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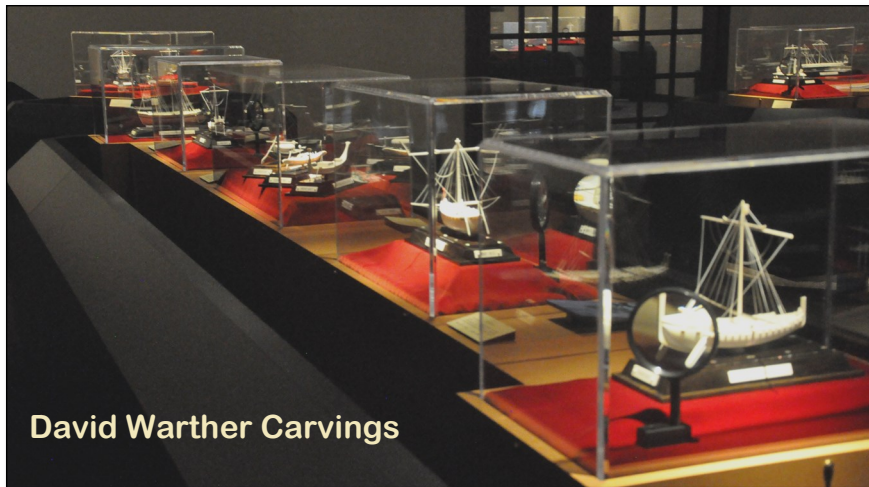


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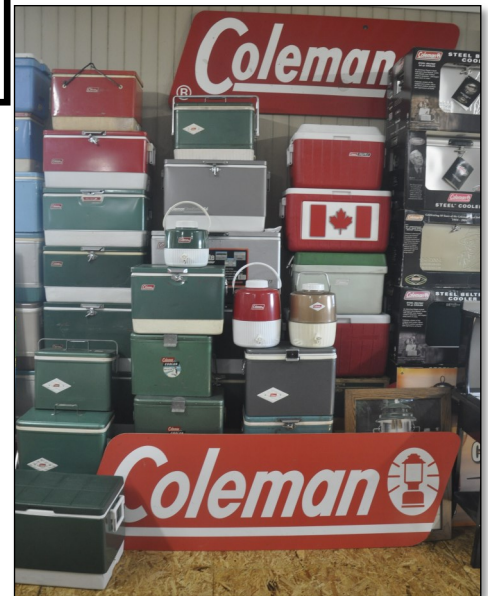


**OHIO REGION
FALL
MEET**

Jon Mason Collection



David Warther Carvings



Age of Steam Roundhouse

GET TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Mike & Joan Carolin - Western Reserve Chapter



Mike & granddaughter, Abby, before the tractor pull at the fair.



Mike on his Case tractor with grandkids, Alex & Alyssa

Mike & granddaughter, Emma, with their matching Ford tractors

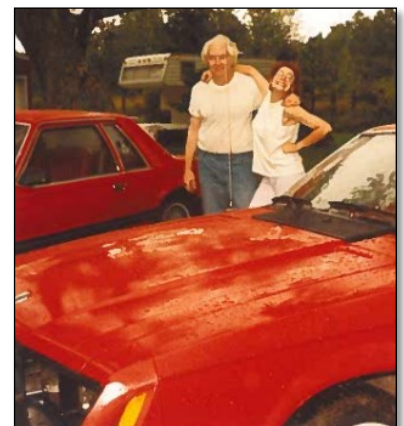


ABOVE: Mike and daughter, Christine, sanding a '79 Mustang

BELOW: Finished product.



Papa teaching Granddaughter, Emma Hamper how to drive a stick shift on a Model A. Emma is also an AACA member!



MEET MIKE & JOAN CAROLIN WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

Meet Mike & Joan Carolin from Western Reserve Chapter. They have been members of AACA for 35 years, so I think it's about time we learn a little more about them!

Mike is a retired Maintenance Engineer and Joan is a homemaker and retired as a Pharmacy Technician. If you are ever looking for Mike you will find him in his barn repairing and building stuff. While he does that Joan is busy gardening or doing crossword puzzles.

Mike spent five years as a Caterpillar Apprentice after high school. Mike and Joan were introduced to each other by her sister. After they married, they moved from the city to a farm in the country. They felt it was a pretty good place to raise a family. That family turned out to be three children! Fred is married to Andrea and is a Chemical (chlorine) Plant Supervisor. Christine is married to David and is a 5th grade Math & Science teacher. Kathryn is an Assistant Quality Control Manager. From these three children came six grandchildren...Tyler, Morgan, Abigail, Alex, Emma, and Alyssa. Emma and her husband Austyn are also AACA members.

Mike said that living on a farm is similar to owning and driving old cars! Old tractors, old equipment, even old lawnmowers. His every day car is 32 years old! He likes "old stuff"!

We all have those favorite and worst vacations and the Carolins are no different. Their favorite vacation was 6,000 miles in three weeks. They went from the East Coast to the West Coast in their 32-foot motor home. And then there was the worst 3-day vacation at Disneyland. It was just too crowded for them and too much walking! But they

are still hoping to do their bucket list trip back to the Henry Ford Museum!

When Mike told me about his cars, he said the first one he ever had was a 1957 Plymouth Savoy Sedan. The coolest one he had was a 1960 "Bug Eye" Sprite. But the one he's always wanted was a 1929 Peter Pirsch Fire Engine. Joan's first car was a 1966 Mercury S55, but her coolest car was actually a truck...a 1975 Ford F250 Truck!

There are a few cars in the Carolin fleet! All of these are still in original condition.

- 1930 Ford Tudor which was purchased in 1986 from a Ford Dealer.
- 1966 Mercury purchased in 2000 from a car dealer.
- 1975 Ford Truck was purchased from the Chevy Dealer in 1977.
- 1991 Olds '98 was in Virginia at a dealership. They bought this one in 2010.
- 1997 Olds Cutlass Supreme was Mike's Mom's car, which she purchased new in 1997!

Since they've been in the club for a long time they have some stories to tell! They were on a tour in the '66 Mercury when a brake line flex hose to the rear axle plugged up and locked the back wheel on the passenger side which overheated and blew the tire! They had a spare that was under inflated. So they stopped by a house that had a compressor and added some air. After a while they were on their way, but back at home Mike had to change out many parts. Word of advice from Mike...If your flex hoses are old, change them!

Editor's Note: I'd like to thank Mike & Joan for giving me details to allow us to get know them better.



