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Club events, interesting member tidbits, photos, reminiscing on events gone by, or any other news that you'd love to share! Please send them my way.
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 Cindy Robish, Editor

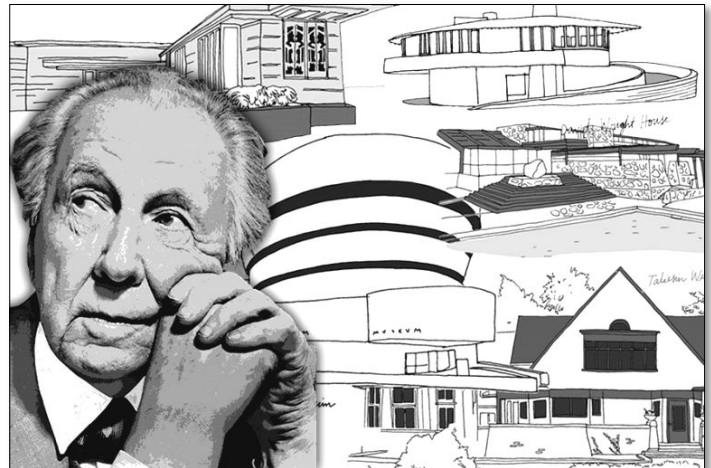
President's Message - Don Sword



Hello Ohio Region AACA members. Thank you for the opportunity to represent all of you this year.

As I am writing this, it is below 0 degrees F and several inches of snow is on the ground. Don't worry, soon the snow will be gone and warm temperatures will return. We can then roll the windows down and fold down those convertible tops and enjoy the back roads with our favorite car with good company and form memories with old and new friends

The theme this year is visiting and learning more about Frank Lloyd Wight homes in Ohio. Ohio region chapters will have us touring to several different locations.



For those of you reading this that have not been on an overnight Ohio region tour, I encourage you to give it a try. Not only will you meet other like-minded people from Ohio that enjoy what we do together, you will get a chance to experience different interesting parts of Ohio that typically you would not have the opportunity to see otherwise.

Plan on your calendar to register for the Ohio region Spring tour, hosted by the Southern Chapter in May. As a special treat, the Graham Club is invited on the Spring tour along with us.

I will see you down the road.

2025 Ohio Region Fall Tour

Hosted by Meander - October 24 - 26

By Margie Jugenheimer

Well, we sure covered a lot of eras in American History. On Friday the early bird tour took us through the Mill Creek Park which had a wonderful display of colorful fall trees and the bridges are just amazing. The Youngstown Model Railroad Museum reminds us of the Golden Age of Steam—the Transcontinental Railroad linked the East and West coast. It was a wonderful display.

Saturday, we found out that West Winn aquaponics is a way of growing food by combining fish and plants in harmony. Aquaponics encompasses both ancient and modern eras. The Aztecs and Chinese used this method, but today it has been refined and often a recirculating system. It's something Scarlett O'Hara herself could hardly imagine, but it captures the same determination to make the most of what we have, to create life and abundance out of challenge.

Then Kraynak's Christmas Tree Lane reminds us that Christmas is around the corner. It's that time of peace and hope we all have--it should be all year! Hope you enjoyed all the animation, the Christmas message and treasures in the store.

We visited Tara for lunch with a tour taking us back to the Civil War. It was a wonderful luncheon and the house tour was superb. At Tara, we were reminded of a time when our nation was torn apart—families divided, cities scarred, and lives changed forever. Out of that hardship rose powerful stories of courage and endurance, none more symbolic than the old plantation home of Tara. When everything around it burned or broke, it stood tall, whispering “Tomorrow is another day.” That spirit of rebuilding and renewal has carried through generations of Americans—and we saw and learned about it this weekend.

Fast forward through history to the Brass era, the steady hum of vintage cars takes us into another era—one of innovation, style, and freedom. Each gleaming fender and polished hood ornament tells its own story of progress. A time when people believed that adventure could be found just by turning the key and heading down an open road. Thanks to Kevin Prus for letting us view his collection and the yummy local cider.

Since everyone was stuffed from the delicious meal at Tara, we had a pizza banquet. We also got to sample lettuce harvested from West Winn Aquaponics. The Meander ladies made delicious variety of cookies for dessert—yum.

Did any of you notice the tour plaque was made from a 3D printer! Course this era started in the 80's but now days, you can have a personal 3D printer right at home.

And where does the history road lead us? Upward—to the stars with the Space Age era, from putting man in orbit, to landing on the moon, and spending days on the International Space Station. Saturday evening, Jann Glove entertained us with “Memories of the First Moon Men.”

