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LEFT: Lou Cox works the computer while RH cuts the design. Then RH does the powder coating and rolls it into the oven to set.

BELOW: Betsy Fink displays the finished product!



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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

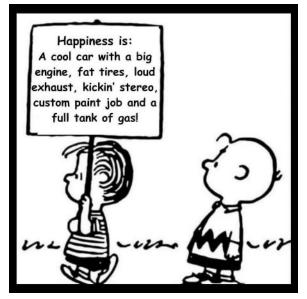


A big thank you to Canton Chapter for the summer tour. If anything went wrong, we couldn't tell. The weather was perfect for cars and passengers. Plus, the venues were great! It's wonderful to know that there are other people out there that enjoy hobbies along with cars, planes, stain glass creations and so many more. As summer winds down here in Ohio, the days grow shorter and the evenings cooler, reminding us that touring season won't last forever.

But, there's still time to enjoy the beauty of fall roads, the fellowship of friends, and the simple joy of driving cars we treasure. Please join us for Ohio Region Fall October 24-25th before we tuck the cars away before the snow flies. The Fall Tour has several new sights to see, so make your hotel reservations by September 19th,

Each mile we share now becomes a memory to carry us through the winter months ahead. So don't let the touring season slip by too quickly. See you in October. Let's enjoy every moment!

Remember: 2025 is here, shift into gear and enjoy the ride!



Thanks again to Alex Heyd for sending me cartoons.

A quick update on Alex. They took him by ambulance from the Spring Meet. They kept him overnight but he is back home now.

## 2025 Ohio Region Summer Tour

Hosted by Canton Chapter - August 29-31

By Mary Gagliano

The "weather gods" blessed us with perfect sunny, temperatures for our region weekender.

On Friday's early bird tour, many of the attendees traveled down through Tuscarawas County to Mineral City, Ohio to enjoy Bob Gibb's collection of "orphan" cars, of automobilia and "stuff". Bob's family had been in the car business for many years, and it is represented in his interests and eclectic collection.

We started off Saturday with a drive to the MAPS Museum (Military Aviation Preservation Society). Guided tours were provided outlining the vast number of aircraft and aviation displays throughout our history. This certainly is one of the most extensive and impressive collections in the country.

Next, we travelled to Canton Chapter members, RH and Lou Cox's workshop for information and demonstrations on powder coating and computer-controlled laser cutting.

We then enjoyed lunch at the First Christian Church in North Canton.

With full bellies we toured to Studio Arts & Glass. An unbelievable display of glass products including stained glass windows, lamps, decorations and more. They graciously opened their workshop for a demonstration of how these beautiful windows are repaired and created.

On the road again, we travelled through the Canton Park system passing near the McKinley monument. Our last stop was the Canton Classic Car Museum. Spectacular automobiles and much more including antiques and other historical items from Canton and bygone times. We toured back to the hotel via downtown Canton which features many displays and artwork relating to its history and of course football and the Hall of Fame.

Our evening program included a delicious dinner and an Ohio Region member meeting. Then onto our raffles. There were 43 baskets of various items and themes and of course a 50/50 raffle.

On Sunday, Bob Gibbs opened yet another garage building in Beach City, Ohio displaying more of his cars and collections.

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**JUNE** "Cruise the Cuyahoga Valley Tour". The day did not start out too well as the heavens decided to open up and rain on our parade. We did have at least 8 antique cars brave the weather. By gathering time the sun had decided to come out.

We started the tour having lunch at On Tap Grill and Bar. Then off on a 27-mile tour. Our first stop being Szalay's Farm and Market in Peninsula. Lots of fresh fruits & veggies were taken home.

Then on to stop two. A covered bridge built in the 1860s. Several of our members walked a flat path to see the bridge. By now the weather was 91 degrees, scorching hot, and high humidity.

Now off to the third and final stop ICE CREAM! The stop was at Country Maid. This ice cream business has about 35 flavors at any given time, so it is hard to decide. Rumor has it that several on this tour made two trips to the counter. All and all a great time was had by everyone!

**JULY** Well, it was a dreary, hot and humid day but the car show went on as planned. Well maybe not "as planned". We planned on having more cars! But with the weather conditions the way they were, we should

be happy to have had 27 cars and one motorcycle registered. Even if the motorcycle showed up about 15 minutes before we handed out the trophies!

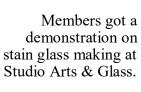
Despite the heat, it really was a nice day. We got to sit around and visit with each other and with our participants. Justin Wallace provided us some fabulous music to listen to, as he does every year. The cars that were there were very well taken care of and looked great. We will be looking forward to a better day next year.



