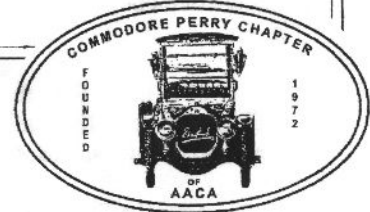


# The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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**WHAT:** Commodore Perry Chapter Tour  
**WHEN:** Thursday, June 18  
**TIME:** Meet at 10:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Tiffin Auto Mart  
1600 West Market Street  
Tiffin, OH

Linda Howell and Pat Church have made arrangements for Commodore Perry members and friends to spend a day in Tiffin. There will be two stops, one a private collection, and then a lunch stop at Frisch's Big Boy. This tour will take place all within a few miles around Tiffin. We'll squeeze in a time for a short business meeting at one of these sites. You don't even need to make a reservation. Just come and join the fun! See page 2 for more information.



## The Prez Sez.....

Summer is officially here now that we have passed Memorial Day so let the old car fun begin. To start with 18 of our members will be traveling to Huron on Sunday, May 31 for the George Conrad Car Show which guarantees to be a super start to car events.

Next we have the Tiffin Gathering on June 18th and the July 16th Picnic By the Bay, (check newsletter for more information). Backing up a little bit we would like to thank Janet Bird for all the work she put into the May meeting. She not only supplied our program but also reserved the hall, set up, decorated, hired the caterer, and set it out for all to enjoy. We regretfully had to leave early due to disgruntled contractors at home but we know it was very informative and hated to miss her presentation. What a woman!!!!!!!

One thing I did neglect to mention at our May meeting was that we received a very nice thank you letter from the Lorain Historical Society for our memorial contribution in memory of Doug Kayle.

In closing I'd like to remind you to go on your computer and check out the Commodore Perry Facebook Page. Kevin Myers is doing a nice job in posting happenings that might be of interest to you. Thanks Kevin! Also we need ideas of outings/lunch locations for August, Sept. & Oct. Please let me know your thoughts.

Linda Howell

### **Join Us for the Tiffin Gathering on June 18!**

**You may have a lengthy drive if you are coming from the east but once you arrive everything will be in close proximity. Gather in the parking area of Tiffin Auto Mart where we will enter the collection as a group. Following this stop we will move a few blocks away and view Randy Fitch's vehicles. From there we will relive our high school days by visiting a nearby Frisch's Diner for lunch so you definitely won't use a lot of gas viewing our stops we have planned. Some people look quicker than others so if your car has room you may want to take along a folding chair. No need to pre-register for this outing----JUST SHOW UP At some point we will have a brief meeting.**

# MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

## MAY 21, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

The President, Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 12:44PM for the 25 members in attendance. A member update on those who have been under the weather was given by members, and at this point no member is in the hospital and seems like most were improving. The Secretary's report which was in the last Commodore's Log was motioned to be accepted by Stormee Heyd and seconded by Pete Davie. Motioned passed.

Treasurer Alex Heyd, said the treasury was the same as in last month's report. Dick Howell motioned to accept the report and Doug Seybold seconded. Motion passed.

Doug Seybold will get information on the Ohio and National Tours for June to Janet Bird before the next newsletter.

There was a discussion about the concerns raised at the Ohio Region Board meeting in May regarding the raising costs of publishing the Ohio Region newsletter, Spark Plug and if the \$5.00 increase in Ohio Region dues would help with that expense.

Alex Heyd gave an update on the Commodore Perry Tour Oct. 16-18. Alex may have found some more stops and will give information as he checks out these new possible stops.

The President presented a letter which members could sign and mail in regarding the proposed legislation about fixing and repairing your own cars and trucks. Copies of the letter were given to those wanting one.

Linda Howell gave an update on the "Invitational Car Show" on May 31, 2026. Final information will be sent soon to those registered before the deadline date.

The Commodore Perry Tiffin-day tour on June 18, 2026, was discussed and detailed by our President. You do not need to pre-register for this trip. Our July meeting/day out will be July 16, 2026. Members will need to register for this meeting. There was a discussion on other possible things for the club to attend based on interest of the members. No decisions were made on these ideas at the meeting.

Doug Seybold made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Bill Knadler. Motion passed. The program at this meeting was presented by Janet Bird. Her presentation was on her father's World War II experiences and adventures. It was very interesting and a lot of the members could relate thru their own family memories. This program ended to a great round of applause. Meeting/Program ended at 1:54pm.

Pat Church, Secretary pro tem

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*Ohio Region Spring Tour  
May 8-10  
Dayton, Ohio*

Southern Chapter put together a great tour for Ohio Region members in early May. One of the stops on the Friday Early Bird Tour was the Westcott House, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in Springfield. We had an exceptional and knowledgeable tour guide at this site, and we were very impressed with the beautiful restoration and preservation of this architectural treasure. Friday night's speaker gave us an overview of some of the history we might see at Dayton's Carillon Park on our tour Saturday. He told us the interesting and mostly unknown story of the Deeds family who were instrumental in making Dayton an industrial center and who funded the development of the park.