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Please send them my way.

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Cindy Robish

NEXT DEADLINE

MARCH 1ST



FROM THE EDITOR

Cindy Robish

It's that time of year when we are making plans for the holidays. What better time to get together with family and friends. But let's remember, as you will see later in the newsletter, there are families who will be missing family members this year for the first time. That first year will be the hardest. You will never get over the feeling that someone is missing at your table. But please try to remember they are still with you in your heart. I lost my Mom and Denny's parents years ago and still miss them each and every holiday. But I know they are still with us in spirit. We still celebrate some of the same traditions they started years ago. Mom liked to decorate and so do I, much to Denny's dismay sometimes. Does anyone else put a wreath up in the bedroom closet just to mess with their spouse? And every year I bake the favorite cookies Denny's Mom made.

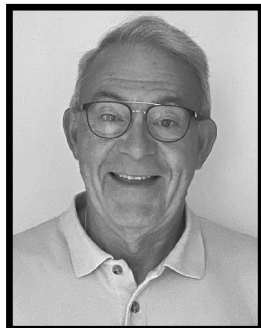
Ok, now on to business! At our last Board Meeting I asked for suggestions to make the Spark Plug better. Below are some ideas that I'd love to have your help on.

- ◆ I'm looking for your stories.
- ◆ Give me some tech tips you've learned over the years that may help others.
- ◆ Some fun things you do in your Chapter? Canton does ice cream stops once a week all summer long!
- ◆ Send me pictures and a story about a new car you just got.
- ◆ Did you celebrate a big birthday or anniversary?

Denny and I had a great time at Southern Chapter's Divisional Tour. I've heard it will be featured in an upcoming Antique Automobile Magazine. The places they took us to were remarkable and they did a fantastic job. If you haven't ever been on a National Tour I would highly suggest one.

President's Message

Joe Gagliano



Well folks it's that time of year again. The leaves have done their thing, the foliage was beautiful and have dropped from the trees. The weather is turning cooler and we now have turned our clocks back. We all know what to expect in the coming months. Hopefully all our automobiles are tucked in for the winter. That said we can reflect to the past year with some wonderful times, experiences and the pleasure of being with our good old car friends in the hobby.

I'd like to thank the Ohio Region Board officers and members for their efforts and contributions to the club. Also, those members that are responsible for our appointed and committee positions. Especially Nora Schreel, Secretary (and "go to" person), Linda Sneary, Treasurer and Cindy Robish our Spark Plug Editor. A very big thank-you to all you members that worked hard on our activities and tours to make them such a success in 2023. Lastly to all the members that attended and participated in the tours. We had some really great places to visit, great touring roads and drives and exposure to information and experiences.

We started to "Get on Board in 2023" with Spring Tour hosted by the Western Reserve Chapter. Those of us that arrived early were treated with a visit to the Rutherford B. Hayes home and museum. On Saturday, we saw the largest family-owned O-gauge train collection and display in the US. It filled an entire building with over 4500 model buildings and structures and included over 100 engines. We then travelled across NE Ohio into Pennsylvania visiting interesting displays and collections. The Saturday evening banquet was terrific with a presentation relating to the award-winning filming and efforts to document the Ashtabula Railroad Bridge Disaster.

In July we were hosted by the Commodore Perry Chapter in Tiffin, Ohio. The tour took us to private collections of rare tractors and trucks. Then onto the Mad River & NKP railroad museum in Belleview, Ohio. Examples of railroad rolling stock were on display and interesting and informative presentations were made by the museum staff.

This past weekend the Canton Chapter hosted the Fall Tour in Dover, Ohio. The early bird included a bicycle museum and a stop at a baloney business. On Saturday everyone was impressed by the large and noteworthy private collection of antique and unusual automobiles, with approximately 100 vehicles. Then onto the Warther Museum for information of ancient ship history and carved ivory displays, more Coleman products you never expected existed and then onto the "Age of Steam Roundhouse". A spectacular recreation of a vintage 1920's railroad roundhouse. A foundation dedicated to the restoration of early train steam engines and rolling stock.

Special thanks to the Western Reserve Chapter, the Commodore Perry Chapter and the Canton Chapter for a great year of antique car touring and interesting experiences.

In closing I'd like to say that I observed and met a few "new" faces at these activities throughout the year. No matter how much someone might tell you about the great places, wonderful collections, great people, and unique "stuff" you'll see and experience at an Ohio Region activity, you won't truly appreciate these events unless you go to one! Make your 2024 resolution to participate in an Ohio Region event. Catch the fun and great fellowship of our members and club.

Congratulations!

**Bill & Pat Lytle
West & Laura Peterson
Doug & Roni Seybold
Ken & Liz Smith**

On your awards at the Hershey Meet!

Watch for more details in the next Spark Plug

OHIO REGION'S FALL MEET

Well, Mother Nature sure didn't disappoint us with the weather! It was warm and sunny for the weekend! And Ohio Region didn't disappoint us either! We had 51 registrations for the weekend! Unfortunately, due to health reasons we didn't see a few of these members, but it was still an awesome turnout. Thank you!

We started out with the Early Bird heading to Winesburg to Glenn & Christi Wengerd's amazing residence which features Glenn's shop & garages, a bicycle museum, a Bed and Breakfast, a turn of the century home, and much, much more! Glenn painted Robish's 1940 Buick Century, which was in his garage. And if you walked around, while eating your popcorn, and checked out the trunk you would have seen a 1940 Buick pedal car that Glenn painted with the leftover paint!

Some members also checked out the Antique Shop next door. It was nice to see cars lining the street and filling a parking lot behind Wengerd's.

Friday night, Cindy Robish was amazed at the turnout for her computer class. A big shout out to Linda Muth for demonstrating online software call CANVA which is a great tool for creating flyers.

Saturday, we started out bright and early and went to Mason's residence. Jon has three 2 story carriage houses with beautiful chandeliers housing his incredible car collection of around 100 cars. Auburns, Duesenbergs, Stuts, many American makes, and a 1949 Buick Roadmaster which was in the movie "Rain Man".

The next stop was David Warther's ivory carvings of ships. David has been carving ships since the age of six! David starting carving string for his ships at the age of 14. A friend in high school made a block with groves in shop class and David uses that technique yet today to carve the string for the ships. His friend makes him a new block about every 8-9 years. This is a delicate process and about 60% of the string he files down don't make it. He told us many stories about his carvings.

