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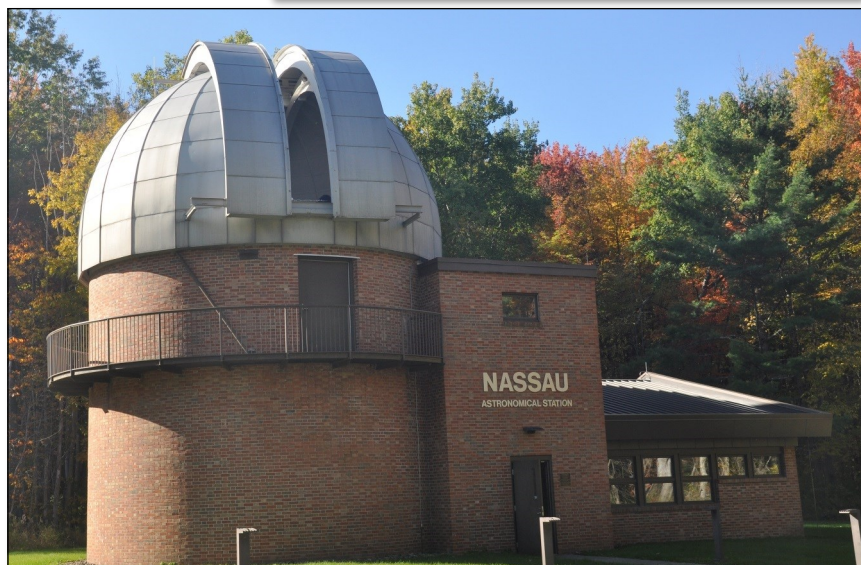
CARS,
STARS,
PUMPKINS,
AND MORE



Ferroni Brothers Museum

Joughlin
Hardware

ABOVE: Michael
& Danielle Bernard
in their yellow
Model T Speedster
RIGHT: Inside the
hardware store



Observatory Park



PUMPKIN DECORATING AT FALL REGION MEET

Winners (left to right)
Margie Jugenheimer
Steve Reither
Daisy Evans

Outgoing 2024 Officers

2nd VP - Don Sword, Treasurer - Linda Sneary,
President - Dave Payne, Secretary - Nora Schreel,
1st VP - Glen Jugenheimer



Incoming 2025 Officers

1st VP- Don Sword, Treasurer - Linda Sneary,
Secretary - Nora Schreel,
President - Glen Jugenheimer
Absent 2nd VP - Alex Heyd



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Club events, interesting member tidbits, photos, reminiscing on events gone by, or any other news that you'd love to share! Please send them my way.

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Cindy Robish, Editor

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

From Rummage Box - Cruising & Playing The Radio
By Phillip Cole VP of Publications

Maybe it was Chuck Berry who best described the joy of driving an automobile when he sang, "Cruising and playing the radio. With no particular place to go."

At least since WWII, the radio has been an integral part of the freedom offered to us by the automobile. In the early '90s I tried to describe "cruising & playing the radio" to a visiting English friend, he couldn't comprehend it. It was Friday night. So, we walked to downtown Lincolnton, N.C. where there were hundreds of teenagers cruising in their cars. This prompted 2 questions from the Englishman: "What is the purpose of all this?" & "Why do they play their radios so loud?" When I tried to explain that it was a unique part of American culture thanks to "freedom of the road", he smiled & said, "Well, all these young people sure seem to be enjoying themselves!"

I grew up "cruising & playing the radio". The year I was born was when the 45 rpm record was introduced by RCA Victor. The year I learned to drive the 8-track player was becoming the big thing. I still have a box of 8-track tapes in the garage, the player hanging under the dash is long gone.

Let's share some important events in our history of cruising and playing the radio:

In the 1920s & 1930s in-car radios were being introduced. They were expensive, adding about 25% to the price of a Model A. The top song of 1930 was "Happy Days Are Here Again".

In 1952, even though practically all stations were broadcasting in AM, the first in-car FM radio became available thanks to Blaupunkt. The top song was "Blue Tango".

In 1963 vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors & car radios became "solid state". The top song was "Surfin' USA".

In 1965 8-track players became available. Over the next several years 8-track players were added to many cars. The top song was "Wooly Bully".

By 1969 cars added stereo to their sound system, where the tuner amplified two channels, not just one. The top song was "Sugar, Sugar".

In 1970 companies like Alpine & Pioneer sought to solve our problem of the 8-track player eating up the tape with cassette tapes. With the advent of cassette tapes, we could now play "my music" thanks to a "Mix Tape". The top song was "Bridge Over Troubled Waters".

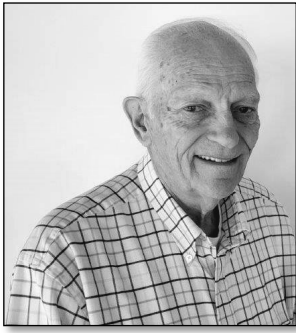
By 1982 Bose offered the first Premium Stereo System teaming up with GM's Delco to offer it as an option in Oldsmobiles, Buicks, & Cadillacs. Top song was "Physical".

By 1984 Sony introduced an in-dash CD player. The top song was "Careless Whisper".

Now, buttons and dials have been replaced by touch screens and Bluetooth. If you don't know what that is, ask your grandchildren. Then, take them on a cruise in your "old car". If it has a radio, let them turn it up loud...

Outgoing President's Message

Dave Payne



As we are ending the season for events and tours, I look back to my first president's message in the Spring.

In that first message I said that I hoped to see many more in 2024. Thankfully, that statement proved to be true. We had a good turnout for Spring, a better showing for Summer, and, until we had two cancellations, Fall Tour originally had 43 registrations.

