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**A Message From Your Editor Judy Keenan**

**W**ell we finally can say winter is with us! The snow and cold has finally made its appearance.

I am sure you Buffalo Bill's Fans were not to happy to have Jack Frost visit us and shut down Buffalo and the playoffs on Sunday. But all ended well for the Buffalo Bills Fans with a final score of Buffalo Bills 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 17!

Please check out the flyer on page 12 for our Winter Picnic. Get your reservations in so we know how many hots and hamburgers to cook. Don't forget to bring your favorite game to play. Last year we had a great time playing and learning new games.

Also on page 13 we have the signup for our yearly ride to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn. You never get disappointed with their breakfast! If you would like to ride with someone, that can be arranged. Just let me know.

Blessings, Judy



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**A Message From Your President Don Dear**

**H**ope your 2024 is off to a great start. How are you doing with your New Year's Resolutions? Already completed? Awesome! Here are a couple more club related resolutions for you to aim for!

- Read The Brass Lamp cover to cover.
- Sign up and attend a club event.
- Recruit a new member.
- Attend Cars & Coffee. Drive your classic car, weather permitting.
- Plan and host a club event. Several months are available.

Plans are in place for the February north and south picnics. Details are in this issue. Sign up and enjoy the fun!

March is pancakes and maple syrup time at Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn. The buckwheat pancakes are delicious. Be sure to join your car friends for this!

Be safe on the winter roads!

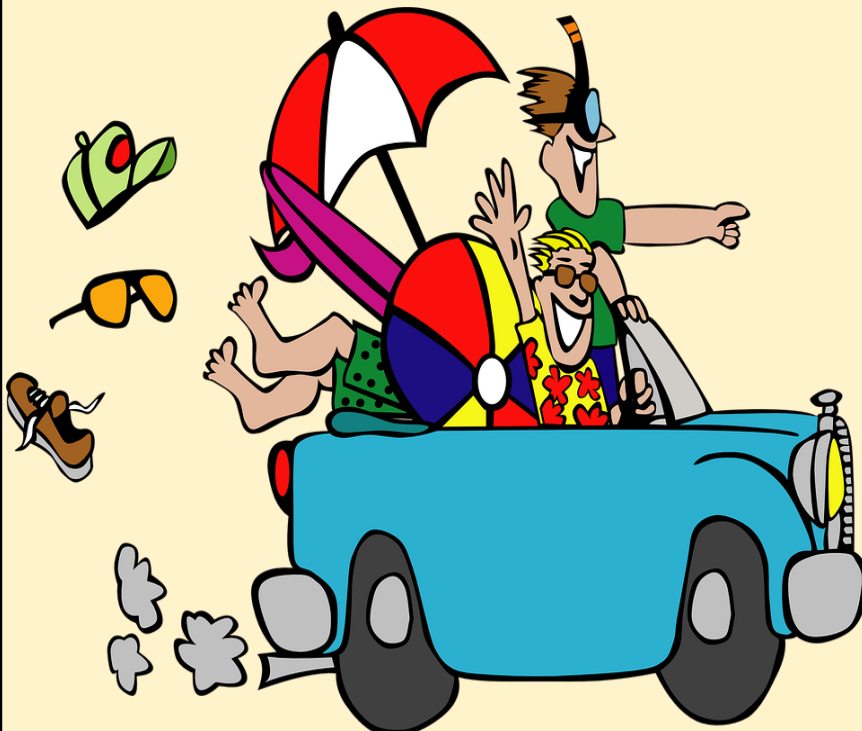
Enjoy the ride! Don



**FLORIDA WINTER PICNIC**

**Sunday, February 11th - 12 Noon**

Marge Thurley will be hosting the GVACS Winter Picnic for those that are in Florida! Save Sunday, February 11th. The fun begins at noon. We will gather at her son's home at 217 Rotonda Blvd. North, Rotonda West Florida 33947. Please let Marge know if you will be able to attend.



Bring your favorite drink and a dish to pass. She will have a list of what others are bringing, so we do not have all baked beans and no potato salad. Marge will provide appetizers, condiments plus meat. Betty will bring her famous brownies! There are plenty of chairs and a heated pool! Looking forward to fun in the sun!!!!