So whether it's the strength of Tara, travels by rail, the innovation of aquaponics, the joy of Christmas, the craftsmanship of vintage cars, personal 3D printers, or the wonder of space—it tells one grand American story: that we are builders, dreamers, and believers in tomorrow. When we drive our cars we are sharing the history of a great era to other generations, keeping the American story alive.



Planning a trip on Rt. 66 or the Lincoln Highway?
We have travel brochures that we'd gladly give anyone.

Just contact Robishes. Contact information is on page 17 under officers.

More Pictures from 2025 Ohio Region Fall Tour



**Kevin Prus
Collection**



**Jann Glove with
“Memories of the
First Moon Men.”**

**Deer
along
the drive**



**Cinderella
bridge**



CANTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CANTON CHAPTER
Denny Robish
Reporter

August was the Ohio Region Meet which we hosted.

September – Feel Good Tour

We started off at the Crossroads Restaurant and I can't believe anyone would have left there hungry! Then off to tour two Altercare senior living facilities.

The weather couldn't have been any better for our tour. The sun was out but it wasn't too hot. We had seven cars that were on the tour. Both places had their residents outside checking them out. As each car pulled up, the driver got out and told a little about their car. And then there were questions from the residents. There was one gentleman at the first place who wanted to know everything about every car! Which was exactly what we wanted to happen! After we left both places I received a text message from one of the staff. Each thanked us for showing our cars and said the residents really enjoyed it and were talking about it long after we left. So it sounds like we really should "Feel Good" as the name of the tour implies.

October – Garage Progressive Meal

What a great way to spend the day...going from garage to garage and eating food! What could be better? Thanks to Jen Hartzler for setting up the Progressive Food Day. We started out with breakfast at Bill & Pat Lytle's garage. While we all chowed down on donuts, Pat told us interesting stories about the cars in the garage. Bill sure does know how to take nothing and turn it into a show piece!

Next was appetizers at Fred & Norma Davis' garage. Ok, so it's a HUGE garage with lots of nice cars and fun signs and other car related stuff! Not only were there classic cars, but there was a race car. And the broccoli cheese soup Norma made was very yummy! We all need that recipe!

Denny & Cindy Robish's garage was next with lunch. Denny worked hard to get the Amoco gas station done before everyone stopped by. People had fun checking out the 1948 juke box that was in our "ice cream parlor". This was in Cindy's grandparents basement when she was a kid.

Last stop was the club house at Joe and Mary Gagliano's. Joe has lots of cars but not much space for visitor parking. I don't think anyone minded where we ate as long as we had pie and ice cream! Which they had lots of! Pumpkin, apple and cherry pies. Yum!

November - Psychology Museum

What an interesting museum....the Center for the History of Psychology! There were many interactive exhibits on memory, intelligence, and personality. It was fun both doing these tests and just as much fun watching others!

You could spend hours in this museum and not see it all. As a matter of fact, as we were leaving, I heard someone mention we never made it off the main floor and our tour guide told us at the beginning there was a post card exhibit on another floor. So, I guess we'll have to go back another time!

After having fun and learning things, some of us silly people actually went to Handel's for ice cream. Yep, we got ice cream and stood outside in the chilly, windy weather and visited some more.

December – Christmas

What a nice way to start of the Christmas season, with good food and good friends! We met at La Pizzeria for lunch. Afterwards, games were played and gifts were exchanged. The sign on the gift table said the guys were naughty, but that just wasn't true. We have some very nice gentlemen in our club!

We had a quick business meeting and Denny passed the gavel on to Jen Hartzler our new Canton Chapter President.



FOR MANY YEARS FRED'S SECRET
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAPS
WENT UNDETECTED



The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



COMMODORE PERRY Janet Bird Reporter

Since the fall issue of the Spark Plug, members of the Commodore Perry Chapter have attended two Ohio Region tours and held a couple of interesting tours of their own. The summer tour hosted by Canton chapter and the fall tour hosted by Meander were both very well organized with interesting and enjoyable stops. Kraynak's Lawn and Garden Center in Hermitage, PA certainly appreciated our business. Way too much cool stuff in their Christmas displays!

At the end of October, Marty Tansey organized a chapter tour and lunch in LaGrange. Our main stop was the LaGrange Historical Society museum at the former Keystone High School. We were given a brief history of the Civil War statue in the center of town. It had stood there since 1902, but in 2022 a semi-truck didn't negotiate the roundabout properly and demolished the statue. A reconstruction of the statue was installed on Memorial Day weekend of 2025. The museum is very nicely organized with lots of artifacts that brought back some childhood memories. We then moved on to Café LaGrange for a lunch and meeting. Many thanks go to Marty for planning this event!