I am encouraged that we are beginning to have more folks turn out, including some first-time members.

Also, during the year we needed and passed a dues increase to \$20.00. Even so, that will still not cover the ever-increasing cost of printing the Spark Plug, even as Cindy Robish has tried every trick in the book to cover expenses. I want to sincerely thank her for the spectacular job she has done for all of us.

I really believe that in the near future we will have to look at more ways to increase the Ohio Region treasury.

In closing, I just want to say that I have really enjoyed the year, and look back over the years at the many, many friends we have made through this Club, and the many great places that we have visited, several of which I know would not have been possible without the efforts of the Ohio Region and AACA National.

And once again, we have to state that this Club is not about the cars, it is about the people we have met and shared good times with. I now welcome in the new officers for 2025. Thank you all, and hope to see you on future tours.

Incoming President's Message

Glen Jugenheimer



I am excited to serve as your President for 2025. I should be an old pro with this being my third term. They say the third time is a charm, I want to know who THEY are---just kidding.

Let me tell you how I got into owning an antique car. One word FISHING! My first connection with antique cars began in a boat on Lake Erie with a conversation with Ben McMullin, a Meander Chapter member. As we fished, many topics were discussed-you have to do something when the fish aren't biting. I had expressed an interest in owning an antique car someday. Little did I know that within a few weeks, I would be the proud owner of a '29 Model A with the help of a few friends from Meander. We were invited to help out at the Grand National Meet in Dayton in 1992. This was a lot of fun, meeting people, working and getting to view all the wonderful cars. Our first Tour was to Cleveland on a Fall Tour. The weekend was to be cool and our friends said you will get a lot of heat from the engine. Well, I was about froze. Margie had thrown in a lap blanket, which was not big enough to share! Well, that was the last tour without heat in our car. I have owned a few different cars, ask me and I'll share.

We have an early tour this year by Commodore Perry Chapter on April 25-27. Please make plans to attend as you know a lot of work goes into planning these great weekend tours.

I would like to thank the Ohio Region Board Officers for 2025, they will make my job easy:

1st VP-Don Sword, 2nd VP-Alex Heyd, Secretary-Nora Schreel, and Treasurer-Linda Sneary. Also, a thank you to all the members that take appointee positions.

I hope everybody is enjoying winter this year! By the time you receive this Spark Plug, winter will be almost over, so get ready to so some touring! See you in April!!

2025 is here, shift into gear and enjoy the ride.

FALL TOUR 2024 CARS, STARS, PUMPKINS, AND MORE

BY SHIRLEY PAYNE

WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

Fall Tour was held October 18-19 at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison, Ohio, a venue we have used before.

Friday's early bird tour featured a 16.5 mile round trip drive, featuring 12 of the area's nearly 30 wineries. People had a map, and could choose which one(s) they would like to visit.

The evening's event saw us try something different—a pumpkin decorating contest featuring painting, add on features such as eyes, wigs, and other décor, but no messy carving. The people seemed to enjoy it, and there were many very good results.

Saturday dawned sunny and bright, and the day's tour showed off splendid Fall colors. Our first stop was in downtown Painesville at a local landmark, Joughin's Hardware Store established in 1877, and having an entire rear section featuring many old, old items from the original store. This store is two stories, and you could find anything you needed. Alex Heyd found some small batteries that he had looked for, for many years. It turned out that they were also the last pack in existence.

Our second stop was at the Ferroni Brothers Museum in Willoughby, where one museum was an older fire station, with two floors filled with real cars and model cars, and signs and memorabilia of all descriptions. The Ferroni brothers were very big in drag racing in the early 1960's. Since the other buildings were across a now very busy 4-lane road, we enlisted the Willoughby Police Department and a squad car to direct people across the street. These buildings had their repair garage, filled with cars, and the main building, which housed many, many early hot rods and custom cars, from the 1950's and 1960's, including two early Ford custom roadsters that were nationally featured in 1961 Rod and Custom Magazines.

The third stop was also in Willoughby, at the Wm. Ruple Antique Ford Collection. We toured this building many years ago, when there were about 40 Fords from Model "T's" to a 1953 hardtop. After Mr. Ruple passed away, the collection was taken over by his sons and daughter. We did not know what to expect when we arrived. We were absolutely astounded to find nearly 110 Fords, Mercuries, gas pumps, and signs, including many rare neon signs. We were given a talk about the collection by one of the sons. This has turned out to be one of the premier Ford collections in the Country.

Our lunch stop then followed at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Chester Township, hosted by our members, Ray and Ellen Gilbert.

After lunch we toured back into Chardon, Ohio for a fascinating tour of 2 buildings where Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars are completely restored. One building is for engines and drivetrains, and the other is for body restoration.

Leaving there, we toured to Montville, Ohio, for a tour of Nassau Park and the building housing the giant telescope that was formerly housed in the Euclid area, until all the development and lights drove the building out to a much more dark and rural area.

The last stop was one mile away at Observatory Park. When entering the large round room, all the lights are turned off, and the entire ceiling becomes an unbelievable display of the entire Universe, and all the stars, and how in sequence each constellation acts with each other throughout the night sky.

The evening banquet concluded with our featured speaker, Mr. Kit Whipple, speaking about all the cars manufactured in Cleveland, Ohio, followed by our Chinese Auction and 50/50 Raffle.

All in all, our members really stepped up and pitched in.



MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2024

Reported by: Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees & officers was held at the Holiday Inn, Madison, Ohio.

PRESENT: Joe Gagliano, Bill Lytle, Vicki Hughes, Denny Robish, Cindy Robish, Bill Bird, Alex Heyd, Doug Seybold, Ronnie Seybold, Craig Bernard, Dean Evans, Glen Jugenheimer, Jeff Smith, Don Sword, Nora Schreel, Bill Montgomery, Phil Sneary, Walt Elliott, Doug Gryczan, Dave Payne, Linda Sneary.

