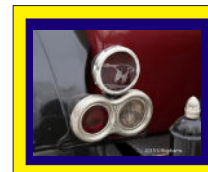




**1947 Cadillac
Series 62 Convertible**

Meander Talking Machine AACA Newsletter



**Will Sainte Claire
A-68's Rear Lights**

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President's Message



Greetings:

Thanks to those who came to the August run. The weather held out and we had some great fellowship. Brian Cox did a wonderful job with his tour of the barn and answered all our questions. Very interesting! Who knew there was so much money in having a horse as an investment that you don't have to feed or handle? Just let the trainer do the job and make money for you! I am not in that league of investors.

Also thanks for the great food! We had such a good variety. The desserts were outstanding like we had planned it. Everyone ate so much, no one wanted to go on the ice cream run.

Looking forward to the run Elaine and Michael have planned for us in September. See details in second column.

We passed out donation letters that you can use for our Ohio Region meet in October. Please feel free to make copies if you need them. A lot of businesses that you deal with are willing to donate items for the goodie bags or for the Chinese auction, especially if they are located state-wide. Carole, (330) 503-7208, and Barbara, (330) 716-7631, are in charge of the Chinese auction. Please get donations to them as soon as possible so they can have everything organized and know if they need any other items. They do a great job. Thank you to those of you who have already turned in items to use!

See you in September!

Safe driving,

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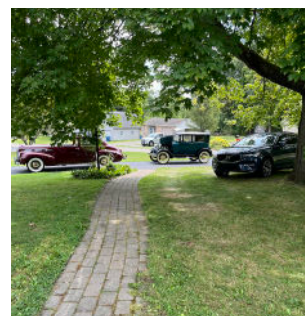
Details for September Run

Hosted by Elaine and Michael Lozier

Meet at 11:00 on September 20th at the farm in Canfield across from the Fairgrounds.

After touring to Minerva, we will stop at a Dunkin Donuts for a snack and bathroom break. Then we will proceed to a private car collection. This collector has eleven Lotus cars and many other automobiles. Afterwards we will go to John's Bakery & Café, where we will have a private room for our meeting. Please call us by Wednesday that week so we can make the arrangements 330 875-5986 or email <michaellozier@yahoo.com>.

Memories of Brian Cox Horse Training Stable & Arena



Ohio Region Fall Tour: Bridging Eras

October 24-26, 2025

Hosted by Meander Chapter



FRIDAY

REGISTRATION- 1-4PM in Hotel lobby Area

EARLY BIRD TOUR - 2-PM- you can leave earlier if you want to stay longer at Gardens

We will be driving through Mill Creek Park. On our drive to the Fellows Riverside Gardens there are different types of bridges throughout- some we'll drive on and others are across the lake. There are restrooms throughout the park and at the gardens. From the Gardens to the Youngstown Model Railroad Museum is a 10-15 minute drive. The Museum will be open from 3:00-5:00PM. Note parking is across the street in a paved triangle area-where you will have to park bumper to bumper.

DINNER is on your own - Lots of options driving back to hotel

7:30PM Ice Cream Social – Hospitality Room

8:30PM BOARD MEETING – next to Hospitality Room

SATURDAY

8:00AM REGISTRATION-in Lobby

8:00AM – Group A will go to the West Winn with tour starting at 9:00am and Group B will go to Kraynaks which opens at 9:00am.

10:00AM – Group A will head to Kraynaks and Group B will go to West Winn for tour.

11:00AM - Everyone will depart to Tara arriving at 11:15-30am.

11:30AM –Tour of Tara then lunch. NOTE: There is parking on both sides of the street. Please allow the handicap members to park by the building.

2:30-4:30PM – Arrive at Kevin Prus" Garage, return to hotel after this stop

Banquet at 6:30PM in hospitality Room

Hope you enjoy the ride with Meander.



Back-Up Lights

—TAC

You may have noticed that my 1947 Cadillac has a back-up light. It looks like an add-on, but the convertible model of this same car, on which I learned to drive, had the same light. It appears that many cars offered such a lamp as an option, but it became "the most recent legally-mandated addition to the Taillight Trinity (Brake/tail, turn, and reverse), coming in 1967, and only one is legally required," according to Jason Torchinsky, *Jalopnik*, 6/20/20, the rule enshrined in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 108.

