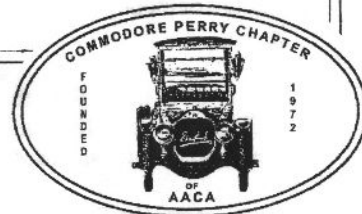




# The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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**WHAT:** “Meeting Erma Tour”

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. to start tour  
1:00 p.m. for lunch

**WHERE:** Meet at 816 N. Main Street, Wellington  
In Village Market Parking Lot  
(at the light next to McDonald's)

Marty Tansey has created a “mystery tour” for Commodore Perry members on May 22. This promises to be a fun tour full of surprises! The tour starts in Wellington but by lunch time (1:00 p.m.) we will have made our way to Cruiser's Diner, 360 County Rd. 620 in West Salem, where we will have lunch and a meeting.

Total mileage for the round trip will be about 60 miles, so get that antique car ready to roll and join us for this fun event!

To **reserve by Tuesday, May 20**, call Marty at 419-929-5325 or email her at [dmtansey@ncwcom.com](mailto:dmtansey@ncwcom.com).





## PREZ SEZ

Well, the big news is that another Ohio Region tour hosted by Commodore Perry is in the books. I was most pleased with the participation of our CP members and the overall event! I thought that we had a great weekend with a good variety of stops with good food to boot!! And we had a nice group from around the state to have "Fun in the Firelands." The downsides were the monsoon during the Friday Early Bird, the three couples that had to cancel due to emergencies, and Janet's unfortunate trip and fall. Fortunately, she is doing quite well in her recovery!

I have many people to thank. First to my co-chair, Marty Tansey. She did the tour route and was always available to bounce ideas back and forth AND when we needed a different stop last minute, she found the cannon foundry. The rest of the core committee were Janet and myself, Dick Suhr and Alex Heyd. Several of our members stepped up to coordinate important parts of the event. Much appreciation to: Stormee and Alex Heyd, Registration (a big job very well done); Chuck and Pat Church, Centerpieces (they were extra special); Linda Howell and Pat Church, Goody Bags (they were well-stocked); Ronnie Seybold, Basket raffle (the quilt was super nice); Bill Knadler, Friday night speaker (a super interesting program); Dick Suhr, hosting us at his most interesting collection; Janet Bird, Hospitality (we were well stocked)! Additional appreciation to Dave Connolly, invocation; Linda Howell, 50/50 ticket seller; and Bill Knadler and Dick Suhr, lunch and the museum stop! Last, but not least, to all of our members who went on the tour, attended the banquet, and hopefully had a fun weekend, it was great so see such a fine turnout from our club!! It was especially nice to have Earl Peters back with us on Friday and after the banquet on Saturday.

### IMPORTANT:

There is a separate attachment/page with this newsletter that is a model for a letter to our Congressmen regarding the need to STOP the requirement for ALL cars to be electric. If that happened, it would seriously impact our hobby! I encourage everyone to create their own letter based on the model and send it to our senators. If you know your rep to the House, it wouldn't hurt to send to them as well. Thanks to Denny Robish of Canton Chapter for being on top of this.

That's about all I have for now. Thanks, in advance, to Marty for hosting our May event. She is like the Energizer Bunny! June is OPEN. July, August and September are covered. I hope one of you will plan something for June so our summer is complete.

See you in Wellington.

--Bill

*Thank  
You*

### *Earl Peters sends this message to CP members:*

"Thank you, to all who sent me cards or called me last year and early this year when I was in the hospital and rehab. It was nice to know friends were thinking of me."

## MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA APRIL 20, 2025

Twenty-six members and one guest gathered at Olive Garden in Elyria. President Bill Bird welcomed everyone and thanked the capable and efficient servers.

**Sunshine report:** Bill reminded members that services for Rick Klotz will be April 12, @ 1pm, in Norwalk. Pete Davie will have surgery April 11. Earl Peters is at home and getting stronger.

**Minutes:** Bob Kayle moved to approve the March minutes as published in the newsletter. Dick Howell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** A memorial donation for Rick was sent to St. Paul's Episcopal church. Pancake brunch profit was \$123.63. Some donations were received from members to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter.

**Spring Tour:** Alex reported 34 registrations, 62 for lunch, and 57 for Firelands museum and banquet. Ronnie reported the raffle is in good order; Connollys will donate chips for hospitality; Dick Suhr will provide 2 coolers for the hospitality room. Marty reported that tour route is set.

**CPC calendar:** Tanseys will host May- tour and lunch stop on May 22; July - Connollys host; August - Howells host ; September - Churches host. Hosts are needed for June, October and November.

Bill reminded members of Ohio Region Summer Tour (Aug. 29-31) and Fall Tour (Oct.24-26), encouraging all to attend.

Greg Dugas reported that there was not sufficient interest for the bus trip to Cool Springs.

Alex moved to adjourn; Pete seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

--Marty Tansey, Secretary

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# Remember When...

*Excerpts from the pages of a Commodore's Log of the past  
From the May, 1997 edition, an article by Jane Law, editor of The Commodore's Log.*

From Your Editor...

The months are going fast...summer will be here before you know it. I encourage you all to participate in our events for this year. They all sound like we will have a super good time. That's what summer is all about!