## More Pictures from 2025 Ohio Region Summer Tour



How many people does it take to change a flat tire???













WHAT ??? That's not a Buick Roni & Doug are in!



This Car Was Previously Owned By A Little Old Lady That Beat The Hell Out OF It Every Sunday.



LEFT: Fun sign in one of Bob's cars.



Bob Gibbs opened up his garage for all to enjoy.

Thank you Rick Hughes for pictures taken at Bob's. All other pictures taken by Cindy Robish.



## MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING - August 29, 2025

Reported by: Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Comfort Suites in Canton, OH.

**PRESENT:** 20 Board members.

President Glen Jugenheimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>: (Nora Schreel) – Vicki Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or received via email, seconded by Bill Bird; voted on and approved.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>: (Linda Sneary) – Income and expenses were reported. Alex Heyd made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dean Evans; voted on and approved.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:** No report.

**NATIONAL:** A short report regarding the Grand National held in Dayton was given by Joe Smith. A big thank you to Don Sword and the members that volunteered to make the meet a big success.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Spark Plug:** (Cindy Robish) –All information needs to be sent ASAP so Spark Plug can be sent out with the Registration for the Fall Tour in it.

**<u>Historian</u>**: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing to report.

<u>Website</u>: (Cindy Robish) – Cindy reported that Southern Chapter has created their own website. All other chapters can be found on AACA website. She will add chapter newsletters and update Spark Plug on AACA website. No monies will be expended for doing this, but if chapters want more info added they will have to find someone and pay for it.

<u>Legislative</u>: (Denny Robish) – Reported that the California legislation that wanted to outlaw gas automobiles was rescinded as a federal mandate.

Meet: Spring: 34; Summer: 34.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

It has now been determined that the seed money originally given by the chapters will now be returned. Checks were issued and refunded at the Banquet to each chapter.

Upcoming Ohio Region Meets

Fall hosted by Meander will take place October 24-26, 2025 Spring hosted by Southern will take place on May 8-10, 2026

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

Next meeting will be on October 24, 2025 @ the Hampton Inn in Canfield, OH.

Motion was made to adjourn by Joe Smith, seconded by Denny Robish, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. by Glen Jugenheimer.

# OHIO REGION NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING! CHECK IT OUT!

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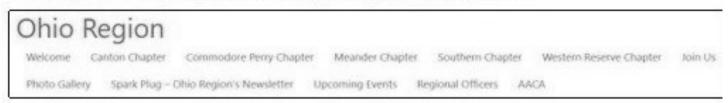
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At the top of each Chapter you will find it easy to navigate from one to another.



Each chapter's newsletter should appear on their website. Along with any other items that were given to our designer.

If you have things you want to add at this time get in touch with Cindy Robish cindyr@neo.rr.com. Linda Muth from Southern Chapter found a web designer who is still working on things.

## **News from National Hershev Volunteers Needed!!!**

As you know, an event as big as Fall Hershey does not happen without a lot of help from our community! Putting on the Yard Sale every year, and keeping the library open for research, is not possible without the volunteers who step up to work at the library during the week. Please consider giving your time in one of the following ways so that we can continue to offer the services and events you have come to love during Hershey!

Library Welcome (Oct.6–9) Refer to our schedule for shifts. Library Yard Sale (Tuesday, October 7) Volunteer opportunities will include working registration, monitoring the sales tents, helping customers, etc. Also moving & setup of literature.

Yard Sale Preparation (July-October): Help sorting literature & manuals in the months leading up to the event and will be ramping up this process over the summer. With so much to do, we can use all the help we can get!

For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Matthew Hocker by email or phone 717-534-2082.

## Miami Valley Innovations Ohio Region Spring Tour May 8-10, 2026



Westcott Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tour
A private tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie School
home in Ohio. It was commissioned by Burton and Orpha
Westcott in 1906 and completed in 1908. John Westcott,
together with his sons, Burton and Harry, originated the
Westcott Carriage Company in Richmond, Indiana, in 1896. It
was reorganized there as the Westcott Motor Car Company
in 1909. In 1915, Burton moved the Wescott Car Company to
Springfield. Learn more: Wescott House.



#### Mershon's World of Cars

Mershon's World of Cars
From Model Ts to Ferraris and everything in between, you never know what Mershon's might have in inventory.
Founded in 1981 Mershon's has over 40 years of experience in the business. They have paired Over 10,000 dream cars with new loving owners. If you are a car guy, you will love just walking through their showrooms! Learn more: Mershon's



Carillon Historical Park
In 1950, Carillon Historical Park's museum complex opened
with the purpose of showcasing the region's industrial
innovations and transportation achievements. Since
construction first began in 1940, the park has evolved into a
beautiful 65-acre campus—designed by the Olmsted
Brothers (the famed landscape architects responsible for
Central Park)—containing dozens of museum buildings and
countless artifacts. Learn more: Carillon Historical Park.