President Dave Payne called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Nora Schreel) – Don Sword made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or received via email, seconded by Craig Bernard; voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Linda Sneary) - Income & expenses were reported. Denny Robish made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Doug Gryczan; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

NATIONAL: No report.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Wanted to remind the members that there will be no Winter issue of the Spark Plug as voted upon at May 2024 meeting of the Board.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing to report.

Webmaster: (Jackie Amick) – Per Jeff Smith, she still asks that the chapters send her info regarding their chapter. Such as, officers, calendar of events, history of their chapter and person to contact if someone wants more info about possibly joining.

Legislative: (Denny Robish) – Nothing to report.

Meet: Registrations: 41 for Fall Tour.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda brought up the fact that since we raised dues to \$20.00 should we increase the Lifetime dues. Discussion took place. Nora Schreel made a motion to increase from \$230.00 to \$300.00. Seconded by Jeff Smith; motion approved.

Discussion about Spark Plug timeline started again because the Spring issue should go out after the Spring Tour. After much back and forth discussion, a motion was made by Denny Robish to send the Spring Tour Registration via email to chapter officers to then, in turn, forward to their membership. Seconded by Dean Evans; motion approved.

At that point, Bill Bird, exited the meeting. Discussion again started up and it was decided to push up the deadline for the Spark Plug to the middle of March so that the Registration would be included in the magazine as usual. Walt Elliott made a motion to rescind the original motion to email Registrations. Seconded by Dean Evans; motion approved.

2nd Vice-President nomination from Commodore Perry Chapter by Ronnie Seybold is Alex Heyd. He accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Any new business from the floor. Installation of Ohio Region officers for 2025.

Next meeting will be on January 18, 2025 @ Golden Corral in Mansfield, OH. @ 2:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Denny Robish, seconded by Vicki Hughes, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. by Dave Payne.



MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2025

Reported by: Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Golden Corral, Mansfield OH. President Dave Payne called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

PRESENT: 20 Board members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Nora Schreel) – Doug Gryczan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or received via email, seconded by Bill Byrd; voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Linda Sneary) - Income & expenses were reported. Denny Robish made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Doug Gryczan; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

NATIONAL: No report.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Set the deadline for reports as 2-1-25 but no later than 2-15-25. She needs to have to printer by 3-1-25 to be able to include Spring Tour Registration.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing to report.

Webmaster: (Jackie Amick) – Per Jeff Smith, she has had a lot of family issues recently that has put the website on the back burner. Jeff said he would get in touch with her for status update. Glen Jugenheimer made a motion that the Board doesn't pay any bills until 80% are satisfied with the results. Seconded by Denny Robish; voted on and approved.

Legislative: (Denny Robish) – Nothing to report for Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Dave suggested that since we don't have a Winter Event for the members the chapter representatives should have flyers and present an invite to their upcoming events.

Spring hosted by Commodore Perry will take place April 25-27, 2025

Summer hosted by Canton will take place August 29-31, 2025

Fall hosted by Meander will take place October 24-26, 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee assigned – Denny Robish & Alex Heyd will review the books.

Grand National Meet in Dayton July 2025...Jeff Smith brought up that fact that National has now sent emails to all Ohio Region Chapter presidents for help. It was discussed that there is not listing of what kind of help they would need. It was decided that president of 2025, Glen Jugenheimer, would contact National for more specifics before we commit to anything.

President Dave Payne then transferred the gavel to the 2025 President, Glen Jugenheimer. He then introduced the other officers for 2025. Vice-President, Don Sword; 2nd Vice President, Alex Heyd; Nora Schreel, Secretary; and Linda Sneary, Treasurer.

Next meeting will be on April 25, 2025 @ Hampton Inn in Tiffin, OH. @ 8:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Seybold, seconded by Bill Bird, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm. by Glen Jugenheimer.

CANTON CHAPTER
is hosting the
Summer Meet in 2025
in the Canton Area

August 29-31

**CLASSIC
CARS**



CLASSIC PLANES

**FOR
CLASSIC PEOPLE !!!**



Friday Early Bird

- Bob Gibbs Tour of Garages
- 8:30 pm Board Meeting at hotel

Saturday

- Private collection
- MAPS Air Museum
- Studio Arts & Glass
- Canton Classic Car Museum
- Banquet at the Hotel
- Raffle Baskets

HOST HOTEL

Comfort Suites
5345 Broadmoor
Circle NW, Canton
(234) 203-1423

1 King or 2 Queens

\$119

Mention AACA
Deadline August 15

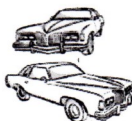
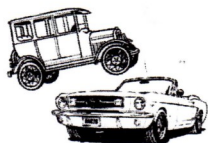
Meander Chapter host of the Ohio Region AACA Fall Tour October 24-26, 2025

Activities

Tour of Aquaponics/urban farming-lettuce, herbs, micro greens, fish
Kraynak's Santa's Christmas Land-A Family Tradition Since 1963

Tara A County Inn- Tour and Lunch (feast) -lighter dinner

Private car collections



TOUR HOTEL INFORMATION

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
6690 Ironwood Blvd
Canfield, OH 44406
330-702-1900

Rate \$155+ tax
includes Hot Breakfast, pool & fitness center
Code: CHHAAC (AACA Ohio Region)
or Link <https://group.hamptoninn.com/vvvs49>

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025



UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS 2025

April 3-5, 2025
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, NC

May 1-3, 2025
Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals
Tucson, AZ

