



Gas House Gazette

Notes From the Prez..

Greetings all!

A tip of the hat to Walt and Laura Elliott for hosting our September meeting. Walt arranged a tour of an Amish-owned shop in Middlefield that rebuilds boilers for vintage steam-powered traction engines used by steam trains, tractors, and sawmills. Several demonstration engines were on display. The equipment used for this work is massive. The shop does work from all over, there are very few shops like it in the US. We drove through the Middlefield Steam Engine and Railroad Festival property where we viewed even more vintage tractors. Lunch and our meeting followed at Mary Yoder's. Always a satisfying meal there.

We missed Dave and Shirley Payne at our meeting. I hope Dave is feeling much better after his shoulder surgery.

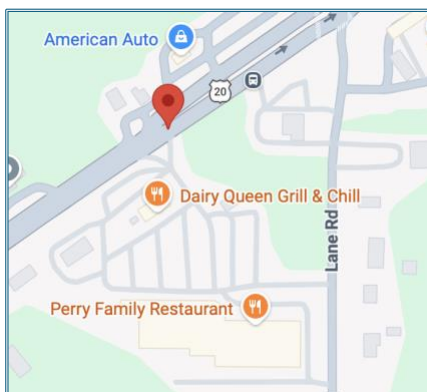
Discussion at the meeting focused on the upcoming Regional Fall Tour hosted by the Commodore Perry Chapter on October 16-18. Linda Sneary announced our Christmas Party will be at Steels Mansion in Painesville. More information at our next meeting.

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to look at the upcoming election of officers for 2027. Phil Sneary will move to the President's roll for next year. We will need nominations for a new Vice President. I hope at least one of our members will come forward to do their part.

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 24th at Perry Family Restaurant on Rt 20 and Lane Rd. at 2 pm. Thank you to Cindy and Les Harold for hosting.

That's all for now. I am still trying to nurse a sick Stearns back to health.

Doug



October Meeting - October 24, 2026

(Please note date change.)

Time - 2 PM

Hosted by - Duane Raikes, Cindy & Les Howard

Where - [2736 North Ridge Road \(Rt. 20\); Perry, OH](#)

September 19, 2026

Western Reserve Monthly Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting –September 19th 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Doug Gryczan

Our September meeting was held at Mary Yoders Restaurant in Middlefield, Ohio.

Hosted by Walt and Laura Elliott with 18 members and guest in attendance.

Motion by Elaine Gryczan to accept the minutes of the last meeting in the newsletter. Seconded by Phil Sneary. Motion carried.

Linda Sneary gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report was made by Dianne Johnson seconded by Rich Gahr. Motion carried.

Old Business—

Doug Gryczan asked if anyone has information about the class for CPR.

Doug also thanked everyone for all the hard work at the car show at Debonne Winery.

New Business—

Linda Sneary reported that the Christmas Party will be at the Steel Mansion December 13, 2026 with the price at \$44.00 each. We will have a scavenger hunt after lunch.

Doug Gryczan reported that the new free memberships are here. It was discussed that the new members would have to come to a meeting to get their memberships.

Cindy Harold picked OCTOBER 24 at 2:00 at Perry Family Restaurant in Perry.

Call Cindy for reservations. 440-415-3745

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Elaine Gryczan. Seconded by Scott Johnson.



RE: AACA Ohio Region Annual Membership Renewal for 2027

Dear Ohio Region Member,

Your annual \$20 renewal dues for Ohio Region membership should be mailed by end of year 2027 to Ohio Region Treasurer address listed below:

Linda A. Sneary, AACA Ohio Region Treasurer
1191 Garrison Road
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Please be sure to clearly **identify** your payment with your **name, chapter, and National membership number** on your check or simply complete & return the bottom portion of this form with your payment. If you have any questions, please contact me at the following email: lindaasneary@netscape.net or text to 440-796-3861.

As a reminder, you must also be current with your annual National AACA membership dues in order to be eligible for continued membership in your local AACA Chapter and the Ohio Region AACA.

Exceptions to annual Ohio Region dues: Paid Lifetime Ohio Region Memberships (\$0 due for 2027). If you prefer, you may enroll as a Lifetime Ohio Region Member for \$300.

Thank you & happy travels,

Linda

Please enclose with your payment (and/or mark on your check) the following for 2027 dues:

Member's First & Last Name (both Husband & Wife, where applicable) and National AACA #:

_____ & _____ Chapter _____ AACA Nat'l # _____

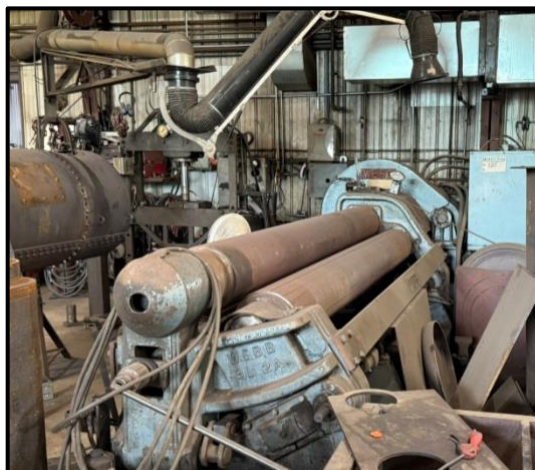
Please advise any changes to address, home/cell phone, or email if different from prior year:

JD Welding Supplies Company Tour

JD Welding Supplies is your trusted local Airgas distributor in Middlefield, Ohio. We carry a full range of welding supplies including welding gas, welding rods, torch sets, grinding wheels, and tank exchanges.



While all the above is true, as Doug talks about in his "Notes from the Prez", our tour this month to JD Welding led us to the unexpected discovery of the other side of their business – the repair and restoration of steam powered tractor engines. And that means big boilers and steel sheets and huge equipment to move, form and repair these boilers. They currently have a 2-year backlog, down from 5 years! Below are some of the photos from our very interesting tour of JD Welding.



This huge machine (it looks bigger in person 😊) takes up to ½" thick steel plate to form new cylindrical steam tractor boilers





Out back in the Middlefield Steam Engine and Railroad Festival Property



At Mary Yoder's for lunch. Fortunately for us, it was Customer Appreciation Day, and everyone was treated to a free slice of pie! Cherry seemed to be a favorite, though I did see a pumpkin pie with whip cream on top!





- 2 Linda Sneary
- 12 Mike Wayman
- 13 Lois Shreves
- 14 Mickey Scoville

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



None



- September 1 Elaine & Doug Gryczan
- 9 Dennis and Darlene Artman
- 19 Kelly & Arnold Scoville
- 23 Dave and Shirley Payne
- 27 Linda and Phil Sneary

- October 1 Mike and Joan Carolin
- 11 Mike & Mary Ann Wayman

**Last day to submit for
 the October Gas House
 Gazette is
 October 28, 2026.**

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