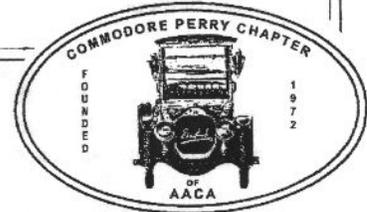


The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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WHAT: Commodore Perry Chapter Lunch
and Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, February 26
12:00 noon

WHERE: The Nest
3701 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion

This restaurant is just a bit east of Martino's where we had our January meeting. They have a great breakfast and lunch menu, so there should be something to suit everyone's taste.

Pat Church is handling the reservations, so **PLEASE call or text her by Sunday, February 22**, to let her know you are coming. Her phone number is 419-271-2178.





PREZ SEZ



Happy Valentines Day to all our C.P. friends,

Now that I have the first meeting under my belt, it's time to move on to putting names with faces and learning what all is expected of this office. You haven't lost Bill Bird as part of this leadership as he will probably be serving as my 'walking encyclopedia of knowledge' with constant questions concerning our organization. Not too many people take on a position like mine and are blessed with the advice from the past president and have a vice-president who they can call on day or night for help. Like I said before--you are getting two for the price of one in that Pat Church and I have a long history of teaming up to plan events, serve on committees, serve on boards, and have been known to referee disagreements. I know she has my back and will step forth on a minute's notice.

Being told this was a rough bunch (just kidding) I came prepared to my first official meeting with a huge gavel that was once used to break through the hole in the side of a wine keg. Glad that will not be in my bag at future meetings!!!! We had a nice crowd for our January meeting and didn't hear one complaint concerning anyone's meal.

In an effort not to repeat the tour dates and Ohio Region information that will appear in the minutes I will move on to an important topic which was the purchase of name tags. Please read the details elsewhere in this paper if you are in need of a replacement or if you never had one.

Jim Clark volunteered (well maybe he was railroaded) into reviewing the qualifications for receiving the 'Spark Plug Award' that is presented at our December dinner. Pete Davie must have felt sorry for him because he offered to work with Jim.

Looking ahead please when requested to make a reservation please take a few minutes and do it. This will not only give us an idea of how many to expect but also let the restaurant know how many to set up for so we aren't playing musical chairs trying to fit more in but also make the restaurant aware of how many wait staff to have available.

In closing let me stress this is your club and communication is key in being successful. Your ideas are important and Pat will continue as she did for Bill in checking out anyone's ideas for future events and meetings. Share your thoughts with any of the officers. Also please let me know any urgent message you think is worthy of a last minute email so we can spread the information quickly. Notify me of a member who is in need of a card for any reason.

Hope to see you all February 26th.

MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

President Linda Howell called the meeting to order following lunch at Martino's. She introduced Joe Carrion, soon to be our newest member and guest Beth Boudreau. She thanked Bill & Janet for hosting the delicious Christmas brunch. Linda acknowledged and thanked the excellent service provided by the Martino's waitresses.

Sunshine: Earl Peters is well and anxious to attend our meetings. Barb Geil fell and is recovering from bumps & bruises. Charley Kulchar remains hospitalized and anticipates moving to rehab soon.

Minutes: Doug Seybold moved to approve December minutes as published in the newsletter, Pete Davie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurers report: In Alex's absence, Linda reported that a deposit was sent to secure the Frank Lloyd Wright stop for Fall Tour. Outstanding bills were paid for Christmas brunch.

National AACA meet in Chantilly, VA: Feb. 6-7, 2026. Doug & Ronnie are attending.

2026 Ohio Region Meets: May 8-10 hosted by Southern Chapter in Fairborn, Ohio; July 24-26 hosted by Western Reserve in Madison, Ohio; Oct. 16-18 hosted by Commodore Perry in Elyria, Ohio. Marty Tansey reported that Hampton Inn and Suites, Elyria, has been secured as the host location for Fall Tour.

Classic Car Club announced the CCC annual Stan Hywet Hall meet held in June, has been moved to Hale Farm. Stan Hywet Hall will host their own car show.

Winter Ohio Region report:

- Flying J, Pilot, and Love stations are selling gasoline that has increased alcohol content (15%), it will damage carburetors. Please call your senators to ensure the well-being of our automobiles.
- Cindy Robish is seeking member input for ways to reduce cost of publishing Spark Plug since Ohio Region no longer has 200 members and bulk mailing requires a minimum of 200. Contact Linda with any suggestions.
- House Bill 6688- ADAS Functionality & Integrity Act will prevent any modifications of original manufacture features on automobiles. Call Jon Husted @ 202-224-3353 to defeat this bill. Contact Doug Seybold 440-835-0820 for more information. **[Please see note from Linda Howell on page 5 regarding this House Bill.]**

CP Calendar: Feb. 26 @ The Nest Restaurant in Vermilion; March 21 - Pancake Brunch; April ??

Miscellaneous: Jim Clark and Pete Davie will review the qualifications for the annual CP Spark Plug award.

Pat Church reminded members she is willing and available to assist them with ideas, plans, activities for the club in 2026.

Linda Howell is checking on purchasing name tags for those who need new or replacement ones. Details to follow at Feb. meeting.

