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership



number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and choose your payment type. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or PayPal.

Your payment will automatically update your membership record.



## REMINDER!!

### AACA and GVACS 50-year Membership Awards

AACA and GVACS 50-year membership awards are two different programs and there is no correlation between the two. GVACS does not maintain a database for AACA 50-year memberships and AACA does not maintain a database for GVACS 50-year memberships.

**AACA 50-Year Membership Award:** If you believe you are eligible for a 50-year AACA award, contact Jon Curtis [jcurtis@aaca.org](mailto:jcurtis@aaca.org) or phone 717-534-1910.

**GVACS 50-Year Membership Award:** The GVACS 50-year award is the waiving of GVACS membership dues only. AACA dues are required and should be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> unless you have been awarded an AACA 50-Year Membership.

Per our records we do not have any new 50-Year members this year. If you believe we have erred and you are eligible for a 50-Year Membership, please notify the Membership Chair, Ann Neal, at 315-597-6623. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

## Cars & Coffee



**Thursday, October 23rd  
@ 9:00 AM**

**Browncroft Family  
Restaurant**

**2501 Browncroft Blvd.**

**Rochester**

**(corner of Blossom Rd.)**

**Good Food and  
Good Friends.  
See You There!**





**GVACS Membership Renewal - Due prior to Dec. 31, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**AACA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED for GVACS and must be current for 2026.**

Your AACA dues notice arrives with the Sept/Oct and Nov/Dec issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. It is attached to the cover sheet citing your mailing address. Or renew via AACA website under drop down menu "Membership." 2026 AACA dues must be paid by 12/31/25.

Date you paid your AACA dues \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

My AACA number is: (6 numbers 1 Alpha character) \_\_\_\_\_ Your AACA membership number remains the same from year to year.

**Your GVACS 2026 annual dues MUST be received prior to 12/31/25**

**Please send this form along with your check for \$25.00 (payable to GVACS) to:**

**Ann A. Neal, Membership Chair  
2464 Maple Ave.  
Palmyra, NY 14522**

**If you are a 50-year member of GVACS and receive a free membership, please check this line \_\_\_\_\_**



**PLEASE HELP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BY RETURNING THIS FORM AND PAYING YOUR DUES ON TIME BECAUSE:**



- This form is used to VERIFY and/or UPDATE / CORRECT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION in our roster.
- 50-year members should return this form to alert the Membership Chair that they plan to continue as a GVACS member and should remain on our roster. Remember your 2026 AACA dues are required and must be paid before Dec. 31, 2025.
- The Membership Chair MUST notify AACA of any roster changes including non renewals and corrections BY MID JANUARY.
- If your dues are NOT received by DECEMBER 31st it is assumed that you are not renewing your membership and it will be reported to AACA that you are no longer a GVACS member.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

### GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2025

The GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2026 will take place at our indoor meeting on 11-7-2025 at 6:30 PM at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield, NY 14526.

The Board of Directors has approved the following slate of nominees for GVACS Officers and Directors for 2026. They will be presented at the Annual Meeting. At that time, nominees from the floor will be called for. (Note that persons being nominated from the floor should have agreed to be nominated.) Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting and participate in the election of Officers and Directors.



#### OFFICERS:

President: Don Dear  
Vice-President: Brian Moon  
Treasurer: Brad Sargent  
Secretary: Mark Graf

#### DIRECTORS:

Chris Dear  
Bob Keenan  
Judy Keenan  
Ann Neal  
John O'Connor



### The Great Race with GVACS Member Howard and Janet Sharp



*John Hudson, support; John Beneway, support;  
Dana Sharp, driver; Douglas Sharp, navigator;  
Jan Sharp, owner; and Howard Sharp, owner.*



*Jan Sharp, owner; Howard Sharp, owner;  
Douglas Sharp, navigator; Dana Sharp, driver;  
John Hudson, support; and John Beneway support.*

The Great Race with GVACS members Howard and Janet Sharp, The race results were: they finished third in class, and fifth overall. Howard Sharp states, "Dana Sharp being a new driver in that old car for the first time, she muscled that 1916 Hudson through a super finish, which is incredible." Howard was unable to participate this year due to a back injury. Jan and Howard's daughter-in-law, Dana drove, and their son, Douglas navigated. This years route ran from St Paul Minnesota to Lake Murray, South Carolina, from June 21 to June 29, 2025. The celebration was held at the Box Factory parking lot on Liftbridge Lane in Fairport on Monday, August 25, 2025.

