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Western Reserve Chapter

Gas House Gazette

Notes From the Prez..

Greetings, fellow drivers!

Well, the weather is finally turning for the better and warming up. Time to wax and polish the investments for the upcoming events.

Thank you to Scott, Dianne, and Kevin Johnson for hosting the May meeting. The tour of the Goodwill Industries facility in Ashtabula was highly educational. There were more activities behind the scenes than we imagined. From collection to floor sales, items are sorted by condition into categories. It was interesting to see how items qualified for floor sales, online sales, or sent to other appropriate locations.

We gathered at Applebee's after our tour for good food and fellowship. Applebee's was especially busy, so a suggestion was made and we moved next door to the food court area of the Ashtabula Mall to conduct the business part of our meeting.

Thank you to Dave and Shirley Payne, Phil and Linda Sneary, and Walt and Laura Elliott, our entire Executive members who, along with Elaine and I, attended the Ohio Region Spring Tour in Dayton, hosted by the Southern Chapter. The weather was perfect for the tour.

The sights included Wescott House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; The American Packard Museum, located in an original Packard dealership in Dayton; and Carillon Historical Park, a 65-acre open-air museum of Dayton history. It is home to the Wright Brothers National Museum featuring a restored original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the showpiece of the park. The Heritage Center had an NCR cash register room with 90 Dayton-made machines, the Build for Tomorrow animatronic theater, and many exhibits featuring Dayton patents, inventions, and history. Shirley Payne was especially delighted to ride the Carousel of Dayton Innovation, a full-scale, hand carved carousel.

As you are aware, the Western Reserve Chapter hosts the Ohio Region Summer Tour, July 24-26. I am asking for everyone's support in promoting and attendance. We have flyers and registration forms available. (See pages 6 & 7 for details.)

Have a safe driving summer.

Doug

May 16, 2026

Western Reserve Monthly Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Doug Cryczan.

Our May meeting was held at Applebee's Grill in Ashtabula, Ohio with 27 members in attendance.

Motion by Cindy Herald to accept the minutes of the last meeting in the Newsletter seconded by Linda Sneary.

Motion carried.

Shirley Payne gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report was made by Dianne Johnson.

Motion carried, seconded by Dennis Artman.

Old Business—

Dave Payne reported on the summer tour. He is checking who owns the Frank Lloyd House in Madison so we can walk the grounds on the Friday early bird tour. Dave checked with Lake County and it is owned by a college. Taxes are paid by Susan and John Turben.

Shirley had reported that she has updated the registration forms. The dash plaques are in at a cost of \$110.00. Pat and Greg Spritzer will be getting the goodies bags to hand out at registration. Dianne Johnson volunteered to take care of the ice cream social. Elaine Geyczan will receive the registrations and hand out the driving directions.

New Business---

Linda Sneary reported what was discussed at the Ohio Region Meet. The Spark Plug will be printing four issues in 2027. The winter issue will be sent out by e-mail and each chapter will be sending it out to the ones without the internet. To keep up with the expenses of printing The Spark Plug, it was suggested to not send back the portion of the membership fee to the chapters. Arnold Scoville asked for \$150.00 for the picnic supplies. Dianne Johnson made a motion to give the \$150.00 and Mike Wayman seconded it.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Scott Johnson and seconded by Cindy Harold.



**Western Reserve Chapter
Annual Picnic Meeting:
Potluck
Sunday, June 14th**



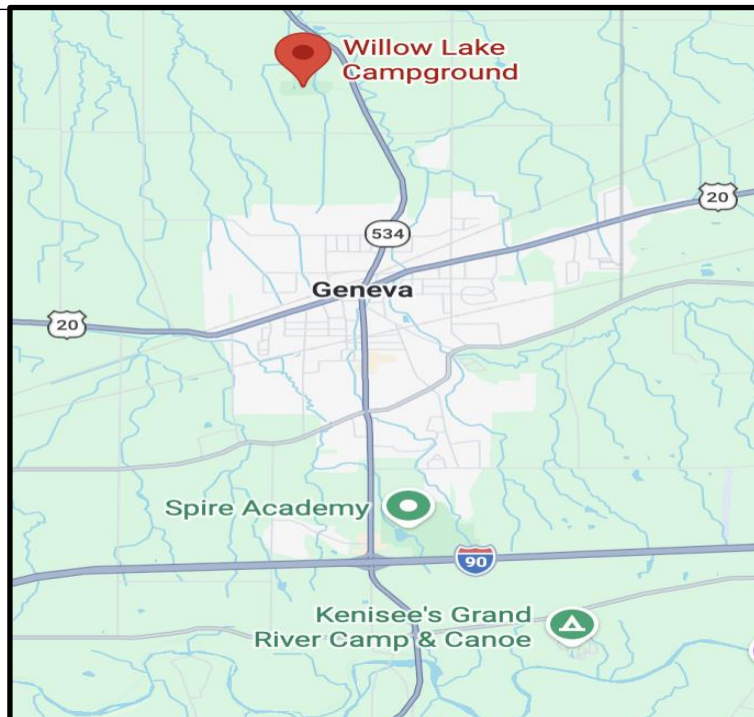
Willow Lake Campground, Geneva

3935 N Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041

When entering the gate, please tell them you are with the car club.



