



Don & Chris Dear's 1956 Ford Victoria

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A Message From Your Editor Judy Keenan

n June 3rd Bob & I along with Tom & Sue Smith and Dick Barrett took an overnight trip to Waverly, NY to attend the Sullivan Trail A's SHINDIG with our Model A's.

What a fun time for all! The trip down was very hot but the day of the activity was perfect. We participated in the games. The first game was a tire roll, which I beat Bob in (bragging rights). The second game was dry carburetor. The third game was the bean bag toss. We had to drive between tires and the driver had to throw a bean bag over the top of the roof to the other side and land their bean bags in the tires. Then the passenger had to do the same. We had a total of 5 tires to try to get our bean bags in. Needless to say, out of 24 Model A's,

Bob and I won 1st place! Below is a picture of our trophy!

Next month Jim Day is planning a weekend trip. See page 16 for more details. Don't miss out on

the fun. Make some wonderful memories with the club.

Blessings, Judy







A Message From Your President Don Dear

ow! What an awesome turnout at the BOCES car show. Over 20 GVACS cars! Thank you, and also a big thanks to Sedat Olgultekin and Chuck Lynn, our members, for arranging the BOCES show. The young people loved the cars. Check out photos in this issue.

Our annual ice cream social was back at Tom Wahl's in Avon. Great venue and excellent food and ICE CREAM! We had a good turnout of our members. Thank you, Betty Reilly, for your planning. Photos will be in our next issue.

Our summer calendar of events is packed. July and August are the busiest months for our classic cars. There are cruise-ins, tours, cars and coffee, and more. Check out The Brass Lamp and your eblasts for dates. FYI- our cars do not like being cooped up in the garage. They enjoy being out cruising and creating smiles on all who see them. Register for the National Collector Car

Appreciation event in July and our annual picnic in Pultneyville in August. Flyers are in this issue. Hoping to see some of our newer members at these outings!

The Highlands in Pittsford dinner and car show is Tuesday August 8th. Now is the time to



register. Call Maria Sommerville at (585) 641-6381. Let's have a good showing of GVACS cars this year! The residents so enjoy the cars they drove in their youth.

There are still event openings in the fall calendar. If you have an idea, call me or a Board member and we can make it happen!

Enjoy the ride!

Don

Hotdog Cookout, Live Entertainment and Car Show at Wegman Family Cottages

What: Hotdog Cookout, Live Entertainment and Car Show!

Where: Wegman Family Cottages

1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14626

Wegman's Family Cottages is located behind Unity Hospital off of Long Pond Road.

Turn into the main hospital entrance and follow signs for the Cottages at the back of the campus.



When: Thursday, August 31st What Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Contact: Kristen.Paruta2@rochesterregional.org

585-368-4636

Deadline to reserve: by August 25th in order to facilitate advance planning

Details

Car owners will receive the cookout meal at no cost.

This event is for Nursing Home residents, their families, and staff. This is an outdoor event.



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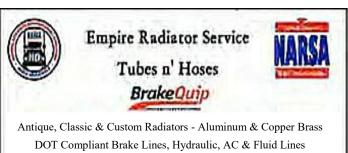
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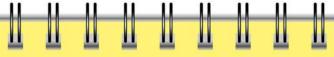
Pictures of GVACS Club at Johnny D's Family Restaurant for Cars & Coffee











July 2023 Secretary's Report

The GVACS collector car hobby is now in full swing. Be sure to take advantage of every opportunity to participate and enjoy.

The Board met on May 24th for the first time this year and the meeting highlights follow:

- ◆ Chris Dear opened the meeting.
- ◆ Jerry Huffman presented the Treasurer's report that indicated that we have \$13,074.22 in Cash assets.
- ◆ Judy Keenan provided an update on the Brass Lamp.
- ◆ John O'Connor offered an update on the website and work to resolve the random image problem with some of the pictures in the Brass Lamp.
- Ann Neal updated the Board that there is currently 92 members in GVACS.
- ◆ There was discussion on a number of topics of which some will ultimately develop into GVACS events down the road.
- ◆ A motion to adjourn was forwarded by Bob Dilger and seconded by Brad Sargent.

Please note that we have begun to receive opportunities to participate in events and that over the next few months additional events will continue to develop. Keep up to date by reading the Brass Lamp.

