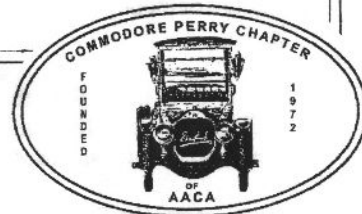




The Commodore's Log

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WHAT: Commodore Perry Chapter
Holiday Lunch and Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, December 13
12:00 noon

WHERE: Monteith Hall
218 East Avenue, Elyria

COST: \$17.50 per person

Bill and Janet Bird have made arrangements again this year for Commodore Perry members and their guests to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon at historic Monteith Hall. The brunch menu includes glazed ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans almondine, cinnamon apple salad, pie, coffee, hot tea and lemonade.

Please make reservations **by December 8** by calling Janet at 440-897-3615 or by emailing her at janetbird71@gmail.com.





Happy Pre-Thanksgiving to all of our wonderful members of Commodore Perry!

This will be my last column for Prez Sez, as I will be passing the torch (or gavel) to Linda Howell at our upcoming December meeting. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President for these past six years starting at the very end of 2019.

As I look back over those six years there have been some high-lights and also a few low-lights. The year of 2020 had barely begun when we were all faced with the COVID-19 epidemic. Following a super pancake brunch in March, we never met again until September following the then-current health guidelines. The Ohio Region also suspended tours for over a year. The other low-lights involve the aging process for our membership, which resulted in the inevitable slowing down of everyone and the unfortunate passing of some of our most cherished members.

On to the high-lights. In 2022 Commodore Perry celebrated 50 years as a club. We offered for sale some special shirts to commemorate a golden anniversary, the Dugases made commemorative buttons for all our members, and we had a very nice banquet at German's Villa where we honored 4 families that had been with the club for the entire 50 years. Attendees also received a commemorative glass souvenir to mark the occasion. Also during my presidency we hosted two Ohio Region tours and both offered some interesting stops and were well received by our guests. I was also honored to present 50-year AACA membership pins to several of our members. Our membership numbers have held fairly steady in low to mid-thirties which places us in the middle of the five clubs in the Ohio Region.

I want to extend special thanks to Alex Heyd and Marty Tansey for holding offices forever and to Janet Bird for continuing to provide the Commodore's Log and our Spark Plug articles since 2010. Additional appreciation to Earl Peters for chairing our 2023 Ohio Region tour and holding office for numerous years. Also thanks to Doug and Ronnie Seybold for serving as our Trustee to the Ohio Region. There is more appreciation: Marty Tansey co-chaired our Ohio Region tour this year and has hosted many monthly meetings; Alex Heyd stepped up to fill our spot in the Ohio Region Presidential rotation, and he is chairing our 2026 fall tour; Linda Howell has hosted several monthly meetings and has agreed to assume the Presidency for next year; the Weigels have hosted us every March for the pancake brunch.

I needed to stop somewhere in naming folks for thanks to avoid missing someone, but I am thankful for all of you who pitched in to help with the Ohio Region meets and to host monthly meetings!! That list includes but is not limited to the Geils, the Connollys, the Churches, the Heyds, Dave Albrecht, Jim Clark and Dick Cutter. If my memory has left someone out, please forgive my lapse.

In closing, I want to point out that my list of thank-yous is lengthy because our club can't function without YOU the membership stepping up to plan and host a monthly event and to head up a piece of an Ohio Region weekend when it is our turn to host. PLEASE support Linda and Alex and Commodore Perry by volunteering to help out next year so we can have an active and fun organization that promotes our old car hobby while we are enjoying it too!!

--Bill

MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2025 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

President Bill Bird called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm following a visit to the Lagrange Historical Society and lunch at Café Lagrange. He thanked Marty Tansey for making the arrangements.

Members/Sunshine report: Bill told members of Diane Connolly's death, regretting that he didn't know and was unable to let members know. Earl Peters is well but hesitates to drive so far alone.

Minutes: Bill asked for motion to approve August minutes as they were published in the newsletter. Doug Seybold moved to approve the minutes Janet Bird seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurers report: Alex Heyd reported receiving a \$320 refund from Ohio Region for the website that didn't happen.

CPC Calendar: Christmas lunch will be Saturday Dec. 13 at noon.

November needs a host- call Bill if you can plan something.

Ohio Region: Fall tour will start tomorrow in Canfield.

