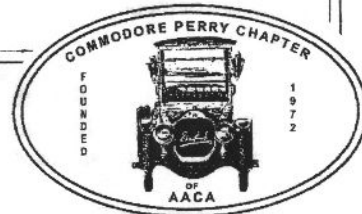


The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



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WHAT: Commodore Perry Chapter Tour,
Lunch and Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, November 4

TIME: Meet at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Parking Lot at intersection of
Routes 58 and 162 in Huntington

Greg and Pam Dugas have arranged for our chapter to take a nice driving tour for what might be our last fling before the cars are put away for the winter. We will meet at the parking lot in Huntington and then drive on to Ashland to visit a classic car dealer. There are also plans for us to visit a museum in downtown Ashland. Then we will motor on to lunch at the Lyn-Way Restaurant, 1320 Cleveland Street. This locally famous restaurant is well-known for their pies, so save room for dessert! A stop at Grandpa's Cheese Barn is also included where you can make your selection from a variety of cheeses, but also get ice cream!!

Pam needs **reservations by Thursday, October 29**, so be sure to call her at **440-865-2388**.



The Prez Sez.....

We have had the Fall Tour on our calendar of 'coming events' for months and now October is here. It's Commodore Perry's time to shine as hosts of this event.

Alex Heyd called a final planning meeting recently to put the finishing touches on the event. The committee seem to be professionals at planning an event like this. Alex went over the time line for Friday night and Saturday. Stormee has registration all taken care of. Marty Tansey & Pete Davie are checking and re-checking the Saturday route to make sure it's perfect for our participants and at the price of gas, GOD BLESS THEM!

Doug & Ronnie Seybold have the charity baskets and raffle under control and we can tell, this isn't their first rodeo!!!! Chuck & Pat Church have the hospitality room well planned and I guarantee no one is going to be without something to snack on. The Octoberfest Theme Dinner on Saturday night that Heyds have planned sounds very special. Sorry if I forgot anyone on this great committee.

We can all be assured that due to their hours of planning we will all be proud of the event they have prepared. Now for the big question-----If you aren't registered for the weekend's events and you have some free time would you please stop out and make your presence known by offering to help out for a short time, even if it is for an assigned volunteer to take a break or eat a meal? We want to show good club participation as host of this event. It's not too late to register. See you on October 16th and 17th.

Linda

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>

MINUTES OF THE CPC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 – COMMODORE PERRY CHAPTER AACA

President, Linda Howell called the meeting to order at Bob Evans, Avon with 22 members present.

Member news: Earl Peters is in a rehab facility, Bob Kayle's Sandusky address as previously published is correct.

Linda thanked Chuck & Pat Church for planning the August meeting held in Port Clinton. Janet Bird was recognized for the outstanding newsletter she provides for members.

Secretary Report: Doug Seybold moved that the August minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter; Dick Cutter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alex reported no changes or activity. Doug Seybold moved to approve the report; Greg Dugas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old business: Pete Davie reported that he and Jim Clark have proposed new wording for three sections of the 1974 original guidelines for the Spark Plug award. Discussion followed, conclusion was that text will be published in the newsletter for members to review before any voting occurs. Membership will also be requested to review the section that states that a club officer is not eligible to be considered for the annual Spark Plug award. [**Note:** Text and further information will be found on page 4.]

AACA National: Check the Commodore's Log for National tours and details.

Ohio Region: CPC will host Fall tour, Oct. 16-18. Alex scrambled to replace the Spitzer stop with Sunnyside Chevrolet. Pete & Marty are getting tour directions prepared. Ronnie has a good selection of raffle prizes. Pat has hospitality planned.

Commodore Perry: No Oct. meeting, see everyone at Hampton! Greg & Pam Dugas have planned a November tour to Ashland on Nov. 4. Save the date, details will be in the newsletter.

National dues are due, pay online or snail mail. Linda Sneary will be at Fall Tour so members can pay Ohio Region dues in person. Save 82 cents!!

Items of interest: Howells & Dugas will attend the reenactment in Bluffton. Apple Festival in Elyria- Sept. 18-20. LaGrange Engine Show in Wellington- Sept. 18-20.

Doug Seybold shared interesting details of the AACA Founder's Tour that he & Ronnie attended in Virginia. Yorktown, Jamestown, & Williamsburg had plenty of history & sites to take-in as part of the 250-year celebration of our country.

Adjourn: Doug Seybold moved to adjourn, Alex Heyd seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Tansey, Secretary

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What you need to know about the Spark Plug Award

Please read the following and be prepared to discuss / vote on changes.