We closed the year with our annual holiday brunch, held at Monteith Hall in Elyria once again and hosted by Bill and Janet Bird. After a delicious buffet we took care of the usual end-of-year business. First was the awarding of a 50-year AACA membership pin to Commodore Perry member Dave



Albrecht. Fifty years!?! Consensus was that he must have joined when he was a toddler.



President Bill Bird then awarded the Spark Plug trophy to his wife, Janet, for her work on the chapter newsletter and the articles for Ohio Region's Spark Plug magazine.

The final action taken at the meeting was the election of new officers: President – Linda Howell; Vice President – Pat Church; Secretary – Marty Tansey; Treasurer – Alex Heyd; and Trustee – Doug Seybold.

The first meeting of 2026 was held on January 22 in Vermilion at Martino's International Restaurant. Knowing how rowdy CP members can be, Linda Howell came prepared with a giant-sized gavel to help her keep order at her first meeting as president. All went smoothly!



We are all looking forward to the end of this cold spell with all this snow. Enough already! It's time to start thinking about spring and getting our antique cars ready for the Ohio Region Spring Tour. Hope to see you there!

Meander Talking Machine AACCA Newsletter

MEANDER CHAPTER
Carole Bernard
Reporter

Great weather, good roads, and a nice turn out of cars and a private collection of modern sports cars was planned by Elaine and Michael Lozier for us in September. We toured to Minerva to see a private collection of cars that were housed at a great location that included a unique boat house as well as two homes on the property to get rented out. The owner talked about each of the cars; he was very knowledgeable. We dined at John's Bakery and Café in Minerva. Nice day with a lot of great scenery.

We hosted the Ohio Region tour in October, where all of our members helped in some way. We toured Mill Creek Park, the Model Railroad Museum, Kraynak's and West Winn Urban Ag, Tara, and Kevin Prus's model T collection. The regional tours take a lot of time planning, and they are over in a few days. The best part is seeing the members from other chapters coming on tours and enjoying the events. Thanks to everyone who joined us.

November was the election of officers which was held at a dinner meeting at the 422 Restaurant. Thank you, Ken & Liz Smith, for setting up the meeting. Our new officers for 2026 are as follows:

President - Craig Bernard
Vice-president - Ken Smith
Secretary - Carole Bernard
Treasurer - Margie Jugenheimer
Trustee - Glen Jugenheimer.

We held our Christmas party at A La Cart Catering where the food is always wonderful. We had a nice selection of appetizers, followed by a buffet dinner and homemade pies. John Tarleton brought his collection of

"Can You Identify This?" and Daisy handled the games. Everyone went home with a present. Thank you, Dean and Daisy, for planning the Christmas party.

Here we are in 2026. Our January meeting was held at the Hubbard Public library where members brought a shirt or jacket of their choice, and we use the sublimation technology to print our logo on the items. Dean had the movie, Ford vs Ferrari, for us to watch; however, a weather alert, cut the movie short. Thank you, Dean and Daisy for planning the meeting.

We have members traveling to warmer climates, some have been there since Thanksgiving. The Jugenheimers will be joining them soon in Florida following a stop at the Annual AACCA Convention. Dean and Daisy will be off to Australia in February. Safe travels and enjoy the warm weather. We will see the snowbirds in the Spring.

MY HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

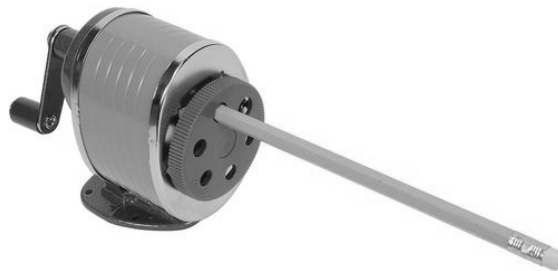
My son asked me, "How did you make it without a computer when you were a kid Dad?"

I told him, "I did have a computer son!" So I took his cellphone and I gave him a #2 pencil and a pencil sharpener!

He responded "What is this Dad?"

I told him, "My very first computer! The pointed end is your printer! The eraser is your delete button! And the pencil sharpener is your Refresh Button!"

P.S. He doesn't want to know anything else from my past!



