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SPRING TOUR - EARLY BIRD STOP ON FRIDAY

Information taken from a sign inside the museum.

Corner Field Model Railroad Museum

is the largest family owned and operated O-Gauge model railroad layout in the United States.

Layout dimensions are 32' x 145'

The museum took 8 years to completely build & detail.

The detail is of past & today's modern era.

No matter where you look, something is going on.

Museum Layout Consists of:

250+ different engines in O-Gauge,
Thousands of trees, automobiles, trucks, lights, & people.

Over 7,000 feet of track.

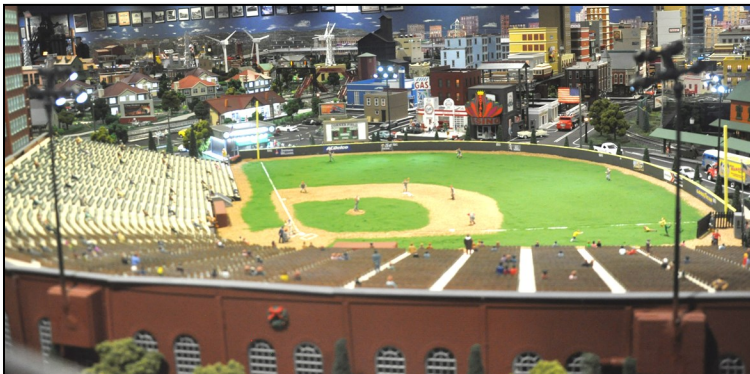
Over 160 turnout switches.

Over 130 operating animations.

Over 200 passenger cars.

Over 700 freight cars.

Over 4,500 structures & buildings,
some of the buildings are over 75 years old.



GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Dean & Daisy Evans & Their Cars! Meander Chapter



1974 Jensen Healey



1958 MG MGA



1929 Ford Model A



**2003 Mazda Miata
Convertible**



1966 Ford GT Mustang Coupe

MEET DEAN & DAISY EVANS MEANDER CHAPTER

Meet Dean and Daisy Evans from the Meander Chapter. Daisy is their Spark Plug Reporter and also the chapter's Secretary. Dean is the President this year. They've been members of AACA for about 10-12 years.

Both of them are now retired. Dean retired from Banking and Daisy retired from the city of Hubbard where she was Tax Administrator and then an Operator 2 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Since they have retired you can find Daisy walking, gardening or busy at the local library where she is on the library board. Dean gets to spend more time on his car hobby. He was in Rotary while working and is still in the local Brother's Club. The Brother's Club is an organization that works with the community to help kids. If a family with children needs help – medical, food, clothing, etc. the Brother's Club is there to help them

Dean has always lived in northeast Ohio but Daisy grew up in Waverly which is Southern Ohio. They were married in 1974. They met at business college and dated for six months and then Dean was drafted into the Army right out of college. They broke up for a period but reunited once he got home from the service two years later. If you see Daisy, ask her about the romantic proposal from Dean! Their family grew with two daughters. Kristina is married to David Cole and they have one daughter, Cordelia, who is 10 years old. They live in a suburb near Philadelphia where David works for the Mayo Clinic and Kristina works as a Federal attorney. Their second daughter, Deanna, is married to Michael Menyes and they have a daughter, Violet, who is 12 years old and a son, Michael Dean, who will turn 10 in November. They live in Kent, OH where Michael works for Kent State University and Deanna is a systems account analyst.

Dean and Daisy have loved traveling over the years! Their favorite vacation spot is N. Myrtle Beach. They go there almost every year except for COVID. They have spent some fun and memorable times with their grandchildren at Myrtle Beach but they can have fun and love anywhere they go with the grandchildren. Daisy actually took a trip before grandchildren with her two daughters to Tuscany and spent time in Rome, Pisa, Florence and several other cities. She'd love to go to Greece. Dean says he didn't lose anything in other countries so he prefers traveling in the United States.

The first car they purchased in 2006 was a 1958 MG MGA. Dean restored this car from frame up and that's what makes it his favorite car. That was the start of their collection! In 2016 they purchased a 1974 Jensen Healey convertible MK11 from a friend. A couple months later they found a 1966 Ford GT Mustang coupe. The 1929 Ford Model A was next in 2019. Dean had told a close family friend if he ever sold the Model A, Dean would like to buy it. One day the friend called and said "I'm ready for you to have my car". He had owned it for 30 years! That's part of the reason why that car is so special. The latest purchase was on Jan. 17, 2023 when a 2003 Mazda Miata Convertible found it's way to the Evans' garage!



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photos, reminiscing on events gone by,
or any other news that you'd love to share!
Please send them my way.

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Cindy Robish

**NEXT DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 1ST**



FROM THE EDITOR
Cindy Robish

Well here it is. Finally summer?!?! I thought it was until today when the chilly weather showed up again. Canton Chapter members love their ice cream. So every Wednesday till the end of October we get our cars out and meet for ice cream somewhere at 7:00 pm. May 24th was our first outing. It didn't start out well. The place closed due to lack of business! We didn't give up and found another place. Unfortunately there was only outside seating. Some of us wrapped up in blankets and sat outside eating....yep....cold ice cream! Dedication or crazy, I'm not sure which.

I'd like to take a few minutes and ask everyone who attended the Spring Region Meet to be sure to tell others in your chapter what a great time we have at these. I think there are a lot of people missing out on some great things to see. I can't begin to list all the amazing things we've seen over the years. Things that you'd never knew existed. On one tour we were in the area where my sister lives. I told her we were checking out the guy's barn. She stopped by too and was amazed at the collection of pedal cars and other things! She told me she thought it was full of horses and cows! You never know what's in some of the buildings in your own neighborhood. So PLEASE....come to a Region Meet. I'll bet it won't be your last.

I'd like to take some time here to thank all the Spark Plug reporters. You have made this job a lot easier and I really appreciate what you do to help me out. I hope everyone enjoys getting to know them in the next few issues. I know I've learned a thing or two about some of them.

