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## A Message From Your President Don Dear



Wow! What an amazing turnout we had at the October Cars and Coffee at Browncroft! **30 GVACS members!**

That is more than we had at our annual meeting! Thank you, Jerry and Marlene Kier, for scheduling these breakfasts!

We had our annual meeting on November 7th. Attendance was lower than expected. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and Directors. Revisions to our bylaws were passed unanimously. Several people shared news of members who are currently not well. A card to Jim Day, Ellen Hill and Joan VanDeWall would be appreciated. Their addresses are in our roster.

AACA and GVACS dues are now due. GVACS dues can be paid at our Christmas luncheon.

Our Christmas luncheon is on Saturday, December 6. Information is in this issue. The cost is only \$5. The deadline for reservations is December 1st.

Our activity calendar is pretty empty. Let's have some new types of activities. Pick a place to go, scout out a lunch stop and you're all set. Paul Kron has lots of ideas you can select from.

Coming in 2026! Candy trivia!

Enjoy the ride! Don

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# Sunshine Report

Ellen Hill

Joan VanDeWall

Jim Day

We are sending healing vibes your way.  
Hoping you find strength with each new  
day. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cards can be sent to:

Ellen Hill  
477 Stottle Road  
Scottsville, NY 14546

Joan VanDeWall  
101 Orchard Park Blvd.  
Rochester, NY 14609

Jim Day  
7480 Dryer Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14564

GET WELL SOON!

## Trivia Question

In a famous parody of the Christmas carol "Jingle Bells," what famous fictional car that belongs to a superhero has "lost a wheel" while "the Joker got away."

Answer: Batmobile

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## 2026 GVACS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

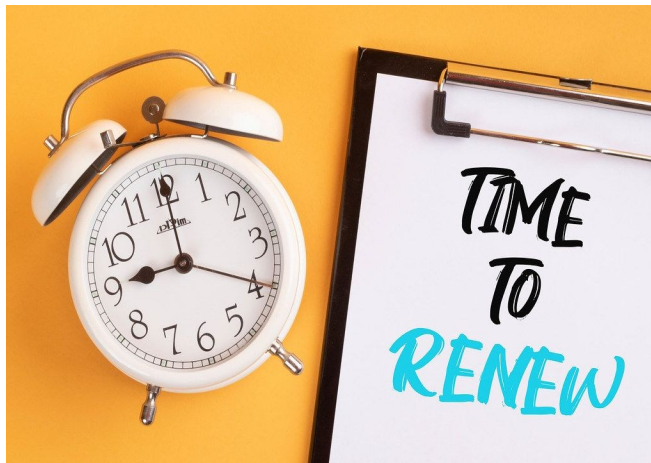
It is once again time to renew your GVACS membership. The 2026 GVACS Membership Renewal form can be found in this issue of *The Brass Lamp* and also on the GVACS website <https://www.gvacs1.com>.

Please complete the form and send it with a check made out to GVACS to Ann Neal, 2464 Maple Ave., Palmyra, NY 14522.

**Please keep in mind:**

Your 2026 GVACS membership renewal payment is due prior to December 31, 2025. Also, please pay

your 2026 AACA dues before December 31, 2025, as these must be paid before your GVACS renewal can be processed.



GVACS 50-year members are asked to return the completed GVACS renewal form with the line checked that states you are a 50-year member. This will ensure your name remains on our roster. Also please note 2026 AACA dues are required and must be paid by December 31, 2025 unless you have been awarded an AACA 50-Year Membership.

## GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2026 Friday, November 7, 2025 Results:



The GVACS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for 2026 took place at our indoor meeting on 11-07-2025 at 6:30 PM at Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield, NY 14526.

The following slate of nominees for GVACS Officers and Directors for 2026 were elected:

<b><u>OFFICERS:</u></b>		<b><u>DIRECTORS:</u></b>	
President:	Don Dear	Chris Dear	
Vice-President:	Brian Moon	Ann Neal	
Treasurer:	Brad Sargent	John O'Connor	
Secretary:	Mark Graf	Judy Keenan	
		Bob Keenan	