The Gauge

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Nora Schreel
Reporter

September 13th...Fall Frolic in Sidney Hosted by Tim and Julia Wolfe. Around 12 of us traveled back in history at the Wallace Family Learning and Innovation Center. This Museum highlights innovations originating in Shelby County including an airplane built by the Korn brothers that was flown in 1911. We next ventured to the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank in downtown Sidney which was built in 1918 for a private tour of the bank. The architect was Louis Sullivan who Frank Lloyd Wright studied under. Our lunch stop was across the street at The Spot. This restaurant has been serving patrons since 1907. President George Bush made a stop there during his 2004 campaign for a tasty break. Our final destination was, of course, KJ's Ice Cream shop to satisfy our sweet tooth.

October 18th...Hidden Gems of Springfield Tour Hosted by Nora and Fred Schreel. Only 10 brave souls showed up for the rainy last tour of the season. We made our way to Springfield for lunch and then we headed to the Pennsylvania House which was built in 1839 and was a respected inn on the National Road. The docents were very informative about the building and the collections housed there. Upon completion of our tour there we headed to the Hartman Rock Garden. Our final destination, of course, was ice cream at Jubie's Creamery in Fairborn.

November 2nd...Annual SOC Dinner & Business Meeting hosted by Gary & Marcia Jones along with Bernie & Sue McGuire. Members were able to select entrees from the menu and enjoy food and fellowship. The annual business meeting was then called to order by President Jeff Smith.

December 13th...Snowy Christmas Luncheon hosted by Jeff and Ann Smith at the Armstrong Center in the Hardin Museum in Lebanon. A record breaking 41 members braved a snow storm to attend this year. After a delicious meal, Jeff went over 2026 especially the fact that our chapter will be hosting the Ohio Region Spring Tour. As the weather continued to deteriorate, people starting to leave to make their way home.

January 17th...A Collector's Dream. The first 2026 Southern Ohio chapter event took place at Aldrich Restorations in Brookville, Ohio. Sixty people were in attendance, including six new guests. Chapter member, Dr. Greg Davis, shared a wonderful presentation about one of his passions, collecting Matchbox toys. It was fun to see some members who carried in some of their own personal Matchbox collection to share with the chapter. As an additional treat, Greg designed special 2026 calendars using Matchbox toys from his collection pictured in real world settings.



GAS HOUSE GAZETTE

WESTERN RESERVE
Mike Carolin
Reporter

September—Our tour destination was to the final resting place for the 20th President James A. Garfield. He is entombed in a large, very elaborate mausoleum in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland. It has 3 levels, the upper level is designed to allow the visitor a panoramic view of greater Cleveland, middle level has a large marble statue of Garfield, the lower level displays James and Lucretia's (his wife) urns, and remains of their children. The memorial was funded by donations of \$135,000.00. Lakeview Cemetery is 285 acres and located in Cleveland, Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland.

October—The tour meeting for October was initially supposed to be a Fall drive to a restaurant we had previously been to in Pennsylvania. Road work on the route changed all that. My wife & I had a previous engagement so the best I can do is relay what I was told. The chapter went to Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield, the food is always good and there is plenty of room for a meeting.

November—We made it. We had the November luncheon/meeting at a Restaurant called "Manga Manga" (that means "eat" in Italian). If you left this place hungry, you weren't even trying. They will be missed. Also at the meeting we elected our new slate of officers. It's getting tough to get new officers. Agreeing from the bottom up, or from the top down if you prefer, we will have the same Secretary and Treasurer. The President will be Doug Gryzcn, and the Vice President Phil Sneary, back in the mix from a few years past.

December—For the meeting we went to "Stani's Restaurant" in Mentor, Ohio. This is a "first" for our chapter, but it certainly won't be our last. 29 Members attended. After lunch we had a meeting with some discussion about the 2026 Summer Tour. We welcomed back some long time members who we haven't seen in a while and learned that Janice Carter will be taking over the newsletter from Becky Harvey (who has other commitments). After all of this, time for a party, the gift exchange. In years past we had a "no holds barred White Elephant gift exchange. This year, in order to be a little more civil we had a "no gag gifts, once you pick it, you keep it" gift exchange. A special thanks to the person that paid for our lunches, a very nice and generous gift Thank you!

January—Here we are at Stani's Restaurant again, a lot snowier and way colder than last month. But

we are tough. We had 25 members attending and this time we ordered off of the menu. Discussion about the Summer Tour, things are coming together. People are volunteering for various aspects of the event. There are lots of details to workout. There may be rebates to offset costs. Hotels have gotten more expensive! Long discussions about chapter newsletter and the Spark Plug Magazine. Nothing finalized yet.