June 1-7, 2025
Vintage Tour
Southern/Eastern PA

June 19-21, 2025
Eastern Spring Nationals
Beckley, WV

July 2-5, 2025
Central Spring Nationals
Auburn, IN

July 24-26, 2025
Grand Nationals/Zenith
Dayton, OH

August 12-15, 2025
Eastern Divisional Tour
Aroostook County, ME

September 7-12, 2025
79th Revival AAA Glidden Tour
Hosted by VMCCA
Owensboro, KY

September 18-20, 2025
Southeastern Fall Nationals
Corydon, IN

October 7-10, 2025
Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025
Central Divisional Tour
San Antonio to Galveston, TX

October 23-25, 2025
Central Fall Nationals
Galveston, TX

CANTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CANTON CHAPTER
Denny Robish
Reporter

AUGUST - What a great tour! I will never look at a corn field the same after this trip! Our first stop was at Lowe & Young where we saw modern day farm equipment. The Krone tractor is unbelievable. Just getting up in the cab of that thing would be a job in itself. The engine compartment was way bigger than all the engines on our cars on tour if we put them all together. I was not surprised that tractors have gotten expensive, but was a little sticker shocked when I found out a tractor could cost up to 2 million dollars for some brands! But some have a 3-year warranty that covers everything.

Our next stop was at the Buckeye Agricultural Museum where we saw the earlier versions of farm equipment. The items here were much smaller and none were made after the 1940s.

Lunch at Bishop's was very good. If you didn't get at least one onion ring you really missed out! And ice cream at Hartzler's Dairy was very tasty and sooooo many choices. It would have been heaven to try a little of many of the flavors.

SEPTEMBER - So many interesting facts.

- * The Haines house was part of the underground railroad. There were codes used to help slaves:

- HOPE posted meant - go to Cleveland
- A bear on a quilt meant - stay in the woods

- * Did you know there was a car made in Alliance in 1910? We saw it on our September tour.

- * Scarlet carnation...Levi Lamborn, a friend and political opponent of President McKinley's was the first to grow carnations in the state. He gave a start to McKinley who regarded it as good luck charm.

- * A small organ was in the Hartzell house. It was originally in that house, then removed. Children from the local school saved pennies to get it back!

- * Did you know if a pirate has an earring in this left ear, this means he crossed over the equator.

A big thank you goes out to Charlie & Maggie Wilson for planning this tour of Alliance. Not only did we learn about these 2 historic houses but had a great lunch at the College Inn.

OCTOBER - We learned a lot on our trip to Harwood Motors in Macedonia as well as saw a lot of great cars that were for sale.

Matt Harwood taught us a lesson: He bought a 1935 Lincoln based on pictures and conversation with the owner. When it showed up at his home he

realized it wasn't in as good of shape as he was lead to believe. His slide show showed the hole in the side of the engine! He started out just getting it repaired but then found out it was sooooo bad he actually had to get a whole new engine. His rule of thumb --- don't buy a car sight unseen. He bought the Lincoln from just seeing pictures.

After the program everyone got to wander around his amazing collection of vehicles!

NOVEMBER - Thirty-six members and guests gathered at the Forest Trail Club House to enjoy homemade lasagna made by Mary Gagliano and delicious desserts provided by Carole Bernard. A special thanks to R.H. and Lou Cox for complementing our Italian lunch with their homemade Italian sausage appetizer.

The entertainment was a program relating to the annual "London-to-Brighton Run" in England. It is a challenging tour for early vehicles, 1905 and before. It commemorates early motoring and the removal of some antiquated laws and requirements, such as having someone walking in front of the car with a red flag.

The program consisted of two individuals who have had direct involvement with the "Run" and then a movie depicting the "Run". Our guest, Gary Hussar, who was involved with the restoration of the 1904 St. Louis, the very first automobile that utilized Timken Roller bearings. Once the restoration was completed, the car was shipped to England and Gary went to support and drive it with the Timken Company team. Our Canton Chapter Associate member, Craig Bernard, was involved with the restoration of two vehicles that participated in the "Run". An active question and answer segment was provided for our members.

After the Q&A a 1950's movie "Genevive" was shown, complete with popcorn. It was a comical story about "London-to-Brighton Run" competitors.

DECEMBER - What a great way to spend an afternoon. Good friends, good food, good gifts and some good guesses on games!

We all met at La Pizzeria for lunch. And I think everyone had enough to eat....at least I hope so!

After our meal and a quick meeting, we played some games and had a gift exchange. I saw some interesting gifts being passed around. Everything from food and books to car cleaning supplies!



The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



COMMODORE PERRY
Janet Bird
Reporter

Has anyone else noticed how much faster the months go by as we get older? It seems as if it was just a couple weeks ago that we were celebrating Thanksgiving, rapidly followed by Christmas, but if the calendar is right (and why wouldn't it be??), that was over two months ago! Where does the time go?

On November 21, Commodore Perry met at Amherst Diner, our default site for chapter meetings lately. We always get good food and good service there, and we also have a separate room where we can have our meetings. Perfect! At this meeting we had a special program – CP member Bill Knadler presented a Powerpoint program on stocks from companies that manufactured autos or auto-related products. Bill is a longtime member of an international group of stock certificate collectors, and he is very knowledgeable about a multitude of stock certificates from a variety of companies. He brought part of his collection with him so we could “oooh and aaah” over the lovely graphics and interesting artwork on each one. Many thanks to Bill for such an interesting program.