Call or text Marge at 585-506-2486 or send an email at [pmthurley@yahoo.com](mailto:pmthurley@yahoo.com)



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*Our Deepest Sympathy*

It is with much sadness that we share that Donna & Roy Harr passed away last summer. Roy passed away on June 16, 2023 and Donna passed away June 12, 2023.

Donna will get to socialize, play bridge and is probably leading a new book club. Gene will no doubt be reminiscing with his US Air Force buddies, as they congratulate themselves on how fortunate they were to serve this great country with honor and pride. He will be able to restore an endless line of old cars, which will absolutely win best in show.

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## Do You Remember When?

A Murray Stahl Muse

Long ago, in a land far away, automobile manufacturers competed to market the most useful and comfortable Family transportation. The early Station Wagon was transformed from a very stark, rattle-trap carrier of luggage into a well-appointed luxury vehicle without sacrificing any of its original utilitarian use.

In the beginning, a station wagon was known as a “depot hack” because it was used to carry passengers and cargo after they got off of trains. The early design was based on a truck platform that did not even contain doors. In 1922, the first enclosed station wagon was introduced. Ford began using a wood-based design that was extremely popular at this time. Following WWII, technology advanced, and steel bodies replaced the creaking, rattle-prone, maintenance heavy wood framing. These crude, truck-like vehicles slowly morphed into the comfortable, car-based, family-travel-mobiles we know as” Station Wagons. It’s of note that the first factory-built steel wagon was introduced by the little Jeep corporation.

It's a head-scratcher but the full-size station wagon of the 1950s through the 70s



were more versatile than the modern vehicles currently available at our dealerships. With the exception of contemporary features like heated cup holders, and about 50 power outlets for everyone's electric gadgets; the real Station wagons were capable of hauling up to as many as 10 passengers to a ball game on a Sunday afternoon,

just a day after lugging a large stack of plywood plus 2x4 framing studs to build a tree fort for the kids. Strangely, yesterday's station wagon had a larger cargo capacity than today's crossover SUVs.

Chrysler's Town & Country had to rank among the crème de la crème of the immediate post-war era of fine styling. Lest we forget, half the name implied the relaxed atmosphere of outdoor excursions, and in town nights at the theater, it

was one of the best vehicles to achieve that while aptly capable of managing multi-person accommodations and luggage capacity. It was wonderfully appointed and sported a family friendly, living room, interior.

I owned a 1970 Chrysler wagon just like the picture and its V8- hemi was easily capable of towing our travel trailer up mountain roads with-



# Do You Remember When?

A Murray Stahl Muse

out even breathing hard.

Everyone made wagons but Ford was the wagon, King. Here's a staggering number for you: Between 1960-'69, the Ford brand (not the entire corporation, to be clear) built a tick over 2.43 million compact, intermediate, and full-size station wagons.

Of this total production, 276,418 were built in 1968 alone helping the Blue Oval assign themselves the title of "Wagonmaster" on that year's sales literature.

It was during this period that a number of consumer pleasing innovations were introduced. Station Wagon

Tailgates became an area of innovation - there were two-way tailgates, three-ways, sliding roof panels, liftbacks, side-by-sides, and other variations. The Buick Sport Wagon and the Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser introduced a unique raised roof with a fixed glass sunroof and glass side panels. You could even order front seats that swiveled to ease access. Studebaker even

offered a retractable roof version.



Today, tailgates are only offered as a lift-gate, top hinged, hatchback door with fixed glass and assist struts. Back in the good old days, you had doors that opened as right to left with disappearing glass. Station wagon doors even disappeared into the bottom or

the wagon roof, they called it a clamshell where the



rear power-operated glass slid up into the roof as the tailgate (manually or with power assist), dropped below the load floor. The power tailgate ultimately supplanted the manual tailgate, which required substantial effort to lift.