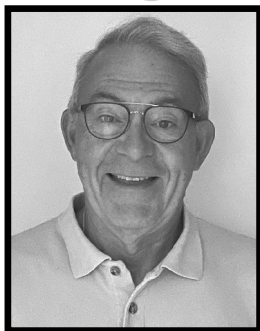
So for now I'll leave you with this thought.

If Yoda owned a business, I bet it'd be a...
Toy Yoda Dealership.



President's Message

Joe Gagliano



Happy Spring! I don't know if you are like me or not but I'm still getting cars ready for this year's touring season. Keeping working at it.

We had a great Spring Tour hosted by the Western Reserve Chapter. The weather cooperated for our touring days, at least until Sunday's drive home. The model train display and museum were fantastic. I asked about some of the statistics and found there are over 4500 buildings and structures in the layout. Saturday's tour provided super roads and scenery. That evening we saw a presentation about the creation and production of the Ashtabula Bridge Disaster of 1876. We learned about movie production and the dedication it took to plan, fund, and actually film the movie. The movie was made for PBS and is now in competition for five Emmy Awards.

Mary and I travelled to Gettysburg, PA for the AACA Eastern Spring Nationals. It was located on a super venue for such a large show. There were over 500 vehicles on display and for judging. If you have not been to a National event, it should be on your "list of things to do". It's a benefit included as part of your membership and a great experience, AACA never charges admission to one of our "Nationals" judging meets. Nationals typically include local trips/tours, of interesting places and collections. There is a judging school where you can learn about our judging program and can become a judge. There are Nationals scheduled each year all over the country and usually one or more close to Ohio. There are also National tours each year customized for the vintage of the cars, from Brass era to 25 years and older. As mentioned in my previous note, the Southern Chapter is hosting a National Divisional Tour later this year.

There continues to be conversation and discussion on how we can attract new members and especially younger people. You may have seen the bumper sticker that says "take a kid to a car show", which is a great idea. However, I'd like to expand on that and say, "take a friend to a car club meeting or tour". Most people just don't decide to attend a meeting or activity on their own, especially with people they don't know. Got a backseat, invite them to go with you.

Now is the time to start planning this year's old car adventures. We've got great activities planned in Ohio; the Summer Tour hosted by Commodore Perry Chapter in Tiffin July 21-23 and the Fall Tour hosted by Canton Chapter in Dover, Ohio November 3-5th .



He'll do anything to get out of
being President!!!
While on Spring Tour,
Joe had the opportunity to ring the church bell.
But this is not the proper way to do it!
Glad you're ok Joe!

SPRING TOUR REPORT *By Mike Carolin*

We took off with an all aboard, a warm welcome, a loaded “Goodey Bag” & directions through the country to our first stop at the Corner Field Model Railroad Museum in rural Middlefield, Ohio. This is the largest family operated o-gauge model train layout in the U.S. If you have ever had a Lionel train running around your Christmas tree or checked out the layout in your neighbor’s basement, you could appreciate this collection. The building housing the railroad “World” is about 40 by 150 feet, & it’s totally filled with active displays from one end to the other. There were outdoor drive-in movies, oil wells, baseball parks, steel mills, bridges, towns, & about anything else that should of, could of, & would have been served with trains. There were at least 100 Lionel engines of various types (some running on the tracks, some staged), countless railroad cars & hundreds of hand made buildings and displays. Throughout the display are hundreds of little model cars, trucks, trolleys, & little people. If you like electric trains, you need to see this. After the railroad museum, we had dinner at Mary Yoder’s Kitchen, a large Amish restaurant a little down the road. If you left hungry you weren’t even trying to get filled up.

Next, was a presentation from two speakers about the mission & purpose of the Jefferson Depot Village. These 2 gentlemen’s talks were a prelude to the next day’s 1st stop. This Village was & is the dream of a lady, Jean Dutton & the Jefferson Garden Club. It started out with the purchase & repair/rehabilitation of the railroad depot. Once the building was stabilized, train rides departed for a short trek North & back. Insurance costs put a stop to that after a few years, but that did not stop the Village from growing. It now has 9 completed buildings & a new mansion from 30 miles away. This building had to be cut into quarters, transported & set on a foundation. Goodies were served in the hospitality room and that’s a wrap of day one.

Day two: Get some breakfast & meet up at the Jefferson Depot Village for an informative walking tour. First, we toured the Depot building and the ladies waiting room, the men’s waiting room, the first flush toilet in Jefferson, the baggage room, freight rooms, telegraph sets, & assorted machines associated with a train depot. Next, we broke up into groups of 6 or 8 & toured the restored in the Village. The church bell chimed every 10 minutes & we moved clockwise to the next building. Each station had a person dressed in period clothing to explain the significance of each building & how they were used. If you wanted to meet Jean Dutton whose dream it was to build the Depot Village, the 95-year-old woman was on the side of the church scraping and priming the siding and answered questions. Amazing!

Off to Linesville, PA for Yogi Bair’s Corvette Collection. Yogi passed away in December, so his son & a few employees showed us around. In 5 buildings, they had 8 Corvettes. One was a barn find; one was assembled after the first restorer had died. They also had lots of Corvette parts. I mean lots of parts, mostly suspension parts. They bake them, send them out for powder coating, press or rivet in new components & ship them worldwide. They will even clean & service entire frames. I guess a fiberglass car still has a lot of metal parts.

By golly, it’s lunch time. A short walk next door to the Linesville Senior Center, & meet new people & eat more food than anyone should. Beautiful buildings, nice people, good times. The food consisted of tomato soup, sub sandwiches with all the trimmings, treats, and beverages.