Buckminster Fuller Designer Of Affordable, Energy Efficient Products

Buckminster Fuller had a (strange for today) philosophy of living "Do More With Less). He was fanatical about designing affordable, energy efficient products that could be mass produced. His first big project was called the Dymaxion (a combination of the words dynamic and maximum). It was a house that could be assembled, disassembled and reassembled basically like a fold up tent. From there he moved on to the Dymaxion car made from Balsa wood and aluminum. It's a 20 foot long 3 wheeler with front wheel drive and rear wheel steering. It had a 90 horsepower Ford engine, had a periscope for rear vision and steered like a boat. This "car" looked like a salami or a blimp on 3 wheels. It only weighed about 1,000 pounds, could carry 11 people, could turn around in its own length, and the darn thing got (reported) 35 miles per gallon. The Dymaxion premiered at the Chicago Worlds Fair and created quite a stir. The darn thing looked like a rocket ship on 3 wheels. It was fast, agile and had a top speed of 120 miles per hour. Within months, the Dymaxion was in an impromptu race and it was rolled over and killed the driver and wounded the two passengers. Well, that was the death knell for the Dymaxion. The "Big Three" automakers called it a deathtrap. Only Chrysler showed any interest. Fuller quickly built two safer prototypes, but at that point It was done for the Dymaxion. It was time to move on to other inventions. Behold, the Geodesic Dome designed and patented by Buckminster Fuller.

Well, was that really the end of the Dymaxion? Take a hard look at Volkswagen People Mover of the late 1940's or the 1956 Fiat 600 Multipla most closely resembled Fuller's car. It is a rear engine car that could hold 6 people. Other ultralights kinda look a little like the Dymaxion.



Antique Automobile Club of America

MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2025



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Canfield, OH.

PRESENT: 21 Board members.

President Glen Jugenheimer called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Nora Schreel) – Vicki Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or received via email, seconded by Bill Montgomery; voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Linda Sneary) – Income and expenses were reported. Alex Heyd made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Denny Robish; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

NATIONAL: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Wanted to remind us that next issue would not be until the Spring of 2026. She will be accepting and reports prior to that date.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing to report.

Website: (Cindy Robish) – Said she would be willing to put the chapter newsletters on AACA website but that is all.

Legislative: (Denny Robish) – Nothing report.

Previous Meet Registration # - Summer: 34.

OLD BUSINESS:

Upcoming Ohio Region Meets

Spring hosted by Southern will take place on May 8-10, 2026

Summer hosted by Western Reserve will take place on July 24-26, 2026

Fall will be hosted by Commodore Perry and will take place on October 16-18, 2026

NEW BUSINESS:

Reminder to vote for AACA National officers.

Canton Chapter nominated Denny Robish to become 2nd Vice-President of Ohio Region. Official vote to take place at Winter Meeting.

Next meeting will be on January 10, 2026 @ the Der Dutchman Restaurant, Bellville, OH.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bill Bird, seconded by Vicki Hughes, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. by Glen Jugenheimer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



Antique Automobile Club of America

MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2026



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville, OH.

PRESENT: 21 Board members.

President Glen Jugenheimer called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Nora Schreel) – Alex Heyd made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or received via email, seconded by Bill Montgomery; voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Linda Sneary) – Income and expenses were reported. Dean Evans made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Vicki Hughes; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

NATIONAL: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Wanted to remind us that next issue would not be until the Spring of 2026 with a deadline of February 1st. She will be accepting any reports prior to that date.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing to report.

Website: (Cindy Robish) – Said she cannot change anything on the first page on the AACA website for our Region but can update chapter information if she receives it.

Legislative: (Denny Robish) – Brought to the members attention the Congress H.R. 6688 bill (the ADAS Functionality and Integrity Act). This legislation is a first major step towards securing the Right to modify while maintaining safety and reliability. Denny suggested we contact our Senator, John Husted, to support this bill. For additional information, contact Denny Robish directly.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Cost of printing & mailing of the Spark Plug was again brought up. Much discussion took place without any resolution. It was tabled until Spring Meet as Cindy will look into seeing if costs can be reduced. Alex Heyd made a motion to accept Denny Robish as second Vice President. Seconded by Jeff Smith; voted on and approved.

Meeting was then turned over to Don Sword, President for 2026. Who, in turn, introduce the officers for 2026....Alex Heyd, first Vice-President; Denny Robish; second Vice-President; Nora Schreel, Secretary/Historian; and Linda Sneary, Treasurer.

