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1912 EMF

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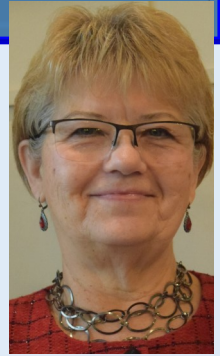
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A Message From Your Editor Judy Keenan



Well we did it again! This is the 5th year in a row that we received the Award of *Master Editor for Regional Publications*.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make this happen. If you submitted a picture or a story to be placed in The Brass Lamp, then you contributed! If you planned an activity or attended an activity then you contributed! If you took pictures or proofed the newsletter you contributed! It takes all of us to make the newsletter a success.

As I told everyone at the Cars and Coffee at Browncroft Family Restaurant, to receive this award we have to meet several requirements. The score sheet starts at 100 points. If you do not meet one or more of the requirements then points are subtracted off of the 100.

One of the requirements are two articles from the club. Murray Stahl as been giving me 1 or 2 articles for The Brass Lamp since I have taken over Editor.

He has been doing this even before I took over. Thank you so much Murray, without these articles I do not think we would have received the *Master Editor Award*.

Besides the two articles for every month, I need something about what is going on at AACA, a President's report and picture, an Editor's report and picture (we do not put our pictures in just to see ourselves, they are required), pictures of club activities, list of officers, the front and back pages have to have our logo and AACA logo and a certain format. Also judged are the quality of the pictures, the layout, and the amount of pages.

So, if you want this award for another year, please get those pictures and articles into me. Again thanks for all your help.

Blessings, Judy

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A Message From Your President Don Dear

March is Maple Syrup month. Be sure to enjoy the outing to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn on March 27th. Their syrup and buckwheat pancakes are delicious! Sign up details are in this issue.

Thank you, Keenans, Smiths and Marge Thurley for hosting the winter picnics. Such fun playing games (north) and good times talking with our car friends. The side dishes brought by our members were very tasty.

Congratulations to AACA award winners Judy Keenan and Jerry and Nancy Huffman. Judy received the "Master Editor Award" for her outstanding job creating our newsletter, "The Brass Lamp." Our club is very fortunate to have her as our editor. The Huffmans were the recipients of the "AACA Brass Touring Award." They and

Everett, their 1912 EMF, are very proud of this and they will hopefully show us their award at our next event.

Cars and Coffee is a popular event. There are always 15+ members there to enjoy breakfast and conversation. Many thanks to the Kiers for making the monthly arrangements.

Our event calendar is SLOWLY filling. Your help is needed to fill it up. Think of something you would enjoy doing and plan an activity around it. Our Board members are willing to partner with you. Give us a call.

Enjoy the ride! Don



Florida Winter Picnic at Marge Thurley's Home



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Our Deepest Sympathy

The GVACS' family would like to send their condolences to the family of Alden Favro. Alden, known as Bucky to many, passed away July 6, 2023. Bucky was a car enthusiast and spent years restoring and collecting classic cars.

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Jerry & Nancy Huffman's 1912 EMF

By Nancy Huffman

Having restored a 1913 Renault DM Touring, which is our show car, we began to look for a Brass Era car to drive and tour along with other hobbyists who tour with their early cars. We wanted a “driver”, not necessarily a “show car”. In 2018 we responded to an “Cars for Sale” ad in the AACA *Antique*



would run perfectly for 30 miles and the next day he could barely make it to the end of our road! We were discouraged. It was at this point when GVACS member Scott Deno offered to work on the car and tweak it to make it tour ready. When the project was completed, Scott encouraged us to take “Everitt” on the

Automobile magazine – a 1912 EMF in Omaha, Nebraska. Off we went to Omaha with an empty trailer to look at the car. The agreement with the owner was if we liked the car, it was ours, and if we didn't, we'd return home with an empty trailer. Well...long story short...the car was loaded into the trailer, and we were on our way back home to Churchville with our touring car!