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

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

#### AACAMEMBERSHIP 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

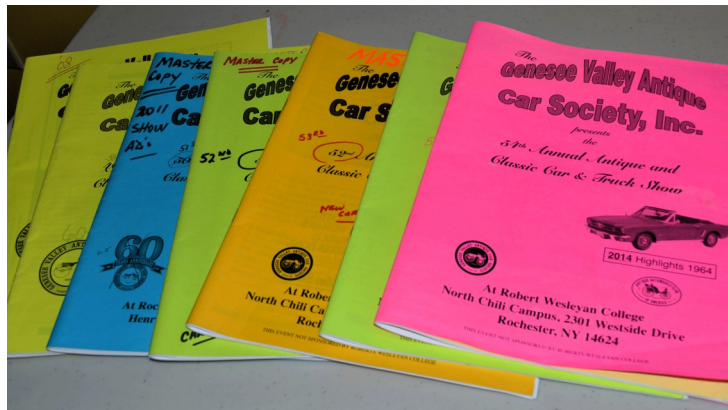


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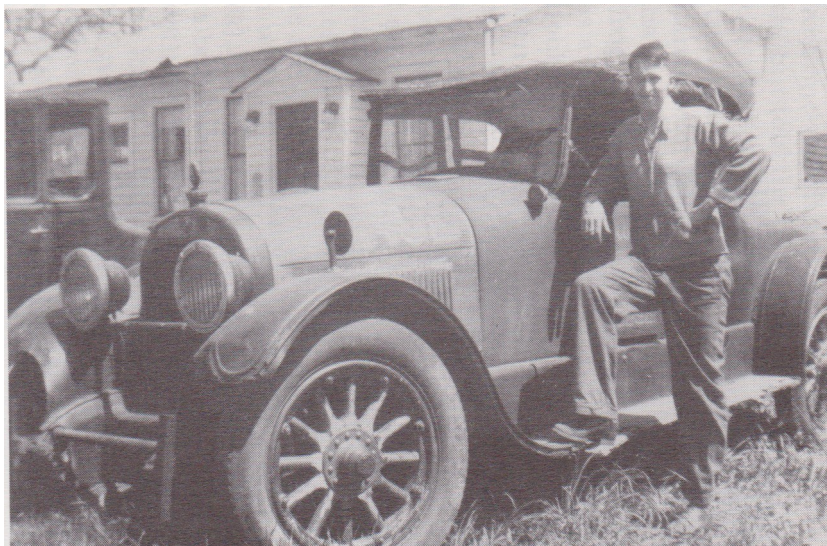




**THE YEAR 1909, OVER 110 YEARS AGO - A Murray Stahl Muse**

**T**he average life expectancy was 47 years and a car's fuel was sold only in drug stores. There were only 8,000 cars traveling 144 miles of paved roads; the maximum speed limit was about 10 MPH.

The average wage was 22¢ an hour and an accountant would earn \$2,000 in a year to a dentist's take of \$2,500. Over 90% of "Doctors" had no college education, in fact many barbers moonlighted as Doctors; yes, you read that right. The five leading causes of death were pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease and strokes.



Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Most women washed their hair using borax or egg yolks once a month; Only 14 percent of the homes

had a bathtub. Sugar cost 4¢ a pound, eggs 14¢ a dozen and coffee went for 15¢ a pound.

It was a far different time; Las Vegas Nevada had a population total of 30 and 22% of adults couldn't read or write; only 6% had graduated from high school. In the entire USA there were 230 reported murders. Roads were beyond bad hence the high ground clearance on most cars of the era.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The American flag had 45 stars. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't

been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

Plus, one more very sad thought; 95 percent of the taxes we have now did not even exist in 1909.

Murray Stahl

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## **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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_


***Please bring a  
non-perishable food item  
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Pantry.***





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### GVACS Activities Calendar Updated November 20, 2025

Dates 2025/2026	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts
 <p>December 6th</p>	<p>Christmas Luncheon  Saturday, December 6, 2025  Johnny D's Family Restaurant  2139 North Union Street  Spencerport, NY 14559  Arrive at 12:00 Noon</p>	Chris & Don Dear
January 2026	No Event Scheduled	
February , 2026 Date TBD	? Topic/Speaker ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
March 2026 Date TBD	? Pancake Run ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
April 2026 Date TBD	? Topic/Speaker ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
May 18, 2026 Tentative	? Topic/Speaker ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
June 2026 Date TBD	? Ice Cream Social ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
July 2026 Date TBD	National Car Collector Appreciation Day	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
August 2026 Date TBD	Summer Picnic	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
September 2026 Date TBD	? Topic/Speaker ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
October 2026 Date TBD	? Topic/Speaker ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
November 2026 Date TBD	Annual Mtg & Election of Officers	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts
December 2026 Date TBD	? Christmas Party ?	Need Volunteer Organizer/Hosts



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