James L. Day
GVACS Secretary



Pictures of GVACS at the Monroe County BOCES 1 Car Show













AACA National Calendar and Other Events

July 2023

6-8 Central Spring Nationals

Auburn, Indiana

Crossroads of America Region - 727-415-7679

16-22 Founders Tour

Ontario, Canada

Ontario Region - 905-305-7747

26-29 Special Eastern Summer Nationals

Norwich, NY

Rolling Antiquers Region - 607-334-2907

August 2023

10-12 Grand Nationals

Bettendorf, Iowa

Mississippi Valley Region

309-373-2169

16-19 Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier)

Aroostook County, Maine

Maine Region - 207-768-1033

September 2023

14-16 Special Central Divisional Tour (Up to 1998)

Piqua, Ohio

Southern Ohio Chapter - 937-689-6901

25-29 Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1998)

Santa Barbara, CA

AACACaliforniaTour@mail.com

October 2023

3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, PA

Hershey Region - 717-566-7720

Flea market set-up is Monday, show date is Friday

22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)

Thomasville, Georgia - VMCCA hosted

February 2024

AACA Annual Convention

Dulles, Virginia

717-534-1910

March 17-23, 2024

17-23 Founders Tour (1932-1999)

Louisiana - Louisiana Region

21-24 Winter Nationals

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Region

April 18-20, 2024

Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals

Charlotte, NC - Hornets Nest Region - 704-847-4215

Upcoming Events & Things to Do!

<u>July 16th - 22nd</u> - 2023 AACA Founders Tour, London, Ontario, Canada. Tour highlights will feature: RM/Sotheby's Restorations, Fleetwood Estate (The collection of Steve Plunkett), Oil Museum of Canada, The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Contact: Andrew Sommers (Tour Chairman), AACAOntario2023@gmail.com, 905-7747.

<u>July 22nd</u> - Fairport Baptist Home, 46646 Nine Mile Point Road., Fairport, NY. 1:30 to 3:30pm. Contact Jill Sypnier by July 8th. jsypnier@fbhcm.org or 585-388-2323.

<u>July 22nd</u> - Wayne County 1823-2023 Bicentennial Car and boat show at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club at 7431 Irwin St., Sodus Point, NY 14555

July 22nd - Pultneyville Homecoming Festival. Spend some time in the quaint hamlet of Pultneyville for a fun filled day, including a car show and parade. The car show will run from 1:00-5:00. Located behind the Pultneyville Deli at 7784 Hamilton Street. Entrants are encouraged to participate in the parade at 3:00. This will be an all vehicle event (no walkers), which makes it easier on our old cars. No registration is required. Contact joekozloski@aol.com if you plan to attend. After the parade, you are invited to stay and enjoy live music and a picnic in the park. You can bring your own food and beverages or purchase them on site. A complete list of the days activities can be found at Pultneyvillehomecoming.com.

<u>July 26th - 29th</u> - Classics at White Eagle, AACA Special Eastern Spring Nationals 2023, Hamilton, NY. Show Chair: Allan Strong 607-334-2907, Email: stumpmaker99@netscape.net

<u>July 29th</u> - 10:30am. EBHS 3rd Annual Bloomfield Car Show and Parade, Veterans Park, Bloomfield, NY. A show to show off your Car, Hot Rod, Truck, Motorcycle, or Unique Vehicle. 34 trophies and Awards to be handed out. There will be two classes for Cars, Pre 1986 and Post 1985, as well as a Class for Motorcycles. This show is OPEN to the Public, so Wash, Wax, and Polish up your ride!

<u>August 8th</u> - Highlands at Pittsford Antique Car Show. The Hahnemann Square at the Highlands of Pittsford, 100 Hahnemann Trail, Pittsford. Details on page 14.

<u>August 31st</u> - Wegman Family Cottages, hotdog cookout, live entertainment and Car Show! 5 to 7PM. Contact <u>Kristen.Paruta2@rochesterregional.org</u> by Aug. 25th at 585-368-4636. Details on page 4.

Requests for Car Displays and/or Eblast Requests

It's that time of the year when organizations contact GVACS with requests for car displays or to publicize their event via an Eblast. **Groups should be advised that we publicize, however we do not take reservations, nor do we guarantee participation.** In order to publicize an event, we need the information below (the key "WH"questions!)