EMF stands for the Everitt-Metzger-Flanders Company which produced the EMF from 1909-1912. At that point the EMF company was then taken over by Studebaker. Thus, in keeping with our habit of giving our cars names, we named our car “Everitt”! We discovered that while Everitt “ran” it needed some TLC. Over the next few years, we drove it frequently around the neighborhood for confidence runs but the car was not dependable. On one day Everitt



Hershey Hangover tour which we did in the fall of 2022. The Hershey Hangover Tour is organized by the Susquehanna Valley Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and Snappers Region of the AACA. It occurs at the close of the Eastern Nationals at Hershey. If people show their cars at the fall meet, they can proceed directly to a nearby host hotel and enjoy touring for a couple of days after the meet before returning home.

Since 2022, “Everitt” has participated in several Brass Era tours including the Beautiful Brass Cars (BBC), the New England Brass and Gas, the Celebration of Brass at the Gilmore Museum, the 2023 AACA Vintage Tour in Presque Isle, Maine, and the 2023 Hershey Hangover. Our EMF now has over 1500 Brass Era Touring miles, and we look forward to many more!

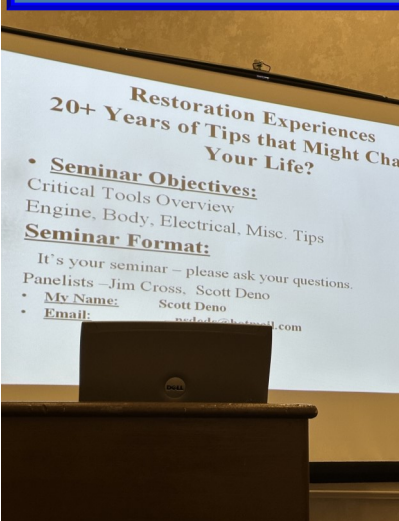
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By Nancy Huffman



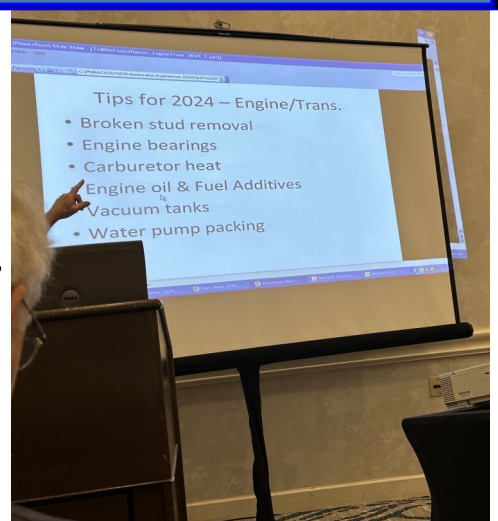
Outgoing AACA President, Fred Trusty presenting Jerry & Nancy Huffman the 2023 AACA "Brass Era Touring" Award

Scott Deno's Workshop at the AACA Convention



"He was Terrific!"

Quote from Nancy Huffman



Expert Opinions

A Murray Stahl Muse

Every week, hordes of "experts" crawl out of damp and musty places to make predictions about impact of the next wave of technology, legislation, or the next generation of management science and future business conditions.

All of which will affect how you market products and services and essentially plan your life. My personal favorites are Government 5 - and 10-year forecasts and believing that people who read the news to us are Experts.

There is no doubt that forward looking predictions are needed but are these predictions to be believed as gospel; you be the judge?

