



2021 Year in Review

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW—by Jim Borkman

2021 was a certainly a challenging for everyone and similarly a challenging one for car clubs. I am pleased to report that the BOA has come through the year in-tact and potentially stronger than before. Although it was more difficult to meet in person, the use of Zoom meetings through May, and creative on-line technical sessions made our group gatherings both interesting and information. We enjoyed live streamed tech sessions from Dan Grzybek's and Jim Pelletier's garages. Dan explained some of the metal and frame work restoration he had recently accomplished on his Rambler while Jim filled us in on making better electrical connections and dealing with electrical problems.

In June of 2021 some of our members attended the MG International in Atlantic City, NJ.



In early June we met at Niawanda Park just as a get together and to enjoy the Niagara River. During the outing we all enjoyed the historic Edward M. Cotter Fireboat. on the Niagara spraying water at the boats,



Although our 2020 Autumn Sports Classis was cancelled, we were able to hold our 2021 ASC with great success. 55 very nice cars embraced the field and everyone enjoyed themselves. Instead of the category award, 10 special car awards were given. The show was successful from a fund raising standpoint.



Club members gather for
Cruise Night at the Wurlitzer.

We held our first in person meeting at Como Park in early June. It was a chilly day, everyone brought their own lunch and enjoyed each others company. It was great to get the cars outdoors. Later in August we held a meeting/cookout at Ellicott Creek Park .



We also held a meeting at the home of Jim & Sharon Trembath's and had a chance to enjoy the sunset over Lake Erie.



As always our ice cream social at Bubbaloos was well attended and delicious. Our October meeting was held at the home of Jim & Gail Borkman where all enjoyed a pot luck dinner.

Donation to Center for Handicapped Children Learning Center —Buffalo, NY

Each year the Buffalo Octagon Association makes a donation to a charity in Western, NY. This year we decided to make a significant \$1000 contribution to the Center for Handicapped Children on Eggert Rd. in Buffalo. Members from the BOA visited the Center to tour it's facilities and see first hand the excellent work they are doing for handicapped children. Our presentation was filmed by Channel 2 and played on TV. We are proud to support such a worthy organization. Those present include; Jim Borkman, Peter Calabrese, Larry & Janet Vito (CHC Director Janice Gentz) and Jim Pellitterie. The presentation can be viewed on our web site, www.buffalomg.com.



Center for Handicapped Children Learning Center Donation Presentation

In November the club met at Steve's Pig and Ox Roast in Lackawanna to show our appreciation to Marvin Barbarich for his continued support with donating the food for the Autumn Sports Classic. At that meeting we finalized the Christmas party and dinner plans.

We just completed our Christmas gathering at The Italian Village in Depew. Needless all who attended enjoyed a great meal and each others company. Pictures from the party follow on the next page.

This is but a snapshot of the many activities of the club but let it be said that 2021 was a significant year for the BOA. Let's try to make 2022 just as special. Thanks to all for your continued dedication and support to our club and its members.