Lunch consisting of Subway sandwiches, chips, fruit & brownies was served in Sugarcreek.

Erb's Coleman Museum seemed to be a hit with our members. He has more than 3,000 Coleman items, including actual gasoline cooking stoves, ice chests, vintage advertising, lanterns, drink coolers, popcorn machine, washer & dryer set, and a motorbike. He also had a couple tables of old irons...and I mean tables FULL of irons.

Our last stop was at the Age of Steam Roundhouse which features a fully operational 18-stall brick roundhouse and a 115-foot turntable. Our members have garages for our cars, this is a "garage" full of 22 steam engines. Jerry Jacobson bought his first railroad, the Ohio Central in 1988. Jerry sold the railroad in 2008, which gave him the seed money to build the Roundhouse, which was complete in 2010. There are smoke jacks in the white oak timber ceiling to get rid of the smoke when the trains are running. These jacks weigh 2000 pounds each! Our guide gave us interesting tidbits about each of the trains. One engine was put up for scrap metal for \$10,000. Jerry won the bid, but it cost him another \$90,000 to move it to Sugarcreek. It has been restored and now sits proudly in the Roundhouse. Engine 1278 was featured in the movie Funny Girl with Barbara Streisand, her sister, engine 1293, was featured in the movie Terror Train and on the album cover of the Doobie Brothers "Long Train Running" remix of 93.

After a little time to rest, we headed to Dutch Valley Restaurant for our closing banquet.

Thanks goes out to Lytles and Gaglianos for directions for both days and Denny Robish for being chairman of the meet. Phil Westhafer did a great job of parking cars. Mary Gagliano found tasty food for lunch and Jen Hartzler stepped right up to help. Mary also did a fantastic job setting up the Hospitality Room. Mary Anne Sebak did an amazing job on her first time with registration. To all the members who donated items for the raffle baskets, and the ladies, Sue Bussard, Lou Cox, Ethel Halas, Vicki Hughes and Cindy Robish for putting the baskets together. And to the Canton Chapter members for stepping in to help where needed. Thank you!



MINUTES FROM OHIO REGION BOARD MEETING -Nov. 3, 2023

Reported by: Nora Schreel, Ohio Region Secretary



The meeting of the Ohio Region board of trustees and officers was held at the Comfort Inn/Quality Inn, Dover, OH. President Joe Gagliano called the meeting to order at 9:10 pm.

PRESENT: Joe Gagliano, Bill Lytle, Vicki Hughes, Denny Robish, Cindy Robish, Phil Westhafer, Bill Bird, Doug Seybold, Ronnie Seybold, Glen Jugenheimer, Craig Bernard, Jeff Smith, Don Sword, Nora Schreel, Fred Schreel, Walt Elliott, Dave Payne, Shirley Payne (for Linda Sneary).

SECRETARY’S REPORT: (Nora Schreel) - Phil Westhafer made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Spark Plug or email, seconded by Doug Seybold; voted on and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Shirley Payne for Linda Sneary) - Balance in checking account is \$8,917.71 in checking and \$2,000.02 in CD. Income of \$1,155.00. Expenses of \$441.70. Denny Robish made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Doug Seybold; voted on and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NATIONAL: Joe reported that rumors that the Hershey Swap Meet was going to be cancelled in the future are not true.

COMMITTEES:

Spark Plug: (Cindy Robish) – Stated that bill for latest for Spark Plug was just turned in and not included in latest financial report. She requested info for the Spark Plug, such as, information on members, special interest collections of members, any technical information that would be of interest for club members or anything car related.

Historian: (Nora Schreel) – Decided that Meet packets would be handed out at Winter Meeting so members wouldn’t have to deal with them at the Fall Meet. It was also determined that the “Meet Guidelines” will be changed to “Meet Suggestions” and will be ready for review at the Winter Meeting.

Webmaster: (Ron Taylor) – Nothing in his absence. Joe suggested that each chapter should supply new pictures to Ron to update the website. Joe also said that he cannot find out who is the administrator of the “Ohio Region” Facebook page and questioned other members if they knew. No one responded. When asked if any other chapters had a Facebook page Southern responded with a yes and it is an “open” page. Western Reserve also has a Facebook page but it is “closed” membership.

Legislative: (Denny Robish) CA has added a law that now recognizes cruise in’s. Congress is considering the “Repair Act”. This legislation is essential to retaining our ability to fix and or modify our cars in the future. Without this legislation the OEM’s will be able to keep the electronics used in today’s cars as proprietary which would render us unable to restore a car. Or even to repair a car. It would have to be taken to a dealership for repairs. A motion was made by Doug Seybold to follow thru with contacting Congress regarding this issue. Seconded by Vicki Hughes, voted on and approved. Denny will send a link to Board Members to forward to membership to be able to contact their Congressional representative regarding this issue.

MEET REGISTRATIONS: (Forgot to obtain at meeting).

OLD BUSINESS: Don Sword from Southern reported that the AACA Regional Tour was a big success with 40 registrations. Joe reported that he contacted national AACA about website and stated they updated the site and made sure Ron Taylor has the most current files needed to update his system.

Joe reported that he had contacted his local high school about getting assistance with the web page and was told they couldn’t help due to school policies.

Joe also called the head of the Kent State Computer Science Dept. for assistance, but no response to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe reported that the Canton Chapter was below 50 members as of June 30, 2023 and, therefore, will lose one of their trustees for 2024.

Joe reported that he has 4 free National memberships as president that would be available for any chapter that uses up their own free memberships.

Don Sword from Southern Chapter was introduced to the Board for consideration to be the 2nd Vice-President. Motion to accept made by Nora Schreel, seconded by Jeff Smith; voted on and approved.

Discussion regarding terminating Summer Tour again brought up as it was tabled at last meeting. Much discussion took place with complaints about prices are increasing and some people can’t afford to attend. We should try to consider that when arranging a tour. A suggestion was made about the possibility of planning the tour during the week. Several people were concerned about that as they are still working and would be unable to attend. The concern of terminating Summer Tour could then lead to the consideration of terminating another tour date and then the demise of the Ohio Region. It was determined that we will continue the current schedule.

THEY WILL BE MISSED



Larry O'Neal passed on Wed., September 13, 2023, peacefully at Hospice House of Youngstown. He was born Dec. 11, 1931, in Youngstown. He is the son of Earl & Agnes Kirkwood O'Neal, & was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from South High School class of 1949. He also was a graduate

from Youngstown College with a bachelors in business, where he met the love of his life, Joann Fabian.