Let's take a look at some things said by experts in times past:

- ◆ "Inventions have long since reached their limit, and I see no hope for future improvements." Julius Frontenus, 10 AD
- ◆ "What can be more palpably absurd than the prospect held out of locomotives traveling twice the speed of stagecoaches?" ---'Quarterly Review', 1825
- ◆ "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." Western Union, 1878
- ◆ "I do believe in the horse. The automobile is no more than a transitory phenomenon." ---Kaiser Wilhelm II, the last German Emperor, 1886
- ◆ "Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." Lord Kelvin, president - Royal Society, 1895
- ◆ "Everything that can be invented has been

invented." --Charles H. Duell, an official at the US patent office, 1899

◆ "Man will not fly for 50 years." ---Wilbur Wright, 1901

◆ "Flight by machines heavier than air is impractical and insignificant, if not utterly impossible."--Simon Newcomb, Director, U.S. Naval Observatory, 1902

◆ "The actual building of roads devoted to motor cars is not for the near future, in spite of many rumors to that effect." 'Harper's Weekly', 1902

◆ "The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty - a fad." President of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Horace Rackham (Henry Ford's lawyer) not to invest in the Ford Motor Company in 1903. Rackham ignored the advice and bought \$5,000 worth of stock. He sold it several years later for \$12,500,000!

◆ "The automobile has practically reached the limit of its development." ----'Scientific American', 1909

◆ "Gasoline engines will soon be rendered obsolete." ---Thomas A. Edison, 1910---J. Biden 2021

◆ "Prices on electric cars will continue to drop until they're within reach of the average family." ---'The Washington Post', 1915 & 2021

◆ "The radio isn't even worthy of discussion." ---Pittsburgh newspaper, 1920

◆ "Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" ---H. M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927

◆ "Talking films are a very interesting invention, but I do not believe they will remain long in fashion." Louis-Jean Lumiere (co-inventor of the first film projector), 1929

◆ "A severe depression like that of 1920-21 is

1800



“Rail travel at high speed is not possible, because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia.”

Dr. Dionysys Larder, Professor of Natural Philosophy & Astronomy, University College London

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outside the range of probability."---'Harvard Economic Society's Weekly Letter', published November 16, 1929. The Letter ceased publication in 1931, broke because of The Great Depression.

◆ "The Depression is over improvement will set in during the Spring months." Herbert Hoover; January, 1930

◆ "A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere." ---'New York Times', 1936

◆ "No Civil War picture has ever made a nickel." --- Irving Thalberg, MGM Studios (who turned down 'Gone With The Wind'), 1938

◆ "Television will fail. People don't have time to stop what they're doing and stare at a screen."---'New York Times', 1939

◆ "The Glider Train, consisting of one tow plane and three or more gliders is now a tested reality. Tomorrow, it will carry mail and fast freight to every point on the globe, revolutionizing transportation." 'Forbes Magazine', 1942

◆ "The (atom) bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in explosives." ----- Admiral William Leahy to President Truman, 1945

◆ "Television won't last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night."--- Darryl Zanuck, 20th Century Fox, 1946

◆ "In the future, computers will have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and, perhaps, only weigh one and one-half tons."---'Popular Mechanics', 1949

◆ "I never met any guitar player who was worth a damn."---Vernon Presley, providing career advice to his son, Elvis, 1953

◆ "Nuclear-powered vacuum cleaners will probably be a reality in 10 years." ---Alex Lewyt, president of vacuum cleaner company, Lewyt Corp., 1955

◆ "The biggest no-talent I ever worked with." ---Paul Cohen, Decca Records (after firing Buddy Holly), 1956

◆ "Castro will last a year. No longer." ---Fulgencio Batista (deposed by Fidel Castro), 1959

◆ "Guitar groups are on their way out." ---Dick Rowe, A&R man for the British arm of Decca records to Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein, after Rowe was unimpressed with their audition at Decca studios. Rowe declined to sign the Fab Four to his label in 1963.