Okay, gals & guys, time to saddle up & head up to the next stop. We ended up in Albion, PA at the home of Ron & Betty Sturtevant to see massive collections of Matchbox & Hot Wheel cars, metal toys, and many other collectables. When I say massive, I am not exaggerating. They had Matchbox and Hot Wheel cars in display holders from floor to ceiling (30 cars in each strip) down a 30-foot wall, turn the corner, there were more, around one more corner, more cars. The center of the room, all the way down, across & back up were glass display cases. These cases were filled, stacked 3, 4 and 5 high with metal toys. There were tractors, trucks, bulldozers, & about anything else you could imagine. The next room had a large collection of plastic model cars, still in their original boxes. I asked Ron if he would sell any of his collection. He answered, “I don’t sell but I will trade”. Two more buildings to go through, some restored cars, some cars, trucks, & tractors waiting for restoration. This fellow really has his work cut out for him.

Let’s head home for dinner. Back in Madison, tables are being set up & the banquet is on. Everyone was able to buy tickets for the Chinese Auction consisting of many, many wonderful items & 50/50 raffle, before sitting down for the invocation, & then time to line up for the food. Speeches from Western Reserve President, Linda Sneary, comments about upcoming tours, & report from National by Joe Gagliano. All is good!

Now time for a talk & slide presentation from Len & Patti Brown on the movie they produced about the Ashtabula Railroad Bridge Disaster of Dec.29, 1876. The film took 11 years to come from inception to fruition & nobody, including the Browns, & all the actors & actresses were paid for their work. There were some trades and grants for model & train cars, but the entire film was made with a budget of only \$55,000. This film was shown on Erie PBS as an “engineering tragedy” last Fall. It is slated to be shown on Cleveland channels this summer. It is also available on DVD & Blue Ray. We now know how the movie was made.



MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2023

Reported by: Cindy Robish for Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Holiday Inn in Madison, Ohio.

PRESENT: Joe Gagliano, Bill Lytle, Vicki Hughes, Denny Robish, Phil Westhafer, Cindy Robish, Bill Bird, Doug Seybold, Ronnie Seybold, Phil Sneary, Walter Elliott, Dave Payne and Linda Sneary.

President Joe Gagliano called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Cindy Robish alternate for Nora Schreel) - Phil Westhafer made a motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug, seconded by Bill Bird; voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Linda Sneary) - Balance in checking account is \$8,800.44 in checking and \$1,969.12 in CD. Expenses were \$983.33, income of \$940.00, and one new Life Time Member. Bill Bird made a motioned to accept the report, seconded by Denny Robish; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NATIONAL: Joe Gagliano reported that Doug Seybold won the President's Cup Trophy for his 1927 Buick and Carole Bernard won the Master Editor Award for the Spark Plug.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Requested that all info from the chapters be in by 6-1-23.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Nothing in her absence.

Webmaster: (Ron Taylor) – Joe Gagliano reported that Ron is willing to handle the website for 2023 but we will need to find someone new to take his place. Please bring it up at your next chapter meeting and see if anyone has any experience.

Legislative: (Keith Pretorius) – Joe Gagliano reported that Keith is permanently in CA and that we should find someone new to take his place. Denny Robish will be taking over.

Meet: Registrations: 29. Due to illness there were numerous cancellations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Southern and Canton Chapters decided NOT to combine for the Fall Tour. Southern is doing a Divisional Tour in Piqua, Ohio Sept. 14-16. Please promote this at your chapter meeting.

Denny Robish reported that there were 45 responses to the Constitution voting and it unanimously passed.

Doug Seybold thanked everyone who worked on that committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Payne brought up the fact that the number of registrations keeps getting smaller due to the fact that the members are getting old & failing. He asked if we should give up another tour. Bill Bird talked about how hard it was to get hotels at a decent price for summer meets. After much discussion it was decided to leave things as they are, but to watch National's calendar when scheduling your meet. The Summer Tour conflicts with the Founder's Tour and the fear is there will be a smaller number of registrations. It was also mentioned when planning that you not wait for volunteers but to ask members for help. Invite other members of your club to go with you to an Ohio Region Meet and show them the ropes. Report back to your chapter the great things we do at these meets. We need to get the younger/newer members involved in Ohio Region.

Joe Gagliano mentioned to include other clubs in your monthly tours. This has gained new members for Canton Chapter by combining tours with Buick Club.

Cindy Robish suggested a computer class at the fall meet. She would be going over tips that may help design a flyer and spreadsheet help on keeping track of registrations. Please ask your members if anyone would be interested.

Next meeting will be on July 21, 2023 at the Hampton Inn, Tiffin, OH at 9:00pm.

Motion was made to adjourn was made by Phil Sneary, seconded by Doug Seybold, voted on and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.



**In Loving Memory
Western Reserve
Chapter Member
Charlie Britcher**

Charlotte I. "Charlie" Britcher, 81, of Ashtabula, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Cleveland Clinic due to an unknown heart condition.

Born July 2, 1941, she was a daughter of the late George Donatone and Edith (Farman) Donatone Matriscino. A resident of Ashtabula all her life, Charlie graduated from Edgewood High School in 1959. On June 17, 1967, she married the love of her life, Lewis Joseph Britcher. Charlie worked at an insurance company for 10 years before starting a family. From then on, she was a dedicated homemaker and devoted her time as a loving wife and mother. Along with her husband, Joe, Charlie was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), Western Reserve Chapter for almost 50 years, and served as their newsletter editor for 30 of those years. They treasured the time spent together going on car tours and riding around in their classic cars meeting many dear friends along their way.

A kind and gentle soul, Charlie was an avid collector of Royal Doulton Bunnykins, and enjoyed crocheting and solving crossword and Sudoku puzzles. Every evening she would watch game shows such as Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy with her sisters.

Left to cherish her memory is her beloved husband of 55 years, Lewis "Joe" Britcher; her son, Jeffrey Britcher, both of Ashtabula; three sisters, Doris Crudele, Marguerite Whitney, Jean Donatone, all of Ashtabula. Charlie was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions American Heart Association, 5455 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

**Canton Chapter Member
Rubyan Browning**

Rubyan Browning passed away on Friday, May 12th. She is being cremated and a memorial service will be planned for a later date.