America's Packard Museum
The Museum is in an original Packard dealership which was operational from 1917 until 1940. Rogers Pontiac and Davis Buick used the facility as a dealership from 1940 until the 1970's. From 1899-1956, the Packard Motor Company built 1.6 million cars, and collectors estimate only about 10,000 still exist. The museum manages the largest public collection of Packard automobiles and memorabilia. Learn more: America's Packard Museum.

## Host Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton 2800 Presidential Driv Fairborn, Ohio 45324

937-426-7800 MENTION SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER Deadline for special rate is April 10, 2026

## FREE COOKIES

Rate: \$159.00 plus tax Includes: Buffet Style Breakfast Newly Renovated Rooms Full Service Restaurant and Bar Fitness Room and Pool





BILL AND MARITA MONTGOMERY SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER

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## **UPCOMING** NATIONAL EVENTS 2025

September 18-20, 2025

Southeastern Fall Nationals Corvdon, IN

October 7-10, 2025

Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025

Central Divisional Tour San Antonio to Gonzales, TX

October 23-25, 2025

Central Fall Nationals Galveston, TX



I'd like to thank all the Spark Plug editors for sending me their reports quickly. Trying to get this issue out fast after the tour was a little tough, but they helped me do it!

OOPS! I did it again! I made a mistake on the last Spark Plug. On page 2 it said

## **SUMMER TOUR 2025** MORE PICTURES

Well that's not right! The Summer Tour hadn't even happened yet! Thanks to Craig Bernard who very nicely pointing it out to me.

Don't want to rip the page out of your Spark Plug for Ohio Region Meet registration? Just follow the directions to go to the website, click on Spark Plug, go to the page you want and print it from there! Instructions on previous page.

# CANTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

# CANTON CHAPTER Denny Robish Reporter

## **APRIL**

What a great tour we had. After a tasty lunch made by the Amish ladies, we headed out for a drive through the country. Our first stop was Skeeter's (Roger Warnes) shop. We saw Glenn Wengerd's Pierce Arrow, which is a nice work in progress, along with a 1957 Corvette that I think would look great in our garage

Next stop was Glenn's "American Pickers Garage". I'd just love to know how many Wheaties Cereal boxes he has! Glenn and Christi have some very nice historical items, along with a building full of bicycles! In their "back yard" is an 1861 restored German Methodist Church and picnic shelter. We had a beautiful organ concert in the church.

On to the Mt. Eaton greenhouse. Great time to purchase some wonderful flowers and plants.

Next was Weaver Wagons. What a place!!! First, we went into their workshop area. One of the wagons I thought was interesting was a wagon they are building for Yellowstone National Park! It's still a work in progress. There are open areas on both sides. One side will have heating and cooling units which will be powered by lithium batteries. The other side will have coolers and heaters for food storage. And it will have bear proof latches on the doors! It will have a Conestoga type top over it and will be horse drawn. Food will be prepared at the lodge and loaded into the wagon. Visitors can request a picnic for up to 200 people be set up in the park and they will bring it out in the wagon. What a great idea! The last stop was at the Dalton Dariette.

#### **MAY**

Our tour was a weekender to Detroit. Friday was mostly just driving and enjoying the scenery on the back roads. There were beautiful houses, farm fields and rolling hills. The roads for the weekend were pretty good....well except that nasty, washboard dirt road we had! When the sign said "Pavement Ends" they weren't kidding. The people who lived in the mansions on that road had to be frustrated! After we checked into our rooms we headed to R's Diner. OMGosh! Great food, huge portions and cheap bill. Everyone liked the place so much we actually made reservations for the next night before we left.

Saturday morning, we headed to the Ford Piquette plant. The plant was built in 1904 & took 8 months

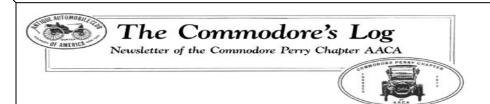
to build. This is where they made the early Fords. I didn't know there were actually models made for almost every letter of the alphabet from Model A to Model T (Models A, B, C, F, K, N, R, S, T - D&E were trucks)....and they had one of each of them on display! The topping on the cake was the Model N on display; that our own Bill Lytle restored! The tour guide told us a little about the car and was then kind enough to let Bill tell us a little more. Lytles actually have another Model N in their garage at home. I had to chuckle when we came to the Model R & Bill told us you NEVER wanted to wear a white shirt when riding in one of these because of the oil splatter!