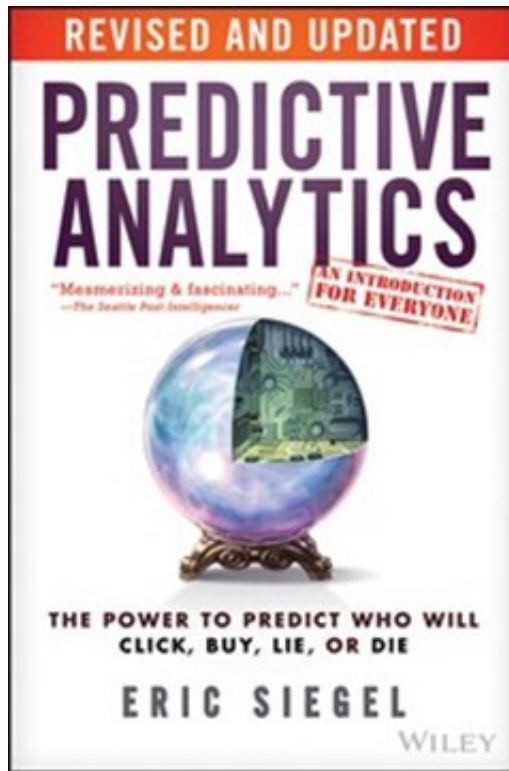
◆ "With over fifteen types of foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big share of the market for itself." ---'Business Week', 1968

◆ "No woman in my time will ever be Prime Minister of Great Britain." ---Margaret Thatcher, 1970 (she became Prime Minister in 1979)

◆ "The computer will never be as important as the copier."---Head of Xerox NY research facility, mid-1970s

◆ "There is no reason for any individual to have a personal computer in their home."---Ken Olsen, President, Digital Equipment Corp., 1980

◆ "For the most part, the portable computer is a dream machine for the few ... On the whole, people don't want to lug a computer with them to the beach or on a train to while away hours they would rather spend reading the sports or business section of the newspaper. Somehow, the microcomputer industry



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Expert Opinions

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has assumed that everyone would love to have a keyboard grafted on as an extension of their fingers. It just is not so."---Erik Sandberg-Diment, 'New York Times', 1985

◆ In the 1961 edition of his best-selling textbook, Paul Samuelson predicted that the Soviet Economy would "overtake the U.S. economy sometime between 1984 and 1997." In the book's 1989, edition, Samuelson wrote, "The Soviet economy is proof that, contrary to what many skeptics had earlier believed, a socialist command economy can function and even thrive." The Soviet Union ceased to exist on December 31, 1991. ---Paul Samuelson, first American to win the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (in 1970)

◆ "Most of the beaches on the East Coast of the

United States will be gone in 25 years," due to rising sea levels caused by global warming. ---New York Times article, September 18, 1995

◆ "By 2005 or so, it will become clear that the Internet's impact on the economy has been no greater than the fax machine's." ---Paul Krugman, 'New York Times' economist, 1998

◆ We will lose 2-million citizens in the next year to Covid-19 –CDC in 2019

Soooo ... listen to your heart, not the futurists. Use your own experience to spot trends and respond to them appropriately. Make business and personal decisions based on sound logic rather the hype cranked out by so-called experts.

And so it goes, *Murray*

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Monday 10am - after eclipse

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Shopping - Browse the Museum Gift Shop, Holiday Shoppe, and the Used Books building for treasures & deals!

Old Tyme Photo Booth - Get decked out with some accessories from the past and pose for an historic photo. Cobble the Mouse photobooth for kids!

Learning - Hop on a tour with one of our docents; see our current exhibits; watch the Blacksmith working at the forge; listen to a storyteller...