AACA & Ohio Region dues – are due now. National dues can be paid online. Ohio Region via USPS to Linda Snearly.

Linda has compiled a list of member emails for receiving The Commodore's Log newsletter. This will reduce club mailing costs. Only 4 sheets can be mailed for standard USPS price.

Linda called for motion to adjourn. Bill Bird moved, Mike McKnight seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Tansey, Secretary



Welcome to our newest member, **Joseph (Joe) Carrion**. You may have met him as a guest at some of our previous club meetings. He is also in an area Corvette club and motorcycle club. Welcome, Joe, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Remember When...

*Excerpts from the pages of a Commodore's Log of the past
From the August 2001 edition in an article entitled "1941 Buick Roadmaster a Real Winner for Seybolds"*

The Seybolds have been busy showing their newly finished 1941 Buick Roadmaster convertible. Its maiden voyage took place on June 2nd and 3rd, to Kalamazoo Michigan's Gilmore Classic Car Museum for the Grand Experience Invitational by CCCA. Seventy-five classic Buicks were featured, and even though the weather was cold and wet, the car took the *Best Open Car Award*.



On July 6th and 7th they journeyed back to the Gilmore Museum for the AACA National..., the car's first AACA show, and it took a *First Junior Award*...Last, but not least, they participated in the Buick Club Nationals held in Buffalo, New York on July 13th and 14th. What a great show it was - 550 choice Buicks, all spit and polished, ready for the judges. The Roadmaster took the *Senior Gold Award*. Quite a busy summer!!

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Name Tags, anyone?

We will be placing an order for name badges following our February meeting. If you have lost or misplaced yours or if you need to purchase one, please let us know. It is so nice when you attend meetings or tours to be able to call someone by name. We will be purchasing them from our former supplier in Elyria at the cost of about \$12 - \$15, plus postage. Pat Church is taking care of the orders, so give her a call or text her at 419-271-2178 with the correct spelling of your name as you want it to read.



CP Members at Martino's Restaurant, January 22



New CP President Linda Howell believes in carrying a big stick!



Over 20 CP members enjoyed lunch at Martino's



Notice: At the January Ohio Region meeting, information was provided on House Bill 6688 requesting you to call your Senator, Jon Husted, to encourage him to support the bill. However, on page 2 of this newsletter, it also appears in the minutes from our January chapter meeting that Doug Seybold expressed voting against the Bill. This definitely needs clarification at our February meeting so **please don't make your calls until after we have the opportunity for a more complete understanding of all aspects of this action.**

--Linda

From the Spring, 2025 edition of *The Rummage Box*, an online publication of AACA.

Where's the Starter?

By Dave Bowman, VP – Judging

There have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where the key fob is.

Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong, but stay with me.

In the 1930s, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage the starter gear and then the starter. A little difficult at times: left foot on the clutch, choke and throttle set, toe pushing the starter pedal while the heel of the right foot pumps the gas. Buick, on the other hand, chose an almost automatic starting system in 1936. With a switch on the carburetor, all you needed to do was turn the ignition switch to on and press the accelerator pedal. Very convenient when you stall the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage and the engine will restart. This was continued through 1960.

Starting in the 1940s Studebaker with manual transmission, you press the clutch pedal to the floor and engage a button under the clutch to start it. If you own a 1954 Nash with automatic transmission, shift to Neutral and then pull the gearshift lever towards you and the car will start. On many other cars of the 1940s, it was turn the key to the "on" position and then find the starter button somewhere on the dash.

Last on the list is the 1957-58 Chrysler products with automatic transmission. These were the push button shifters, but you had to push the Neutral button in farther to actuate the starter.

Now that you know how to start it, where does the gas go?

Kevin Myers has set up a Facebook page for Commodore Perry where he posts pictures and news about our club. Click on this link (or type this address into your internet search engine) and check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378736084433834>

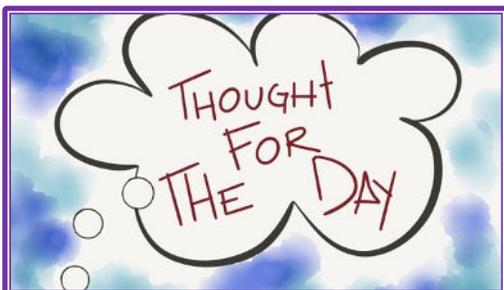
AACA Calendar – 2026

February 5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/National Awards – Chantilly, VA
March 19-21, 2026 – Special Nationals – Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA
April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC
April 23-25, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals – Las Vegas, NV
May 28-30, 2026 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA
June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN
June 15-19, 2026 – Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA
July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI
August 5-8, 2026 – Southeastern Divisional Tour – Flat Rock, NC
August 19-22, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards
September 9-14, 2026 – Founders Tour (1932-2001) – Williamsburg, VA
September 20-26, 2026 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) – Dover, DE
October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA

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If you have an idea or suggestion for a tour, a lunch stop or maybe even an ice cream stop, contact President Linda Howell or Vice President Pat Church and they will help make the arrangements. Their phone numbers and email addresses are on page 4.

February 26 - Chapter meeting and lunch, 12 noon – The Nest, Vermilion
March 21 - Pancake Brunch 12 noon – Weigels' sugar bush
April – OPEN for your ideas



Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

--Anonymous