Our Spring Tour turned out to be another rainy weekend, but despite it all, getting soaking wet and so cold in our Morgan (!), we had a wonderful time. The motel [the Clarion in Huron] was super, the people at the various stops along the tour were exceptionally nice, the food great, and best of all was the comradery of our friends, both new and old, from other Ohio Region chapters, was the best! But WHY does it have to rain so hard on our tours??? Oh well, next time!



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## 2025 Ohio Region Spring Tour

Hosted by Commodore Perry Chapter  
April 25-27

All the work and planning that the Spring Tour Committee put in for this event really paid off. We had a wonderful tour with only a few glitches which were taken care of rather quickly. Marty Tansey made a quick change to the tour route after it was discovered that there was a detour on one of the roads we had planned on taking. The manager at the Hampton retyped the itinerary and made copies in time for the Heyds to hand them out during registration. The only issue we had no control over was the weather. Friday afternoon's torrential downpour which temporarily flooded the motel's parking lot was not expected, but true to Commodore Perry's never-give-up spirit, we managed to work around that.

Friday's Early Bird tour offered two museum visits – the Tiffin Glass Museum and the Civil War Museum. Both are in downtown Tiffin and within just a few miles from the Hampton Inn, our headquarters. The evening speaker was CP member, Bill Knadler, who gave a most interesting Powerpoint presentation on automotive stocks in his impressive collection. He received many compliments on his entertaining and informative program.

Our first stop on the tour Saturday morning was outside of Norwalk to see the great collection of CP member, Dick Suhr.



Bill Knadler, Friday night's speaker



In spite of the drizzly weather, everyone was impressed with the Suhrs' beautiful property as well as the many interesting vehicles in his collection.



Part of Dick Suhr's impressive collection

Our tour then took us to the Firelands Historical Society which has an interesting and impressive collection of artifacts. Their tour guides were very knowledgeable and gave us great information about the history of the Firelands area of northern Ohio. Then it was on to a delicious and relaxing lunch at the Elks in downtown Norwalk.



Part of the historical society's weapons collection



Stormee Heyd admires the museum's musical instruments.

[Side Note: Thanks to Alex Heyd for the pictures of Dick Suhr's collection and of the Firelands museum's interesting displays. Unfortunately, your newsletter editor missed this part of the tour as she was sitting in the emergency room in Mercy Hospital in Tiffin after a fall at the motel Friday night. No broken bones, thankfully, just sore!].

Our next stop was in Milan to see the Nelsen collection of antique and collectible cars – most of which were available for sale. There was a storage facility full of vehicles and also a showroom across the road with even more to see.







Leaving Milan, we wound our way along some scenic country roads to our final destination, the Gillmor Ordnance foundry in Old Fort. What an interesting place and interesting owner, Bob Gillmor, who likes to say that his job is “blowing up S#&@!” He had so many stories to tell and remarkable items to see. Everyone was amazed that this nationally known expert is located in Old Fort, Ohio! This was certainly a one-of-a-kind place to visit.



The weekend events ended with a nice banquet back at the Hampton. The meal, catered by Old Zim’s from Gibsonburg, was delicious and plentiful. The centerpieces, made and donated by Chuck and Pat Church, were especially nice. The basket raffle drew a lot of attention, especially the beautiful, antique auto-themed quilt made by Ronnie Seybold – which Doug won!!

Many thanks go to all the Commodore Perry members who helped make this a successful weekend. It was a great tour and well worth the effort that went into it. Thank you!

**Top:** Bob Gillmor, on left shows one of his cannon barrels ready to be installed on the chassis.

**Bottom:** Bill Bird stands beside a cannon that is to be installed at Pulaski Park in Lorain



Ronnie Seybold’s quilt



Centerpieces made by the Churches included lighthouses (top right), antique trucks and train engines.

## **AACA Events – 2025**

**June 1-7, 2025** – Vintage Tour (Pre-1932) – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania – hosted by Buzzard's Breath Touring Region

**June 19-21, 2025** – Eastern Spring National – hosted by Whitewater Region AACA

**July 2-5, 2025** – Central Spring Nationals – Auburn, IN – hosted by Crossroads of America Region

**July 24-26, 2025** – Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH – hosted by AACA National

**August 12-15, 2025** – Eastern Divisional Tour – Northern Maine – hosted by Maine Region

**September 7-12, 2025** – Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943) – Owensboro, KY

**October 7-10, 2025** – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA

**October 18-22, 2025** – Central Divisional Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region

**October 23-25, 2025** – Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX – hosted by Gulf Coast Region AACA

## **Commodore Perry Chapter Calendar - 2025**

**May 22** – CP Mystery Tour, 11:00 a.m. meet in Wellington, hosted by Tanseys

**June** – Open for a CP event

**July 31** – Picnic Potluck in the Park, hosted by the Connollys

**August (date TBD)** – hosted by Howells

**August 29-31** – Ohio Region Summer Tour in Canton area, hosted by Canton Chapter

**September (date TBD)** – CP event hosted by Churches

**October** – Open for a CP event

**October 24-26** – Ohio Region Fall Tour, Canfield area, hosted by Meander Chapter

**November** – Open for a CP event

**December** – Holiday Luncheon, hosted by the Birds