In December the chapter again held its annual holiday brunch at Monteith Hall in Elyria. Over 30 members and guests enjoyed the delicious brunch in the elegant setting that this historic home offers. At the meeting after the meal, the officers for 2025 were elected: President – Bill Bird; Vice President – Linda Howell; Secretary – Marty Tansey; Treasurer – Alex Heyd; Trustee – Doug Seybold. The coveted Spark Plug award was presented by President Bill Bird to Pat Church for all the work she did in the past year in helping to organize tours and other events for our chapter. A well-deserved award to a super-organized lady! We also heard the good news that both Earl Peters and Charlie Kulchar are recuperating well from previous health issues. This event ended with a rousing game of Christmas Bingo and good wishes for a safe and healthy start to the new year.

It has been our chapter's practice in the last few years to not meet in January and to begin activities again in February with a lunch and meeting. However, most of us are already looking ahead to March when we will once again meet at Weigels' sugar bush and enjoy pancakes and sausage with their delicious maple syrup. Always a treat!

Pat Church receiving the
Spark Plug award

Meander Talking Machine

AACA Newsletter

MEANDER CHAPTER
Daisy Evans
Reporter

The Meander Chapter wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2025. In September, several members got together in North Canton at Maisano's Little Italian Kitchen. Elaine and Michael Lozier made the arrangements. If you've never been there, it is well worth going. The pasta is delicious and of course, so is the homemade gelato and desserts.

Dean and Daisy hosted the October meeting. First we stopped at the Medici Museum of Art. This is a small museum but it was fun to tour. Thankfully, the weather held out for us and we toured to Dean and Daisy's for an outdoor hotdog roast. Members brought dishes to share. We have some very good chefs in our club. It was so much fun to sit by the fire and share stories.

Members Ken and Liz Smith hosted our November meeting. We toured together to the Columbiana Olde Clutter'd Corner with three floors of hand-picked and made treasures followed by visiting the Main Street Shop next door. Dinner was at the Das Dutch Haus which is always good food! This was our election of officers for 2025. Our officers for 2025 are: President, Dean Evans; Vice President, Craig Bernard; Secretary, Daisy Evans; Treasurer, Margie Jugenheimer; Trustee, Craig Bernard.

Thank you for all that attended. We are very proud that our own Glen Jugenheimer will assume the role of President for the Ohio Region for 2025.

We held our annual Christmas party at A LaCarte Catering in Canfield, OH. This has become a tradition. Their food is outstanding and no one leaves hungry. We played games with a Christmas version of Family Feud. Glen Jugenheimer was our fill in Steve Harvey and did a great job with Margie's help of course. Our theme this year was "We are Family". Daisy loves picking out the theme for the annual Christmas party.

Safe travels.

Dave Payne
passing on
the responsibility
of Ohio Region to
Meander's
Glen Jugenheimer



The Gauge

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Nora Schreel
Reporter

JULY - Bill and Marita Montgomery hosted the chapter at a Dragons game on Sunday, July 14th. We were asked to show our cars in front of the stadium and 13 cars participated. There were 41 members and guests in attendance on the Party Deck. We enjoyed the baseball, conversation, food and received complimentary Dragons caps. Unfortunately, an unexpected late afternoon storm cut the game short and sent us all scrambling to get our antique cars home.

AUGUST – Southern Chapter hosted the Summer Tour. Report already included in Fall Spark Plug.

SEPTEMBER – On Saturday, September 28th our hosts, Karl and Jackie Amick, had a great day of touring planned but the remnants of hurricane Helene put a damper on the day. Our group of 29 members and guests met at Young's Jersey Dairy for a tour of their cheese making process. The dairy also produces their own ice cream with milk collected daily from their resident Jersey cows. We gathered in their party room for a tasty lunch and ice cream. We were then on our way to The Great Council State Park. This location is the newest State Park in the Ohio Parks system and was created to be a tribute to the history of the Native Americans and European settlers of the region. Their interpretive center was full of history and artifacts that we perused.

OCTOBER - The Southern Ohio Chapter tour hosted by Don and Donna Sword was on October 26. It was a nice sunny day that started out by everyone having lunch at the Ford's Garage restaurant in Liberty Township. There were 44 car enthusiasts in attendance including eight new guests. We welcomed back members, Marty and Donna Caskey and Rusty Haid. There were 11 antique cars on the tour with Linda Muth having the most cars present on the tour by the same owner (three, including the maiden voyage of her 1948 Cadillac). After lunch was a short drive to view some wonderful autumn colors on the way to the Mittelhof Gallery where we viewed a fabulous pri-

vate collection of brass-era Buicks, air-cooled Franklins, classic dual-cowl Packards, Oldsmobiles, Chevrolets, and a Rolls Royce. From the gallery it was another short drive to the Barn-n-Bunk Farm Market that was a flurry of activity where some indulged in ice cream and purchased crafts, produce and fall mums.

NOVEMBER - The annual business meeting for the Southern Ohio Chapter was held November 3, at the Spinning Forchetta located between Hamilton and Middletown. Following a nice social period everyone had the opportunity to order from the full menu and enjoy their favorite Italian fare. Our annual business meeting took place with all current officers accepting their positions for 2025. Jeff outlined tentative plans for hosting the Spring Ohio Region Tour which is tentatively scheduled for April 2026. Marietta, Ohio is the likely base of the activities and possibly even a Riverboat Dinner might be offered. Thanks to Marcia & Gary Jones and Bernie & Sue McGuire for hosting the event.

DECEMBER - The Southern Ohio AACA chapter and Southern Ohio LCOC had their Christmas Party at The Brennan's Loft in London, Ohio, on Saturday, December 7. Tim Wilson was our host and had the venue decorated in Christmas theme. There were at total of 44 attendees, 22 were from the AACA. We enjoyed a beautiful venue with wine and beer and shrimp and cheese as appetizers. We enjoyed our choice of three entrees for dinner. We had a gift exchange after dinner where you could steal someone else's gift. There were several gifts that exchanged hands numerous times. After the gift exchange we had a pipe organ mini-concert from a well know pipe organ organist, Joshua Stafford. Joshua was the 2016 Pierre S. du Point First Prize Winner at the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition.