Next meeting will be on May 8, 2026 @ the Doubletree by Hilton in Fairborn, OH.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bill Montgomery, seconded by Vicki Hughes, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. by Don Sword.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



FROM THE EDITOR

By Cindy Robish

I'd like to thank all the Spark Plug reporters from 2025. You don't know how much it means to me to have your support and great reporting. I know some chapters have new Newsletter Editors and Spark Plug Reporters. I'm looking forward to working with them. On a side note, I've also started updating the web site for each chapter. The Newsletter Editors have been sending their newsletters and I'm trying to get them on their website as soon as I can.

PLEASE help me! At our January Board Meeting, we discussed the cost to print and mail the Spark Plug. I'm asking for your input as to what I can do to make it better.

We have already cut out the Winter Issue and are down to only 3 issues a year. Unfortunately that means all the information and pictures from the Fall Meet don't get out until the Spring Issue of the next year. Something to think about...if we went back to doing a Winter Issue we would still have a Spring Issue but it would be very small in the number of the pages. Basically just information about the Spring Meet, probably only 4 pages.

I sent the following questions out to Board Members. I'd love to hear your thoughts. You can email me at cindyr@neo.rr.com

- ◆ Should I cut some pages out? But just remember, if I cut pages it has to be in groups of 4 (each sheet is folded in half and printed on the front and back sides)
- ◆ Do you like seeing a full page for each chapter's happenings? Do you really read it?
- ◆ Do you enjoy pictures on the inside cover or just some on the front cover?
- ◆ Should full obituaries be included or can they be shortened? *NOTE: I've already shortened obituaries in this issue.*
- ◆ Do I need to put a "filler" page on the back of the registration forms or just put it on the inside of the back cover so you can just rip that page off...or you can make a copy of it.
- ◆ Let me know what you think of the "OFFICERS" page. It used to be on 2 separate pages and I got it all on one page Is it too much all on one page?
- ◆ Do you really care who all of the officers are for each chapter, or is the President's information enough?

I've also reached out to other printing/mailing companies and have found the one I'm using is the lowest of all of them. And I want to thank him. For the October 2023 Spark Plug, they gave us a **donation of \$153.41** on the bill! I recently checked with them and we could knock the paper weight down but it would probably only save us \$10.

News from National Are You Taking Advantage of Your Access to MemberDeals?

Editor's Note: In the AACA Speedster, December Edition, there was an article about Member Deals. There are discounts on movie theater tickets, amusement park tickets, hotels, rental cars and much more. If you missed it the link to check it out is:

<https://www.memberdeals.com/aaca/?login=1&tab=h#close>



COMMODORE PERRY
Diane Connolly

Age 83, of Elyria, passed away surrounded by her family on Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Diane was born on December 10, 1941, in Cleveland, OH to Raymond and Blanche.

Diane was raised in North Royalton, OH & graduated from North Royalton High School, class of 1958. She attended Finn College, currently Cleveland State University, for 2 years.

Diane worked at McDonalds on Broad St. in Elyria, retiring after 33 years of serving her community in 1995. She was an avid reader. She enjoyed passing the time with jigsaw and word puzzles, crocheting, and traveling.

Loving wife of 64 years to David Connolly.

SOUTHERN

Peter Dow

Age 72, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2025, in West Milton, Ohio. Born on December 9, 1952, in Melrose, MA, Peter lived a life marked by dedication, intelligence, and adventure.



Peter graduated from Huntington High School in 1971 and furthered his education when he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University. In Delaware, Ohio, on October 18, 1980, he married the love of his life, Kathi Ann (Shaw) Dow. Their marriage was a testament to enduring partnership and mutual respect.

Peter's professional life mirrored the excellence he displayed in his personal life. Before retirement, he was a dedicated purchasing director at Hobart Corp/ITW and proudly served in the United States Air Force. His keen intellect led him to obtain his Customs Broker license, an achievement of which he was particularly proud. Retirement gave Peter the opportunity to pursue his interest in classic cars. He meticulously restored a 1962 Buick Skylark & a 1961 VW Beetle, bringing them back to their former glory.



CANTON

Lynda Sue Westhafer

Age 80, of New Philadelphia, passed away Tuesday, November 25. She leaves behind a legacy of dedication, service, and passion, particularly in the field of education.