President, Don Dear approves requests for Eblasts. Any requests for an Eblast should be directed to President, Don Dear (ddear99@gmail.com) with a copy to Secretary, Jim Day, jameslday21@gmail.com.

What:	
(Name of event i.e. Car Display at)	
Where:	
(Address/location of facility/venue)	
When:(Date of event)	
(Date of event)	
What Time: (Time frame for cars to be on display.)	
Who: Name to contact to make reservations:	
Contact Phone No:	Contact Email:
Deadline for making a reservation:	
Special details:	
(For e.g. what refreshments are being served t	o car owners, entertainment provided, etc.

Jeep, The Improbable Survivor

A Murray Stahl Muse (Circa, April, 2009 - revised April 2023) PART ONE

eep, just the name makes most people smile. It's difficult to write a story about the Jeep without using the word crude. It's true though, Jeeps aren't exactly polished and serene modes of transportation. The Italians have this wonderful word for a car that truly describes a Jeep, it's a

Macchina. This one word conveys the sense that it's a machine not the kitchen appliance that so many current vehicles have morphed into.

If you play the word association game most words that come to mind when "Jeep" is mentioned aren't exactly complimentary. Words like,

crude, noisy, leaky and rough pretty much define the open Jeeps. Yet the facts are contradictory, women and people under thirty purchase the majority of Jeeps. Many Jeep sport a logo on their spare tires saying "It's a Jeep thing." Jeep people are a minor cult that isn't interested in a billowy ride or a car that parks itself. They delight in a vehicle that demands to

be driven by an alert driver. A trip in an open Jeep over paved or dirt roads requires the driver to adjust as he bounces and jounces down the road. There were no doors on any early Jeeps and even today doors are easily removed. The windshield was a fold down until the 60s. A Jeep is a Macchina not a blender. This writing details the history of

the "open Jeep", Wrangler etc., not the very popular, luxury Jeeps beloved by our Middle-Class House wives today.

Jeeps story is an incredible rags to riches then again

to rags tale of mid-century America. Almost everything about this little vehicle is improbable starting with its name derived from a Popeye Comic book. The Jeep design team worked for a company with slightly less resources than your local bodega yet created an icon. The original Jeep was born and running



in September, 1940. It continues today in a version only incrementally updated through 69 years of constant production. A truly remarkable run for a vehicle that was designed for war and continued as a go-anyplace, leisure time fun machine.

Since 1940 there have been many significant automobiles produced; it's actually laughable that the crude, rude unassuming little Jeep survived virtually intact almost 7 decades. The open Jeep is arguably the longest production run of an open vehicle ever manufactured. Its almost seven decades of production is longer than Hudson, Packard or Studebaker

existed in the automobile business. Oh, it's had facelifts and modernization but no one mistakes a short wheelbase, open Jeep for anything other than what it is. As this is written Jeep is marketing a 4-door open Jeep that looks to be a success. Who would have picked Jeep to revive the 4-door Convertible model; Yes, its



doors are still removable.

Jeep added the first automatic Transmission on a 4wheel drive in 1962 but it was 1976 before they appeared on the open CJ models. True to its heritage, a

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Standard tranny remains the most prevalent shifter on the open Jeeps. It's still true that any kind of Jeep roof will be a leaky, flapping affair. Jeeps without a top are still a very common sight on our roads bob-

bing along on knobby tires. This is a minimalist vehicle as designed and remains one to this day. The newest open Jeep has a cup holder but the short wheelbase and the big knobby tires conspire to insure that your coffee will spill all over your Carhartt jacket.

baseball hats and tee shirts with wide smiles and mud on their pants.

My own exposure to the Jeep came about when we were visiting the Southwest. In Moeb Utah we

rented a Jeep to tour through the mountains in nearby Arches National park.

What a hoot it was pounding up one-lane roads filled with switch-backs in low-low four-wheel drive. It was hot, dusty, noisy and great

fun. In this little town of about 20,000 souls every other vehicle was a Jeep and in fact Moeb boasted two Jeep dealers. The frou-frou, SUVs with leather interiors and multiple cup holders that populate the flatlands were close to non-existent out west. There is a large portion of the US where Jeeps rule and they aren't the recent air-conditioned barges named after

Indian tribes; they are the noisy, cramped Wrangler and CJ sorts of the open ¼ ton variety.

