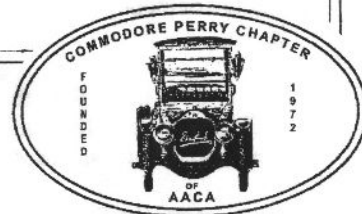




The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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- WHAT:** Commodore Perry Chapter Picnic
WHEN: Wednesday, July 15 (Note change of date)
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Shoreline Park
411 East Shoreline Drive
Sandusky, OH
COST: \$8.00 per person

Due to a conflict of meeting on a Thursday, the picnic for July has been backed up a day to Wednesday, July 15th. Meet at Shoreline Park, 411 E. Shoreline Drive, Sandusky at 11:30. (There will be an A.A.C.A. sign marking the entrance to the park off of Water St.)

A picnic lunch will be provided at the cost of \$8.00 a person and **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** Please call/text/email Linda Howell at 419-202-4531 or lah1124wayne@aol.com by July 10th. We will have a meeting following lunch and then a possible couple stops before ending our day with ice cream at Toft's.



The Prez Sez.....

Where did June go? Seems we just went to the Conrad Show around Memorial Day and we are now coming up on July 4th. With the nice weather car shows are popping up all over the place and other excuses to get our old cars out for some exercise.

Our prayers go out to the Charlie Kulchar family on his recent passing. I regret not getting to know him but love listening to others share memories of him.

I don't want to use this space in our newsletter as a soapbox to preach on but feel this subject is important. Pat Church has been a valuable asset to the club on agreeing to help me plan events. Even though they could not attend the Tiffin outing she did the legwork with me to complete all the plans. She has asked for ideas in your area (east of Norwalk & Sandusky where we are) with no results. We saw what happened with the turnout in Tiffin. We are willing to travel and plan events to go along with our meetings but are not going to a city and spend the day traveling blind, with no ideas for attractions or restaurants that would be suitable for holding a meeting. Please get with Pat or myself with some ideas or we will just have to have a lunch meeting. We all have classics and it would be nice to see them out on the road with us having a good time.

Linda



MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING JUNE 18, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

Due to only 11 people attending the Tiffin outing, lunch, and meeting we did not meet the required amount needed for a quorum. An agenda was passed out to members present but the only business that was taken care of was the approval of the May minutes as they appeared in the June Commodore Log. A motion to accept Marty Tansey's minutes was made by Kevin Myers, seconded by Pete Davie, and approved by all in attendance.

Other than items covered in articles in the July Log we will bring them up at the July picnic/meeting. If anyone would like to see the intended agenda for the last meeting please let the President know.

The editor would like to thank Linda Howell for providing almost all of the content on pages 1-4 for this edition of The Commodore's Log. Many thanks, Linda!!



George Conrad Collection – Huron, OH

On Sunday, May 31st some of the Commodore Perry members attended the mega-car show put on by George Conrad in Huron, Ohio. The cars were spectacular, the setting was perfection, and the food was outstanding.

It was so nice of him to open up his collection for others to enjoy and so gracious of him to treat us all to an unusual opportunity to attend. Here are some pictures of the day to share with those who could not attend. Never know---in four or five years when his collection grows even more---we might be invited back.





Tiffin Tour - June 18

The weather forecast was not the best and it was maybe too far for some to travel but those who showed up in Tiffin on Thursday, June 18th were treated to viewing 2 nice car collections.

We started off at the Tiffin Auto Mart where Tim Johnson, General Manager welcomed us. Not only did we view some unusual classics, but heard many interesting facts and stories about the business. Ask Greg Dugas about the mysterious huge picture wall. He was amazed at the outcome and when he tells you the story please keep in mind that he had nothing alcoholic to drink!!!!!!



From there we traveled a few short blocks to view the collection of Randy Fitch. Here we not only saw his many classics but a dragster, Chevy limo, and ET was flying high overhead keeping watch on all the vehicles. Mr. Fitch answered tons of questions and made us feel very welcome. Our outing ended with a visit to a nearby Frisch's Restaurant for an excellent lunch and great service. The following pictures will recap our day.



In Memoriam

We were so sorry to hear that Commodore Perry member Charley Kulchar passed away on June 8. Services were held on June 15 in Lorain. We will miss his wonderful sense of humor and his stories, which usually began with “Did you hear what happened to _____ (fill in the appropriate name)?”

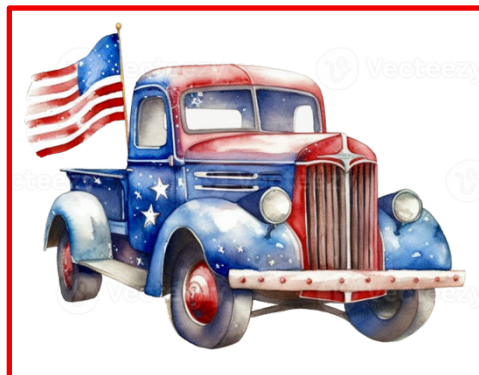
We extend our deepest sympathies to his family. A condolence card from the CP membership was sent to his wife, Peggy.

Remember When...

*Excerpts from the pages of a Commodore's Log of the past
From the July 2000 edition in an article entitled FROM YOUR EDITOR*

Hope your 4th of July celebration was a safe one! How lucky we are to be able to do honor for our country's freedom. We may get angry and sometimes real downright mad at our **high gas prices, and the whole world in such turmoil** but look about you...are we not fortunate... and lucky?? I think so! Enjoy your summer!

--Editor Jane Law



Twenty-six years later - the more things change the more they stay the same!

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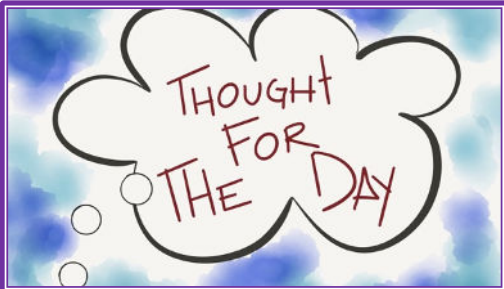
July's Featured Auto...

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



1928 Packard Six Convertible Coupe

This was the last year for the straight six. Packard returned to the straight eight and V12 engines that dominated the 1930s. This Packard was the first purchased by Dayton's Packard Museum founder, Robert Signom II. He purchased it in 1973 and completely restored it with the help of his father who had owned one in 1928 but had to sell it after the stock market crash of 1929.



"When one door closes, another opens. Or you can open the closed door. That's how doors work." -Unknown

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/grops/378736084433834>

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

July 15 – “Picnic by the Bay”, 11:30 at Shoreline Park, Sandusky
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



