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2025 Southern Ohio Chapter AACA

Christmas Luncheon

The Armstrong Center at the Harmon Museum
105 S Broadway Street - Lebanon, Ohio 45036-1707
12/13/25 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Member Name: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
Spouse/Guest: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
Immediate Family: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
All other Guests: _____ x \$ 50.00 = _____
TOTAL: = _____

Please make all checks out to: Southern Ohio Chapter

Please send check to:

Nora Schreel - Treasurer
3104 Catalpa Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Please call Jeff Smith for any information at 513-907-4755.

Please join us for an afternoon of great food being catered by Watkins Catering in Lebanon, Ohio. The museum has also offered a discount rate of \$5 per person to go through the three-story building of local and Ohio history. The Harmon Museum opens at 10 AM and closes at 4 PM, so plan accordingly. The club is picking up \$25.00 per person this year to keep the cost down and try to hit our 30-person minimum for the event.

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The Annual AACA - Southern Ohio Chapter Dinner and Business Meeting

A good number of the Southern Ohio Chapter of the AACA met at the Spinning Forchetta for the annual business meeting on November 2, 2025.

Members and guests picked their favorite Italian dish from the full menu as everyone enjoyed visiting while we were tucked into a semi-private corner of the restaurant. Jeff Smith called the meeting to order and conducted the election of officers for the coming year as well as outlining the goals for 2026. Jeff will continue to reach out to various vintage car clubs to join the Southern Ohio Chapter on our tours and other activities. Jackie Amick passed around the sign-up list for monthly activities for the coming year.

Jeff introduced guest Eric Hansford and thanked Gary & Marcia Jones and Bernie & Sue McGuire for making the meeting arrangements before the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Bernie McGuire. Photos by Jeff Smith

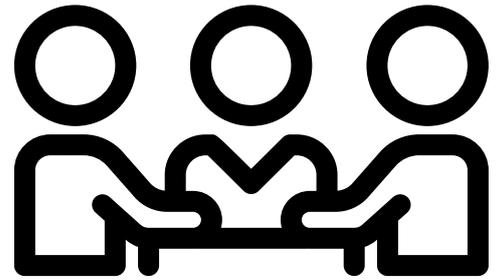


**SHOW US THE
MONEY \$\$ - YOUR
OHIO REGION/CLUB
DUES ARE NOW
DUE!**

See page 8 for the dues form to send to the Ohio Region Treasurer.



SOC Annual Meeting Minutes



Meeting Location:

The Spinning Forchette

November 2, 2025 - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Facilitator: Jeff Smith, President

REPORTS

Financial Report from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025

Motion by Joe Smith, Seconded by Bill Montgomery, Motion Approved

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominate Officers of SOC.

- Jeff Smith – President.
- Jackie Amick – Vice President.

Motion by Bill Montgomery, Seconded by Bernie McGuire, Motion Approved.

2. Nominate SOC Ohio Region Trustee to 2-Year Term.

- Nora Schreel staying on as Trustee.

Motion by Fred Schreel, Seconded by Don Sword, Motion Approved.

3. Christmas Luncheon, December 13, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at The Armstrong Center at the Harmon Museum, Lebanon, Ohio - See newsletter for flyer and information.

4. Sign up for Monthly Tours.

- Sheet passed around to host monthly tours.
- Contact Jackie Amick if you didn't get a chance to sign up.

5. Upcoming Ohio Region Tours for 2026.

- Spring Tour – Hosted by SOC - May 8-10, 2025 – Fairborn, Ohio. Need donations for basket raffle.
- Summer Tour – Western Reserve – July 24 - 26 - TBD.
- Fall Tour – Commodore Perry – October 24 - 26 – TBD.

OTHER ITEMS

Website and Membership.

- New membership drive and use of website: www.southernohiochapteraaca.com
- You can sign up on the website to join. We also have flyers with QR code to direct new prospective members to sign up and join the fun. See Jeff Smith for information and flyers.
- Membership dues for the Ohio Region are \$20.00 and due by December 31, 2025. Flyer for dues in the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Smith , Seconded by Sue McGuire. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Marita Montgomery, Secretary Pro Tem

November 2, 2025



President's Corner by Jeff Smith

Hello fellow car enthusiasts,

I just want everyone to know that on Monday, November 10, 2025, Pete Dow lost his battle with cancer. Pete was such a great person, and he will be missed by our club and me personally. Pete and Kathi Dow joined our group numerous years ago and jumped right in with the touring. Then Pete became our newsletter editor for a few years before stepping down to fight his cancer. Please keep Pete and Kathi in your prayers.