Next stop was Stahl's Museum, which had antique cars and astounding musical instrument boxes. The first museum was cars before our time, but the cars here are some most of us could relate to. They ranged from 1886 to the 1960s. What can I say about a vehicle that looks like an elephant and even walks like one! Some of the music boxes were the size of a piano while others took up a huge wall space. The sound from all of them was remarkable. Many of us commented that the creativity they had when making the music instruments was way beyond their time. Back to R's Diner again for dinner and time just relaxing in the hotel lobby for the rest of the day.

Sunday, on the way home we made our last stop at the Millbury Museum. This place has only been open about a year and they sure have a lot of stuff, over 85 vehicles! They started out with mostly trucks but have added some unique cars, most were from the 50's thru the 80's. There were also vehicles from the movies. And they had a nice display of signs.

By this time we were all getting hungry again. We went Suzie's Diner and grabbed a sandwich. Another place with good food & great service. After lunch and sitting outside chowing down on some cookies, we all got in our cars & headed home.

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## COMMODORE PERRY Janet Bird Reporter

This summer has been an especially busy one for Commodore Perry members. There have been national meets, local car shows and swap meets, and our own club events. Then, all of a sudden, we are at the end of another summer. How does that happen?

For some reason, Mother Nature has decided to rain on the Commodore Perry "parade" of antique cars this year. We endured a soggy visit to "meet Erma" at the Ashland cemetery in May, and at the end of July, Commodore Perry members met at High Meadows Park, part of the Lorain County Metro Parks system. There was a steady rainfall as we made our way there. The rain stopped just long enough for us to enjoy our picnic and then picked up again as we were about to leave, so we drove home in the rain too. We were reminded that last year the Connollys hosted the July picnic at the county Metro Parks, and we sat through a downpour in the picnic shelter that day too. However, that did not prevent us either year from having a good time and great conversation. Dave and Diane Connolly hosted this potluck picnic and very generously provided sloppy joes and beverages. They also provided the very cute truck centerpieces filled with Hershey kisses. Nice touch! So a great time was had by all in spite of the rain.

Our August 26 event, hosted by Dick and Linda Howell started at Margaritaville Restaurant in Sandusky for lunch and a short meeting, and then we made our way to Firelands winery. Many of us took a wonderful tour with our tour guide Toby who gave us lots of information about that winery and the process of turning grapes into wine. It was a great day! The day ended with a stop at Toft's Ice Cream parlor, which is a must-do when we are near Sandusky.

We look forward to the end-of-summer Ohio Region tour, hosted by Canton Chapter, coming up soon on Labor Day weekend. What a great way to bring the summer to a close! Hope to see many Ohio Region friends

there!

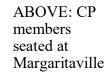


Antique cars parked at Margaritaville

Nice looking Corvette at the Firelands winery







LEFT: Dick Howell with his margarita at Margaritaville!



LOWER:Heyds with Bill Knadler and Dick Suhr had prime seating by the waterfall

# Meander Talking Machine AACA Newsletter

MEANDER CHAPTER
Daisy Evans
Reporter

Doesn't seem real that summer has gone by so fast! We've had a good time touring this summer. Margie and Glen Jugenheimer got our rears in gear in June and planned a tour to the "Butts" Museum in Fowler, OH. We toured to the Fowler General Store and enjoyed some of their fresh home made donuts and got to shop in the store with many items from the past and present that you could purchase. Very quaint! Then we 'headed' over to the Butts Museum. This was a farm house where the Butts family lived and the Historical Society went all out for us and had several members showing us through the house. I couldn't believe the house was furnished with all the period pieces plus all the tools of that era in the basement for the men to enjoy. Next we went to Newton Falls and enjoyed going through a huge antique store with so much merchandise to buy. Finally, we enjoyed going to a local restaurant, the Top Notch Diner who's décor is automobiles! Great time and good weather prevailed.





In July, Craig and Carole Bernard planned a wonderful run toward the Beaver Creek area. We went to the Beaver Creek Wildlife Center where they had rooms featuring all the wildlife from the Ohio areas. Some was still life and then they had the real thing. Our little 2-1/2 year old Emily got to pet a snake! I stayed away from that room but they have several snakes that like to come out and play and they have them all named! Again, not for me. Volunteers staffed the center and it truly was amazing to go through!

Then we stopped at the Dutch Haus Restaurant which many of us have gone to before. The food is wonderful and they give you so much — leftovers for sure!

