

# THE RUNNINGBOARD RUNDOWN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
THE CHAUTAUQUA LAKE REGION AACA  
P.O. BOX 821

JAMESTOWN, NY 14702-0821

[www.claaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org](http://www.claaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org)

[claaca13@gmail.com](mailto:claaca13@gmail.com)

PRESIDENT  
Alistair Oag .....985-4821  
VICE PRESIDENT  
Nancy Rudny .....664-5626  
TREASURER  
Mike Stewart .....358-2001  
[Mike.14772@yahoo.com](mailto:Mike.14772@yahoo.com)  
TOUR CHAIRMEN  
Chuck Sinatra .....487-0017  
SECRETARY  
Bub Phillips .....665-3570  
SAFETY  
Carl Steenburn .....753-7870  
ACTIVITIES  
Randy Hutley .....397-5243  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
Jeanne Oag, .....985-4821  
[jeanneoag@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanneoag@hotmail.com)  
SUNSHINE GIRL/PUBLICITY  
Grace Hanson .....763-5050

DECEMBER 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
*Flea Market meeting immediately following*

### General Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**Club website:** [www.claaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org](http://www.claaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org)  
Newsletters and flea market info all in one place!

## 2017 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Local dues can still be paid at \$15 by mail or at any meeting until February. Treasurer, Mike Stewart, reminds everyone that National AACA dues are required in order to remain a local member of our region. Check your December "Antique Automobile" magazine for membership renewal info.

## 2016 / 2017 EVENTS

Jan 28	Winter Dinner
Feb 5-15	Annual Snow Buster Automotive Swap Meet (Hamburg Fairgrounds)
Feb 9-11	AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Feb 9-12	Buffalo Auto Show (see info below)
Mar 3-5	24th Annual Cavalcade of Cars Hamburg Fairgrounds (see more info below)
April 6-9	Southeastern Spring Meet
May 19-21	49th Annual Dunkirk Automotive Flea Market
May 26-27	Easter Spring Meet
Sept 24	Appreciation Dinner at Olive's in Mayville

## 50th Annual Automotive Flea Market

50<sup>th</sup> 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!

## New Sunshine Girl!

Thank you to Grace Hanson for her many years of dedicated service to this important function for our club. We are grateful to Janice Ellis for taking over these duties in January!

**Board Member Elections** will take place at our December general meeting. As of this printing, Greg Press, Jerry Phillips have stepped up to join the board. Anyone interested in joining the board, please contact any current board member.

**December's board meeting** will host Randall Sweeney, Chaut Region Community Foundation, to discuss implementing another scholarship for youth.

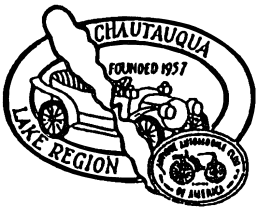
## Thank you to Gary Swanson for sharing the following article he wrote for his Corvette Club down in Florida:

While visiting friends and relatives in western New York this summer, I stopped by the shop of my friends Alistair "Al" and Jeanne Oag. Al is the current president of the Chautauqua Lake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, and Jeanne is the editor of their newsletter, The Runningboard Rundown. They run a successful business in Jamestown, NY called Interprep Performance Tuning. Al's background is in sports car construction, engine building, and racing. Al started racing in the early 80's driving a Saab Sonnet. He raced in the VW Cup series for six years, winning the championship in 1986. He won the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) Escort Endurance championship in 1987, and in 1988 was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Firestone Firehawk Touring series, winning the Rising Star Award. Al continued on through the 90's racing in various series while also building engines for himself and others. Interprep powered cars won numerous titles, including the 1992 Canadian Firehawk Championship and the 1993 Canadian Endurance Road Racing Championship. In 1994, Al, with Schmidt Racing, had 7 wins, 4 seconds, 1 third, and 1 fourth in 13 starts.

These days Al doesn't race anymore, but is very involved with the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA). In addition to repairing mainly sports and foreign cars in the local area, he maintains three cars for Bob Lima Racing, including a highly modified 1969 Corvette. This car is powered by a great sounding big block 454 engine, bored slightly to 468 cubic inches. The other two cars are a 1967 Brabham BT21 that was formerly owned and driven by Dick Smothers in the SCCA Formula B Series in 1967 and 1968, and a 1978 Lola T298. The Brabham weighs 950 lbs. and is rated at 190 h.p., while the Lola weighs 1350 lbs. and is powered by a 300 h.p. 2 liter Ford/Cosworth engine. Needless to say, with those power to weight ratios, these cars will really scoot. While I was there, the Corvette was having its cracked trailing arms repaired and re-enforced, and the transmission had just been repaired.

There are sixteen venues currently hosting SVRA events, ranging geographically from the west to the east coast, and everywhere in between. The Sebring, FL event is held annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March, and I was fortunate to be able to attend the 2015 races and join the Corvette crew in the pit area. A couple of weeks after that, the series competes at Amelia Island. Depending on the venue and current condition of the cars (racing stuff happens!), usually one or two cars make the trip to the half dozen or more events Lima racing chooses to attend each year. Cars are classified into 12 groups plus specialty classes at SVRA events. In Lima Racings' case, the Corvette runs in group 6, the Brabham in group 2, and the Lola in group 7.

There are no monetary awards in SVRA, this is hobby racing, and there are groups to accommodate almost every car and budget. At Sebring I saw lower cost cars brought in on open trailers behind pickup trucks (or another car), as well as high dollar motor coaches towing huge enclosed trailers containing two or more cars with all the spare parts and tools to accommodate them. There seems to be a place for everyone, no matter how shallow or deep their pockets are. The racing is meant to be fun and friendly and there is a lot of cooperation among the participants. A ton of information is available on the SVRA website, including schedules, regulations, and racing results.



The Chautauqua Lake Region A.A.C.A.  
P.O. Box 821  
Jamestown, N.Y. 14702-0821

## Webb's Captain's Table, Mayville, NY

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Appetizers and Cash Bar at 5:30

Dinner served at 6:30

The club will be picking up one half of the dinner cost for current (paid 2017 dues) members. The prices quoted below are half prices to the members/full price nonmember in parenthesis. The dinner will include appetizers, salad, baked potato, rolls & butter, coffee, tea, dessert, tax and tip. Choices are Prime Rib, Pan Fried Walleye, Chicken Chautauqua & Egg Plant Parmesan.

Questions can be directed to  
Nancy Rudny at (716) 664-5626

Member's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.50 (\$35 non member) = \_\_\_\_\_

Walleye \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$19.00 (\$38 non member) = \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Chautauqua \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 (\$36 non member) = \_\_\_\_\_

Egg Plant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.50 (\$29 non member) = \_\_\_\_\_

*You have to have paid the 2017 AACA dues to be considered a paid up member.*

*Not yet a paid member? Enclose \$15 with your dinner orders. **Send check made out to CLRAACA and reservation slip no later than JAN. 16, 2017 to:***

**Nancy Rudny, 13 Utica Street, Jamestown, NY 14701**

### Thank you!

To Cindy Press for the delicious dessert at November's general meeting. We'll look forward to Janice Ellis' dessert in December!

### 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.



**Board member**, Vince Joy, has taken on the public relations duties for the club. He is interested in any thoughts, ideas or programs regarding ways to attract new members, introduce our club to other organizations and any activities that we could participate in to get the word out about our great club! Contact Vince at 716-640-7973 or [vjjr1956@yahoo.com](mailto:vjjr1956@yahoo.com)

He would also like to develop a power point presentation that can be used by any club member to promote us at events. It would be nice to have pictures of member's cars to have as background - if you'd like your car featured on the brochure, poster or presentation for the club, either email to Vince or give him a good quality photo at a club meeting.

**Jeanne Oag, Newsletter editor, is seeking interesting and/or informative articles for the newsletter.**

Contact her at [jeanneoag@hotmail.com](mailto: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.