In the beginning the Army wanted a fast, light re-con vehicle that could cross-fields and ford streams. As in all things Government, they set an impossible completion date of 49 days then compounded it

with unrealistic specifications. Wonder of wonders it happened. The Original Specifications called for a weight of 1,300 pounds, four-wheel drive on a 46 inch wide by 80-inch frame. It had to carry 600



It's unlikely that the design team that put the first prototype together ever envisioned the many uses it would be put to or the absolute love affair that future owners would affix to their Jeeps. It's reached the cult status state of the British Mini, VW Beetle and Fords Model-A. Anyone who questions a Jeep

owner's devotion is usually told, "You wouldn't understand, it's a Jeep thing." Cult cars become one of the family; you give them names and treat them with respect. Teens and senior citizens consider jeeps "cool".

A few years ago a study found that Women purchased 60% of open

Jeeps; one quarter ton Jeeps are like Babies, everyone loves them. You'll see Jeeps all over on sunny days. Look at the drivers; you won't see Rolexes the size of toasters or guys sporting gold chains, it'll be



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pounds and travel at very low speeds without overheating. So it was that the Army specified a very short narrow vehicle with over six inches of ground clearance that weighed about as much as a non-

motorized Mullins trailer of the time. As it turned out the weight limit was really wacky and revised to 2,100 pounds.

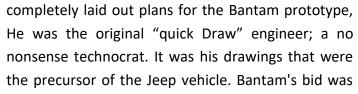
The aptly named Bantam Car Company had supplied some earlier reconnaissance vehicles to the Army. They along with Ford and Willys-Overland

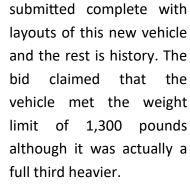
were the only companies that even responded to the Army's call. The 49-day deadline was more than just problematic however, and Willys asked for more time to finish their vehicle as Ford backed out. Bantam's only hope to meet this deadline was to bring in outside help. **O**ver 130 companies had declined to

accept the challenge leaving two Lilliputian companies that were constantly flirting with insolvency to answer the Armies call. Bantam needed the original \$79,000 tied to the 49-day contract just to keep the lights on at their little plant in Butler Pa.

An engineer named Karl Probst with considerable automotive experience saved Bantam's bacon. He was sort of drafted by the National Defense

Advisory Committee supervisor William S. Knudsen, the famed former president of General Motors. Probst accepted this patriotic challenge without salary and went to work. In just two days he had





The prototype was put through its paces and the military was delighted.

They used a bit of slight of hand to ease Bantam out of the mass production picture and Ford and Willy's ended up with the major contracts. Bantam's facility resembled a garage more than a plant. The final "approved" Jeep was a Willy's modified design with a Willy's engine. By the end of the war Ford had pro-

duced 700K Jeeps to Willy's 300K. Jeeps served with distinction in all theaters of the war. Celebrated War correspondent Ernie Pyle characterized the Jeep vehicle in this way. "It's as faithful as a dog, as strong as a mule and agile as a goat."

As for Bantam, they only produced 2,674 Jeeps in total and manufactured their last one just before Pearl Harbor. That was the last automobile

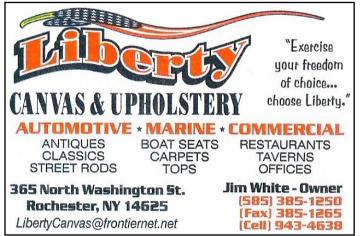
the Bantam Car Company would ever make; another proud little company faded into the sunset.

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The Highlands at Pittsford Classic Car Show

Again this year, The Highlands at Pittsford has invited GVACS car owners to display their cars. Residents, resident's families, and prospective residents look forward to this display and seeing our beautiful cars. They enjoy talking with GVACS members, reminiscing, and sharing car stories. If you'd like to attend, you must make a reservation. Check out the details....

What: The Highlands at Pittsford Classic Car Show

Where: The Hahnemann Square at the Highlands of Pittsford, 100 Hahnemann Trail, Pittsford, NY

When: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

What Time: 4:00-4:30 PM -- Owners park at Hahnemann Square Building 100 prior to dinner.