The back-up light made its first appearance in 1921, writes Lewis Kingston, in an auto manufactured by the Wills Sainte Claire company in Michigan. Childe Wills and Cromwell Halvorsan in collaboration "designed and patented a new type of 'vehicle light' in late 1920.... The result of their efforts was a switched system that, when reverse was engaged, would activate a white reversing light—illuminating the view behind the vehicle, highlighting any pesky fire hydrants or other hazards. This was made a standard feature on the A-68 in 1921; in Europe, companies such as Volvo wouldn't introduce automatic reversing lights until 1933, while the likes of Chrysler didn't make them standard-fit until 1959" ("PH Origins: The Reversing Light,"

Pistonheads, 12/10/18).

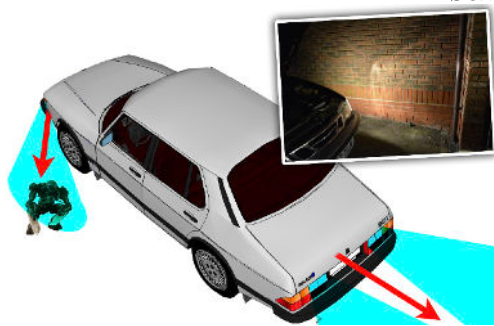
The Autopian extolls the Saab's unique front-mounted back-up lights. Sounds unlikely, no?



HERE THEY ARE

The author explains: "Often, when you're backing out of a parking spot or some other location, you're not going straight. You're turning, in reverse to maneuver where you need to be, yet in the dark, your reverse lamps just illuminate the area directly behind the car, even though the front half of the car may actually be moving in a different direction due to steering angle."

He offers this explanatory picture:



"As a result, there's a pretty huge, un-illuminated blind spot behind the front quarter of your car, which could easily end up in an impact to an unseen post or bollard or wall

or other car or hydrant or swirling blades or whatever. Lots of us have banged into things in exactly this situation, and Saab's clever Side Guidance Reversing Lights could have solved this problem simply and effectively....

"Saab's gone now, and likely won't return. I can't think of any current manufacturer that offers a lamp like this today. And, sure, ultrasonic sensors now do the job of warning us when we might smack into something unseen, but those come at a cost of incessant and annoying beeping and bleeping, and the sensors make bumpers and minor accident damage so much more expensive..." (Jason Torchinsky, 3/29/22).

The law requires a back-up light not only for the driver's safety at night but also for others, as Lisa Conant explains: "Backup lights are meant to warn pedestrians and drivers behind your vehicle that you're

going to be reversing. If you're backing up from a parking spot, backup lights are valuable for passing pedestrians or drivers who might need to stop or give you space to let you reverse. Alerting other people

when you are reversing is crucial since you won't have perfect visibility when your vehicle is reversing" ("Backup Lights Are Essential, Here's Why," carparts.com, accessed 5/26/25).

Contributions

Send articles, letters, notices, reviews, poems, recipes, pictures to Tom Copeland, 313 N. Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509 (tcopeland@neo.

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NAMES: _____ CHAPTER _____
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FRIDAY:

Early bird Tour: Mill Creek Park & Fellows Riverside Gardens N/C
Youngstown Model Railroad Museum – Donations N/C
Friday Night Ice Cream Social N/C

SATURDAY:

We have to split group just for am, let us know if you need to be with someone
Travel companions for split _____

West Winn Urban Ag Tour – Donations N/C

Kraynak's Flower Boutique & Greenhouses N/C

TARA tour and lunch-	#	X \$ 27.00 = \$
Soup of the day, Home style applesauce, Country Coleslaw, Biscuits, Nut Bread, Muffins, Honey glazed Ham, Roasted Tom Turkey, Country style meatloaf, Mashed Red Skin, Potatoes, Celery & Sage Stuffing, Vegetable in season, Turkey & Beef gravy, Plantation Bread Pudding, Coffee & Tea		

Kevin Prus Garage N/C

BANQUET at Hotel-Pizza, salad, chips, dessert, drink	#	X \$ 12.00 = \$
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REGISTRATION FEE:	= \$ 20.00
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Make checks payable to: Meander Chapter	TOTAL DUE = \$
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Mail to: Margie Jugenheimer, 2009 Wick Campbell Rd, Hubbard, Oh 44425

Contact Margie for questions or special meals – PH: 330-718-2809 or majug4@aol.com

HOST HOTEL-Holiday Inn Express - RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield
6690 Ironwood Blvd
Canfield, OH 44425
Phone: 330.702.1900

Deadline: September 19, 2025

Rate: \$155 +tax

Group: CHHAAC-use link below online

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/vvvs49>

Free hot Breakfast, Free WiFi, pool, fitness center