Dean and I planned the August run. We have a new horse farm near us that was a golf course that they turned into a training stable. Brian Cox is a world famous trainer and he trains and shows quarter horses for people as an investment and he also has a few ladies that ride the horses he trains. Brian gave us a great tour and answered all our questions. He built their home on the property and have two small children. They even have an apartment for people to stay in when they



We toured back to our house for a picnic. The club supplied hot dogs and burgers and everyone brought a dish to pass. We have really good cooks. We were so stuffed, no one wanted to go on the ice cream run. We have been fortunate with the weather this year!

Hope to see everyone at the Ohio Region Fall Tour! We have some very special things to do and see!





# The Gauge

## SOUTHERN CHAPTER Nora Schreel Reporter

MAY...A small, but mighty contingent of members and guests made their way south to Georgetown, Kentucky, on the last Saturday in May. Dave Samples and his brother, Chris, led the troops south from our meeting location at the Ft. Wright, Kentucky, Frisch's. The first stop was Country Boy Brewing where we enjoyed lunch and some of us took the brewery tour.

Our next stop, was Ward Hall, the grandest Greek revival residence in Kentucky, and one of the finest examples of a mid-nineteenth century classical building in the United States. It was completed in 1857 at a cost of \$50,000 in gold, and represents one of the most intact houses in the country. The grounds and gardens were beautiful and we not only were able to visit the upper floors, but also saw the basement - including the warming kitchen.

The final stop of the day was to the family owned, Evans Orchard. It was strawberry season and Bernie McGuire took full advantage by ordering a delicious looking strawberry ice cream sundae. The apple cider slushies were refreshing too. Beautiful weather, historic stops, and good people made for a delightful Bluegrass State adventure!

JUNE...On June 22, 12 cars entertained the folks going into the Dayton Dragons game. In attendance were Jackie & Karl Amick; Don Sword; Bill and Marita Montgomery; Lois Bigler and guest; Dave Harvey and guest; Nora and Fred Schreel; new member, Jane Baker (Fred's Sister); Jeff Odgen; Linda Muth, Bernie McGuire; Jerry and Marthann Heil; and Jeff and Ann Smith. The game was surprisingly won by the Dragons after the club's early departure due to the heat and humidity.

JULY...Several of the chapter members participated in the Grand National held at the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton by parking trailers and cars for the event. There were over 350 cars in attendance.

A bonus tour took place on Sunday July 29, chapter members, Marthann and Jerry Heil, hosted a

visitation to view the Marmon collection of Chic and Arline Klepz. The tour was a collaboration with the Henry Hoosier Model T group from Richmond, Indiana, and the Southern Ohio AACA chapter.

The tour began at the National Model T Museum and encompassed a leisurely drive through country roads to Rob's restaurant in Brookville, Ohio. A nice meal was had with many AACA members meeting with the Henry Hoosier group for lunch. A short drive to the collection led us to airconditioned buildings and ice chilled water that was welcoming after the warm drive. The two clubs, combined with some new guests, had 43 people present. We viewed cars Chic and Arline drove on many tours including some that were on Peking to Paris rallies and another Marmon that Chic drove around the world in 80 days.

**AUGUST...**In August we had a great turnout at the Meijer in West Chester with 13 cars to take the tour and 12 of those were antique cars. We had 24 members and 4 guests come along for the ride which began with having donuts on the back of our 1952 Buick Woody Wagon.

We then wound our way through numerous turns to arrive safely at our first destination called 4 Speed on 50 in Lawrenceburg. Barbie and Steve Caudill were great hosts as the restaurant had great food with fast service just like the diners of old. Then it was a quick walk behind the restaurant to their personal museum which was filled with great cars and eclectic signs and unique memorabilia.

The group then got back in our cars and headed back towards Ohio to visit the Salty Dog Museum in Shandon, Ohio. We had our meeting in the cool confines of the museum as it was a very hot day. After our meeting, Mark Radke, gave us a tour and discussed the Fire Truck Museum also on the premises.

Finally, we headed to the last stop, the mandatory ice cream stops at Flubs in Ross, Ohio. Overall, even though it was a hot day, we all had fun and saw a lot for a full day of touring.

# GAS HOUSE GAZETTE

## WESTERN RESERVE Mike Carolin Reporter

A little bit of history-there were fins, there were wings, & certainly lots of colorful things. What was up with the 50's? Answer at the bottom of the page.