After parking, car owners will be invited inside for dinner.

5:30 PM -- Following dinner, car owners will go to the Music Room for dessert.

6 PM-7:30 PM -- Car owners will be at their cars to chat about their vehicle with residents

and prospective residents at the apartment neighborhood.

Whom to contact for reservation - (Reservations required) RSVP after July 1st:

Maria Sommerville (585) 641-6381 - if she is not there, leave a message and she will return your call. Or email maria_sommerville@urmc.rochester.edu. She will need your name, phone number, email and year/make of your car. (Car owners may bring a guest - however include the guest when making your reservation)

<u>Deadline for making a reservation:</u> Friday, July 28, 2023

Other details: Show is held rain or shine. Drivers will park their cars at Hahnemann Square Building 100 neighborhood. Attendants will be available to direct/assist car owners with parking.

Show is for residents and prospective residents considering The Highlands.

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National Car Collector's Appreciation Day Picnic

When: July 8th 2023

What Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Pat & Evelyn Lloyd's Home

214 Hamlin Parma Townline Road

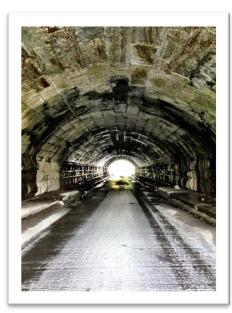
Hilton, NY 14468

Lunch: We are planning to cook lots of Zweigles hot dogs and provide rolls with all the condiments, bottled water and soda.

Cost: No Cost

What: We will do a driving tour on the backroads to Medina where the Erie Canal passes over the road (3699 Culvert Road, Medina, NY).

https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/new-york/erie-canal-drive-ny/





After the canal we will make our way back to Pat and Evelyn's house for a picnic and see everyone's vehicles and have a great afternoon together.

Hopefully we will have some other car clubs join us.

What to Bring With You: Please bring your favorite dish to pass or salads, desserts etc. We have refrigerators to keep food cold while we are out driving. Bring your own drinks, whatever that might be, if you want.

Other Details: I do have about 30 chairs and 4 large picnic tables so bringing your own chair might be needed. We will have seating inside the pole barn and outdoors in the lawn.

RSVP	BY	JULY	5th
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Contact Pat Lloyd: Email: pat@lloydmechanical.com or cell phone: (585-509-9044)
Please leave a message if I do not answer. Text is ok too.
Name(s)

Also Bring: Lawn Chair & your own drink. (There will be 4 picnic tables and a few chairs provided.)

I plan to bring: Side _____ Salad ____ Dessert ___

SUMMER 2023 GVACS 3 DAYS & 2 NIGHTS UPDATED PLANNER FOR JULY 28TH - 30TH

The following are Preliminary planning ideas that we are intending working to develop. As indicated in the June issue of the Brass Lamp, we are open to ideas that could be worked into the trip. We have however given up on the idea of a side trip to Oswego and have instead opted for a few tours around Auburn as suggested by Carolyn Burke.

Currently the itinerary includes the following elements:

<u>Day 1 - Friday, July 28th</u> - Total Travel Miles approximately 100 miles

- 8:45am Arrive at Wegmans Canandaigua Parking Lot, 235 Eastern Blvd, Canandaigua.
- 9:00am Leave Wegmans Travel to Auburn Rt US 20&5 East 41.4 miles
- 10:00am Arrive in Auburn and go South on Rt. 38 to the Seward House located at 33 South Street for a Guided Tour at 10:00am. outreach@Sewardhouse.org
- 11:00am Leave Seward House for lunch at Curley's Restaurant. Go North on Rt. 38 just North of Rt. 20, located at 96 State Street. 315-383-7670
- 1:30pm Leave Curley's Restaurant and proceed to Harriette Tubman's House and Museum Located at 180 South St for a guided tour at 2:00pm.
- 2:00pm Enjoy a guided tour of Harriette Tubman's Home. 315-252-2081
- 3:30pm Travel to Hamilton
- 5:30pm Arrive at Hotel in Hamilton and check-in. Dinner in Hamilton at (xx) TBD
- **Hotel Information** Hotel One75, 175 Utica St., Hamilton, NY 13346. info@hotelone75.com 315-824-4400. Special rate \$149.00/Night. Identify yourself as being with GVACS an ACCA affiliate organization.
 - 7pm Live music (Bring your lawn chair) in Bouckville, 3570 Canal Rd. 4.9 miles.