*Submitted by Mary Moon*



# GVACS TOUR THROUGH THE SOUTHERN TIER

**When:** October 2, 2025

**Where:** Glen H Curtiss Museum, 8419 NY-54, Hammondsport, NY 14840

**Lunch:** Switzerland Inn, 14109 Keuka Village Road, Hammondsport, NY 14840

**What:** We will meet at **9:00am** in Wegman's parking lot in Canandaigua. Then we will travel to Penn Yan; then to Hammondsport and then to the Glen H Curtiss Museum. At the end of our trip we will have a late lunch at the Switzerland Inn. This hundred year old watering hole was a hit on a previous outing and we expect that we could have a great time there again. We will cap off the trip with a stop at the Seneca



Farms store in Penn Yan for an ice cream dessert. Then we will proceed to the Wegmans parking lot from where we started our journey. Details of our travel will be handed out before we leave the Wegman's parking lot.

**Cost:** Nancy and I will cover the cost of admission to the museum, however you will be on your own at the Switz and at Seneca Farms.

-----RSVP-----

**PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th BY PHONE OR EMAIL TO:**

**Jim Day's Phone Number:** 585-202-4450

**Email:** jameslday21@gmail.com

Name(s) & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_





**Don't Miss Our  
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers  
November 7, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**Location:**

Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Rd.

Penfield NY 14526.



**We are celebrating our 75th anniversary of GVACS!**

Come celebrate with us!

Bring any memorabilia that you might have to  
share with everyone.

Let's take a walk down memory lane.

Hope to see you all at this special meeting!





## **2025 GVACS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**HOSTED BY CHRIS & DON DEAR**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

**Johnny D's Family Restaurant**

**2139 North Union Street, Spencerport, NY 14559**

**Arrive at 12:00 Noon**

### **Lunch Selections:**

We will be ordering from a special menu that includes breakfast items, wraps, paninis and sandwiches. Dessert will be served. Beer, wine, and mimosas available at cash bar.



**Make checks payable to GVACS.** Send form below to:  
Chris Dear, 123 Ashbrook Circle, Webster, NY 14580  
**Reservation deadline, Dec. 1, 2025.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

GVACS members \$5.00/person Guest \$15.00/person

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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### GVACS Activities Calendar Updated September 20, 2025

Dates 2025/2026	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts
	<p><b><u>October 2, 2025</u></b>  <b>[Note date change]</b>            GVACS Tour Through The Southern Tier            Glen H Curtiss Museum, 8419 NY-54,            Hammondsport, NY 14840            Switzerland Inn, 14109 Keuka Village Road,            Hammondsport, NY 14840</p>	Jim Day & Nancy Boggs
	<p>Annual Mtg &amp; Election of Officers  <b>November 7, 2025</b>  <b>6:30pm - (Note time &amp; Location change)</b>  <b>Penfield Community Center</b>  <b>1985 Baird Rd. Penfield NY 14526.</b>  <b>Celebrating 75 Years!</b></p>	Judy & Bob Keenan
	<p><b>Save The Date</b>  <b>More details to come!</b>  <b>December 6, 2025</b>            Christmas Party at            Johnny D's            in Spencerport</p>	Chris Dear
January 2026	No Event Scheduled	No Event
February 2026	? Winter Picnic ?	Need Volunteer
March 2026	No Event Scheduled	Need Volunteer



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