On Saturday morning we left the Hampton Inn in Fairborn and headed to our first stop, the Packard Museum in Dayton. Such beautiful cars in this building, many with unusual and interesting histories. Our second stop was sensory overload! There were literally hundreds (maybe thousands?) of lighted, neon signs and other advertising memorabilia. This was also our lunch stop, so we had plenty of time to try to take it all in.

The afternoon was spent at the Dayton Carillon Park where there is so much to see and do, and we had outstanding weather all day. At the park we started at an excellent museum which provides a very thorough history of the Dayton area and showcases its importance in the high-tech world of the mid- to late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some of us (not mentioning any names) had to admit we weren't going to make it to all the exhibits on the grounds, and we opted for the nice steam-train ride so we could see some of what we missed on foot. Southern Chapter had invited members of a Graham Auto club and also a local Model T club to join us, so they made a nice addition to our group. Whew! Quite a day. The ice cream social after we had dinner on our own was a nice relaxing way to finish the weekend. Many thanks to Southern Chapter for this fine tour!



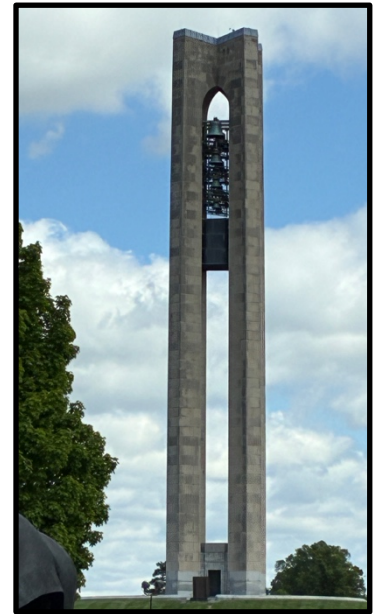
**Above left and above:** A beautiful Cadillac and some of the Model Ts on our tour

**Left:** Westcott house in Springfield

**Right:** Sign outside the Packard Museum in Dayton



Left: Sensory overload at our second stop!



Right and below: Some of the sights at Dayton Carillon Park



*There were so many gorgeous vehicles at the Packard Museum on our Spring Tour that the editor has decided to showcase one of them in this issue and in future editions of The Commodore's Log.*

### 1902 Packard Model F



When the Packard brothers moved the Ohio Automobile Company from Warren, OH to Detroit in 1903, they decided to name the company after themselves. The cars, however, were always called Packards. Only 4 of this style, rear-entry tonneau, still exist. This car was first owned by the Rockefeller family, then by famed collector Bill Harrah and finally by Marshall Mathews who ran the car in the London-to-Brighton Car Run 3 times! This car cost \$2,500 when new, at a time when the average new car cost \$1,025 and the average house cost \$1,850.

## AACA Calendar – 2026

June 11-13 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN  
June 15-19 – Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA  
July 23-25 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI  
August 5-8 – Southeastern Divisional Tour – Flat Rock, NC  
August 19-22 – Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards  
September 9-14 – Founders Tour (1932-2001) – Williamsburg, VA  
September 20-26 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) – Dover, DE  
October 6-9 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA

## Commodore Perry Chapter Calendar - 2026

June 18 – A Day in Tiffin. Meet 10:00 Tiffin Auto Mart, 1600 W. Market  
July 16 – “Picnic by the Bay” in Sandusky. Details in June newsletter  
July 24-26 – Ohio Region Summer Tour hosted by Western Reserve Chapter  
August and September – OPEN  
October 16-18 – Ohio Region Fall Tour – Commodore Perry hosting  
November – OPEN  
December – CP Chapter Holiday Luncheon, Monteith Hall, Elyria. Date TBD



A vertical poster for a Dairy Queen Car Show. At the top is the DQ logo. Below it, the text reads "CAR SHOW EVERY SATURDAY". A central image shows a red classic car parked in front of a Dairy Queen store. To the right of the car is a blue starburst graphic that says "FREE SUNDAE OR FREE SMALL CONE". Below the car image, it says "FREE SUNDAE AND CONE FOR ONLY WHO BRING THE CAR FOR THE SHOW". Underneath that, it says "SHOW STARTS AT 5 PM". At the bottom, there are three icons: a car, a trophy, and a group of people, with the text "ALL CARS WELCOME", "GREAT CARS GREAT PEOPLE", and "FAMILY FUN EVERY WEEK". The address "428 CLEVELAND RD E HURON, OHIO 44839" is listed at the bottom, along with the slogan "Good Cars. Good People. Great Times."



A vertical poster for the 9th Annual Firelands Historical Society Vehicle Show. The top text reads "9th Annual FIRELANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY VEHICLE SHOW (ALL VEHICLES WELCOME)". The date "AUGUST 16, 2026 11-3" is prominently displayed. A central image shows a bright orange classic muscle car. Below the car, there are four columns of information: "9 CASE AVE. NORWALK, OH", "50/50 RAFFLE FOOD", "100th ANNIVERSARY ALL PONTIACS FREE", and "DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 80 VEHICLES". A "\$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE" is also listed. At the bottom, it says "FIRELANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY TROPHIES" and "Thanks to FISHER TITUS for their support". A small note at the very bottom says "Proceeds to Benefit Firelands Historical Society".