



# Aero Club of Buffalo

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**Dr. John Olszowka**  
**Professor**  
**Department of History**  
**Mercyhurst University**  
Thursday 17 April 2025  
Rizotto Eatery and Sweetery  
930 Maple Road, Williamsville  
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar



The Bell Aircraft strike of 1949 was a significant labor dispute involving the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 501 in which over 1,500 workers took to the picket lines. The strike, which lasted for several months, centered around demands for better wages, pensions, and working conditions. It was marked by intense picketing, violence, and legal battles, including arbitration efforts to resolve the conflict. To bring it even closer to home, the Bell engineer being treated in the photograph above was Clem Turansky, past Aero Club member and inductee in the Hall of Fame. He was hit in the face with a brick thrown through the window of the bus attempting to take him to work.

Please join us this month when Dr. John Olszowka, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Professor of History at Mercyhurst University discusses this notable chapter in the history of Bell Aircraft. Dr. Olszowka holds Ph.D. in History from Binghamton University and M.A. and B.A. degrees in History from Buffalo State University and U.B. He specializes in American social and labor history, focusing on the interwar period and labor relations in the aircraft industry.

*Mary Mattocks*  
90<sup>th</sup> President  
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Chicken Saltimbocca \_\_\_\_\_  
Red Snapper \_\_\_\_\_  
Maccheroncini \_\_\_\_\_

Members - \$35.00  
Guest(s) - \$35.00  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name and email address

Reservations must be received by **Monday, 14 April 2025.**

To register for this dinner email: [aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com), call (716) 901-6126, or mail this form to: Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676 Williamsville, NY 14231. Please make your check payable to the *Aero Club of Buffalo*.