They married on July 4, 1956, & were married for 60 years before her passing in 2016. He was also enlisted in the Army during the Korean War.

Larry was one of a kind, always offering help when needed, and never saying no to a challenge. He loved to entertain with his wife by his side, and was always creative in everything he did. He loved spending time with his family whether for a family dinner or on vacation, and loved sharing his knowledge of old cars and history with them. His favorite pastime was his antique cars. Restoring and touring with them throughout the years. He and his wife Joann participated in nine trans-continental tours in North America, driving across the United States and Canada, and two tours in England and Ireland. All driving his 1912 Red Cadillac, restored and maintained by Larry. Larry also toured with his 1915 Model T on many other tours, often including his family in his love for the hobby. Larry also enjoyed skiing in his younger years, introducing his entire family and anyone else he could to the sport. Larry was one of the founding members of St. Michels Boy Scout Troop 115, of which his co-founders would become his lifelong friends. Larry was also a founding member of the Meander Antique Car Club, planning some spectacular tours and entertainment for their participants, even enacting a faux circus with an inflatable elephant at one of the banquets.

Larry O'Neal ran & operated O'Neal Tarpaulin & Awning Company in Youngstown, for 50 years. During his time there he invented and patented the AirLocke Dock Seal (an inflated dock

seal on loading dock doors). He also was president of the regional Professional Awning Manufacturers Association. If you go for an MRI in an off-site trailer, you will pass through an AirLocke dock seal. And if you remember the space shuttle in the 1980's, you will also see an AirLocke Dock Seal where the astronauts enter the shuttle. Larry would always give JoAnn credit for his idea of inflating things after she asked him to put a large, inflatable snowman in the front yard for Christmas one year.

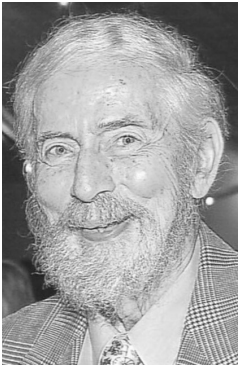
Larry leaves behind his son Dan (Tula Arfaras) O'Neal; and daughter Marijo O'Neal (Marty) Rischar, granddaughters Erin (Kyle) Dickey, Haley and Shannon Rischar; grandson Daniel (Jessica) O'Neal, and his great granddaughter Claire Dickey. Larry was preceded in death by his father and mother Earl and Agnes (Kirkwood) O'Neal, his wife Joann (Fabian) O'Neal and son Greg (Christine) O'Neal.



Karen C. Smith, 78, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, October 28, 2023. She was born in Barberton on July 7, 1945 and was a resident of Canal Fulton for 51 years. Karen had worked for the Akron Canton Visitors Bureau at CAK Airport. She was a

member of Rivertree Christian Church and was always involved in bible studies and was a youth group leader and taught Sunday School. She had been a Girl Scout Leader. She enjoyed being a member of the AACA Car Club with her husband, and they enjoyed camping and traveling also. Preceded in death by her sister, Lois Elaine and her granddaughter, Samantha Kate; survived by her husband of 55 years, Gary; daughters, Summer Lee and Heather Lynn; grandson, James; brothers, Norm, Tim and Jon and numerous nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends. Burial will be at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

THEY WILL BE MISSED



George Duncan Strom passed away on September 14, 2023. George, 83, was born August 23, 1940 at Elyria Memorial Hospital to Egan and Blanche Duncan Strom. He was a 1958 graduate of Elyria High School and a resident of Elyria his entire life only moving to

Knoxville, TN this May to be near family. But his heart was in Elyria, and he continued to be one of Elyria's best and most vocal cheerleaders.

George's inquiring mind and warm heart led him through a lifetime of good friendships and accomplishments. He could be described as many things—a loving husband, historian, antique collector, teacher, developer and salesman. One of George's favorite phrases was, "Have I got a deal for you!" And he always did—whether it was a great story or an intriguing history lesson or something special for sale.

George was president of the Lorain County Historical Society (LCHS) for over 15 years and a member of the Board of Directors from 1963 to 1991. Otto Schoepfle, long-time editor of the Chronicle Telegram, said that George shepherded the Lorain County Historical Society from infancy through its adolescent years and into adulthood. In addition, George's love of antiques, history, and cars came together in his work with antique car clubs. George was president of Elyria's antique car club for a number of years and served one year as president of the Ohio Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

In the business world, George combined his love of history and antiques when he established Lamplight, Inc. in 1981. Operations began by fully restoring and updating truck loads of antique municipal lighting and installing them all over northern Ohio. Under his leadership, the growing company placed beautiful period architectural streetlamps for municipalities from California to Cleveland and on many college campuses including Baldwin Wallace and Ohio State. Lamplight, LLC is still operating today.

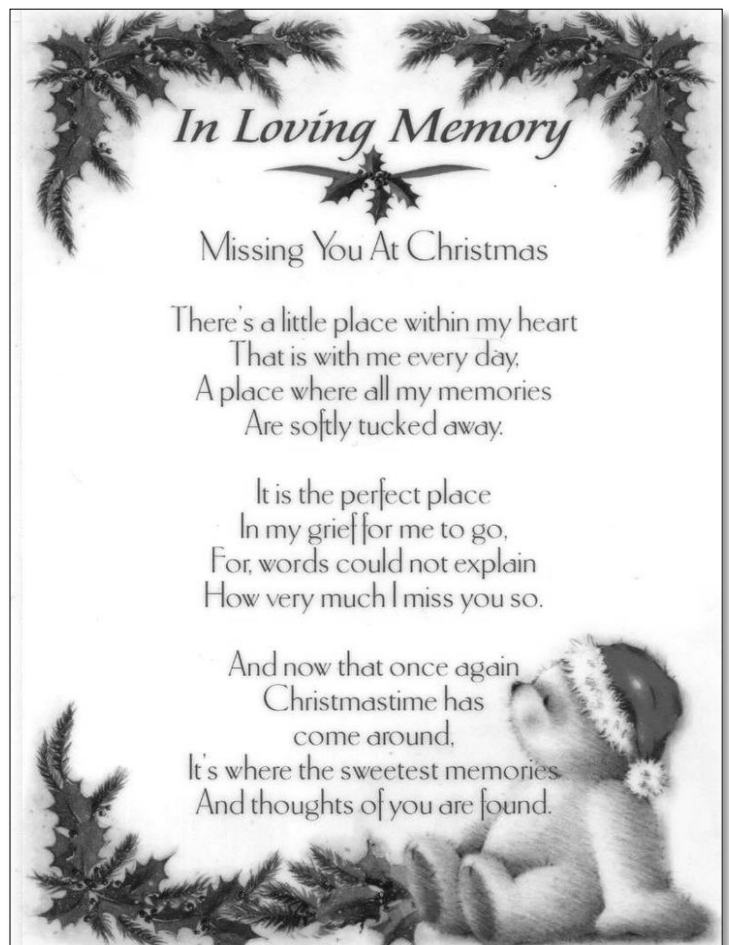
George was a life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church in Elyria where he was baptized and made his profession of faith in Christ our Savior. George greatly enjoyed singing in the choir there for many years. George was also a 55-year member of Elyria Masonic Lodge #787, Marshall Chapter 47 of the Masonic Order and Valley of Cleveland Scottish Rite.