Our June meeting was hosted by the Scovilles at Willow Lake Campground in Geneva, Ohio. This is a "Pot Luck" type lunch with the brats, buns, condiments, soft drinks, utensils, and plates provided. While the grilled part of the menu is always "first class", the pot luck offerings never cease to amaze. If you tried a little bit of every dish, your diet would be trashed. After lunch and a short meeting, we played a "Bingo Name Game" that was designed to encourage old and new members to learn each others names. Leave it to Mickey to come up with an innovative, enjoyable game. The pot luck at the campground is always a highlight of the year.

July was to include a tour of the Spillway (the structure that is used to safely release excess water from a reservoir or lake) for Pymatuning Lake in Northeast Ohio & northwest PA. Some last minute changes put lunch and a meeting ahead of the tour and because of our guide's work commitments, the tour had to be cancelled. I tried to explain what the Lake was about & why it was made. Pymatuning Lake is approximately 26.7 square miles or 17,088 acres. It is fed by the Shenango River & it's tributaries. The land was originally swamp and wet farm land. The average depth of the Lake is 15 feet (deepest part 35') and if the water level is low and the water calm, you can look down and see tree stumps and building foundations from some of the villages that existed. These villages raised crops, grew orchards, and collected "Bog Iron". (Bog Iron has been used and smelted back to the Roman Times. It's impure but can be worked.) During the Great Depression, the President & Congress decided to buy the villages out, have the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp) clear the land and with the help and guidance from the commonwealth of PA, 7,000 men built the dam, the Spillway, & all the accoutrements to provide water conservation, flood control, streamflow regulation, and, recreation. The fish hatchery provides stock for Walleye, Muskellunge, Crappie, Perch, Bluegill, and Bass. There are campgrounds on both the Ohio and the Pennsylvania sides.

Our August gathering was the Car Show at DeBonne Winery. Two years ago under the threat of rain we had 303 cars, last year even though the

news warned of a darned monsoon, we had 65 cars, and this year with 90 degree heat and high humidity, we had 275 cars come. There is food, wind, music, and lots of cars. There were Crosleys, a Bug Eye Sprite, up to and including a huge Army truck, and, or course, everything in between. This is one of the best attended car shows in Northeastern Ohio. Come on up next year and you will see. We had a few small opportunities for improvement, but all in all, "What A Show".

OK, the 1950's, what happened? In the spring of 1941 Harley Earl and 3 other designers (Bill Mitchel, later Earl's successor as head of GM design, Franklin Hershey and Art Ross) went to Selfridge Field to look at a top-secret fighter plane. The Lockheed P-38 Lightning was a brand new twin tailed aircraft and Bill Mitchel was hooked. The designers spent the next few months drawing their dream cars inspired by the P-38. As things would happen, along came December 7, 1941 and everything changed. Automobiles took the "Back Seat" in favor of tanks, guns, and "Landing Ducks". Fast forward to 1944 when Frank Hershey returned home from the war and became the Senior Designer in the Cadillac Division under Harley Earl. Hershey submitted P-38 inspired design concepts but Harley deemed them too extreme for his beloved Cadillac. Well, just before Thanksgiving in 1945, the U.A.W. went on strike at GM. The design group could not go to work because of the lockout so Hershey invited them to his farm in the country with no "Big Shots" hovering over them. The design team created the Cadillac they wanted, a modern jet age inspired ride with fins and, of course, all the accoutrements that any full dressed Cadillac should have. They sculpted a full size clay model and invited Harely Earl and Cadillac General Manager Nicholas Dreystadt to look at it. Harley had 3 words for Hershey, "Take Them Off". Hershey stalled & started tinkering with stuff on the front end, but in 2 days Harley was back. Words for Hershey "Take Them Off Or Your Fired". Bad news for Harley, he brought Chairman Alfred P. Sloan with him and they "Loved The New Aircraft Inspired Cadillac, Fins were in". When the 1948 Cadillac premiered, it caused such a stir in the automobile world that if you could hang fins on it, you had better do it. The wings and fins did not stop there though. They showed up on eyeglasses, tennis shoes, and even hand mixers. If you can doll it up with pointy things. Why not give it some color? The colorful sky was the limit.

Happy motoring, and stay safe.



## CANTON CHAPTER

Bobbie Jo Simmons, age 49, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and a former Sherrodsville resident, died Saturday afternoon, July 5, 2025 in Ohio's LifeCare Hospice Truman House at New Philadelphia with her family by her bedside.

She was born March 26, 1976 in Dennison, Ohio and was the

daughter of Ray L. Potts Sr., currently of Baltic and the late Darla Jean (Henry) Potts.