GAS HOUSE GAZETTE

WESTERN RESERVE
Mike Carolin
Reporter

Who was Siegfried Marcus and what did he have to do with the automobile? His story is at the bottom.

It was a strange year, lots to cover, so let's start with August. We normally have a car show & a meeting at Debonne Winery in Madison. It's one of the largest classic car events in Northeast Ohio & a long way away from Florida, so what happened? Hurricanes Debbie & Ernesto hit Florida then tracked all the way up to Maine. The call was made to cancel the show because the weather forecast was for torrential storms, wind, rain, & hail, the whole shebang. Some brave souls went to the venue to turn people who showed up away if anyone showed. Well, for some reason, 65 (not the 250 to 300 we normally expect) came. Three trophies were handed out, there was wine, food, music, & thunderstorms. Well, everyone got a free (rain) car wash & had a wet but good time.

Ahh, the September meeting is the one I have been waiting for a long time. A nice driving tour of our covered bridges with historical summaries by "tour guide" Dave Payne. Then came the "Piece De Resistance". The part I have been waiting years for, the famed "Hobo Stew". Everyone brings some kind of vegetable to the meeting place before the tour for Shirley take home while they are touring to add to the stew pot, that was already being cooked over a wood fire in a big cast iron pot. The result was delightful.

October was the Fall Tour.

November meeting was held at Mangia Mangia (an Italian word that means eat). We had an impromptu 90th birthday party for member Dwain Rakes. Next we had a meeting & discussed the outcome of the Fall Tour, announced the new officers & discussed the possibility of the chapter paying for part of the cost for our December meeting. Out to the parking lot to view 2 meticulously restored Volkswagen trucks rebuilt by Craig Seabrook (yep, the guy that hand manufacturers MG bodies & components). These models are rarely seen in the U.S. To me, the most unusual part of the pick-up was the tailgate & bed sides folded down for easier loading. Truly German ingenuity.

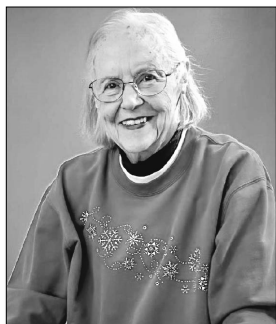
Well, we finally made it to the last meeting of the year. We held our meeting in an inn/museum called the Steele Mansion in Painesville. The building was originally built as a 3 story mansard roof home for George Worthington Steele & his family from 1863 until 1867. The back half of the house, the servant's quarters were occupied in 1867. The Steele family called the mansion home until 1917. During that time

the home was visited by Presidents Hayes, Garfield, & Grant. The mansion was sold to Lake Erie College in 1921 where it was used as the college's president home in the front & student's housing in the rear. Because of an accidental fire on the roof, the mansion had severe damage. The current owner's husband bought the burned out hulk of a building in 2010 & surprised his wife with a plan to rebuild it, after it had been stripped & vandalized for 9 years. Well, in the 14 years since the purchase, the house/inn has been rebuilt back to the "French Second Empire" style as close as finances & building requirements would allow. The result of these trials, tribulations, & successes is a beautiful venue for weddings, anniversaries, club functions or just tours.

Our January meeting was held at a restaurant called the "Little Pie Shop". Lots of room, good food, great waitresses, & a quiet enough to hold a meeting, our Chapter's new slate of officers was announced, & they conducted the meeting. Welcome aboard President Scott Johnson

Okay, so who was Siegfried Marcus and what does he have to do with cars? Siegfried's first "car" was a simple motor vehicle powered by an atmospheric engine he designed and built in 1870. The flywheels were the rear wheels, no clutch or transmission, someone had to lift up the rear end & spin a wheel to start it. No steering, no brakes, but it could run down the road. This was the first vehicle propelled by petrol. After running it up and down the road and making a lot of noise in Vienna, Siegfried took his vehicle apart & worked on other things for a while. Low & behold, Karl Benz made his first attempt at a successful motor car in 1885. With his "Benz patent motorwagon". Siegfried made his second "car" in 1888/89. It had steering, brakes, and a clutch. Much better. Siegfried also invented an ignition magneto, a carburetor, an electric lamp, a stethoscope, & a firearm that could shoot 30 bullets a minute.

So why is Siegfried such a hidden figure? It seems that he was a German & Jewish man living in Vienna, Austria. Adolf Hitler found it completely unacceptable that this man was credited with anything & he ordered all statues, plaques & books referring to Siegfried be destroyed & his 2nd car disassembled & burned. The car was hidden in Vienna and preserved. It was driven in a parade in Vienna & is now in a museum.



COMMODORE PERRY

Apr. 9, 1939-Sept. 5, 2024

Marjorie Ann Polivka Strom was born April 9, 1939 in Bellaire, Ohio to Albert and Anna Stella Vild Polivka.

Marji was graduated from Ohio University, where she also met George Strom. They

met while singing in choir and shared a love of music for the rest of their lives. After marrying George March 18, 1960 and graduation, Marji moved to Elyria, Ohio, --George's hometown--and they lived there until moving to Knoxville, Tennessee in May 2023 to be near family. They both still cherished Elyria and were its best cheerleaders.

Marji loved children and teaching. She taught in elementary schools for 32 years and spent almost her entire career teaching third grade at McKinley Elementary School in Elyria. Because she understood the troubles and travails of childhood, one of the books she loved reading to her students was *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* (Judith Viorst). She also loved spending time with her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces & nephews. She was a great storyteller as well as a fact-checker/history resource for George.