On Sunday, November 2, 2025, Marcia and Gary Jones and Bernie and Sue McGuire hosted our annual business dinner at the Spinning Forchetta in Hamilton, Ohio. We had a great turnout at the event as 25 members were in attendance. Both Jackie Amick, Vice President and I, President, have agreed to lead this group again for 2026. If you have interest in getting more involved with the club, please reach out to Jackie or me at any time. Jackie is still looking for tours and activities to be filled in so please look at the open dates we still have for 2026—and sign up to host a month! Several of our members have volunteered to partner with newbies who have never hosted a tour...you can do it with a little help from your friends.

Lastly, please get your money in for the upcoming Christmas party for this year, which will be held at the Armstrong Event Center which is located inside the Harmon Museum in Lebanon, Ohio. Please “save the date” of Saturday, December 13, 2025. Please print the flyer from *The Gauge* newsletter on page one, fill it out with how many will be coming, and send it to Nora Schreel, at her address on the flyer. This year we will be doing this on our own as an AACA chapter, so we really need your participation to cover the 30-person minimum. Final note: you may come as early as 10:00 AM and tour the 70,000 sq ft Harmon Museum for a reduced rate of \$5.00; museum closes at 4:00 PM.

See you on the road,
Jeff



2025-2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 13, 2025 – Christmas Party – Harmon Museum

Jeff and Ann Smith – See page 1 for the Details

January 2025 – Date TBD – Aldrich Restorations – Chapter Event – Don Sword and Jeff Smith

February 21, 2026 – Butler County Historical Society Tour – Doug Fraits

April 25, 2026 – USS Cincinnati Peace Pavilion – Preview of Park and Car Tour – Linda Muth and Ken & Debby Koontz

May 8-10, 2026 – Ohio Region Spring Tour – Southern Ohio Chapter to Host – See Page 6-7 for the Details

June 28, 2026 – Dayton Dragons Game and Car Show – Bill and Marita Montgomery

July 24-26, 2026 – Ohio Region Summer Tour

Western Reserve Chapter to Host – Location TBD

October 6-9, 2026 – AACA Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA

October 2026 – Date TBD – EB Lunken

October 24-26, 2026 – Ohio Region Fall Tour

Commodore Perry Chapter to Host – Location TBD

November 2026 – Date TBD – Marcia and Gary Jones and Bernie and Sue McGuire

December 2026 – Date TBD – Christmas Gathering

OPEN 2026 MONTHS INCLUDE MARCH, JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

We need hosts for 2026...the club doesn't work without everyone taking their turn! Want to host a tour, but not sure how? Co-hosts are available to help you plan your back road outing! Contact VP Jackie Amick at 443.624.9626 or e-mail jackie.amick@gmail.com for more details or to volunteer.



Motorcycle For Sale

2005 Suzuki Boulevard C50T, 800cc with 34,542 miles

- New Battery 2019; always on a battery tender - goes with bike.
- Newer tires.
- Mustang seats, luggage rack, jack stand.
- Original owner and all receipts.
- Always stored indoors.
- Never laid down.
- \$ 3,500 or best offer.



Call Kathi Dow - 937-609-9820 or Jeff Smith - 513-907-4755

Miami Valley Innovations Ohio Region Spring Tour May 8-10, 2026



Westcott Frank Lloyd Wright Home Tour

A private tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie School home in Ohio. It was commissioned by Burton and Orpha Westcott in 1906 and completed in 1908. John Westcott, together with his sons, Burton and Harry, originated the Westcott Carriage Company in Richmond, Indiana, in 1896. It was reorganized there as the Westcott Motor Car Company in 1909. In 1915, Burton moved the Westcott Car Company to Springfield. Learn more: [Westcott House](#).



