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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Board Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ War Vets  
Flea market meeting immediately following

### General Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM @ War Vets

## 2017 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Local dues can still be paid at \$15 by mail or at any meeting until February. After February 1st, dues increase to \$20. 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.

## 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
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
Sept 24	Appreciation Dinner at Olive's in Mayville

## A look at the past, at Christmas time.

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street, A mower that you had to push, to make the grass look neat.	The milkman and the bread man used to go door to door, And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.
In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone, And no need for recording things, some was always home.	The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent, There were no loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."
We only had a living room where we would congregate, Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.	Remember when the words "I do" meant that you really did, And not just temporarily "til someone blows their lid."
We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine. When meeting as a family those two rooms would work out fine.	There was a time where one glance was all that it would take, And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.
We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two. But always there was one of them with something worth the view.	Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today, And always we were striving trying for a better way.
Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play, We all did things together- Even go to church to pray.	Oh we loved those Christmas mornings, up at first light, Trying to assemble all those toys, and try and get them right.
When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather, No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.	This seemed so much easier and slower in some ways, I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.
Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own, But we knew where the other was without our own cell phone.	So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same, But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

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## AACA National and AACA Museum Parting Ways

As most of you have learned, the AACA National and the AACA Museum have parted ways. The museum was begun in the early 2000s as an independent "arm" of the AACA, and was set up as a 501c non-profit so that donations could be accepted. A separate Board of Directors was created for the museum, with one member of the AACA National placed on the board. It was always the intention of the AACA National to merge the two and various "early-on" writings and letters have verified that belief.

Over the past 4 1/2 years, the AACA National has met with the museum to attempt to do just that. However, the museum board has its own ideas and has rejected all offers made by the AACA National. Finally, last month, the AACA announced that there will be no merger and beginning January of 2017, the \$80,000 annual support for the museum will be discontinued. The money saved will be used to begin the search for a suitable headquarters for new executive offices and the ever-growing AACA Library.

Most of us have believed all along that the AACA National and AACA Museum were one in the same. Many have donated transportation items including cars, trucks, motorcycles, purchased "bricks", and cash. Many AACA Chapters have donated monies as well. In fact, the AACA National estimates it alone has donated well over a million dollars to the museum.

It appears there will be no "last minute reprieve" for the negotiations. There will be no merger. At this point, the museum is stating they will honor the "free" admission to the museum for AACA members.

The following is a letter I posted on the AACA Forum about the subject:

I would like all of you to know that I have had correspondence with Wayne Burgess and Steve Moskowitz as well. As most of you know, I was most adamant with my displeasure of this situation. I have offered my opinions and suggestions. In the process, it appears even my overly-generous merger ideas have been previously offered, with no success. Honestly, I was of the opinion that *something* could be done to solve the problem. I am now *convinced* that it cannot move forward. Trust me, you are not hearing this from a "Board Member" or anyone who has ties to the administration. I'm one of "you" - a member in good standing who has opinions and only wants the best for the Club. *We need to let it go. We need to unite and be one. Life has a way of taking care of all things.* The museum will operate without us, and we without them. I am further convinced that in the future our board will remember this and bring us important information a bit sooner. *I cannot tell anyone where to invest their money or place their donations, but please be cognizant that the two groups are separate entities. If you wish to support the National AACA, please do so. If you wish to donate to the museum, that is your prerogative, but those donations will not favor the AACA National.* This is a very emotional time for all of us. Let us move on and enjoy the hobby.

Personally, I believe the AACA Board of Directors needs to use this situation to better inform the members of the AACA about situations such as these *beforehand*, not after-the-fact. Here's hoping they learn from their mistakes. With that being said, it is obvious to me that they did all that could be expected of them and will now move on with their intentions of building the new executive offices and an expanded library, which is sorely needed.

Andy Jochum

The club sends its condolences to the friends & family of our long time member, Larry Newton, who passed away on December 30, 2016. He will be sadly missed.



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## 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 non member 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!

December has been a busy month for club members! Thank you to the Nancy & Ron Rudny for planning the wonderful bus trip to the Botanical Gardens, Pierce Arrow Museum, Salvatore's Italian Garden for dinner & the Festival of Lights. Lots to do in the Buffalo area, so we can look forward to another club trip! Our Annual Children's Christmas Party was well attended with 72 children & adults - thank you to Grace Hanson who has hung up her Santa hat this year. Thanks also to Jeanne Oag & songstress, Nancy Steenburg for their talents. A final thank you to Greg & Cindy Press, Steve & Christine Hatfield, Jerry & Kathy Swanson and Ray & Kathy Hofgren for shopping & delivering Christmas gifts & dinner for families in need from the Chautauqua Lake School District.

### 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!

### 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.

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