Bobbie was a 1994 graduate of Conotton Valley High School and held a Master's Degree in Accounting from the Colorado Technical University. She retired due to health reasons as the Principle Accounting Analyst at the Timken Company in Canton after 26 years of service. She was a member of the New Philadelphia Church of Christ. A loving wife, daughter, and sister, she will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband John S. Simmons, whom she married February 12, 2000, a sister, Nikki (Chris) Potts-Rufenacht and a brother, Ray L. (Fiancée Codi Cannon) Potts Jr., all of New Philadelphia, and a number of nieces and nephews.

## CANTON CHAPTER



Robert Browning devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed away peacefully July 27th, 2025 at the age of 91. Born in 1933 in Chapmanville, West Virginia, Robert lived a long and full life marked by hard work, deep family connections, and quiet

resilience. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rubyan Browning; his parents, Archie and Susie (Barker) Browning; siblings Frances Easter and Joseph Browning; his former wife, Betty Browning; and stepdaughter Kelly Wood. Robert is survived by his children, Greg

and Robin; stepson Ernie Bailey; and son-in-law Bill Wood. He was a proud grandfather.

Robert's career included positions at Superior Meats, R.G. Drag, and the Ohio State Patrol. Beyond his professional life, he was actively involved in his community and various organizations. He proudly served as a Massillon auxiliary policeman in 1975 and was a longtime member of the Tuslaw Lions Club. He was an active member of First Christian Church in Massillon. His love of cars and racing led him to join the Blue Angels drag racing team, the Antique Buick Club of America and AACA Automobile club, where he found camaraderie and joy in sharing his interests with others. Robert will be remembered for his unwavering work ethic, quiet strength, and the kindness he extended to everyone he met. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

## CANTON CHAPTER



Albert Frank Bussard, 71, of Navarre, Ohio, passed away August 28, 2025. He was born on July 13, 1954 in Canton, Ohio to the late Rodger and Pearl (Anderson) Bussard.

Albert was a 1972 graduate of Jackson High School. He was

owner and operator of Al's Greenhouse, as well as A and B Wholesale for many years. Albert was a member of the Tuslaw Lion's Club, Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Canton Chapter, Buick Club of America Akron Canton Chapter, and Massillon Area Car Club (MACC).

Albert enjoyed car shows, traveling throughout the United States, and spending time with his beloved dogs, Bear and Buster. Albert had a green thumb, and enjoyed tending to his plants and sharing them with others.

In addition to his parents, Albert was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Hershberger; and special aunt. Anzonetta "Ann" Bussard.

Albert is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Susan (Hill) Bussard; sister, Sarah Lynn (Emil) Sestric; step-brother, Paul Suntheimer. Albert will be laid to rest at Forest Hill Cemetery.



What: 2026 Ohio Region Winter Board Meeting

When: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Time: Lunch at 1:00pm

Meeting after - approx. 2:00pm

Where: Der Dutchman Restaurant (NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)

720 State Route 97

West Bellville, OH 44813

Who: 2025 Chapter Presidents/Trustees

2026 Incoming Chapter Presidents/Trustees

And all the other Board Members

RSVP: Please contact by January 5, 2026 if you are attending or not.

Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary

937-278-6877

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Spouses are welcome for lunch. Buffet with individual checks.

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



Friday: Tour through Mill Creek Park Bridges, Garden, toy train display

Saturday 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) & Pizza banquet







## TOUR HOTEL INFORMATION

HAMPTON INN & SUITES

Rate \$155 + tax

6690 Ironwood Blvd

includes Hot Breakfast, pool & fitness center

Canfield, OH 44406

Code: CHHAAC (AACA Ohio Region)

330-702-1900

or Link hhttps://group.hamptoninn.com/vvvs49

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



## 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

B: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 Rocom

Hope you enjoy the ride with Meander.



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FRIDAY:				
Early bird Tour: Mill Creek Park & Fellows Riverside Garder	ns			N/C
Youngstown Model Railroad Museum - Do	onations			N/C
Friday Night Ice Cream Social				N/C
SATURDAY:				(\$500,000)
We have to split group just for am, let us know if you nee	ed to be wit	h someo	ne	
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West Winn Urban Ag Tour - Donations		0.5-20		N/C
Kraynak's Flower Boutique & Greenhouses				N/C
TARA tour and lunch-	#	X \$ 2	7.00 = \$	SVEWVEX
Soup of the day, Home style applesauce, Country Co glazed Ham, Roasted Tom Turkey, Country style me Sage Stuffing, Vegetable in season, Turkey & Beef g	atloaf, Mask	ned Red S	Skin, Potatoe	s, Celery
Kevin Prus Garage				N/C
BANQUET at Hotel-Pizza, salad, chips, dessert, drink	#	X\$1	2.00 = \$	
REGISTRATION FEE:			= S	20.00
Make checks payable to: Meander Chapter	TOTAL	DUE	= \$	51 SC
Mail to: Margie Jugenheimer, 2009 Wick Campbell Rd, Hubb	pard, Oh 4	4425		

Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield

6690 Ironwood Blvd Canfield, OH 44425

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Rate: \$155 +tax

Group: CHHAAC-use link below online https://group.hamptoninn.com/vvvs49

Free hot Breakfast, Free WiFi, pool, fitness center

## TOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: ◆ OCTOBER 10, 2025 ◆

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"They no longer make replacement mufflers for your car. The best I can do is sell you these earphones for \$35."



RE: AACA Ohio Region Annual Membership Renewal for 2026

Dear Ohio Region Member,

Your annual \$20 renewal dues for Ohio Region membership should be mailed by end of year 2026 to Ohio Region Treasurer address listed below:

Linda A. Sneary, AACA Ohio Region Treasurer 1191 Garrison Road Ashtabula, OH 44004

Please be sure to clearly **identify** your payment with your **name**, **chapter**, and **National** membership **number** on your check or simply complete & return the bottom portion of this form with your payment. If you have any questions, please contact me at the following email: lindaasneary@netscape.net or text to 440-796-3861.

As a reminder, you must also be current with your annual National AACA membership dues in order to be eligible for continued membership in your local AACA Chapter and the Ohio Region AACA.

Exceptions to annual Ohio Region dues: Paid Lifetime Ohio Region Memberships (\$0 due for 2026). If you prefer, you may enroll as a Lifetime Ohio Region Member for \$300.

Thank you & happy travels,

Linda				
Please enclose with your payment (and/or n	nark on your check) the	following for 2026 dues:		
Member's First & Last Name (both Husband & Wife, where applicable) and National AACA #:				
&	Chapter	AACA Nat'l #		
Please advise any changes to address, home/cell phone, or email if different from prior year:				

# IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN!



## THANKS GUYS!

Joe Gagliano for chuckle above. Craig Bernard for picture below. - Early Years At Hershey - 1988!



## Hershey 1998

by Margie Jugenheimer

Since we had joined the AACA and Ohio Region, the wonderful and formidable talk about the "Hershey experience" was overwhelming. If you have not been there, the veterans of Hershey make it seem like the night before Christmas, the excitement and anticipation of waking Christmas morning to see if Santa has come. Well this year, Glen and I got the chance to check it out together:

'Twas the night before Hershey and all through the motor house, not a creature was stirring not even my spouse.

The soft pitter patter of rain all night, Made me wonder Will there be morning light?

My children were nestled all snug in Grandma's bed, While visions of mud danced through my head;

Glen in his jams and I in my gown, our thoughts about tomorrow had just settled down.

When out in the park there rose such a clatter, I jumped up in my bed to see what was the matter.

Slow to the window, then there was a flash More rain was coming and lighting to clash.

Early the next morn, anticipation was high, even though there was no sun in the sky. When we got to Hershey, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But mud and mud everywhere, I was sure it was up to my ears.

> Now to find a parking spot, that is a good trick, I knew in a moment you have to be quick.

Rapidly people were coming, each taking an open spot, Glen said, "Let's get started, because there sure is a lot.

He started calling the fields name, Green, Chocolate, White and the famous corral I'll stay if it takes me all night.

> Put on your boots, be careful so you don't fall, Now let's hurry, let's hurry, we have to see it all.

As soon as we started out,
I knew this was a special day,
I never dreamed that
this trip would turn out this way.

So much mud, down each aisle we walked, Glen did not say much I wasn't in the mood for talk.

As we marched on through the colored fields, we checked out the vendors To see all the deals.

You had to be careful no sudden moves as you gracefully walked through the muddy tire grooves.

Some people you would see with a regular shoe on their foot, I'd shake my head and think "Don't you own a boot?"

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	2025		2026
Fall	Meander	Spring	Southern
		Summer	Southern Western Reserve
		Fall	Commodore Perry

2027			
Spring	Canton		
Summer	Meander		
Fall	Southern		

	2028
Spring	Western Reserve
Summer	Commodore Perry
Fall	Canton

# PRESIDENTIAL ROTATION

Meander
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ASK FRED SCHREEL WHY YOU SHOULDN'T RIDE IN THE BACK OF GLEN JUGENHEIMER'S OPEN CAR ON TOUR?

WE WERE ON THE SNAPPERS BRASS TOUR IN NEW YORK.

ANSWER: IF THE DRIVER SPITS....YUCK!