<u>Day 2 - Saturday, July 29th</u> -Total Travel Miles approximately 10 miles

- 9am Breakfast at the Hotel
- 10:30am Travel North to Rt US 20 then East on 30 to arrive at AACA Special Eastern Spring Nationals 2023 at White Eagle, 2910 Lake Moraine Road, Hamilton, NY 13346 Enjoy the car show & flea market. Eat lunch at Spring Nationals (XXX)
- 1:30 pm Travel North on County Rt 81. 4.9 miles to Bouckville, site of the Tin Can Rally Open House & Car Show. 3570 Canal Road, Bouckville, NY Judy & Bob Keenan will be at site 14. They will provide light refreshments.
 - 6pm Catered BBQ Dinner at TCT Antique Alley Rally in Bouckville
 - 8pm Stay for campfire or return to hotel south on County Rt 81. 4.9 miles to Hamilton

Day 3 - Sunday, July 30th - Total Travel Miles approximately 167.6 miles

- 8:00am Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:00am Travel South on Rt 12B to Norwich NY and NE Classic Car Museum 23.8 miles
- 9:30am Doughnut stop
- 9:45 11:30am Visit North East Auto Museum
- 11:30 2:30pm Travel to Keuka, NY West on Rt 79. 86.1 miles to Watkins Glen and 20.7 miles onto Keuka, NY. Late lunch in Keuka at The Switz (Switzerland Inn)
 - 4:00pm Travel 36.9 miles from Keuka to Canandaigua
 - 5:00pm Arrive in Canandaigua. Total miles traveled on the 3 day trip is approx.267 miles.

If you are interested in going and have not contacted Jim Day, please let Jim know ASAP at jamesIday21@gmail.com or call (585) 202-4450

Thursday, August 24, 1:00 PM

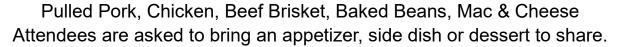
Foreman Park – White House Pavilion 4507 Lake Road, Pultneyville, New York

Spend an afternoon on beautiful Lake Ontario in the quaint hamlet of Pultneyville.

Arrive at 1:00, social hour/appetizers

Lunch served at 2:00





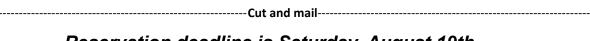
Please bring your own place setting (vintage?) and beverage of choice (bottled water available)

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Checks payable to GVACS.

Reservation deadline is Saturday, August 19th.

Send your reservation to Joe.

Any questions? Call Joe at (585) 755-2433.





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Joe Kozloski GVACS 2023 Summer Picnic 3249 Lake Rd., Williamson, NY 14589

Yes, I/we plan to attend. Please save seat(s) for person(s).							
Name(s) & Phone #							
Amount enclosed: (Checks payable to GVACS).							
I plan to bring: appetizer side dessert							

GVACS Activities Calendar Updated June 20, 2023					
Dates 2023	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts			
July 8, 2023	National Car Collector Appreciation Day 10:00 AM Pat & Evelyn Lloyd's Home 214 Hamlin Parma Townline Road Hilton, NY 14468 Details on page 16	Pat & Evelyn Lloyd			
Picnic Time August 24, 2023	Summer Picnic Foreman Park - White House Pavilion, 4507 Lake Rd. Pultneyville, NY	Joe Kozloski & Linda Perkins			
September 2023 Event Date TBD	??Ideas??	Need Volunteer(s) to Host and Organize			
October 2023 Event Date TBD	??Ideas?? ? Fall Run ?	Need Volunteer(s) to Host and Organize			
November 10, 2023 Event	Indoor Meeting - 7PM Annual Meeting and Speaker Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY	Need Volunteer(s) to Host and Organize			
December 10, 2023	Holiday Party Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club	Joel and Ann Neal & Linda Hosenfeld			



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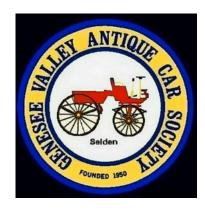
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