George leaves Marjorie, his wife of 63 years; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, & great-nephews who are scattered throughout the U.S.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, John R. Strom and Robert C. Strom.

A special thanks goes out to his nephew, Mark Strom, who worked diligently to tie up all the loose ends in preparation for selling George and Marjorie's home on Washington Avenue in Elyria and George's great-niece Mary Strom Holley, who orchestrated their move to Tennessee and has been by their side during the transition.

Burial is at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Lorain County Historical Society, 284 Washington Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035



CANTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

CANTON CHAPTER
Denny Robish
Reporter

June

This was our Feel Good Tour. We started out at the Lion's Club with a great BBQ lunch. Pork, brisket, green beans, potatoes and salad. And some good pie!

This year we only went to two senior centers. Instead of just driving by, we stopped and spent some time at each. Our drivers took turns pulling their cars up closer to the residents, got out and talked about their cars. It was so nice to get feedback and listen. When Denny was talking about ours, one of the gentlemen pointed out the fender skirts to his buddy. They hadn't seen them on cars for a long time!

The drive started out with some nice weather but as we were going from one place to another the rain showed up. We were in Ruby, our 1940 Buick convertible with the top down. Cindy joked that I was driving fast enough that the rain just blew over us....until....we were pulling in to Henni's Nursing Center in Bolivar. That's when we got out to put up the top! We got a little wet but it was still a fun day.

July

What a great turnout we had at the Zoar Harvest Festival Car Show! The weather was great and the cars just kept on coming!

We had 91 cars, trucks and motorcycles registered. And we had a lot of people walking around checking them out!

A big thank you from the Gaglianos and the Robishes for all the work our club members did for the show. We have a great group of workers!

August

We started off with a scrumptious buffet lunch and then a wonderful speaker. John Lorson, Administrator for Wayne Soil & Watershed Conservation District told us about the Muskingum River Watershed, which was created in 1913. He also told us about the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Preserve which was established in 1970. During our tour we went thru this area. This area floods a lot because it is so

broad and flat. It's a stopover for many migrating birds such as sand cranes, trumpeter swans, coopers hawks, quail, eagles, turkeys and others. There is also a lot of wildlife such as otter, fox, weasel, possum, frogs, box turtles, snapping turtles, raccoon, black rat snakes, honey bees, butterflies and beaver!

After John's presentation we headed down the road to Colonial Homestead. What a collection of hand tools! I've never seen so many hand planes, saws, drill bits, axes and much more! It is actually a working 1800's workshop!

Back on the road again to Mott's Greenhouse. We had an extra surprise when the gentleman showed us his mushroom growing hut! He had racks and racks of foot long logs that had mushrooms growing for him to harvest. He could get 2 batches out of each log. And there were millions of mushrooms! But the best thing for me at this stop was watching 7 of his children pile into our 1940 Buick convertible. The look on their faces was priceless!

And down the road we went again to get ice cream. What would a tour be without that?

September

Mark & Winnie Lammlein opened their place of business, Great Lakes Tire Company, for our September Meeting.

After filling our tummies with some great food, Mark told us a little about their company. Mark has been in business for about 20 years.

Dave Andrews, Sales Director did a great presentation telling us more about the business. In 1958 the first tire was produced at the Guizhou Tyre Company in China. The company employees 10,000 employees. Most of the tires are for medium sized trucks, the ones with 18 wheels.

There is now a factory in Vietnam also, Advance Tire, which is a subsidiary of Guizhou. They produce about 1.2 million sets of tires a year! The tires sold are OTR (Off the Road) and are mainly used for farm, backhoes, industrial, logging, lawn & Garden, and bus tires.

We were told "The best thing to purchase when buying new tires is an air gauge"!

Pictures on the back cover.



The Commodore's Log

Newsletter of the Commodore Perry Chapter AACA



COMMODORE PERRY
Janet Bird
Reporter

What a beautiful start to the fall season! We have had some glorious color here in northern Ohio and some warm fall temperatures to boot. In early September Commodore Perry member Pete Davie and his son, Jim, along with CP members Dave and Marty Tansey, participated in Greenfield Village's Old Car Festival. Dave took his 1906 Buick and Pete took his 1911 Flanders. There were over 1000 antique vehicles on display there, with an emphasis on Indiana-made cars. Pete and the Tanseys highly recommend this event to Ohio Region members.

In mid-September four members of our chapter attended the AACA Divisional Tour hosted by Southern Chapter. They gave rave reviews for this interesting and well-organized event. Kudos to Southern Chapter!

Commodore Perry members took advantage of the good weather on September 20, the day that the Howells planned a Sandusky area tour for us. We started with a visit to a private collection, lovingly referred to by family members as "Hotel California" since it seems that, like the lyrics of the song, whatever goes in never leaves! In a large, immaculately kept garage was a collection of about 15 Corvettes, a couple Porsches and a beautifully restored wooden Chris Craft boat. Our lunch stop was at scenic Shoreline Park along Lake Erie, where Linda served us a delicious lunch. From there we visited a most unusual apartment. The owner has decorated with automotive tools, equipment and automobilia to create a very unique décor. From his "fool-the-eye" truck scene painted on the front of the building to the car bumper valance in the kitchen and his floor jack coffee table, there was something creative to see in every space. Of course, we can't leave Sandusky without a stop for Toft's ice cream. Many thanks go to the Howells for planning this great tour for us.

In late October, Chuck and Pat Church arranged for us to meet at Martino's International Café in Vermilion. Once again, the weather was beautiful and over 20 members enjoyed a delicious lunch and good conversation as we oohed and aahed over the nice cars sitting in the parking lot.

