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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ War Vets

General Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ War Vets

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

2017 EVENTS

June 10	Celoron Rib Fest Classic Car Show, registration 9am
June 11	65th Lake Erie Car Show, Elma Greens Park, 2-11pm
June 14	Joe Basil Chevrolet All Corvette Cruise Night, 5-8pm
June 18	Annual Father's Day Car Show & Chicken BBQ at the War Vets
June 24	Tanglewood Manor Car Show, 2-4pm (rain date, July 15th)
July 4	Mayville Independence Day parade, see info to the right
August 13	Family picnic at Westfield Fish and Game
Sept 9	Steak Fry at the War Vets
Sept 24	Appreciation Dinner at Olive's in Mayville

65th Annual Lake Erie Region AACA Car Show- Join Greg Press for breakfast at Tom's in Irving, NY (near the thruway exit) at 8am Sunday June 11 (plan on leaving at 9am.) We will decide if we are taking the interstate or back roads to the restaurant. We will plan on being there around 10am. If we get a good turnout, I will call the restaurant to inform them. If interested or need more information, call or email Greg Press at (716) 287-3754 or gregpress42@yahoo.com.

Club Member with vehicles for sale:

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

Bob Apotosh - (716) 484-8809
 1973 Porsche 914

Larry Brinkley - (716) 763-0593
 1936 Buick
 1948 Ford

Kathy Baus - (716) 499-3538
 4 Mounted snow tires, 185/60/R15, 4 bolt, 16"

Please share with anyone who might be interested!

The club is interested in wishing members a *Happy Birthday or Anniversary* in each newsletter. If you would like to be included, please email/mail Jeanne Oag your particulars - month, day and even year if you're feeling brave!

Celoron Rib Fest Classic Car Show - June 10; registration 9am-1pm & show is from 1-4pm; sponsored by the Southern Tier Classic Chevy Club. For more info, contact Tom at (716) 763-9306 or www.stcchevyclub.com

Any members wanting to order a club jacket should contact Nancy Rudny at (716) 664-5626. Order cut off date is July 10th. Thank you.

4th of July Parade in Mayville

Once again Mark Smith has pre-registered our club, Chaut. Lake Region AACA, so that we can go together as a group. Meet at 9am at the Chaut. Lake school parking lot (100 N. Erie St./Rte 394.) Judging of antique and classic cars will be at 9am w/prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20. The parade ends at Lakeside Park and those that want to can pull into the park to display their cars and enjoy the music and activities going on. Thank you, Mark, for organizing this fun outing -always a fun way to start the Independence Day festivities!

The Vikings Lake Lodge is looking for cars to display on July 8th starting at 4pm until ? There will be 50's and 60's style music and you are welcome to come and stay as long as you want. Contact Chuck Telford at (716) 487-1151 (ext 223)

Jeanne Oag, Newsletter editor, is seeking interesting and/or informative articles for the newsletter. Contact her at jeanneoag@hotmail.com or call her at 716-985-4821. She requests submissions no later than the end of the month for publication in the next newsletter.

The club would love to line up some speakers for our meetings starting this fall (September) - if you know a person or group with an interesting hobby or mission, ask them to come share with our organization. Let Nancy Rudny know by calling (716) 664-5626

50th Annual Automotive Flea Market

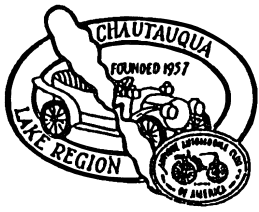
50th Annual Automotive Flea Market is in 2018. Now is a good time to start forming a committee of club members who would like to plan something special at the event to commemorate this anniversary. Contact Flea Market Chair, Nancy Rudny, if you'd like to join!

The Club Library



The club library of old repair manuals and assorted car related books is out of Chuck Sinatra's office and now with Carl Steenburn. Carl has an inventory of what is there; call him and see if there is anything you can use for your projects. Your club membership is your library card to take out any books/materials.