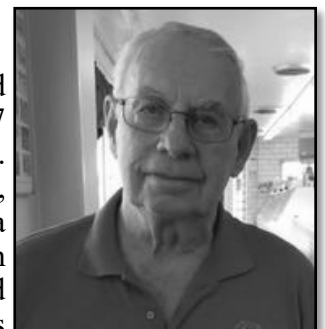
Born on July 15, 1945 Sue was a proud graduate of New Philadelphia High School, where her academic journey began. She furthered her education at Kent State, earning a bachelor's degree in education, and later obtained her master's degree. Sue married Phil Westhafer on July 30, 1977. For over 30 years, Sue devoted her life to teaching, significantly impacting the lives of her students at Indian Valley Schools, and later worked as a substitute teacher. Strong and direct in her approach, she was a mentor who deeply cared for the children in her classroom. She was recognized for her excellence in teaching and was presented with the prestigious Martha Holden Jennings Award. Lynda Sue was a member of the Indian Valley Education Association, serving as president.

She enjoyed embroidery and needlepoint and was an active member of the Embroidery Guild of America, where she served as treasurer. Together with her husband, Phil, she shared a passion for antique automobiles as members of the Antique Automobile Club of America. She also belonged to the Tuscarawas County Coin Club. Traveling was one of Sue's joys, taking her to many historical sites across the United States, as well as trips to Florida and vacations to Topsail Island in North Carolina. A favorite destination closer to home was Castle Noel in Medina. In her youth, Lynda Sue was fond of camping and still enjoyed campfires.

CANTON

William "Bill" Eutzly

Age 89 of Canton, passed away Thursday, November 27 following a lengthy illness. Bill was born in Canton, on June 25, 1936. He is a 1954 Graduate of Timken High School and a United States Army Veteran who was stationed in Germany. Bill retired from Timkens after 33 years of service then later retired from Standard Testing as Lab Tester following 13 years. Bill's memberships included; Cornerstone Chapel, Stark Antique Power Association and The Corvair Club.



He is preceded in death by; his wife Gwen" (Kistler) Eutzly.

LOOK WHO WAS AT HERSHEY!



Bill Montgomery & Jeff Smith
1912 Ford Model T



Fred Davis



Berine McGuire & Don Sword
1915 Ford Model T



NICE CARS ON



THE SHOW FIELD



OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

ANTIQUUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

2026 FALL TOUR

COMMODORE PERRY HOSTS

TOUR OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME

KENWORTH TRUCK DEALERSHIP

ANTIQUA AUTO UPHOLSTERY SHOP

MORE TO COME

OCTOBER
16-18 2026



UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS 2026

Feb 5-7: Annual Convention/Awards
Westfields Marriott
Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA

March 19-21: Special Nationals
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
hosted by Puerto Rico Region

March 26-28: Winter Nationals
Cartersville, GA
hosted by Lake Allatoona Region

Apr 9-11: Southeastern Spring
Nationals – Charlotte, NC
hosted by Hornets Nest Region

Apr 23-25: Annual Grand Nationals/
Western Spring Nationals–Las Vegas
hosted by Las Vegas Region

May 28-30: Eastern Spring Nationals
Indiana, PA
hosted by Shannock Valley Region

June 11-13: Southeastern Fall
Nationals
Oak Ridge, TN
hosted by Volunteer Region

June 15-19: Sentimental Tour
Mechanicsburg, PA
hosted by Oakland-Pontiac World-
wide Region

July 23-25: Central Spring Nationals
Green Bay, WI

Aug 5-8: Southeastern Divisional
Flat Rock, NC
hosted by Great Smokey Mountain
Region & Little Detroit Chapter

Aug 19-22: Annual Grand
Nationals/Zenith Awards
Allentown, PA

Sept 9-14: Founders Tour (1932-
2001)
Williamsburg, VA
hosted by Historic VA Peninsula

Sept 20-26: Revival AAA Glidden
Tour (Pre-1943)
Dover, DE

Oct 6-9: Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA
hosted by Hershey Region

COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

JULY 24-26, 2026



Christ Church Episcopal
Restored 1800's Church



3 Car Collections



Pass Through Covered Bridge



Our Lady Of Guadalupe
Largest Statue In The World Of It's Kind



Wayne Antique Engine
Club Grounds

Friday , Early Bird tour, to be announced.

Friday night , ice cream social at Holiday Inn.

Saturday lunch at St. Mary's Church in Orwell, and Saturday banquet Barbeque meal. Plus speaker Robert Shimits, on Vintage Fire Equipment (tentatively).

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Madison, Ohio.