Our members were very saddened to hear that one of Commodore Perry's founding members, George Strom, passed away on September 14. He was a dedicated member of our chapter and of the Ohio Region and had only recently moved to Tennessee to be near family there. Services were held on October 2 in Elyria. Our sincere condolences go to his wife, Marjorie. He will be greatly missed.

Some of our members are now getting ready to meet their Ohio Region friends at the Fall Tour hosted by Canton Chapter. They have some very interesting stops planned. Let's hope the good weather holds for this event too.

Happy Holidays to our Ohio Region friends!

Pictures on the inside of back cover.



Meander Talking Machine

AACA Newsletter

MEANDER CHAPTER
Daisy Evans
Reporter

Greetings from Meander Chapter,

Hope everyone has had an amazing summer. It seems that it went all to fast. Hard to realize that fall is here and soon we will be putting away our car toys for the season.

On our June tour, Joe and Bonnie Rossi arranged to have a company teach us some of the newer CPR techniques. The representative spent a lot of time explaining the correct way. It is actually very hard to give CPR. We were all given a chance to try the techniques. Afterwards, we had a great tour and had a delicious lunch and of course an ice cream stop. We enjoy our members' company and getting together to see each other. We all seem to be having some health concerns but that comes with age.

In July the only couple that could attend the summer Ohio Region Tour was Glen and Marge Jugenheimer. They had a great time and it all looked amazing. People doing the tours put a lot of time and effort into planning.

For August, we met for a picnic at Glen and Margie's. We cooked hamburgers and hot dogs and members brought covered dishes. We have some excellent cooks in our club. Afterwards, we went on a car run and stopped for ice cream.

Dean had his back surgery and is recovering enough that we got to go on our annual trip to Hershey.

Thank goodness for our friends. Hershey's weather was good and we enjoy seeing all the members from the clubs throughout Ohio and people you meet on other car tours.

Looking forward to the Ohio Region Fall Tour!

Pictures on the inside of back cover.

Computers vs. Autos

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving twenty-five dollar cars that got 1000 miles/gallon."

General Motors addressed this comment by releasing the statement "Yes, but would you want your car to crash twice a day?"

- Every time they repainted the lines on the road you would have to buy a new car.
- Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart, and drive on.
- Occasionally, executing a maneuver would cause your car to stop and fail and you would have to reinstall the engine. For some strange reason, you would accept this too.
- You could only have one person in the car at a time, unless you bought "Car95" or CarNT". But then you would have to buy more seats.
- Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast, twice as easy to drive, but would only run on five percent of the roads.
- The Macintosh car owners would get expensive Microsoft upgrades to their cars, which would make their cars run much slower.
- The oil, gas and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "general car default" warning light.
- New seats would force everyone to have the same size butt.
- The airbag system would say, "Are you sure?" before going off.
- If you were involved in a crash, you would have no idea what happened.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Charlie Wilson (Canton Chapter) for this article.

The Gauge

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Nora Schreel
Pete Dow

What a beautiful day dawned on Saturday, August 19th for Jeff and Ann Smith's tour. Our meeting place was on the outskirts of Springboro. As usual, we participated in parking lot chatter waiting for everyone scheduled to attend to arrive. After a short driver's meeting, Jeff and Ann led the way for our back road adventure of corn and soybeans fields making our way to Gratis for a short break. As we were traveling thru Gratis, we noted people sitting along the route as if waiting for something to happen. We learned at the gas station that Gratis was having a fall parade for the pee-wee sports program that was starting shortly. So, the people were actually treated to two parades as we had 8 antique cars traveling with us.

Shortly after entering Indiana, Jeff treated us to a gravel road for a short distance wanting us to remember what it was originally like to travel way back when. Upon entering Connersville, Indiana we were directed to the Fayette County Historical Museum. We were greeted by several volunteer docents in the parking lot anxious to show off their collection. The Museum has only been in the current location since October of 2022. Our group was drawn to their antique car collection, all built in Connersville. The collection included a 1913 Empire, a 1922 Lexington which was originally built in Lexington, Kentucky but production later moved to Connersville and remained there for 16 years. They also had a 1924 McFarlan Towncar that originally sold for \$9,000. Their last car was a 1937 Cord. All Cords built in 1937 were built in Connersville. Besides the cars, there was an extensive collection of artifacts from native Indians to the pioneer era along with military and local school mementoes.

After lunch, we were on our way once again to view the corn and soybean fields to our ice cream break back in Gratis at The Depot. After everyone satisfied their sweet-tooth people dispersed for home.

September the chapter hosted the "Special" National Regional Tour for the AACA. A separate report will be included in the Spark Plug.

Our final chapter outing of 2023 was held on October 14th and was hosted by Nora and Fred Schreel. We got to socialize for a while at our Vandalia rendezvous point and welcome new members Danny & Sandy Dunham. Then our 8-car convoy was off for the tour. Our route took us through some lovely wooded park land where we saw the fall foliage beginning to change. There was a surprise stop at the Greenville Falls where we took a short hike to the overlook for a grand view and photo opportunity. More scenic roads took us to lunch at Jack's Cabin in Greenville.

After lunch, it was off to Wild Hearts African Farm. This is a most unusual "zoo" featuring a few rarely seen animals including some breeds from Africa. The proprietor gave us a history of the 30-acre farm which, it turns out, is just in its infancy, with further development underway and planned for the future. We were impressed by her commitment to the educational and preservation vision she has for the farm, which is funded entirely by charitable donations and grants. Animals present included goats, sheep, owls, donkeys, a duck, bald eagle, porcupine, and some enormous catfish. The volunteers were very animated in their description of each. Fortunately, rain held off for most of our visit until the very end. We then saddled-up for our last stop for ice cream.



GAS HOUSE GAZETTE

WESTERN RESERVE
Mike Carolin
Reporter

Okay, History time: If you knew who Philip Vaughn was (last issue) this one should be a walk in the park. Who was Henry Timken and what did he do for the development of automobiles and trucks?

Summer is over and we are still on the move. In September we traveled to Painesville Ohio to visit an old time hardware store that was established in 1877. Joughin's Hardware is comprised of 3 floors with a varied stock of "Whatever You Need". They have new stuff, used stuff, and antique stuff. According to the lady at the counter, anything is for sale, "Depending on who you ask". On the third floor a portion of it was like a hardware museum with lots and lots of antique items. Also they had a great number of clothes for hard working people for sale on the third floor. As an old guy who loves hardware stores, I gotta go back and spend more time at this one.

