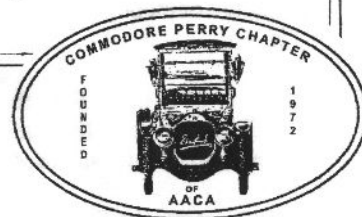




The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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WHAT: Commodore Perry Chapter
Lunch and Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bob Evans Restaurant
36160 Detroit Road
Avon, OH

Due to low attendance at monthly tours/meetings we have opted to do just lunch for the month of September. We will meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Avon, Ohio at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, Sept. 16th. This will be our last meeting before the Ohio Region Fall Tour which our chapter is hosting, so we will be getting the final details in place at this meeting. Plan to be there!

Linda Howell needs reservations by Saturday, September 12 so the staff will make sure they are set up to accommodate our group. You can text or call her at 419-202-4531 or email her at lah1124wayne@aol.com.



The Prez Sez.....

Summer is quickly winding down so make the best of the warm days by driving your classic vehicles. I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to take part in the Fall Meet on October 16-18, even just to stop out to view other people's cars, lend a hand, or just visit. Please wear your name tags to let others know we are there in force as a club. This is our chance to make some money for our treasury so if you can, I'm certain Ronnie Seybold would appreciate a donation of a raffle basket or item to be included in our Chinese Raffle drawing.

Since we are an antique car club I want to take this opportunity to share a tip with you (from experience). We are trying to take every chance we get to exercise the cars before the snow flies. Word to the wise----when purchasing a new-to-you old vehicle one of the first things you need to determine is where on the gas gauge does it actually run out of gas.

With this being said, we had to run to Port Clinton one very beautiful evening so took the '53 Plymouth convertible. In going across the Edison bridge I commented about the engine not running smooth and could it be the fuel filter? I often exercise my right to be the 'passenger mechanic in training.' We arrived at Bassett's Market, our intended destination; I ran in to purchase a couple items, and when we started to leave the car failed to start. The 'what the heck is going on look' was on the driver's face when declaring "WE HAVE A QUARTER OF A TANK SHOWING!" Almost an hour later, after 2 trips to a nearby gas station, the purchase of an overpriced \$20 gas can and a \$5 goose-necked funnel we were on the road again headed for home. The best part of the evening was all the wonderful people we met who were so willing to lend a hand. When you are driving something unusual it gets the attention of the nicest people. All vehicles have their own personality but the most important fact to determine after purchasing is how low on the gas gauge is really LOW????? Happy Motoring!



Linda

WANTED: RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE FALL TOUR

Ronnie Seybold is preparing baskets for the raffle at the Ohio Region Fall Tour, October 16-18, and she needs your donations. You can donate complete gift baskets or individual items and she will take care of the rest. Bring your donations to the September 16 meeting.

MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

President Linda Howell called the meeting to order in the conference room of Liberty Aviation Museum with 13 members present.

Member update: Earl Peters is still struggling with health issues; send cards to his home address. Bob Kayle recently moved to The Commons at Providence, Unit 321, 5055 Providence Dr. Sandusky.

Minutes: Doud Seybold moved that the July Minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Dick Howell seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Alex Heyd reported CPC received \$5 rebate for Blakes' renewal. \$300 was spent to secure caterer for Ohio Region Fall tour. There was \$50 profit from Howell's picnic in July.

National AACA: Check the newsletter for upcoming meets and tours.

Ohio Region: The Spark Plug will eventually be published electronically, and each chapter will be responsible for assisting members who get snail mail.

CPC Chapter: Pete Davie and Marty Tansey are working on the tour routes for Fall Tour. Alex has the lunch and dinner food reserved. All stops/plans are on track for the tour. Members may bring raffle items to Sept. meeting for Ronnie Seybold to collect and organize.

Sept. meeting will be lunch at Bob Evans Avon, Ohio. Details in Sept. newsletter. Greg & Pam Dugas are planning an Oct. meeting. November needs a host. Members heard a suggestion to invite car Coddlers members to our events; there were no objections.

Old Business: Ohio Region renewal forms are online or members will receive a hard copy. Bill Bird moved to adjourn, Dick Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Tansey, Secretary

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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>

COMMODORE PERRY LUNCH AND TOUR AUGUST 19, 2026

Once again, Pat Church organized a great tour for Commodore Perry members. We met at Lake Erie Classic Cars in Port Clinton to start the day. We were able to view two large buildings which house mostly '60s and '70s cars in various stages of renovation. Several of us were ready to take home that nice yellow and white pickup truck, but it seems we forgot our checkbooks!



*Above left: Doug and Bill check out a restored Impala.
Above right: Clever yard art!
Below: Some of the interesting vehicles at Lake Erie Classic Cars.*



We then made our way to Catawba Township and the Liberty Aviation Museum. Although most of us had visited this museum before, we were able to take a “behind the scenes” tour and met with a couple dedicated volunteers who are working on the rebuilding of a PT boat and the construction of a Ford Tri-Motor. The knowledge and expertise of these volunteers is exceptional! We spent about an hour and a half with these men and then headed to the great Tin Goose Diner for lunch, a real throwback to the traditional '50s diners. After lunch we were able to tour the rest of the museum until closing time and then headed home.

What a great day! Thanks so much to Pat Church and Linda Howell for making these arrangements.



Barney Fife keeps watch over his police cruiser and the Goodyear bus made in Loudonville, OH



Some of the beautiful antique vehicles at the Aviation Museum



A restored Ford Tri-Motor in the collection.

September's Featured Vehicle

1919 White Motor Co. Fire Pumper



Commodore Perry members who went on the tour on August 19 were lucky enough to see this gem. This beautifully restored pumper began its life in Cleveland at the White Motor Company in 1919. It was used by the Elyria City Fire Department from 1919-1948, first at Station #1 on the square and then at Station #2 on Winckles Street. It then spent a few years in Grafton and after that was in Parma Heights for about 20 years. By that time it was used mostly in parades. A private individual in Chardon purchased the pumper, but it was left outdoors for about another 20 years and by that time had greatly deteriorated. Fortunately it was saved by a retired fireman who meticulously restored it. It has been on permanent loan to the Liberty Aviation Museum since 2012. Some of our Elyria Commodore Perry members are old enough to remember having seen it at Station #2 when they were just young'uns.

AACA Calendar – 2026

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

September 16 – 11:30 a.m., CP Chapter meeting and lunch, Bob Evans in Avon
October 16-18 – Ohio Region Fall Tour – Commodore Perry hosting
No chapter meeting this month
November – OPEN
December – CP Chapter Holiday Luncheon, Monteith Hall, Elyria. Date TBD