**Western Reserve Member
David Kostansek**

Dave Kostansek passed away on Friday, May 26th. Dave was returning home from the VMCCA Nickle Tour when he started feeling ill.



CANTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CANTON CHAPTER
Denny Robish
Reporter

MARCH

Canton Chapter held its march meeting at Buehler's at Nobles Pond. Our speaker for the day was from Nolan's Greenhouse. An expert on planting spring flowers and the how to on planting.

Katie Foster gave us lots of information about doing our spring planting! She had "Six Steps to a Beautiful Garden" that she shared with us.

1. Choose your location
 - ◆ Decide the size of space
 - ◆ Is there water available?
 - ◆ How's the soil?
2. Choose the right plants
 - ◆ Deer??? Marigolds & Lantana help
 - ◆ Petunias attract butterflies
3. Go to your Garden Center and get plants
4. Planting
 - ◆ Don't pack down the soil around your plants - they need bubbles in the soil for water to reach the roots
5. Plant care - water and fertilize
6. Most important - Enjoy your garden!

APRIL

What an interesting and informative presentation was given by the gentlemen from The Mears Nissan dealership in Canton. We met at Spaghetti Warehouse in Akron for a superb lunch.

After lunch Derek Barto, the Sales Manager, gave us a little history on electric cars. In the early 1900s one third of the vehicles were electric! Fast forward to 1970-1990 when there was a gas shortage that created a big push for electric vehicles.

Electric vehicles convert DC current to AC, which then sends the power to the wheels. This means there are fewer moving parts. No need for oil changes, replacing the timing belt and there's no clutch or transmission.

There are three levels of charges:

- 1 - Plug into a wall plug. This takes FOREVER!
- 2 - Standard Charge at a dealership.

This gives 220-240 volt charge in about 8 hours.

- 3 - DC Quick Charge is done at charging stations (like gas stations) & gives charge in 30 minutes.

Tesla has their own charger ports. All others are universal. Tesla does have an adapter for their plug.

The batteries have a life span of approximately eight years/100,000 miles.

Derek answered many questions from our members and then turned to microphone over to owner Glenn Mears. Glenn wanted some hands-on experience on electric vehicles, so he took a car to Columbus for the day. Everything went well until it was time to charge. He hooked it up to a charging station and then went to enjoy some ice cream. When he came back it had the same charge it had before! Oops! Didn't do something right at the charging station. They drove a little further and then managed to get enough of a charge to get them home.

A question was asked about techs losing jobs due to EVs. The techs will still have jobs! They are now doing programming for the EVs, learning new software.

Thanks go out to these two gentlemen for all their information. After the presentation we all went out to the parking lot and checked out two of the EVs they brought. Some of our member even drove one of them, while others stood around and had Derek explain what was under the hood, No engine, just an inverter and electronics! The motors are at wheel level.

MAY

The day started out a little on the wet side, but actually turned out to be a decent day to go plant shopping!

We started at Chloe's Diner in Massillon for a late breakfast. What an amazing place! Half the restaurant is taken up by beautiful old cars, motorcycles and memorabilia! And to top it off, there were some pretty cool cars outside that were driven in by our club and our guests from the Buick Club.

After we filled our tummies, we took a leisurely drive to Nolan's Greenhouse and visited with Caroline and Katie (along with the other staff!) who came to our March Meeting and told us all about planting. There were plenty of plants leaving their greenhouse! I know our trunk was pretty full!

Next, we went to Pettiti's Garden Center. And again, I saw plants walking out of there! They had some unusual plants and some wonderful displays.

And it wouldn't be a tour without ice cream. Brusters didn't disappoint! I know of at least two dishes of ice cream that were consumed there!



The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



COMMODORE PERRY
Janet Bird
Reporter

The March meeting of Commodore Perry Chapter was held once again at the Weigel farm where about 40 members and friends enjoyed a delicious pancake brunch, complete with blueberry and whole grain pancakes, sausage and, of course, Weigels' maple syrup. Our chapter looks forward to this event with great anticipation each year, and we are very grateful for the time and effort that Al and Lynn Weigel put in to make this so special. We also have great cooks! Thanks to Marty Tansey, Ginny Palmer, Pam Dugas, Andy Weigel and Lynn Weigel for flipping the 'cakes. And also thanks to Jim Clark for helping to organize the event.

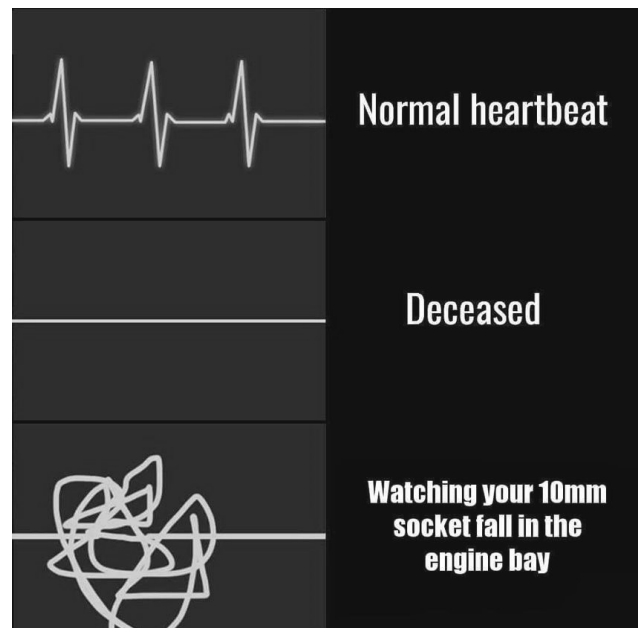
The chapter meeting in April was held in Avon Lake at Johnny's Boathouse, a familiar location with a new name. The last time our chapter met here, the name was Athena's. It was good to see a number of vintage cars pulling into the parking lot as our members arrived! Chapter president Bill Bird thanked our members who have really stepped up to host a meeting or plan a tour. We have a nice variety of events planned for 2023, including some very interesting Ohio Region meets.