Marji and George were very involved with the Lorain County Historical Society (LCHS). They became members of the Lorain County Historical Society in February 1961. They were highly dedicated to preserving history, and especially supportive of the work of LCHS in Elyria and Lorain County. Marji served as recording secretary of the Board for several terms in the 1960s and 1970s, was a Board member from 1997-2008, and was programs chair from 2000-2008. She was a member of many LCHS committees throughout the decades, including those pertaining to events, membership, governance, and education. She was known for her volunteer time spent with the Women's Committee, the LCHS Apple Festival booth, third-grade tours of The Hickories, history camps, Valentine Teas, annual membership dinners, Ice Cream Socials, and fall BBQs. Marji had a passion for teaching others about Lorain County

history, and her presence in Lorain County and with the LCHS will be missed.

She also helped George with his antique car hobby, especially when he was president of Elyria's antique car club and president of the Ohio Region of AACA. Marji was also a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Elyria where she enjoyed singing in the choir for many years with George and other friends.

Marji was preceded in death by her parents; and later by George, to whom she was happily married for 63 years.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her sister, Carol Weiss; sister, Barbara (David) Omerod; brother, Alan (Percan) Polivka; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and even great-great-nieces and nephews --all scattered throughout the United States.

NOTE: George and Margi were 50 year members of AACA.

CONGRATS!

Below is a list of Ohio Region Members who won at a 2024 National Meet.

SE Spring Nationals in Charlotte, NC

Bob Piper	1868 Yamaha	First Junior
	1999 Suzuki	First Junior
	1975 Velo Solex	Original HPOF
Jeff Smith	1915 Ford	Repeat Preservation
Perry Yasher	1968 Chevrolet	Original HPOF
Matt Reither	1968 Ford	Driver Participation
Bill Lytle	1958 Chevrolet	Senior
Doug Seybold	1967 Buick	First Junior
West Peterson	1970 Chevrolet	Senior

Grand Nationals in Charlotte, NC

Bob Piper	1969 Honda	First Grand National
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Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA

Doug Seybold	1941 Buick	First Junior
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ATTENTION OHIO REGION MEMBERS

From Glen, President

AACA National has requested help parking vehicles at the Grand **Nationals/Zenith** in Dayton, OH in 2025. The show field and parking is at The National Museum of the US. Air Force.

July 24 & 25 5 people to park arriving trailers

July 26 12 people to park show cars

Don Sword has agreed to be Ohio Region contact for this event. If you can help, please call

Don at 937-689-6901

dsword18@outlook.com

Thanks for helping out & you get to see great cars!

New Ohio Region Membership Form
Dues changed from \$15 to \$20



OHIO REGION AACCA



Application for Membership

Only members in good standing of the Antique Automobile Club of America may become members of the Ohio Region and any desired chapter(s).

Name: Date of Application:

Spouse's Name: National AACCA #:

Street Address: Home Phone:

City: State: Zip:

Email Address: Cell Phone:

OPTIONAL: If you own any antique or unusual cars, please fill in the form below. Ownership of an antique vehicle is NOT required for membership.

Make of Car	Year	Body Type	Gas, Steam, Electric

Dues are \$20.00 per calendar year. Checks should be made payable to: The Ohio Region, AACCA. Application and check should be sent to the Chapter President or Region Treasurer. Names and addresses of the current Presidents and the Region Treasurer can be located at <https://aaca.org>.

Membership includes one vote in the region and chapter, plus all club privileges except voting for a spouse and his/her children under the age of 21.

I wish to be affiliated with the following Chapter:

Sponsored by Current Ohio Region Member:

Signature of Prospective Member

Signature of Sponsor

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FROM THE EDITOR *Cindy Robish*

I want to start off by reminding everyone that the Board voted on eliminating the winter edition of the Spark Plug. This was meant to help cut expenses. So if you thought you didn't get your copy....nobody got a copy!

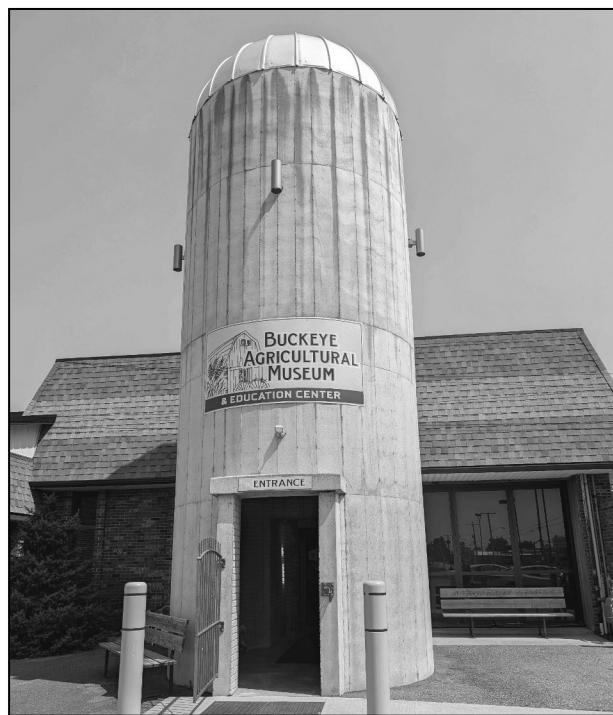
I would like to take this time to thank the Spark Plug Reporters for all their hard work over the past year. They were always on time and gave me great reports. I look forward to having them on the team again this year. So if you see the following, please give them a great big pat on the back for me:

Canton - Denny Robish
Commodore Perry - Janet Bird
Meander - Daisy Evans
Southern - Nora Schreel
Western Reserve - Mike Carolin

These aren't the only people who contributed. Ohio Region officers were also always on the ball. And members from the chapters who put on a meet over the last year. And how could I forget Alex Heyd for all his little cartoons he sends! I know I've probably forgotten people and I'm sorry if I did. You know who you are. THANK YOU!