Mershon's World of Cars

From Model Ts to Ferraris and everything in between, you never know what Mershon's might have in inventory. Founded in 1981 Mershon's has over 40 years of experience in the business. They have paired Over 10,000 dream cars with new loving owners. If you are a car guy, you will love just walking through their showrooms! Learn more: [Mershon's](#)



Carillon Historical Park

In 1950, Carillon Historical Park's museum complex opened with the purpose of showcasing the region's industrial innovations and transportation achievements. Since construction first began in 1940, the park has evolved into a beautiful 65-acre campus—designed by the Olmsted Brothers (the famed landscape architects responsible for Central Park)—containing dozens of museum buildings and countless artifacts. Learn more: [Carillon Historical Park](#).



America's Packard Museum

The Museum is in an original Packard dealership which was operational from 1917 until 1940. Rogers Pontiac and Davis Buick used the facility as a dealership from 1940 until the 1970's. From 1899-1956, the Packard Motor Company built 1.6 million cars, and collectors estimate only about 10,000 still exist. The museum manages the largest public collection of Packard automobiles and memorabilia. Learn more: [America's Packard Museum](#).

Host Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton
2800 Presidential Drive
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

MUST CALL FOR RESERVATION
937-426-7800
MENTION SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER
Deadline for special rate is
April 10, 2026

FREE COOKIES



Rate: \$159.00 plus tax
Includes:
Buffet Style Breakfast
Newly Renovated Rooms
Full Service Restaurant and Bar
Fitness Room and Pool

Learn more: [DoubleTree Hotel](#)



HOSTED BY
JEFF AND ANN SMITH
BILL AND MARITA MONTGOMERY
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Miami Valley Innovations - Reservation Form

Ohio Region Spring Tour May 8-10, 2026 - Deadline April 10, 2026

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Car Year, Make, and Model: _____

Activity	# Attending		Per Person		Total Amount Due
Registration Fee		x	Family/Car	=	\$20.00
FRIDAY EARLY BIRD ACTIVITIES					
Frank Lloyd Wright - Wescott Home Tour 1 PM		x	\$20.00/pp	=	
Frank Lloyd Wright - Wescott Home Tour 3 PM		x	\$20.00/pp	=	
Mershon's World of Cars			No Charge		
Heart of Ohio Antique Center			No Charge		
SATURDAY ACTIVITIES					
America's Packard Museum		x	\$8.00/pp	=	
Matt Miller's Sign Collection			No Charge		
Lunch - Choose One - All Come with a Bottle of Water					
Turkey Boxed Lunch - Pasta Salad, Chips, Cookie		x	\$15.00/pp	=	
Roast Beef Boxed Lunch - Pasta Salad, Chips, Cookie		x	\$15.00/pp	=	
Spinach Salad with Strawberries and Chicken, Cookie		x	\$17.00/pp	=	
Carillon Historical Park		x	\$13.00/pp	=	
Dine Around Fairborn - We will order off the menu and everyone will pay their own bill. We will need a headcount by restaurant.					
The Wright Place - Hotel Onsite Restaurant			# of Diners		
Cherry House Café - Home Style			# of Diners		
BJ's Resturant - Chain Upscale			# of Diners		
El Rancho Grande Mexican			# of Diners		
Ice Cream Social at Hotel		x	\$10.00/pp	=	
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE					\$

Checks should be made payable to the Southern Ohio Chapter AACA and sent to Jackie Amick at 196 Cambria Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45440. Questions? Contact Jeff Smith at 513.907.4755 or 2creeksjeff@gmail.com.

DoubleTree by Hilton
2800 Presidential Drive
Fairborn, Ohio 45324
937-426-7800 - **MUST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS**
DEADLINE FOR GREAT RATE: April 10, 2026
Mention: Southern Ohio Chapter

Includes:

Rate: \$ 159.00 Plus Tax
Buffet Style Breakfast
Newly Renovated Rooms
Full Service Restaurant & Bar
Fitness Room and Pool



RE: AACA Ohio Region Annual Membership Renewal for 2026

Dear Ohio Region Member,

Your annual **\$20.00** renewal dues for Ohio Region membership should be mailed to Ohio Region Treasurer's 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 2026).

DUES DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2025

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, where applicable) and National AACA #:

_____ & _____ Chapter _____ AACA Nat'l # _____

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