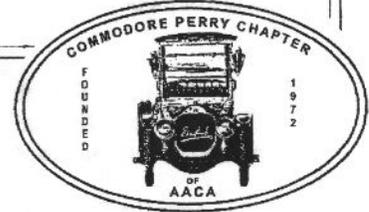


# The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



March, 2026

Vol. 55, Issue 3

**WHAT:** Commodore Perry Chapter  
Pancake Brunch

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 21 at 12:00 noon

**WHERE:** Weigels' Sugar Bush  
34473 Neff Road, Grafton

**COST:** \$7.50 per person, payable at the door

Just what we need to lift our spirits and get rid of the winter blahs – delicious pancakes slathered with butter and lots of Weigels' homemade maple syrup! Is your mouth watering yet? Coffee and tea will be provided; please bring your own table service. This is also a good time to invite a friend or two.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 18 to Jim Clark – phone number (440) 458-4360 or email at [diagonalclark@aol.com](mailto:diagonalclark@aol.com).

## PANCAKES





**The Prez says.....**

Don't you like how we are getting teased with a mild day here and there? Just makes you want to get an old car out, and last Friday we gave in and did just that. It was to go to a fellow old car friend's funeral, but he would have approved. The service was about 8 miles from our house but ironically it probably took 50 miles to return home. These old cars have a mind of their own and just don't like going back in storage.

Before you know it we will be complaining about how hot the weather is! In the meantime enjoy the nice days we get every once in awhile and get your classics out and use them. Speaking of getting out, we had a nice turnout for our February 26<sup>th</sup> lunch/meeting. The Nest Restaurant in Vermilion was a perfect central location. We enjoyed a private room, great food, speedy service, and I'm sure we will return someday.

While we are on the subject of lunch meetings, for our next gathering we can all enjoy our annual Weigels' Maple Syrup Brunch in March (details elsewhere in newsletter) and then in April plans are being made for a day trip to Tiffin, Ohio for lunch, a couple stops to see old cars, and hopefully another stop or two (watch for more details in April edition).

We need suggestions for a place to eat in May and June to complete the first half of the year. If you have a favorite restaurant that would handle a group like ours please share your ideas. We can drive a distance in nicer weather so it does not always have to be a central location for our membership and everyone loves trying a new place. Also we don't have to have other stops to make the day longer unless it is something you can easily arrange.

Please make your officers aware of events going on in the area where you live so we can pass the information on. That's all for now!

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day!  
Linda**



# MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

## FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

President Linda Howell, welcomed 19 members and Jerry Raudebaugh, guest of Earl Peters at The Nest Restaurant, Vermilion, Ohio.

**Member news:** Charley Kulchar has begun a round of Chemotherapy.

**Secretary’s Report:** Doug Seybold moved to accept the January minutes as published in the newsletter. Pete Davie seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** No changes- Alex in Florida.

**AACA National news:** Doug Seybold summarized the Winter Convention, with an overview of the seminars, banquet, and accommodations as well as the annual report. He brought the trophy he received for our viewing. AACA Winter Nationals in Cartersville, Georgia – registration extended to March 6

**OHIO Region news:** May 8-10, 2026, Miami Valley Innovations Spring Tour, registrations due April 10, 2026

July 24-26, 2026, Western Reserve will host Summer Tour

Oct. 16-18, 2026, Commodore Perry will host Fall Tour (No additional news at present time)

**Commodore Perry news:** March 21, Pancake Brunch at Weigel’s. Details in March newsletter.

April 16, 2026 –SAVE THE DATE for the “Earl Peters Tiffin Day Tour”. Linda & Pat are planning a day of fun for us. Volunteers needed to chair lunches/ and or stops for May & June

Doug Seybold shared information that the Lorain County Historical Society will present America 250: From Garford to Fords: Prosperity and Crisis in Lorain County Auto Industry at the Grafton Library on April 27, 6:30-7:30 pm. Registration required.

**Old Business:** Linda Howell asked anyone wishing to purchase a new name tag to sign her list. Following a discussion on House Bill 6688, members decided not to take further action. It pertains to automobiles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS).

Linda asked for motion to adjourn. Bill Bird moved, Doug seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Tansey, Secretary

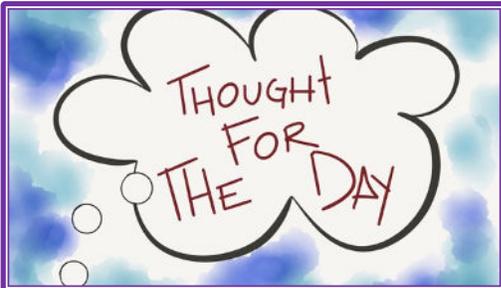
Kevin Myers has set up a Facebook page for Commodore Perry where he posts pictures and news about our club. Click on this link (or type this address into your internet search engine) and check it out!

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

# Remember When...

*Excerpts from the pages of a Commodore's Log of the past  
From the June 1992 edition in the April meeting report*

Frank Szeliga ...introduced guest Oscar Hayes who brought a portion of his collection of spark plugs. He has over 1600 of them. He got started at Hershey 8 years ago, and has since purchased 1032 from a collector in London, England. We learned that Thomas Edison made spark plugs and that the AC Spark Plug Co. was founded by Albert Champion with his brother who later started his own business as Prosper City Spark Plug Co. Of interest was a 1908 Copper King made in Wellington, Ohio. He has paid various prices up to \$200 for one spark plug. It was so very interesting to see and hear all about spark plugs.



Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

--Alan Dundes

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## CP Members at The Nest Restaurant, February 26



It was good to have Earl Peters and his friend Jerry with us!



Twenty people enjoyed good food and good conversation at The Nest.



### Douglas J. Seybold - 1941 Packard 120 Station Wagon



### Joseph Parkin Award - Southeastern Division

Doug Seybold brought the beautiful crystal trophy he was awarded at the AACA National Convention. He received the Joseph Parkin Award for his gorgeous 1941 Packard station wagon. Congratulations, Doug!

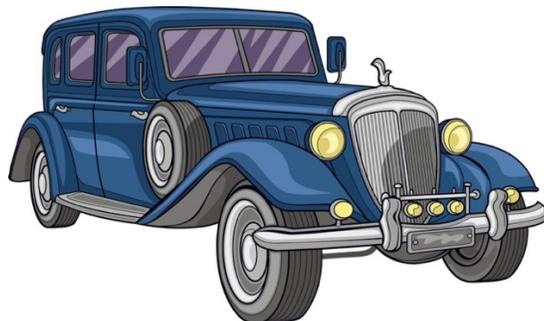
## **AACA Calendar – 2026**

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

## **Commodore Perry Chapter Calendar - 2026**

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.

March 21 - Pancake Brunch 12 noon – Weigels' sugar bush  
April 16 – CP Chapter tour to Tiffin for Earl Peters' Day. Info in April newsletter





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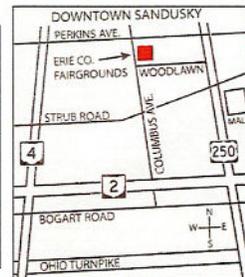
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For additional information contact Dick Suhr at 419-668-1821

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INSIDE SPACE(S)- 10 x 10 ft. at \$25.00 each: # \_\_\_\_\_ Same vendor spot from last year: Circle YES or NO

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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