Spark Plug Award guidelines as written in 1973.....

The Spark Plug Award trophy is awarded annually to a CPC non-officer who contributed the most to the Club in the past year. It was conceived and donated to CPC in 1973 by Bill Latiano, our first president. It is topped by a sparkplug that is supported by and fits into a transmission input shaft, an indication of the attitude which it serves to promote. The overall appearance resembles the Perry Monument at Put-in Bay. The small cannon symbolizes Perry's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie. The walnut wood in the top half of the trophy is from the same stock as that

which was used in the Governor's desk at the Ohio State House. The plaque at the top is inscribed "For loyalty and achievement to the Chapter." On the underneath side of the trophy is a plaque which reads: "This trophy is awarded to any member, not an officer, director or chairman of a major committee. It cannot be awarded consecutively to the same member. Judges shall be the officers, region director and major committee chairmen. It shall be awarded at the annual Fall Meet banquet."

Proposed change to read... "This trophy is awarded to any member, not an officer. It cannot be awarded consecutively to the same member. Judges shall be the officers of Commodore Perry Chapter. It shall be awarded at the annual Christmas dinner."

(Thus this change will eliminate and/ or replace the underlined words of the original wording.)

****** Members are also invited to consider if officers might be eligible for the award in light of the fact that it is the officers who have been planning, hosting or coordinating local activities or being chairperson for Ohio Region events in recent years. In other words, they are going above and beyond the expected responsibilities of their offices. Yet with the current wording they are not eligible for the award. Also, some very dedicated officers have held their positions for many years and may continue to do so, but will not be eligible as long as they hold office.*****

Please review and consider the proposal. Further discussion and/or voting will take place at a later date.

From the June edition of the AACA e-newsletter., The Speedster..

Daisy Chained His Heart

By Linda Mattes-Golding, Chugiak, AK

Old-car enthusiasts who live in the northern United States understand the challenges of cold temperatures, heavy snowfalls, icy roads, and a short driving season.

In September or October, most members of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska put their classic and/or antique cars into garages, shops, and storage units for the winter. Most that is, except for Lester “Blacky” Black.

Blacky and wife Martie already owned two Model As. But in the summer of 2025, when Blacky laid eyes on a yellow 1930 Model A Coupe, he was smitten. He fell head-over-heels in love; he had to have her! The vehicle had been called “Rooster,” but Blacky felt that the car reminded him of a daisy flower and re-christened her “Daisy.”

Daisy is parked outside all winter long and has never failed to start (with a little coaxing at times), even in the bitterly cold temperatures experienced in Anchorage this winter. Blacky installed chains on the tires, which have helped to keep the car moving in this season’s near-record snowfalls.

He drives her nearly every day, to the grocery store, to weekly meetings of the Model A group (called “Thirsty Thursdays” or “Thirstdays”), or just to take a spin downtown with Martie and their dogs Tobias and Sophie. Daisy and her driver also had the honor of carrying our Club’s banner as the lead car in the mid-winter Fur Rendezvous Parade.

Daisy never fails to delight Blacky and always brings a smile to those of us who are lucky enough to see her on the road.



October's Featured Auto...

This is the last of the featured autos that the editor photographed at the Packard Museum in Dayton while on the Spring Tour of this year.



1935 Twelve All-Weather Cabriolet by Lebaron

This Twelve Cabriolet was the second most expensive model Packard offered in 1935 and was specifically designed to be driven by a chauffeur. A style that harkens back to horse-drawn carriages, the open front allows the driver to easily get in and out to assist passengers. "All-Weather" connotes a soft top that can be placed over the driver's compartment when bad weather is expected. This model cost \$6,290 when new.



Quirky Automobile Trivia Questions:

Answers on page 7

1. What musical key do most car horns honk in?
2. Which cartoon character inspired a "beep-beep" horn on one particular Plymouth model??
3. What does the "Z28" performance code on a classic Chevrolet Camaro stand for?
4. What percentage of its lifetime does the average car spend parked?
5. How much of the average driver's life is spent waiting at red traffic lights?

Commodore Perry Chapter Calendar - 2026

**October 16-18 – Ohio Region Fall Tour – Commodore Perry hosting
No chapter meeting this month**

November – Tour, Lunch and Meeting in Ashland – Dugases hosting

December – CP Chapter Holiday Luncheon, Monteith Hall, Elyria. Date
TBD

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Answers to Trivia Questions:

1. The key of f
2. The Road Runner from Warner Brothers
3. Nothing at all - it was just an internal production code number
4. About 95% of the time
5. Roughly two weeks of their life