Auto Show - Antique, classic, & sports cars will be motoring to the Museum grounds on Saturday and Sunday (12pm-3pm Weather Permitting)

Refreshments - Don't go hungry on Monday, the Eclipse day! Enjoy pizza, popcorn, cobblestone candy & more...(Monday 11am-1pm)

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March 2024

17-23 Founders Tour (1932-1999)

Louisiana - Louisiana Region

21-24 Special Winter Nationals

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Region

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April 4-6, 2024

Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals

Charlotte, NC - Hornets Nest Region

704-847-4215

June 9-13, 2024

Eastern Divisional Tour (Up through 1999)

Fredericksburg, VA

June 20-22, 2024

Eastern Spring Nationals

Saratoga Springs, NY - Saratoga Region

518-863-4987

July 10-13, 2024

Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1999)

Big Horn Mt., Wyoming

Nebraska Region

September 2024

12-14 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

May 2025

1-3 Western Spring/Grand Nationals

Tucson, Arizona - Tucson Region

520-904-7325

March 2024 Secretary's Report

Dear GVACS Members,

As of March 1, the winter is 79% over with just two weeks to go before spring arrives.

So much for the obvious, it is now time to get serious with any repairs or updates required by our cars for the upcoming driving/showing season.

The anticipation each spring is one of the best parts of the hobby. We just can't wait to get the cars out and take them for a ride.

This may be a bit early for this story, but in February 1994, we bought a beautiful red 1990 Corvette roadster from Bill Turner, and he delivered it on a flat bed. We lived only about four miles from his shop, but he was insistent that the car would never see salt or snow.

Bill's wife quipped as the flatbed left his shop that "on April 15th, we pay our taxes and get the Corvettes out".

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will not have to wait until April 15th to get the cars out.

All the Best

Jim Day, Secretary GVACS

Try A Tour

By Dave Anspach, 2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer

I have been showing cars on a local, Concours, and AACA level for over 25 years but I had never tried an AACA National Tour. I have been on numerous local Tours over the years, but not a National Tour. I have been the liaison Director for a couple but I never really tried an AACA National Tour... until now.

Last year when President Wayne Tuck asked me to be the liaison Director for the Special Central Division Tour this year, I accepted and began working with tour chairman Don Sword to help the Southern Ohio Region with the details of a National Tour. I also began planning to find a car that worked for both Deb and I for a Tour vehicle. Unfortunately, in the ensuing 10 months, I looked at several cars but was unable to “pull the trigger”. As a result, the deadline for registration for the tour neared without me having a suitable car. I was talking with Don about some last minute plans and he mentioned that I hadn’t registered yet. When I told him the tale of looking for a car, he replied that one of his region members, West Peterson, had offered a car to anyone who wanted to enter but didn’t have a car. I immediately contacted West to determine if the offer was indeed good and he assured me that I indeed could use his car... a 1940 Packard Touring. Given that my wife is a gigantic Packard fan, it was a match made in heaven.

We arrived in Piqua, Ohio the afternoon before the Tour was to begin and finalized arrangements with West. The following morning we drove to Dayton and met West at his home. After an initial driving lesson that featured some genuine jitters on my part (the prestige of the Packard along with its sheer size was quite unnerving for a Crosley driver) we were off to the first destination. The first day was an on your own trip to 2 destinations; the US Air Force Museum, followed by the Packard Museum. I was even treated to a rare visit to the basement workshop at the Packard museum and every visitor from the AACA received a book as a gift. I followed West the first day because we had no idea where we were going!

I can honestly say I didn’t sleep well the first night. I was so worried that we would not be able to follow the directions and would get hopelessly lost. Add that to continuing nervousness about properly caring for West’s Packard and I was awake a lot! I went out to the car in the morning to start it, warm it up, and wipe off the morning dew and found Roger Ireland standing

there and he asked if he could ride with us. RIDE WITH US? He immediately became navigator while Deb followed along with the directions as we drove along. The second day’s trip including the Airstream Museum and Factory, lunch, shopping in Wapakoneta, and the Neil Armstrong Museum went off without a hitch!