After our trip thru hardware wonderland, we traveled to Newbury Ohio to a restaurant called "Mangia Mangia". Mangia in Italian means "eat". I guess there should be no question as to what you are going to do at that restaurant. I think everyone had a take home box when they were leaving.

Okay, the bad news, during our meeting we had a lot of discussion both pro and con about our yearly Swap Meet. It had been a good money maker for both our Chapter and the vendors for over 40 years. It was not just for buying and selling, the fellowship and camaraderie established with other car people over the years was probably one of the main reasons to continue sponsoring it. Sadly, we had to come to the realization that the Swap Meet was over. The cost for renting the building has been raised to the point of being unaffordable and the vendors do not appear to be selling nearly as much as in years past. It was good while it lasted, but all good things must come to an end.

Okay, now for October. We started off meeting at the park in Madison Ohio, lots of memories there (Madison Old Fashioned Days). And then we toured to Perkins in Painesville. Note to self: Perkins does a lot of business on Sunday lunch time. After pancakes, eggs, burgers and the like, we, well fed were on the road again. Next, Classic Auto Network Body Shops.

Now, to show you where I'm coming from, in the late 1960's I repaired or restored or fixed up my first "Rescue car". It was a 1960 "Bug-eye" sprite that I bought for \$2.00. When I took out all the 2 x 4's, hunks of bed frames and pieces of plywood, the poor little "sports car" split in two. My mother came run-

ning out of the house with a box of garbage bags and the statement "a little bit at a time and we can get rid of it in a few months". That did not deter me, got no welder, got no shear, borrowed a jig saw, bought an armload of bolts and "pop" rivets and a gallon of "Black Majic" body putty and here we go. Lots of blood, sweat and tears, and I had a cute little sports car with a beautiful "rattle can" primer paint job. I bought a gallon of Chrysler "Lime Green" paint and thinner. But I had no spray equipment. Low and behold, there was a "body shop" run by 3 hippies (it was the late 60's) on Tyler Boulevard Mentor. They agree to paint my Sprite for \$20.00, I'm all in. When I got it there I took off the license plate, 4 bolts and the windshield, lifted out the seat and pulled off the steering wheel, and they painted it. I turned out as Billy Crystal would say "Fabulous". Lots of assembly and I had a sports car.

When we arrived at the Class Body Shop there was an extreme realization that things just ain't the way they used to be. No hippies painting in an old garage with a window fan. This place is a world away from what was 50 years ago. Bill Raikes (member Dwain Raikes' son) gave us a tour of how cars are repaired and maintained today. As you enter the facility, you notice there is no paint odor, no dust, no window fans, no curtains around a paint area, no fixtures to hold a fender while beating dents out. How do they run this place? It seems that cars are built differently than in the "old days". The paint is now water based, fenders and doors are replaced only with OEM parts, no aftermarket. There are still paint booths, but the cars are put on dollies and brought into the booth by trolley tracks. Dust is vacuumed at the tools. There is almost no welding, as adhesives are used and special rivets as directed by individual manufacturers. There is even a special room for setting and aligning sensors and cameras. The times, they be a changing, and I hope we can keep up with them.

Okay, Henry Timken was an inventor and businessman who invented the tapered roller bearing and founded the Timken Roller Bearing Company. Why tapered bearings? When used in pairs, they can carry much more weight than bearings or ball bearings and withstand sideways loads like an axle turning. The need arose with heavy freight wagons that were destroying ball bearings. The front wheels on rear wheel drive vehicles and the rear wheels on heavy trucks use Timken type bearings.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL Taken from The AACA Speedster

Evolution of the
Hershey Fall Meet Wooden Nickel
By Scott Kopp,
2023 Hershey Fall Meet Chairperson,
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The wooden nickel changed in 2023. It evolved from displaying the next four Fall Meet dates to displaying the next two Fall Meet dates. Changes to the wooden nickel is not a new concept. In 2022, the wooden nickel went from four future dates to three dates. Prior to 2022, the wooden nickels had four years of up-coming Fall Meet dates.

Why does the wooden nickel change? It's basically one of the "executive" decisions that the Fall Meet Chairman makes. This year, the Fall Meet Chairman decided the wooden nickel would have two lines of dates to make it easier for aging eyes to read.

Will the wooden nickel change again? It's definitely a possibility. As the Hershey Region reviews previous Fall Meet items and plans changes that will improve our visitors' experience, the wooden nickel and other aspects of the Fall Meet will come under review and face the possibility of change.

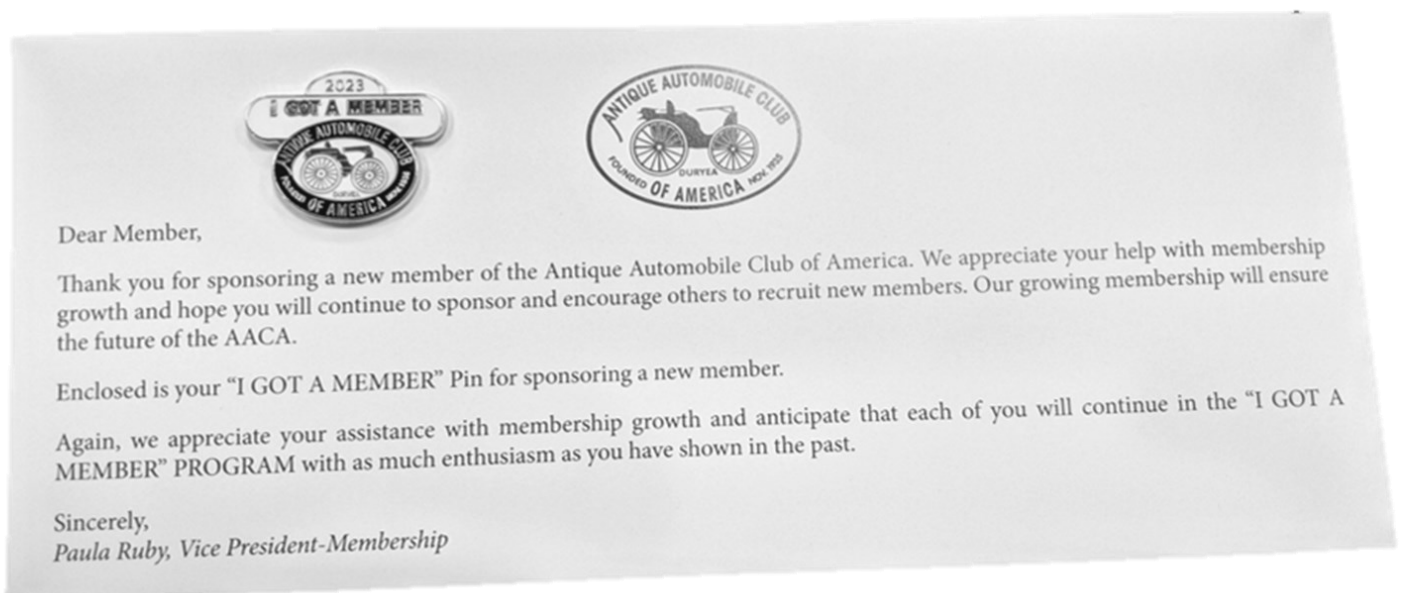
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DID YOU KNOW ???