Speaking of Ohio Region meets, Commodore Perry Chapter was well represented at the Spring Tour of the Ohio Region hosted by Western Reserve chapter with 10 of our members attending. As always, this tour was very well organized and took us along some interesting northeastern Ohio and northwestern Pennsylvania country roads. Everyone who went on Friday's Early Bird tour in Middlefield, OH, was amazed by the enormity of the model train layout at the Corner Field museum. Impressive! The Saturday tour started with a visit to the Jefferson Depot Village, a lesson in what one dedicated preservation-minded person can achieve. After a trek to Linesville, PA to see Yogi Bair's Corvette collection and a visit to an amazing collection of toy cars, trains, tractors and other toys, many of us were still able to squeeze in an ice cream stop. The day ended with a nice banquet and a

speaker who gave a very interesting behind-the-scenes program on the making of a documentary about the Ashtabula trainwreck of 1876. Great weather, great sights and great conversations! Thank you, Western Reserve!

For those Ohio Region members who know Commodore Perry members, George and Marjorie Strom, you might be interested to know that they have moved to Tennessee! Because of continuing health problems for both of them, they decided to move closer to an assisted living facility near Marjorie's relatives. They are founding members of our chapter and have been very dedicated members of the Ohio Region and AACA. We wish them well!

Our chapter now is putting together the final details for the Ohio Region Summer Tour, July 21-23. Look for the registration form in this issue of the Spark Plug, and you might also find one in your chapter's next newsletter. Hope to see you there for another fun Ohio Region tour!



Meander Talking Machine AACCA Newsletter

MEANDER CHAPTER
Daisy Evans
Reporter

Happy Spring to all of our fellow chapters,

So happy to see some sunshine and planning some tours in our cars. Several of our members have had health issues this spring but everything is improving. Craig Bernard is on the mend and is having therapy for a few weeks. Glen Jugenheimer had back surgery and is feeling much better. My husband Dean has tried shots in his back and we are waiting to see if there is improvement. And there are several others with concerns and we hope to see everyone feeling better soon.

This March we visited the Tyler Historical Museum in Youngstown, OH. The museum is a showcase of historical events in Mahoning County. In the front of the museum a Mahoning Touring Car was featured that our very own Craig Bernard worked on many years ago and he told stories of eating his lunch in the front seat. This car was built in 1905 and originally was owned by Warren-Williamson Sr. Warren's grandson Bud Williamson III presented the car to the museum.

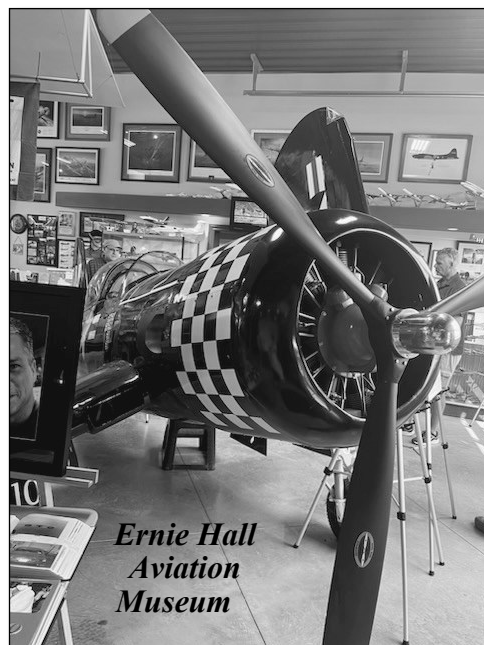
***Mahoning
Touring Car***



We continued our tour of area museums in April and went to the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH. We were invited to join the Western Reserve Chapter on this tour that was organized by Bill Griffin who is a Western Reserve Chapter member and associate member of Meander. He had a great program and we enjoyed every minute!

The cars and memorabilia at the Packard Museum was amazing! I think it is so important to join with other clubs and enjoy being together.

So I think we are establishing a pattern! In May we visited the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum in Warren, OH. Ernie Hall was a self taught pilot and went on to teach many young people to fly. He was associated with such famous people as the Wright Brothers, Henry Ford and Charles Kettering. We had a guide whose family was the founders of the museum and he was so passionate about keeping this aviation history alive. In August they will have a "fly in" at the Youngstown Regional Airport and will have many planes and aircraft on exhibit plus having flying demonstrations. Also, antique cars are invited as part of the activities.



***Ernie Hall
Aviation
Museum***

Hope everyone enjoys touring with their cars this summer.

The Gauge

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Nora Schreel
Pete Dow

Saturday March 18th E.B. Lunken hosted us for a delightful lunch and tour of a local private collection. About 25 members and guests attended. We began by meeting at Ferrari's Little Italy Restaurant & Bakery in Madeira. It quickly became clear why this is such a legendary local establishment. This was a most pleasant venue for us with plenty of opportunity for socializing.

After lunch we were guests of Jim Jaeger to marvel at his impressive collection of over 20 cars. Jim's collection reflects his life-long passion for Corvettes, Ferraris, and racing. Most of his cars have a racing heritage. Among the most noteworthy were a Ferrari that competed at LeMans, and two Daytona cars that were raced by his son Brad. Jim is also a Corvair fan with two unique editions displayed including a rare Yenka. The most pedestrian car in the collection is a 1963 Beetle ragtop. The garage has a well-equipped & an immaculately clean machine shop, and a very knowledgeable full-time mechanic to look after the collection.

On Saturday April 29th the SOC members joined the Northern Kentucky T's Club (NOKEN T'S) meeting at the Warren County Career Center just north of Lebanon. There was quite a turnout with 12 Model T's, 1 Model A and 4 various antiques from the SOC. Our hosts were Jeff and Ann Smith who are members of both clubs.

After a brief drivers meeting in the parking lot we were on our way to take in the sites of Warren County. Our first stop was the Visitor's Center at Caesar Creek. Some of the folks perused their little museum while others went out to the overlook to check out the view. Upon leaving, we were directed to the Gorge below the dam. We traversed a very steep hill hoping we all had good brakes. Everyone checked out the spillway and the beautiful valley before mounting-up again to continue the adventure.

Next on our agenda was lunch. We headed to Waynesville with two choices available to us. Most of the group ate at the Village Inn, but 8 of us chose to eat at the Stone House Tavern. After we filled our bellies, we were again on the road with our final destination of Lebanon. We were able to tour the Harmon Museum at a leisurely pace. Of course, no antique car tour is complete without ice cream, so before leaving Lebanon we made a stop at the Village Parlor.



GAS HOUSE GAZETTE

WESTERN RESERVE
Mike Carolin
Reporter

In April of this year. Charlie Britcher, one of the longest surviving members of Western Reserve passed away. Charlie and her husband Joe joined the AACA in 1975 upon the completion of a restoration of his finest Model "A". Charlie and Joe have been instrumental in the club in many capacities throughout the years, but the most obvious was Charlie as the editor of the chapter's newsletter for over 30 years. If you had a question or needed help on something, Charlie was always there. She will be truly missed by her husband Joe, son Jeff, and every member of our club.

History Time: Who were August & George Schrader & what do they have to do with cars? Answer later.

In March we had our Annual Swap Meet/monthly meeting at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds in Jefferson. We rent the building, mark and divide up the building for spaces, stock and fire up the kitchen, and stand back. Here come the traders and shoppers. It's amazing to see the variety of things venders bring to sell, trade, or give away. I believe that the number of people coming to the event has dwindled some but we still had a full compliment of venders and it seemed like everyone was having a good time.

At the end of the Swap Meet we had a meeting. You know, a standard meeting, talk about this & that until the sky got black, I don't mean dark, black! The doors started blowing open & closed with stuff blowing across the parking lot, then the rain started. I'm not an expert at it but I think we had a gully washin' storm. It only lasted a while but definitely cut the meeting short. I guess that everything that needed to be discussed either had been or did not need to be.

The April meeting was kind of a wash for me. First, I had a couple of procedures done on my heart, then I (and 8 of the 14 Easter brunch participants at my house) got Covid. That's right, the guy that harps on washing hands, get vaccinated, and boosted, got Covid. Who da thunk it?

The April meeting was a gathering at the Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio, for Western Reserve Chapter & Meander Chapters, hosted by Bill Griffin & his family. Since I could not attend, I'll tell you what I remember about the Museum & what I've been told.

First, who was Packard? James Ward Packard bought a "Winton" motor car in Detroit (serial # 12) and drove it to Warren. James told Alexander Winton that his car was not up to the standards that James expected. Winton told Packard "if you think you can do better, why don't you build your own car?" Well,

that's what James, his brother William, & investor George Weiss did. In 1899 they built their first automobile, a horseless carriage type vehicle with a single cylinder engine in Warren.

Between 1899 & 1903, Packard produced about 400 vehicles in Warren. Because of space limitations & available suppliers, Packard moved to Detroit in 1904. For the 1904 model year, they produced a 4 cylinder aluminum speedster called the "Gray Wolf". From there Packard produced luxury automobiles in Detroit until the mid 1950's.

The Museum features a rotating display of restored & original Packard automobiles as well as original artworks by Guy Shievely (some for sale) documents & photographs of the business & family.

A primary exhibit in the front lobby was Terry Martin's 1903 Packard, a duplicate of "Old Pacific" which was the third car to cross the United States. This car is a 4.5 H.P. Model "F" driven by E.T. "Tom" Fetch of Jefferson, from San Francisco to New York. Terry Martin, known for the wooden bodies he built for many cars, restored the original "Old Pacific" & it is on display in the Henry Ford Museum. Terry took his 1903 car in the 1980's, only this time there were roads. Also on display was a yellow '36 Packard donated by John Adams from Western Reserve Chapter.

There were Packard cars, memorabilia, 8 historically significant BMW motorcycles & 27 other makes & models built over the last 100 years.

After the tour, members had box lunches in the Museum and then a "Guess The Tool" game for which there were few winners..

History Time: August Schrader invented and produced air supply lines and fittings for deep se divers. In 1890/1891 August and his son George, developed and patented a tire valve for pneumatic bicycle tires. The valve is still pretty much the same today and used on bikes, cars, trucks, air tanks, and just about anything that used compressed air. The humble roots of his namesake company were in Manhattan, New York. The Schrader Company still produces tire valves today and although there have been some changes, they are still the same trusty valves August and George invented way back in 1890.

Stay safe, wash your hands, get vaccinated and boosted, and wear a mask in crowds.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL Taken from The AACA Speedster

*By Phillip Cole,
AACA National VP Publications &
Membership Committee Member*

I was watching a couple as they walked around my pre-war Buick. They were pointing and smiling as they went. When they got to the driver's door, I was standing there and asked with a smile, "So, you like old cars?"

"Yes, we do!" they smiled back, and she asked, "What is it?"

"It's a 1940 Buick..." I said as I shook hands with both of them. "My name is Phillip. I'm a member of the club putting on this event." Opening the driver's door, I asked, "Want to look inside?"

"Oh yes!" she said sliding into the driver's seat. I reached into my pocket and handed him our region's brochure and my director's card as he peered over her shoulder.

After answering a few simple questions about the car, I suggested, "Next Saturday we're having a breakfast meeting, where you can learn about our club and its mission. Please be my guest..."