I was talking with Kay Stowe and her grandson, Eric one day about stick shift. Trying to remember if you push the gear shift up or back or where it goes for each of the gears. Eric had a great way of remembering reverse or backing up your car. You push the gear shift towards the back of the car and up....back up!

In a previous issue of the Spark Plug I told you about things I looked for on the way to Hershey. I talked about the "running man" in the trees that I didn't have a picture of. Now I do! Denny says I have a wild imagination. Let me know if you see a running man too and I'm not crazy! Ok, let's leave out the crazy part. Do you see him???



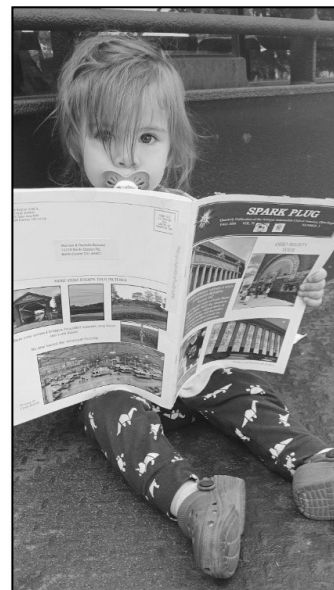
Canton's August Tour to the
Buckeye Agricultural Museum



Canton's September Tour to the
Haines House in Alliance

Never too Young!

Remember this little cutie, Emily Bernard., from a previous edition of the Spark Plug? She really is getting into the car hobby! Yep! That's a Spark Plug she's reading! I'm glad parents, Michael & Danielle, share it with her. They sure are starting her out young! Keep up the good work. Hope to see her as a member when she's older.



FUN IN THE FIRELANDS

Ohio Region Spring Tour

April 25-27, 2025

Hosted by Commodore Perry Chapter

Tour Includes:

- Private collections in the Sandusky/Norwalk area
- A visit to the Firelands Historical Society, Ohio's oldest museum and 2nd oldest historical society
- A visit to Gillmor Ordnance, a unique cannon foundry
- Cruising the beautiful rural roads of The Firelands
- Good food and fellowship!



Hotel Information

Hampton Inn

2492 S. SR 231, Tiffin, OH 44883

Phone: 419-443-5300

Room Rate: \$149 + tax, King bed

\$149 + tax, 2 Queen beds

(Includes hot breakfast)

Reservation deadline - March 25, 2025



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SPRING REGISTRATION FORM

FUN in the FIRELANDS
Hosted by Commodore Perry Chapter
April 25-27, 2025

Name _____ Chapter _____
Address _____
Phone _____

FRIDAY NIGHT

There are two Early Bird choices: Tiffin Glass Museum, 27 S Washington St., Tiffin, OH – donation to enter
The Civil War Museum, 217 S Washington St., Tiffin, OH - \$5.00 per person
Both are open from noon – 4 pm. Both are pay at the door. Registration opens at noon. Board meeting at 8:30 pm

REGISTRATION FEE.....\$20.00

SATURDAY

9:00 am – leave hotel

1st stop – Dick Suhr’s car collection

2nd stop – Firelands Historical Society & Museum, Norwalk.....x\$5.00 = _____

3rd stop – Elks Lodge, Norwalk – lunch

LUNCH

Chicken Salad Sandwich.....x\$15.00= _____

Ham Sandwich.....x\$15.00= _____

All lunches come with potato soup, chips, desert, coffee, tea, pop or water

4th stop – Nelsen Classic Cars

5th stop – Gillmor Ordnance

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Full buffet with fried chicken, roasted pork loin, lasagna, mashed potatoes & gravy, red skin potatoes, noodles, green beans, California blend, Jello salad, cookies, rolls & butter, coffee, iced tea, lemonade and water.

Dinner.....x\$27.50= _____

If you have any special meal requests call Bill Bird @440-897-3615

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to Commodore Perry Chapter AACA.

Send registration form with check to Stormee Heyd, 175 Kings Hwy #1034, Punta Gorda, FL 33983 by April 5, 2025. Any questions, please call Stormee at 440-935-3433. Since we will be in Florida until mid-April, I will send an email (or phone) confirmation when I receive your registration. If you do not hear from me after sending in your registration, please call me with your registration information. Thanks!

**Call the Hampton Inn, Tiffin, Ohio for reservations by March 25, 2025. Mention AACA (Commodore Perry Chapter) for rate of \$149.00 + tax (includes hot breakfast)
Phone: 419-443-5300**

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2025	
Spring	Commodore Perry
Summer	Canton
Fall	Meander

2026	
Spring	Southern
Summer	Western Reserve
Fall	Commodore Perry

2027	
Spring	Canton
Summer	Meander
Fall	Southern

2028	
Spring	Western Reserve
Summer	Commodore Perry
Fall	Canton

PRESIDENTIAL ROTATION

Meander
Southern
Commodore Perry
Canton
Western Reserve

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Meander's October Hot Dog Roast



Meander's Banner at the Christmas Party



Commodore Perry's Christmas celebration



Canton Chapter Christmas



Canton Chapter visiting Harwood Motors



Ohio Region AACA
c/o Cindy Robish
1015 Janet Ave NW
North Canton, OH 44720

CARS AT HERSHEY



**Above: Ronnie & Doug Seybold
with Buick Convertible
Top Right: Fred & Norma Davis
with Ford Model T
Bottom Right: John McAnlis
with Locomobile Touring**



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