Spring Tour will be May 8-10, 2026 in Fairborn

Commodore Perry will host Fall tour Oct. 16-18, 2026

Fall 2026 Tour : Alex has secured stops at Frank Lloyd Wright house, Kenworth dealership, Sharp Bros. Upholstery and is checking on other possibilities. Alex hopes to have an Octoberfest menu for Saturday evening dinner. Tour committee includes Dick Cutter, Ronnie Seybold, and Marty Tansey.

Other business: Bill Bird shared some memories of Lagrange, especially of meeting his wife, Janet.

Dick Howell moved to adjourn the meeting, Alex seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Tansey

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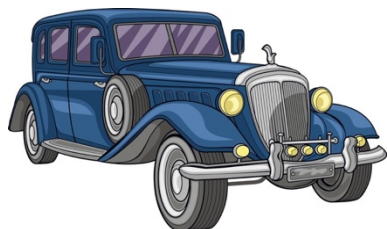
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Remember When...

*Excerpts from the pages of a Commodore's Log of the past
From the December, 1984 edition in an article entitled "Fall Tour"*



Participants at the Fall Tour related the highlights of the tour. They enjoyed visits to the Transportation Research Center, played bingo, attended the costume ball, and spiced up their trip by traveling several miles on manure paved roads. All the cars returned to Delaware with an unmistakable aroma. 150 attended the banquet.

Commodore Perry Tour to LaGrange October 23, 2025



Marty Tansey arranged a very interesting October tour for our chapter. We met at the LaGrange Historical Society museum which is located in the former Keystone High School on Liberty Street. Besides many interesting displays to look at, we also listened to the local historian describe the process of replacing the Civil War statue in the town square. After a truck accident in the square, the statue



was demolished and many, many months later a new statue was erected. The volunteers of the historical society have done a wonderful job of collecting and arranging all the artifacts in the museum, and we



all spent a good amount of time reminiscing. Then it was on to the Café LaGrange for lunch. We were comfortably seated in our own room and held a business meeting after lunch. Thanks, Marty for a fun day!

(Thanks to Kevin Myers for supplying some of these photos.)



Ohio Region Fall Tour

October 24-26

What a beautiful weekend Meander Chapter chose for this great tour! Although there was some rain on Friday as we drove to our hotel, fall colors were on full display during the tour and also on our way home. Great weather for old car enthusiasts. Friday's Early Bird tour was a stop at a model railroad museum. So many trains! And the attention to detail in all the town layouts was amazing.

Saturday's tour started at Kraynak's floral and gift shop. We weren't prepared for this Christmas gift shop on steroids. Just incredible!! We could have spent several hours here and still not seen it all. However, we had to move on. Our next stop was at WestWinn Urban Aquaponics, in Sharon, PA, such an interesting place. Who knew so much could be grown without soil? Many of us bought some of the lettuce that had just been harvested – so crispy and fresh – with a promise that it would still be crisp 3 weeks later if kept in the refrigerator (proved to be true!). Could this be the future of farming?

Our lunch stop was at the famed Tara Country Inn near Sharon, PA., but first we had a tour of this beautifully restored inn. The "lunch" featured ham, turkey, pork and meatloaf with half a dozen sides and bread pudding for dessert. The food was great, and the setting was beautiful. Of course, to finish the day, we visited a car collection.

The speaker at the banquet was Jann Glove who presented a program on the astronauts who took part in the landing on the moon; she focused mostly on their lives after the moon walk. She did an excellent job of mixing lots of information with amusing and entertaining stories. This program ended a weekend that started with trains and bridges, covered some Civil War history, then automobile history and ended with space travel! Nice job, Meander Chapter!



Cars lined up at the model train museum



The Cinderella bridge, one of many on the tour



Model train museum - circus layout on the left, town on the right



Lettuce growing at Winn Aquaponics



Beautifully restored auto seen on the tour



Kraynak's Floral and Gift shop, below and right



Lunch in the elegant dining room at Tara, shown left

Attention!!

Ohio Region dues are due. Use the form below to renew your membership



AACA Ohio Region Annual Membership Renewal for new year

Dear Ohio Region Member,

Your annual \$20 renewal dues for Ohio Region membership should be mailed by end of the year 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 new year).

Thank you & happy travels,

Linda

Please enclose with your payment (and/or mark on your check) the following for annual 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:
