

Western Reserve Chapter



# Gas House Gazette

## Notes From the Prez...

A gracious thank you to all that braved the cold and attended the first meeting of the new year at Stani's restaurant in Mentor. Stani's is well suited for our needs, and we will use them again.

Scott Johnson has passed the baton to yours truly for a second run as President of our chapter. Our goal is to promote the chapter/region and increase our membership. We have the tools, it's up to us to spread the word, invite new people, and build our membership.

Another issue is the cost of printing and receiving the Spark Plug. The minimum piece requirements of maintaining a bulk mailing status are at risk. There are barely enough mailings to cover keeping it. Future discussions and decisions will be reported.

Did you know that the new Ohio Region website is up and ready? A screenshot is below. It has direct links to all the chapters and their newsletters plus the Spark Plug, applications, and events. Visit <https://Ohio.AACA.com>

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## Welcome

Your heart skips a beat, and you lose your breath as you feel the wind on your face. The sun shines through the windshield while the car glides smoothly around each turn as you leisurely drive through the beautiful countryside. This is the feeling and freedom you can only experience on the open road.

Welcome to the AACA Ohio Region. We are a group of over 200 members from five chapters across the state who share a passion for cars. Our Region holds three meets a year—spring, summer, and fall—hosted by the chapters on a fixed rotation. They begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Sunday morning. The meets provide a great opportunity for current members to catch up with old friends, for new members to discover what our organization is all about, and for everyone to enjoy the beauty of vintage cars!



## Our chapters are located in the following areas:

- #1- Canton
- #2- Commodore Perry
- #3- Western Reserve
- #4- Meander
- #5- Southern



If you go to the OH Region web page at <https://Ohio.AACA.com>, you can click on the chapter name to be taken to their page or website, to learn more about them, or to reach out to the President. We cannot wait to see you at an event!

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The Southern Chapter will be hosting the Spring Tour in the Dayton area May 8-10. Registration forms were handed out at the meeting and are on our Facebook group page in the Files. You can go to the website above and find them as well.

Our Summer Tour is July 24-26 in Madison. Dave Payne has planned a nice tour covering most of the county, its covered bridges, wineries, car collections, and more.

Let's not forget our car show at Debonne` Vineyards in August. It is our biggie for the year. I know you will all chip in and help make it another successful year.

Dave and Shirley Payne have the next meeting, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. See below for details.

Keep warm and safe driving to all!

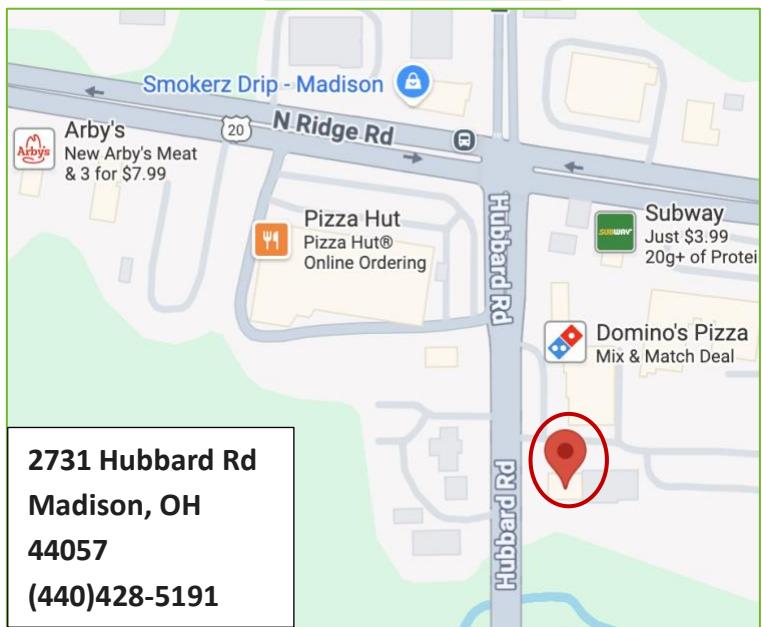
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## Minutes of the meeting—January 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Johnson.

Our January meeting was held at Stani's in Mentor, Ohio hosted by Doug and Elaine Gryczan with 24 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Motion by Doug Gryczan to accept the minutes of the last meeting in the Newsletter. Seconded by Cindy Harold. Motion carried.

Shirley Payne gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report was made by Arnold Scoville seconded by Linda Sneary. Motion carried.

### **Old Business—**

Dave Payne reported that he has not made contact with the ladies about a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house. The early bird tour will be down Lake Road to Ashtabula. This route will take the tour past Frank Lloyd Wright house in Madison. Dave Payne said we lost one stop on the tour but replaced it with Antique Engine Club. The Antique Engine Club wants our club to come to their July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 show.

Shirley Payne reported that there is a need for people to be in charge of Hospitality Room and Registration for the Summer tour. The following volunteers are Elaine Gryczan for Registration, Cindy Harold and Kelly Scoville for Hospitality. There was a decision about reimbursing Ohio Region members staying at the Hotel. Linda Sneary made a motion to reimburse \$20.00 per room per night maximum two-night stay. Dave Payne seconded it. Motion carried.

### **New Business—**

Doug Gryczan took over as new President for 2026.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Arnold Scoville, seconded by Scott Johnson. Motion carried.



## Member Recognition

Joe Britcher was recognized by the AACA for his outstanding milestone as a 50-year member. Joe and his late wife Charlie joined the AACA in November of 1975, and became Life Members in December of 1979. In recognition of his long-standing dedication and service, the AACA awarded Joe their 50-year Member Pin.



Throughout his five decades of membership, Joe has been president, vice president and secretary of the Western Reserve Chapter. Additionally, he served as a trustee for a number of years. Over the years, he has enjoyed attending numerous car shows and tours along with meeting a lot of great people and making new friends. He looks forward to attending the Western Reserve Chapter meetings and visiting with its members in the years to come.



January 10 Joan Carolin  
30 Karen Jackson



February 20 Audrey Danzig

Here are those that we don't have birthdays and/or anniversaries on:  
Walt & Laura Elliot  
Austen & Emma Hamper  
Les & Cindy Harold  
Richard Hopkins  
Victor & Bridget Nolan  
Greg & Pat Spreitzer  
Kevin Stillwell



January 16 Mickey and Buddy Scoville (1971)

Dear Members,

I look forward to helping with the club's communication by becoming the editor of the Gas House Gazette. In order to communicate information to you, please send me pictures, stories, and club related material for the newsletter. I will need your input as my knowledge of cars is somewhat limited. I enjoy viewing and riding in antique cars. ☺

Dale and I have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 horse. I enjoy riding my horse, traveling, baking, dabbling in crafts and bugging Dale while he works on his cars. I acquired my computer knowledge while teaching elementary school for 33 years. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year ahead.

Janice

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