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ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ War Vets
 Flea market meeting immediately following

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 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 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Local dues can now be paid at \$20 (\$15 +\$5 late fee) by mail or at any general meeting. As of press time, 8 members are still owing local dues. Remember that national dues are required to remain a local member of our region. Check your December "Antique Automobile" for renewal information.

2017 EVENTS

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
Mar 3-5	24th Annual Cavalcade of Cars Hamburg Fairgrounds
April 6-9	Southeastern Spring Meet
May 19-21	49th Annual Dunkirk Automotive Flea Market
May 26-27	Easter Spring Meet
June 24	Tanglewood Manor Car Show, 2-4pm (rain date, July 15th)
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

Flea Market News

- John Watkins is looking for new workers to join the fun at the Flea Market and asking current volunteers to consider working an extra shift. Contact him at any meeting or call him at 664-1501.
- A volunteer is needed to set up signage on Thursday and tear down on Sunday. Person should be able to pound posts and walk up/down stairs.
- Greg Press is looking to set up a membership/club booth at this year's Flea Market and is looking for volunteers to help "man it."

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!



2017 Winter Dinner Connie Shearer - serenaded as Club Sweetheart!

On January 28th, 74 club members enjoyed another Winter Dinner at Webb's Captains Table in Mayville, NY. Thank you to Nancy and Ron Rudny for planning a great time! Special thanks to Vince Joy and the Jamestown Harmony Express for a delightful concert of old standards, gospel and patriotic tunes!

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation's (CRCF), Randy Sweeney, will be at the February board & general meetings to discuss establishing a secondary education scholarship for children, grandchildren of club members.

Cookies - Thank you to Jeanne Oag for January cookies. We look forward to Lori Stewart's contribution in February! This club is fortunate to have so many talented bakers-or cookie shoppers!

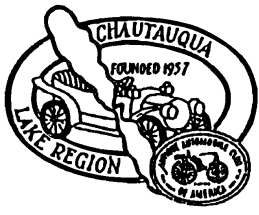
The Club Library



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.

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.



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Track Days at Daytona Speedway



An email several club members received from Bill Geize on Dec. 8th led to an interesting outing the next day. The email referred to a posting by "Corvette Bob" on the Corvette Forum, letting Corvette fans know that he would be at the Daytona Speedway Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The occasion was a track weekend where adventurous owners of sports/racing cars could come and have fun with their toys. Bob stated that it was free to come and watch, just let them know at the gate that you were part of Bob's pit crew and drive right to the NASCAR garage area. Look for his Laguna Blue C-7 Z06 and stop to say hello, and possibly get a ride.

I called Bill to see if he was going, and he said he probably would if the weather was ok. (Which to him means 75 degrees or higher!) As it turned out, the sun was shining the next day, but the temps were only in the high 50's, so the weather didn't meet Bill's criteria. I was in the area anyway, so I figured why not? Just as Bob said, I entered the gate, signed a waiver and got a wristband, and drove to the blue garage, bay #20. I located Bob and introduced

myself, and he was happy to show me his car and orient me to what was going on.

Bob, who lives in the Spruce Creek fly-in, is a 71 year old retired airline pilot and has been tracking his cars for quite awhile. He has another Corvette he has been using, I think a C-6, but since getting this new C-7 last May, it has quickly become his favorite. He has added a cold air induction system that he was using for the first time this weekend, which he thought seemed to make even more power. The car has 2500 miles on it, he put about 1500 on before tracking it.

Bob is a certified instructor for these type of events, and had been out showing a couple of first timers at Daytona the ropes on the Rolex course they were using. He extended an invitation for a ride, which of course I accepted. I signed another waiver to go on the track, got helmeted up, and buckled myself into the car using the standard C-7 belts. Soon we were off, what a ride! The course is part infield road track, and partly on the high banks. We were connected by radio, so Bob gave me a running commentary on the track and how he was

approaching it, just as he would a student. I was keeping an eye on the speedometer, and we were well into the 170's (in 5th gear) as we went through the front stretch each time. It was a twenty minute ride, plenty enough for me, as my stomach was getting queasy, but what a blast! One thing I found interesting was the heat from the exhaust had actually melted his plastic license plate frame, causing the bottom portion of it to sag.

The price to play here is not cheap, it is \$600 for one day, \$1,000 for two, or \$1,200 for the entire weekend. For that you get 4 thirty minute sessions on the track each day. If you want garage space there is an extra charge for that. There were a wide variety of cars, lots of Corvettes, Mustangs, Porsches, and many other makes. The cars are divided into four groups, determined by the car and driver abilities. No racing is allowed, but you can pass, always on the right, and after getting the ok signal from the cars in front of you. I can tell you that NO ONE passed us when we were out there. Was a great afternoon!

Submitted by Gary Swanson