If you try to name the defining event for the 1970's



that affected the automobile industry (no, it wasn't disco), it would be a toss-up between the first gasoline crisis in 1974, or the new, draconian emissions specifications (starting in 1972) which killed the muscle car (and engine performance in general). Both of these events

were particularly hard on the full-size station

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**Do You Remember When?**

A Murray Stahl Muse

wagon. Sales of full-size models fell dramatically in 1974-1975, culminating with the disappearance of all full-size wagon models from the Chrysler (and Dodge and Plymouth) product line in 1978. Chrysler went on to build the minivan, and has not built a full-size wagon since

But the era starting in the 1950's also represented some of the last gasps of pure uniqueness, manufacturers were not afraid to do something different just for the pure joy of it. In many ways there was a sense

of adventure that has never returned. That is why station wagons of the 50's are held in such high regard by collectors today as they remember bobbing around in the "way-back" of the Family Wagon. Today's vehicles are efficient and dependable but outside of the license plate numbers they all appear the same; the days of family fun in a car are sadly gone.

*Fini*



**Cat Out of the Bag - Phrase Origins**

Refers to letting people in on a secret, either accidentally or on purpose. Originates from selling livestock long ago and back then meant "buying false goods." Piglets were sold in bags (Called "pokes") and sometimes a cat was put in the bag instead of a piglet, so when the person opened the bag to this deception, they "let the cat out of the bag."

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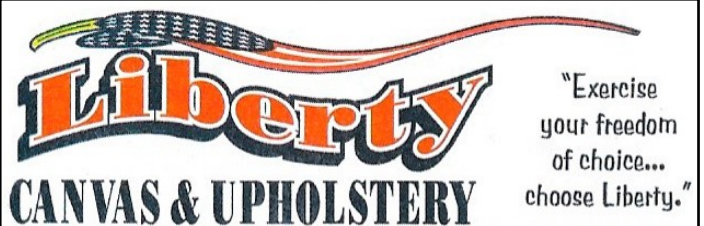
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## **“America’s Automotive Library” Identifies its Oldest Artifacts**

By Steve Rossi, VP-Public Relations & Event Planning

The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACA Library & Research Center has identified its oldest antique automotive artifact. It is a copy of A Handbook for Steam Users Being Rules for Engine Drivers and Boiler Attendants by M. Powis Bale, from 1890. In addition, a February 14, 1891, issue of Scientific American features an analysis of the 3 wheeled Butler Petrol-Cycle from Great Britain.

According to Library Director Jen Wolfe, “Since automotive history is an inexact science, trying to pinpoint the first piece of automotive material ever published is impossible...though Duryea is credited with producing the first American automobile in series by 1896.” Some believe that Panhard began producing promotional literature... in color... during 1892 (from Panhard & Levassor: Pioneers in Automobile Excellence, by David Beare), which the AACA artifacts predate.

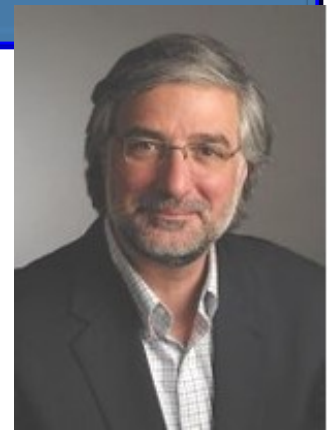
The Smithsonian’s Smith Hempstone Oliver contended that the first automotive catalog appeared in 1888/1889, from Philadelphia’s Moto-Cycle Manufacturing Company. It featured Lucius D. Copeland-designed steam cycles and steam carriages. (The Bulb Horn, May-June 1966) Either way, as a function of the publication timeline above, “America’s Automotive Library” is at the forefront.

The AACA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses over 3 million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters. It is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind. In addition, the Library also oversees

nine single-marque collections within its climate controlled, secure and professionally managed facility, which includes a state of the art fire suppression system.

The library is open and free to the public during normal hours of operation. On-site research is free to anyone who visits. AACA Members receive 2 hours of free offsite research per calendar year to be used within the calendar year. Additional research, photocopies, scans and reproductions are available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift.

Visit the library website at <https://aacalibrary.org/> for more information.



