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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

General Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Sheriff Gerace, Speaker

Club website: www.clraaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org
Newsletters and flea market info all in one place!

2017 EVENTS

- Sept 9 Steak Fry at the War Vets
- Sept 16 Buffalo River History Tour - new info to the right
- Sept 24 Appreciation Dinner at Olive's in Mayville
- Oct 15 Leaf Peeping Tour - more info below

"Leaf Peeping Tour" and Picnic at Allegany State Park on Sunday, Oct 15th by Greg and Cindy Press

We will be leaving at "10 am sharp" from the Route 60 Park and Ride. We will take Route 86 E to Exit 18 and enter the Quaker entrance to the park. Members will be responsible for their own entrance fee - \$7 per car. We will cruise through the park while enjoying the fall colors and end up at a shelter at the "Red House Picnic Area." The club has paid for the shelter. We expect to arrive there a little before noon. Pack your own lunch and beverages. Grills are there for anyone who wants to bring charcoal to grill out. There are plenty of picnic tables available. Bring your own lawn chairs if you wish. Stay as long as you want or leave when you've finished your lunch. It's up to you since we have the area rented for the entire day. Take a hike, enjoy the lake and scenery, bring your kids and or grandkids and enjoy the day!

SEPT BIRTHDAYS - WISH JIM STRONG A HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY THIS SEPT 30TH!

Club Member with vehicles for sale:

Grace Hanson - (716) 763-5050
1931 Model A Ford Roadster Deluxe w/rumble seat
1963 Buick LeSabre hardtop w/wildcat engine

Larry Brinkley - (716) 763-0593

1936 Buick
1948 Ford

Please share with anyone who might be interested!

Thank you, Cindy Press! Cindy is the Chairperson for the 50th Anniversary Flea Market and Swap Meet celebration in 2018. Thanks also to the volunteer club members helping her make this a special occasion for our vendors, patrons and club members!

It's that time of year when we select a school district for our annual Christmas Shopping. Anyone interested in shopping for a family please contact Nancy Rudny at 716-664-5626

October's speaker at the General Meeting will be Gary Nelson, an optician in Jamestown, who will discuss the Martz Kohl Observatory in Frewsburg.

Steak Fry at the War Vets Saturday, September 9

Appetizers at 5pm • Dinner at 6pm

Dinner includes grill your own steak, potato salad, coffee or tea and dessert.

Member cost is \$21.00 per couple / \$10.50 single, (Guests are \$21.00 *per person*) tax & tip included.

There will be two fire pits available to grill your steaks.

For more info call Nancy at 664-5626

Return your reservation by *September 2nd* to
Nancy Rudny, 13 Utica Street, Jamestown, NY 14701

STEAK FRY

Members name w/those attending _____

Members phone number _____

Payment included: (Members -\$21.00 per couple/\$10.50 single \$21.00 per guest) = _____

• Make check payable to CLRAACA

BUFFALO RIVER HISTORY TOUR

This is a 90 minute navigated tour. Stories of the Erie Canal, the largest grain port in the world and the nation's largest collection of standing grain elevators. Hear the stories of Buffalo immigrants and residents and how they worked the docks and mills, feeding the nation. The tour is free for club members and \$17 per guest. There will be lunch at 3pm at the Pearl City Grill, "on your own," with full menu available. Hosted by Ron and Nancy Rudny, they plan to meet **Saturday, Sept 16th** at the North Main St. Kwik Fill and leave no later than **9am** to arrive in time for the 12:30pm tour. Please RSVP to the Rudny's with number of attendees (including payment for guests) and if you'll be staying for lunch - 13 Utica St. Jamestown or nancyrudny@gmail.com or (716) 664-5626 by **Sept 2, 2017**.

*Nancy & Ron want you to know the following information: If you want to eat prior to the tour, there is The Dive which is a hot dog, hamburg, French fry stand but service is slow. Nancy is suggesting you bring something to eat as there are plenty of chairs and tables. The Dive will be good for ice cream. We cannot bring food or drinks on the boat but there are snacks and drinks on the boat to purchase.

There is only two hour parking where we are going. But, there is Harbor Center parking ramp. First hour is free with a max of \$5.00. You will need a debit or credit card to pay the ramp fee. There is free parking about three blocks away from the boat ramp if you chose to do that. What we will do is drive up to let people off then Ron will continue to the parking ramp with the cars. It is very close, maybe a five minute walk. I also suggest that no one drives their antique cars as the parking ramp is not monitored



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The Nissan Figaro

By Gary Swanson

As I pulled into my dentist's parking lot one day last month, I spotted an unusual car I had never seen before. As I approached to take a look, my first thought was "What the heck is this?" I didn't have to wait long for an answer, as the lady who owned it soon came out of the office. It is a 1991 Nissan Figaro she told me, and she had purchased it in England about 14 years ago. When she moved to Florida a couple of years ago she had it shipped here, and I don't blame her. I wouldn't want to take it out among the crazies on I-95 or I-4, but it is perfect for running around our little town of New Smyrna Beach. Following is some information gleaned from the owner and from Wikipedia.

The Figaro is a small 2 plus 2 convertible produced in Japan mainly in 1990, with a few apparently titled as 1991's. It is "retro styled" to look like something from the 50's or 60's, and based on the Nissan Micra, a small car Nissan still exports mainly to Latin America and parts of Asia. Only 8,000 of these cute little cars were scheduled to be produced, but demand was high, so another 12,000 were made. At the time, Nissan wanted to produce something sporty to prop up their stodgy image, and it worked. Purchasers actually had to enter a lottery and be selected to buy one of these. They were originally sold only in Japan, but obviously over the years some have made their way to other parts of the world. Being a right hand drive car, owners had to wait until the Figaro was 25 years old to import them and register them in the US and Canada, unless one wanted to go to the expense of converting one to left hand drive. Yes, there are specialists who will do this, mainly in the UK, for about \$5,000.

These little gems came very well equipped, with a 987cc I-4 turbo engine (75hp), a three speed automatic transmission, cream colored leather upholstery, A/C, and a CD player. Steering is rack and pinion, and it is stopped via front power disc

brakes with drums in the rear. Wheels and tires are 12 inch, with a 91 inch wheelbase, and a 147 inch overall length. Curb weight is 1790 lbs, and top speed is listed at 106mph.

The body is fiberglass, with "fluoroplastic paint". There were four colors offered, each representing one of the four seasons. Emerald green was for spring, Pale Aqua was for summer, Topaz Mist was for autumn, and Lapis Gray was for winter. All had the above mentioned cream leather interior.

I think the coolest feature of the car is its sliding fabric roof with a glass rear window. The upper side structure of the roof remains fixed, while the middle section slides back and into the rear hinged trunk, completely disappearing. Very reminiscent of the Rambler that Lois Lane drove back in the day!

These cars can be found on ebay, anywhere from six or seven thousand dollars, up to the low twenties, obviously depending on condition and where in the world they are located. If you can get your hands on one, you can be pretty sure you'll be the only one at whatever car event you attend.