At the Fall Board Meeting, some of us learned there is a pin available when you sign up a new member to AACA. There is a line on the form for a new member for SPONSOR. Be sure to fill out that line to get your pin!



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2024	
Spring	Meander
Summer	Southern
Fall	Western Reserve

2025	
Spring	Commodore Perry
Summer	Canton
Fall	Meander

2026	
Spring	Southern
Summer	Western Reserve
Fall	Commodore Perry

2027	
Spring	Canton
Summer	Meander
Fall	Southern

PRESIDENTIAL ROTATION	
Meander	
Southern	
Commodore Perry	
Canton	
Western Reserve	

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MEANDER
Vintage Spring Tour
May 3-5, 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 Tshirt shop, vintage shops, and Ernie Hall Aviation Museum.
We still working on more places to visit.

Host Hotel information:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites	PH: 330-544-1408
135 Highland Terrace Blvd	Code: OMC-Ohio Region Meander
Warren, Oh 44484	\$139 night-breakfast, pool fitness

Save the Date



SUMMER REGION MEET
August 2, 3, 4
Hosted by Southern Chapter

NATIONAL EVENTS 2024 CALENDAR



- 🚗 February 8-10, 2024
Annual Convention
Chantilly, VA
- 🚗 March 17-23, 2024
Founders Tour
Lafayette, LA
- 🚗 March 21-24, 2024
Special Winter Nationals
Guaynabo, PR
- 🚗 April 4-6, 2024
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, NC
- 🚗 April 5, 2024
Grand Nationals
Charlotte, NC
- 🚗 June 9-13, 2024
Eastern Divisional Tour
Fredericksburg, VA
- 🚗 June 20-22, 2024
Eastern Spring Nationals
Saratoga Springs, NY
- 🚗 July 10-13, 2024
Western Divisional Tour
Big Horn Mtn., WY
- 🚗 September 12-14, 2024
Western Fall Nationals
Loveland, CO
- 🚗 September 22-27, 2024
78th Revival AAA Glidden
Tour®
Fairfield, PA
- 🚗 October 8-11, 2024
Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA
- 🚗 October 23-26, 2024
Southeastern Fall Nationals
Huntsville, AL



Board Meeting

What: 2024 Ohio Region Winter Board Meeting

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Time: Lunch at 1:00pm
Meeting after – approx. 2:00pm

Where: Der Dutchman Restaurant
720 State Route 97 W, Bellville, OH 44813

Who: 2023 Chapter Presidents/Trustees
2024 Incoming Chapter Presidents/Trustees
And all the other Board Members

RSVP: **Please contact by January 15, 2024 if you are attending or not.**

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Directions:

Restaurant is located @ Exit 165 on I-71
East of the Interstate on State Route 97

Spouses are welcome for lunch. Buffet with individual checks.

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ACTIVATED**



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**SMELLY
SHOE ALERT**



**CYCLONE IN
VEHICLE**



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WITH
BEACH BALL**



**SORRY
YOU DID
NOT SURVIVE**



**KEY SINKING
IN RIVER**



**YOUR WISH
IS GRANTED**



**FLEX YOUR
ABS**



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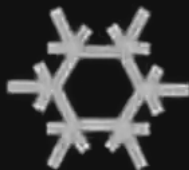
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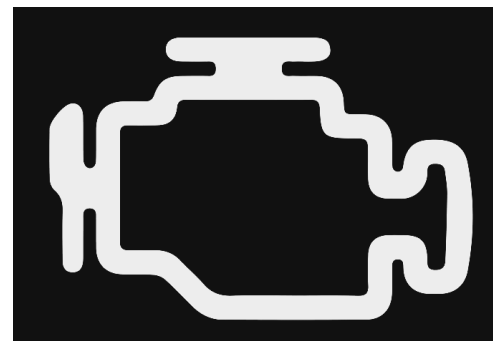
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CINDY'S NOTE: I came across this educational sheet on-line. But I taught the mechanic we use for our cars what this symbol really means. He thought it was the check engine light. But I taught him it's really a chubby helicopter! And I was totally surprised because I didn't even know my car came with a helicopter!



August, 2023

RE: AACA Ohio Region Annual Membership Renewal for 2024

Dear Ohio Region Member,

Your annual \$15 renewal dues for Ohio Region membership should be mailed 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 2024).

Thank you & happy travels,

Linda

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

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

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

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VARIOUS CHAPTER



June tour in Niles



Picnic at Glen and Margie Jugenheimer's

Meander Chapter



Craig Bernard's Model T up and running

Commodore Perry Chapter



Dave Tansey with his 1906 Buick at Greenfield Village



Davies and Tanseys at Greenfield Village



Pete Davie's 1911 Flanders at Greenfield Village



Bill Knadler's 1980 Thunderbird



Ohio Region AACA
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July - Zoar Car Show

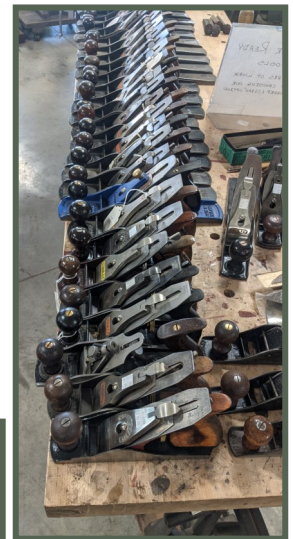


September- Mark Lamlein telling about his tire business



August - Muskingum Watershed

Canton Chapter



August - Tools at Colonial Homestead