## **AACA National Calendar and Other Events**

### **February 2024**

**8-10 AACA Annual Convention**

Dulles, Virginia - 717-534-1910

**Feb. 29 - March 2 (Proposed)**

Winter Nationals - Tennessee

E. Tennessee Region

### **March 2024**

**17-23 Founders Tour (1932-1999)**

Louisiana - Louisiana Region

**21-24 Winter Nationals**

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Region

### **April 4-6, 2024**

**Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals**

Charlotte, NC - Hornets Nest Region

704-847-4215

### **June 20-22, 2024**

**AACA Eastern Spring Nationals**

Saratoga Springs, NY - Saratoga Region - 518-863-4987

### **July 10-13, 2024**

**AACA Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1999)**

Big Horn Mt., Wyoming

Nebraska Region

### **September 2024**

**12-14 AACA Western Fall Nationals**

Loveland, Colorado

Poudre Valley Region

**22-27, 2024**

Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)

AACA Hosting

Fairfield, PA

### **October 2024**

**8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals**

Hershey, Pennsylvania - Hershey Region

717-566-7220

**23-26 Southeastern Fall Nationals**

Huntsville, Alabama

256-653-4036

### **April 2025**

**3-5 Southeastern Spring Nationals**

Charlotte, NC - Hornets Nest Region

704-847-4215

**10-12 AACA Western Spring Nationals**

Tucson, Arizona - Tucson Region

520-904-7325

## **February 2024 Secretary's Report**

Dear GVACS Members,

As stated last month, our cars are sleeping because of the weather. It should also be noted that this is the best time for maintenance and or repairs. Taking the cars out of service now does not cost us time to enjoy the hobby. It actually provides us satisfaction with another aspect of our interest.

The winter months also affords us to get together socially at events like the winter picnic and cars and coffee events, so try to take full advantage of these socials. Your friends will be eternally grateful to you. Remember, your friends look forward to seeing you. That is actually what the anticipation of looking forward to getting together is all about.

We can now look forward to March and the theoretical end of winter. We are just that much closer to our in-season events.

All the Best

Jim Day, Secretary GVACS





# **Cars & Coffee**



**Thursday, February 15th  
@ 9:00 AM**

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**February 18, 2024**

**Pineway Ponds Park**

**Boetcher Lodge, Park Road (Rte. 259)**

**Spencerport, NY 14559**

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We will supply the desserts, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, rolls, ketchup, mustard, relish, onions, coffee and tea.

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We will meet at 8:45 am in the Lowe's parking lot on  
Hyland Drive by Marketplace Mall.

**For Reservations Call or Email by March 22nd:**

Judy Keenan @ (585) 414-5358 or Email: [Jkeenan1313.jk@gmail.com](mailto:Jkeenan1313.jk@gmail.com)

# GVACS Activities Calendar Updated January 20, 2024

Dates 2024	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 18, 2024</b> 12 Noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Picnic, Boetcher Lodge Pineway Ponds Park, Park Rd. (Rte. 259) Spencerport, NY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tom &amp; Sue Smith Judy &amp; Bob Keenan</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 11, 2024</b> 12 Noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Florida Winter Picnic Marge Thurley 217 Rotonda Blvd. North Rotonda West, FL 33947</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marge Thurley</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 2024</b> Event Date TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pancake Run to Cartwright's</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Judy &amp; Bob Keenan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 2024 Event Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">??Ideas??</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need Volunteer(s)/Host</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 5, 2024</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Dust 'em off &amp; Drive 'em Brunch Run" More details to come!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nancy &amp; Jerry Huffman</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 2024 Event Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ice Cream Social</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Betty Reilly &amp; Judy &amp; Bob Keenan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 2024 Event - Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Car Collector Appreciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need Volunteer(s)/Host</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 2024 Event Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Picnic Pultneyville</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Joe Kozloski &amp; Linda Perkins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 2024 Event Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">??Ideas??</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need Volunteer(s)/Host</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 2024 Event Date TBD</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">??Ideas?? ? Fall Run ?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need Volunteer(s)/Host</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 8, 2024</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indoor Meeting - 7PM Annual Meeting and Speaker Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Need Volunteer(s)/Host</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 8, 2024</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Party at the Pub On The Green, Ontario Golf Club Ontario, NY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ann &amp; Joel Neal &amp; Don &amp; Linda Hosenfeld</p>



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