Arrive at 12:00 PM; eat at 1:00 PM
Hot Dogs & Drinks Provided
Please remember to bring your dish to share





By Dianne Johnson

Many people are misled in their belief that Goodwill is a “for profit” organization whose stores exist only to sell used items for low prices to people who are on limited income. While Goodwill is happy that they can provide affordable goods, Goodwill is more than just a store. Their stores exist to support a mission to help people to improve their quality of life through work and related services. When you buy goods in Goodwill, you are funding programs and services that teach job and life skills to people with barriers to employment.



We learned during our tour that every donation to Goodwill is either processed for sales or recycled. It is amazing what goes on behind the scenes at our Ashtabula Goodwill!

We would like to thank Maddie, who was our Goodwill tour guide, for a tremendous, educational, fun tour of our Local Ashtabula Goodwill. She was very passionate about her position at Goodwill and wants everyone to know to: Please Donate and Shop at Goodwill!!!

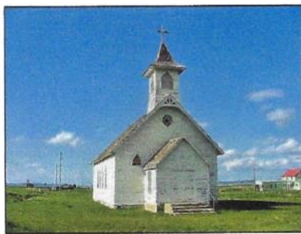




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WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

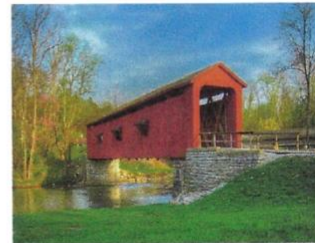
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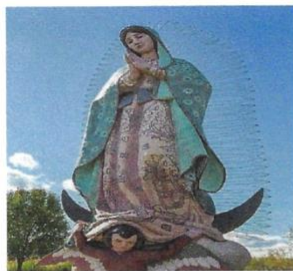
Christ Church Episcopal
Restored 1800's Church



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.

COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN
Summer Rally, hosted by Western Reserve chapter
July 24-26, 2026

Registration

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee \$ 20.00
Names of those attending _____

FRIDAY 3:00 – 5:00

Early Bird Tour through Geneva on the Lake, famous summer venue along Lake Erie, continuing through to Madison to pass by a Frank Loyd Wright house, then dinner on your own, and ending back at the hotel for an Ice Cream Social, at 7:30 P.M., and Region Meeting at 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY

First Stop: Tour around Spire Institute, Olympic Training Center.

Second Stop: J & S Welding, Rock Creek, 2 buildings, full of 1955,56,& 57
Chevy's and hit and miss engines, tractors, and other equipment.

Third Stop: Wayne Antique Engine Grounds, 2 big buildings full of machinery.

Fourth Stop: Lunch at St. Mary's Catholic Church.
Finger Sandwiches (chicken salad, cheese & choice of deli meat, and ham
salad or egg salad), macaroni/potato salad, veggie tray, cookie, water, coffee, and
punch. \$12.00 No. _____

Fifth Stop: Restored cars in Museum.

Sixth Stop: Christ Church Episcopal, restored 1800's church.

Seventh Stop: Our Lady of Guadalupe, largest statue of its kind in the world.

BANQUET

Bar-B-Cue meal of pulled pork, chicken thigh, & Italian
sausage. With sides of smoked herb potatoes and cole slaw,
and cake for dessert. \$22.00 No. _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to Western Reserve Chapter, AACA, and return by June 20, 2026 to: Elaine Gryczan, 1648 S. Denmark Road, Jefferson, Ohio 44047. Phone 440-862-0540.

Room reservations made to Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 181 Water Tower Drive, Madison, Ohio 44057, Phone #440-307-4449, e-mail: Sales@hixmadison.com. Mention AACA for rate of \$189.00 plus tax.

Make reservations by June 24, 2026.



- 10 Gary Jackson
- 20 Pat Blaney
- 23 Kelly Scoville
- 23 Mary Ann Wayman



- 28 Mike Carolin

Here are those that we don't have birthdays and/or anniversaries for:

- Austen & Emma Hamper
- Les & Cindy Harold
- Richard Hopkins
- Victor & Bridget Nolan
- Greg & Pat Spreitzer
- Kevin Stillwell

Please send your information to:
aacawesternreserve@gmail.com



- May 18 John and Doris Brodnick
- June 25 Dale and Janice Carter
- 28 Bill and Lois Shreves

**Last day to submit for
 the June Gas House
 Gazette is
 June 21, 2026.**

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