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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS
HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

2020 EVENTS

**THE ANNUAL DUNKIRK AUTOMOTIVE SWAP
MEET AND FLEA MARKET HAS BEEN
CANCELED THIS YEAR
DUE TO COVID 19.**

**PREVIOUSLY LISTED EVENTS ARE CANCELED
OR ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Happy April Birthday

Janice Ellis - April 2
 Carl Steenburn - April 6
 Jerri Telford - April 10
 Connie Shearer - April 18
 Gordon Ellis - April 20
 Chuck Telford - April 21
 Mary Erickson - April 23



April Anniversaries

Jack and Pat Lawrence - April 30



From Chuck Telford: For sale: 1930 Model A Roadster Convertible, Automatic Transmission, V-8. Located in Jamestown area. Contact Ann Saar at (716) 487-0103.

From Hal Hanson: For sale: 1958 Triumph TR3; black, hard top convertible. Located in Bradford, call Hal at (716) 484-9724 for more information.

Club Directory – Nancy Rudny has put together a Club Directory! Due to privacy concerns, it can not be published on our website. Call Nancy at 716-664-5626 to arrange electronic delivery or snail mail!!

Club Touring or Outing Form - the club is always interested in having tours and outings. 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.

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

From Flea Market Chair, Nancy Rudny:

Many vendors have been contacting me to inquire if we are having the flea market. I spoke with Dave Wilson from the fairgrounds. Due to the current government regulations concerning gathering in public places, The fairgrounds is not able to provide us a space to hold the FM. Since we have no idea when these restrictions will be lifted there is no possible way to host the FM this year.

Most of our club members and volunteers for this event are of the age group(s) that are most susceptible to the covid-19 virus. I have been doing a lot thinking about the welfare of the club members. Protecting the health of our members is more important than having the flea market.

We always say “what if we have a bad year” well it is upon us. The good news is that the fairgrounds will only keep the \$100.00 reservation deposit for this year. The next steps are we need to cancel the vendors we hire for the event so they can have the possibility of scheduling at another venue. The expenses won't be as bad as I first thought.

My suggestion is to offer vendors two options. The first would be to apply their fees to next year and the second a refund. I'm hoping most of the vendors will just let me move them over into the next year's dates May 21-22, 2021.

This decision is out of our hands and has been made by the current situation. As a team, we need to contact the vendors and the other services we contract with to inform them of the cancellation. We need to discuss how best to handle the work that needs to be done on our end via email since we have 34 people in Chautauqua County under observation in quarantine.

Now is a great time to start thinking about the upcoming summer – there's been a lot of talk about possible tours and outings for the club. Greg Press, Tour Chairman, can help you get your tour/outing into a reality!

Club Touring or Outing Form – to help you prepare a well-planned club tour or outing!

WHERE – final destination

WHEN - dates and times

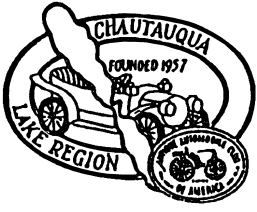
HOW - individual club member vehicle or tour bus

POINTS OF INTEREST – including bathroom breaks, restaurant stops, events, attractions to see along the way

COSTS - hotel room, meals, admission fees, parking, etc.

TOUR LEADER

CONTACT INFORMATION – email, phone, RSVP mailing address. The actual form can be found on our website – www.clraaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org. The Board will, if required, review your submittal and contact you with any further questions and their decision. Upon approval, allow 1-2 months for publication in the Running Board Rundown.



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Noteworthy Automotive Advancements of the Independent Auto Manufacturers – submitted by Frank Tantillo

Studebaker – 1936 introduced the “Hill Holder” for manual transmissions that prevented the car from rolling back when stopped on a grade. In 1950, introduced a similar feature for its automatic transmission. Studebaker in 1946 introduced the first self-adjusting brakes and in 1948, first truck to offer double wall cargo bed on its pickup truck.

Willy -Overland – first 4x4 Sport Utility in 1949 and first 4x4 in 1963 to offer an automatic transmission

Cord – first to offer front wheel drive production model L-29

Packard – in 1939 first automaker to offer factory installed air conditioning; discontinuing the option after 1941 and brought back for the 1953 model.

Nash – first American auto company unibody (Budd Type) construction. In 1936 invented the modern pressurized heating system. In 1954 developed the first under-hood air conditioning system which placed all components under the hood rather than in the trunk. In 1950, Nash was the first to offer seat belts on the passenger side only ???

Pierce Arrow – patented the idea of headlights in the front fenders rather than a shaky rod set between the fenders. This became the style mark of the Pierce. This provided a wider beam of light.

Crossley Motors was the first to introduce disc brakes on all four wheels in 1949. The system was troublesome and halfway through the model year went back to drum brakes.

Hudson – first to introduce adjustable driver's seat. The Step Down design: the floor sits below the frame rather than on top, allowing the car's height to be lower without losing interior roominess happened in 1948.

Duesenberg – first to use four wheel brakes because its straight eight engine produced too much power. Race car drivers could run faster laps on straightaways and then brake hard on corners.

American Bantam introduced the first lightweight four wheel drive military scout car around 1940 and was produced in Butler, PA. The U.S. Army was looking for a vehicle to replace the motorcycle as a mechanized form of transportation. Also, Ford and Willy Overland, along with American Bantam, produced a vehicle known as the Jeep. Approximately 660,000 were made. Note: the Jeeps I saw in Vietnam were produced by Ford Motor Co. with rear swing axles.