Club Touring or Outing Form - the club is always interested in having tours and outings once the nice weather arrives! There is now a form available on our website (under the RBR link) or from any board member, to help you plan an outing or tour.



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What's New For 1957

By Gary Swanson

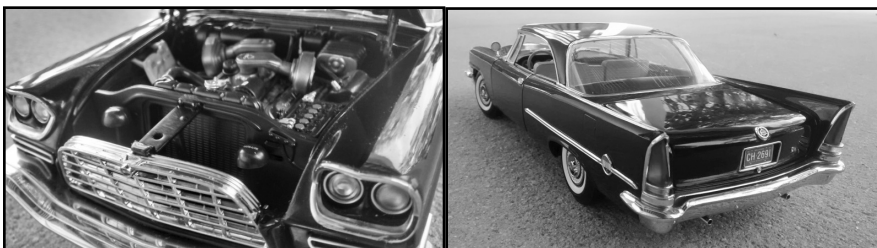
A recent flea market find was a 144 page paperback Dell Service Book entitled "1957 Cars". Still in excellent condition, the original news stand price was 75 cents. It was fun to read through and see the new offerings from 60 years ago.

Almost all of the cars from the "big three", GM, Ford, and Chrysler, were totally new. The only exceptions seemed to be Chevrolet, Pontiac and Lincoln, and they were heavily facelifted. The new Ford was offered in two different wheelbase lengths, with the top of the line Fairlane 500 being both 6 inches longer overall and 1 inch lower than the Custom. It was stated that if a Fairlane 500 was ordered loaded, with every option, the price was almost that of the basic Lincoln. News of the retractable hardtop Skyliner convertible, today one of the most collectible of all Fords, had apparently not broken yet, as there is no mention of it in this book.

The entire Chrysler line, Imperial, Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, and Plymouth, was also all new, having adopted "The Forward Look" styling. Plymouth's advertising slogan this year was "Suddenly, it's 1960!" I remember being super impressed as a 10 year old when a friend's father pulled up at church in a new white Plymouth Belvedere 2 door hardtop with a red accent stripe on the side, it was gorgeous. Fins were very prominent, and the torsion bar suspension was introduced. Sadly, quality control and rust issues plagued these beautiful cars this year.

Chevrolet brought out Ramjet Fuel Injection, and it was highly praised in this book as being a much superior alternative to the carburetor. As we know now, it took a long time for fuel injection to become standard on most cars, and the last use of this particular system was on the 1965 Corvette. This was the third year of Chevy using this very popular body and frame, although heavily re-styled, and it has gone on to be one of the most popular collector cars of all time. The Pontiac was also restyled, and finally lost its familiar chrome stripes running up the hood and down the trunk, on its way to becoming more performance oriented and less of an old mans' car. Buick, Olds, and Cadillac were all new this year with some beautiful body styles, including four door hardtop station wagons from Olds and Buick.

The news from one of the independents, Studebaker-Packard, was the introduction of a supercharger on the 289 V8, standard on the Studebaker Golden Hawk model. This enabled the lighter Studebaker designed engine to put out as much or more power than the previous years' heavier Packard 352 V8 (only year in the Hawk), greatly improving the handling. The estimated top speed for the Golden Hawk was 130mph, much higher than any of the others listed in the book. This car has really come into its own, collector wise. A mint condition black and gold example recently sold at the January Barrett Jackson auction for \$95,700. This price beat out two other icons of the 1950's, a fuel injected red 1957 Bel Air convertible that sold for \$92,400, and a 1957 E-code (two four barrel, 312 c.i. engine) Thunderbird that went for \$68,200. According to the book, best buys this year went to Plymouth (for styling), Rambler (for economy), Chevy (for engineering of the fuel injection), Mercury (for safety), and Imperial (for luxury).



A 1957 Chrysler 300 C, 1/18 scale model from the collection of Gary Swanson



1957 Olds (1/8 scale model from the collection of Gary Swanson)