Notice how that conversation contains three simple parts:

- ◆ First, simple questions to introduce yourself and draw their interest. It's called the "hook." Although I admit the real hook was that '40 Buick.
- ◆ Second, offer contact and mission information you can put into their hand.
- ◆ Three, give them an opportunity to respond!

That's the beginning of the invitation.

DO YOU RECEIVE THE SPEEDSTER?
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<https://aaca.org/speedster/>

The conversation is an example of my "AACA Elevator Speech." An Elevator Speech is a less than one minute conversation where "you introduce yourself, get across a few key points, and make an encouraging connection with someone." (In other words, how long it would take you to have a brief conversation riding to the next floor in an elevator.) If we are making an effort to grow our membership, then each of us needs to work on our own version of an AACA Elevator Speech. Over the last several years, I have found myself in many conversations around growing our membership. Inevitably, someone says, "I don't know what to say!"

After five decades of providing leadership to growing voluntary organizations, I can tell you the first step is to engage others. And a most effective tool in engaging others is word-of-mouth. If we truly want to spread our mission, then each of us needs to work up, practice and have at the ready our own AACA Elevator Speech. Opportunities to use it will pop up all the time – you'll see!

Long ago in a land far far away!



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***** OHIO REGION MEET ASSIGNMENTS *****

2023	
Spring	DONE!
Summer	Commodore Perry
Fall	Canton

2024	
Spring	Meander
Summer	Southern
Fall	Western Reserve

2025	
Spring	Commodore Perry
Summer	Canton
Fall	Meander

2026	
Spring	Southern
Summer	Commodore Perry
Fall	Canton

**PRESIDENTIAL
ROTATION**

Meander
Southern
Commodore Perry
Canton
Western Reserve

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	Spark Plug Reporter	Mike Carolin	
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Dean Evans (Meander Chapter) is selling
 1974 Jensen Healey &
 1966 Ford GT Mustang coupe
 Call (330) 503-1844 if interested.



M E A N D E R

Vintage Spring Tour
 Coming in May 2024

We are working hard on lining up a
 great venue to kick off 2024.

Some of the stops include vintage pin ball
 machine museum-you can play too, a vintage
 candy and shirt shop, and we're working hard to
 get the hotel to call us back.

More detail at the Summer Tour.

2023 Zoar Harvest Festival Car Show

Sunday July 30, 2023

10:30 AM- 3:00 PM

**Held on the beautiful grounds of historic
 Zoar Village, Rt. 212 Zoar, Ohio
 (Exit 93 off I-77)**

**All antique, custom, and special interest automobiles are
 welcome. Trophies awarded based on "People's Choice".
 Dash Plaques/ Door Prizes/ 50/50 Drawing
 (Expanded Show Field)**

**We look forward to seeing your vehicle as part of this great
 event.**

Registration: \$10 per vehicle- Includes one admission to the festival.

For Information:

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS 2023 CALENDAR

- 🚗 June 24-28
 Eastern Divisional Tour
 Denver PA
- 🚗 July 5-8
 Central Spring Nationals
 Waterloo (Auburn), IN
- 🚗 July 16-22
 Founders Tour
 Ontario, Canada
- 🚗 July 26-29
 Eastern Summer National
 Norwich, NY
- 🚗 Aug 10-12
 Grand Nations
 Bettendorf, IA
- 🚗 Aug 16-19
 Vintage Tour
 Aroostook County, Maine
- 🚗 **Sept 14-16**
**Southern Chapter Ohio
 Divisional Tour
 Piqua, OH**
- 🚗 Sept 25-29, 2023
 Western Divisional Tour
 California Central Coast
- 🚗 Oct 3-6
 Eastern Fall Nationals
 Hershey PA
- 🚗 Oct 22-27
 Glidden Tour
 Thomasville, GA

2024 CALENDAR

- 🚗 March 17-23
 Founders Tour
 Louisiana

**OHIO REGION FALL TOUR - NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2023
HOSTED BY CANTON CHAPTER**



Friday Early Bird

Victorian House & Glass Collection in Millersburg, OH

Dinner will be on your own

Saturday

**The Age of Steam Roundhouse
in Sugarcreek.
An amazing display of
steam engines**



Jon Mason's Private Collection of beautiful cars in Dover



David Warther's collection of boat carvings made in Ivory

**Erb's Coleman Museum
Collection of coolers, propane
lamps & more**



Saturday night banquet at Der Dutchman

**QUALITY INN
2024 OH-39 W
Dover, OH, 44622
(330) 364-8881
Make reservations by Oct 6th
1 King or 2 Queens
\$99
Mention Antique Auto Car Club**



OHIO REGION NEWS



TRACTORS AND TRUCKS AND TRAINS OH MY!

July 21-23, 2023

Ohio Region Summer Tour
Commodore Perry Chapter Host



TOUR STOPS

Galloway Bros. • Sandusky
Large collection of rare tractors

Conco Collections • Clyde
International Trucks

Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum • Bellevue



FRIDAY EARLY BIRD TOUR

Spiegel Grove • Fremont
Home of Rutherford B. Hayes

SATURDAY BANQUET

Hampton Inn • Tiffin

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hampton Inn

2492 S. SR 231, Tiffin, OH, 44883
419-443-5300

Room rate: \$139 + tax
(includes hot breakfast)

Mention AACA when reserving

Reservation deadline: June 21, 2023



Earl Peters
567-938-1632

Bill Bird
440-897-0951
billbird65@gmail.com

SUMMER MEET - FRIDAY EARLY BIRD TOUR

**Below are directions to go directly to the FRIDAY EARLY BIRD STOP
if you'd like to head straight there instead of going to the hotel first.**