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2026	
Spring	Southern
Summer	Western Reserve
Fall	Commodore Perry
2028	
Spring	Western Reserve
Summer	Commodore Perry
Fall	Canton

2027	
Spring	Canton
Summer	Meander
Fall	Southern
2029	
Spring	Meander
Summer	Southern
Fall	Western Reserve

PRESIDENTIAL ROTATION
Meander
Southern
Commodore Perry
Canton
Western Reserve

Miami Valley Innovations Ohio Region Spring Tour May 8-10, 2026



Westcott Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tour

A private tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie School home in Ohio. It was commissioned by Burton and Orpha Westcott in 1906 and completed in 1908. John Westcott, together with his sons, Burton and Harry, originated the Westcott Carriage Company in Richmond, Indiana, in 1896. It was reorganized there as the Westcott Motor Car Company in 1909. In 1915, Burton moved the Westcott Car Company to Springfield. Learn more: [Westcott House](#).



Mershon's World of Cars

From Model Ts to Ferraris and everything in between, you never know what Mershon's might have in inventory. Founded in 1981 Mershon's has over 40 years of experience in the business. They have paired Over 10,000 dream cars with new loving owners. If you are a car guy, you will love just walking through their showrooms! Learn more: [Mershon's](#)



Carillon Historical Park

In 1950, Carillon Historical Park's museum complex opened with the purpose of showcasing the region's industrial innovations and transportation achievements. Since construction first began in 1940, the park has evolved into a beautiful 65-acre campus—designed by the Olmsted Brothers (the famed landscape architects responsible for Central Park)—containing dozens of museum buildings and countless artifacts. Learn more: [Carillon Historical Park](#).



America's Packard Museum

The Museum is in an original Packard dealership which was operational from 1917 until 1940. Rogers Pontiac and Davis Buick used the facility as a dealership from 1940 until the 1970's. From 1899-1956, the Packard Motor Company built 1.6 million cars, and collectors estimate only about 10,000 still exist. The museum manages the largest public collection of Packard automobiles and memorabilia. Learn more: [America's Packard Museum](#).

Host Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton
2800 Presidential Drive
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

MUST CALL FOR RESERVATION
937-426-7800
MENTION SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER
Deadline for special rate is
April 10, 2026

FREE COOKIES



Rate: \$159.00 plus tax
Includes:
Buffet Style Breakfast
Newly Renovated Rooms
Full Service Restaurant and Bar
Fitness Room and Pool

Learn more: [DoubleTree Hotel](#)



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Miami Valley Innovations - Reservation Form

Ohio Region Spring Tour May 8-10, 2026 - Deadline April 10, 2026

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Car Year, Make, and Model: _____

Activity	# Attending		Per Person		Total Amount Due
Registration Fee		x	Family/Car	=	\$20.00
FRIDAY EARLY BIRD ACTIVITIES					
Frank Lloyd Wright - Wescott Home Tour 1 PM		x	\$20.00/pp	=	
Frank Lloyd Wright - Wescott Home Tour 3 PM		x	\$20.00/pp	=	
Mershon's World of Cars			No Charge		
Heart of Ohio Antique Center			No Charge		
SATURDAY ACTIVITIES					
America's Packard Museum		x	\$8.00/pp	=	
Matt Miller's Sign Collection			No Charge		
Lunch - Choose One - All Come with a Bottle of Water					
Turkey Boxed Lunch - Pasta Salad, Chips, Cookie		x	\$15.00/pp	=	
Roast Beef Boxed Lunch - Pasta Salad, Chips, Cookie		x	\$15.00/pp	=	
Spinach Salad with Strawberries and Chicken, Cookie		x	\$17.00/pp	=	
Carillon Historical Park		x	\$13.00/pp	=	
Dine Around Fairborn - We will order off the menu and everyone will pay their own bill. We will need a headcount by restaurant.					
The Wright Place - Hotel Onsite Restaurant			# of Diners		
Cherry House Café - Home Style			# of Diners		
BJ's Resturant - Chain Upscale			# of Diners		
El Rancho Grande Mexican			# of Diners		
Ice Cream Social at Hotel		x	\$5.00/pp	=	
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE					\$

Checks should be made payable to the Southern Ohio Chapter AACA and sent to Jackie Amick at 196 Cambria Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45440. Questions? Contact Jeff Smith at 513.907.4755 or 2creeksjeff@gmail.com.

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DEADLINE FOR GREAT RATE: April 10, 2026
 Mention: Southern Ohio Chapter

Includes: Rate: \$ 159.00 Plus Tax
 Buffet Style Breakfast
 Newly Renovated Rooms
 Full Service Restaurant & Bar
 Fitness Room and Pool



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