I slept pretty well Thursday night and headed out to again warm up and wipe down the car Friday am. Roger again came out but told me he was riding with West and Laura Peterson this day (I guess I talked too much). Friday’s trip was to the Klepinger collection, The bicycle museum of America, and The Allen County Historical museum. We were to follow Roger and the Petersons but to my utter delight, my bride/navigator found errors they made a few times during the day and we ended up in the lead! I couldn’t have been more tickled! The museums were great but successfully navigating the course was far better. I guess I finally relaxed driving the car by Saturday. The trip to the Halderman Museum followed by Bob McConnell’s race car collection was fantastic. Deb’s navigation was again flawless (she was so good, I honestly can’t wait to do it again). I was almost sad when the day ended and we returned the car to West’s home. The day ended with a fantastic banquet that featured a game of Singo...a variation of Bingo using songs as spaces instead of numbers.

It was overall an entertaining and educational experience that I hope to repeat again soon. I want to thank Don Sword and the Southern Ohio Region for a great Tour, Roger Ireland for his help and training in navigation, but most of all I want to thank West and Laura Peterson and the Peterson family for the use of one of America’s finest cars. It was an experience that Deb and I will remember for the rest of our lives.

The people were warm and welcoming. The cars were beautiful. The locations were interesting and educational and several of them could have been whole day locations on their own. We left Piqua totally exhausted and happy. What more could you ask for from an event. I encourage every one of you to Try A Tour, you will not be disappointed... I guarantee it!



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Please get your reservations in early.

Buffet Fare will include:

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Oven roasted potatoes, Cucumber-tomato salad, coffee/tea.

Schedule:

9:30 AM: Meet at Lowes Henrietta Parking Lot

10:00 AM: leave Lowes for a springtime drive through the countryside.

11:00 AM: Arrive at The Yard of Ale, Piffard, NY to socialize.

Cash Bar available

11:30 AM: Buffet Brunch is Served

~1:30 PM: leave Piffard and tour to Silver Springs, NY to Dave Phillips' Coca Cola Museum

Reservation deadline Thursday, April 25, 2024

Clip & send reservation form to Jerry & Nancy Huffman, 601 Stearns Rd., Churchville, NY 14428.

Make checks payable to GVACS.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Yes, I/we plan to attend the Dust 'em off & Drive 'em Brunch Run

Number Attending _____ x \$29.00 = _____ (Total enclosed)

GVACS Activities Calendar Updated February 20, 2024

Dates 2024	Activity/Event/Speaker	Organizer/Hosts
 <p style="text-align: center;">March 27th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pancake Run - 8:45 Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn 4321 County Rd 15A, Angelica, NY 14709 Meet at Lowes Parking Lot - See Flyer page 16</p>	Judy & Bob Keenan
<p>April 6, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cobblestone Museum 10am - 3pm 14389 Ridge Rd. W., Albion, NY 14411 See Flyer on page 11</p>	<p><u>Need Volunteer(s)/Host</u> Your on your own unless someone volunteers.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">May 5, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"Dust 'em off & Drive 'em Brunch Run" Lunch at The Yard of Ale, NY & Coca Cola Museum, Silver Springs, NY 9:30am Meet at Lowes/Henrietta Parking Lot</p>	Nancy & Jerry Huffman
 <p style="text-align: center;">June 2024 Event Date TBD</p>	Ice Cream Social	Betty Reilly & Judy & Bob Keenan
<p>July 2024 Event - Date TBD</p>	National Car Collector Appreciation	Need Volunteer(s)/Host
 <p style="text-align: center;">August Date TBD</p>	Summer Picnic Pultneyville	Joe Kozloski & Linda Perkins
<p>September 2024 Event Date TBD</p>	??Ideas??	Need Volunteer(s)/Host
<p>October 2024 Event Date TBD</p>	??Ideas?? ? Fall Run ?	Need Volunteer(s)/Host
<p>November 8, 2024</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>	Need Volunteer(s)/Host
 <p style="text-align: center;">December 8th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Party at the Pub On The Green, Ontario Golf Club Ontario, NY</p>	Ann & Joel Neal & Don & Linda Hosenfeld

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