TRACTORS, TRUCKS AND TRAINS SUMMER TOUR JULY 21-23, 2023 FRIDAY DIRECTIONS

DIRECT TO SPIEGEL GROVE, HAYES MEMORIAL

FROM THE NORTH OR OHIO TURNPIKE	
	APPROACH FREMONT ON SR 53. TURN RIGHT ON ENTRANCE RAMP TO US 20 BYPASS WEST. (FOOD OPTIONS AVAILABLE AT THIS EXIT.)
1.7	ENTER US 20 AND FOLLOW LEFT ON TO SR 53 / US 6 SOUTH.
2.1	FOLLOW SR 53 / US 6 TO HAYES AVE. / US 6 INTERSECTION AT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. (BAD INTERSECTION)
2.3	TURN LEFT ON TO HAYES AVE AND FOLLOW TO SPIEGEL GROVE / HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER. (SPIEGEL GROVE IS SURROUNDED BY BLACK IRON FENCE.)
	AT BUCKLAND AVE. FLASHING CAUTION LIGHT, MAKE A HARD RIGHT ON TO BUCKLAND AVE. AND A IMMEDIATE RIGHT INTO SPIEGEL GROVE/HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER
	YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT THE HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER. ENTER LIBRARY FOR ADMISSION.
FROM THE EAST	
6.4	APPROACH FREMONT ON US 20 AND FOLLOW TO THE RIGHT ON TO US 20 BYPASS. CONTINUE ON US 20 BYPASS AND FOLLOW LEFT ON TO SR 53 / US 6 SOUTH.
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LEAVING FOR THE HAMPTON INN, TIFFIN.

1.6	WHEN LEAVING, EXIT TO THE RIGHT ON TO BUCKLAND AVE. AT SIGN TO SR 53, ANGLE LEFT, DOWN HILL, ON TO CR 132. DO NOT FOLLOW BUCKLAND AVE. TO THE RIGHT. AACA SIGN.
2.7	FOLLOW CR 132 (S. RIVER RD.) TO THE CR 201 STOP SIGN.
0.2	TURN RIGHT ON CR 201 TO SR 53 INTERSECTION AT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL.
11.7	TURN LEFT ON TO SR 53 AND FOLLOW TO SR 100 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN TIFFIN. GET IN LEFT LANE.
2.7	ANGLE LEFT ON SR 100 AND FOLLOW STRAIGHT THROUGH TIFFIN ON TO SR 231 (AT LARGE CHURCH) AND ON TO HAMPTON INN ON RIGHT. FOLLOW LANE ARROWS.



REGISTRATION

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Registration Fee _____ **\$20**

Friday Early Bird

- Speigel Grove – home of Rutherford Hayes in Fremont # of adults _____
Guided tours of house on the hour from 10-4; self-guided tours of Library 10-4
\$11 ea. or \$17 for both, payable at the door. No charge for members of Ohio History Connection or the museum.
- Dinner on your own
- Speaker from Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum, 7:30 pm
- Board Meeting – 9:00 p.m. at hotel

Saturday

- **First Stop** – Galloway Brothers collection, Sandusky _____ **NC**
- **Second Stop** – Conco LLC truck and vehicle collection and lunch stop # of adults _____ X \$10 = _____
Select your sandwich choice (indicate #): _____ hot dog _____ chicken _____ sloppy joe
Select your side choice (indicate #): _____ cole slaw _____ mac/cheese _____ potato salad
Select your beverage (indicate #): _____ iced tea _____ root beer
- **Third Stop** – Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum, Bellevue # of adults _____ X \$9 = _____
No charge for members of the museum.

Saturday Night Banquet at the hotel

Buffet featuring chicken, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, salad, pie
Lemonade, iced tea, decaf coffee

of adults _____ X \$23 = _____

If you have special meal requests, call Earl Peters at 567-938-1652.

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to Commodore Perry Chapter AACA and return by July 7, 2023 to
Stormee Heyd
521 Cedar Crest Drive, Elyria, OH 44035
Phone #: 440-935-3433

Hotel reservations must be made directly to Hampton Inn, Tiffin, OH, 419-443-5300. Mention AACA for the nightly rate of \$139 + tax, which includes a hot breakfast. **Hotel reservation deadline is June 21.**

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VARIOUS CHAPTER PICTURES



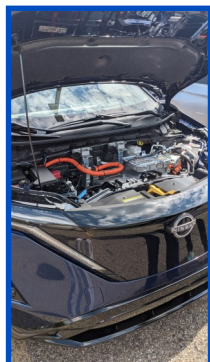
April - Combined Meander & Western Reserve Chapters at the Packard Museum



1903 Model F Runabout "Old Pacific II"



LEFT - Andy Weigel, Lynn Weigel and Pam Dugas flipping pancakes
Commodore Perry members and guests enjoying their pancakes with Weigel's syrup



CANTON CHAPTER
Chloe's Diner in Massillon - Breakfast stop for Greenhouse Tour

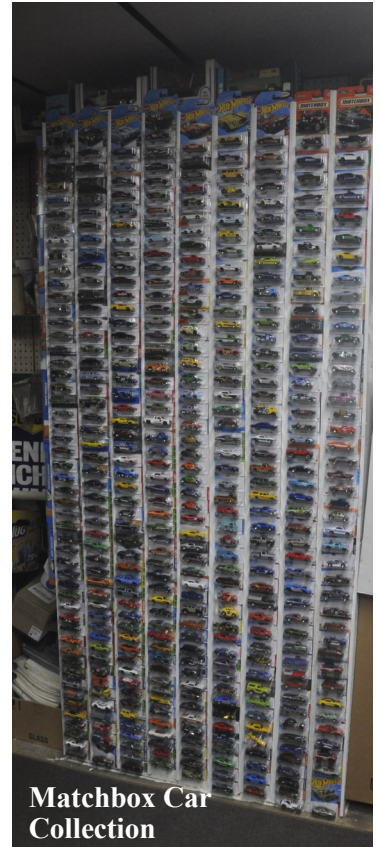
LEFT - Nissan Electric Vehicle
Chloe's Diner in Massillon - Breakfast stop for Greenhouse Tour



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Private Collection
of
cars,
metal toys,
Matchbox cars,
model cars,
tractors
and MORE!



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