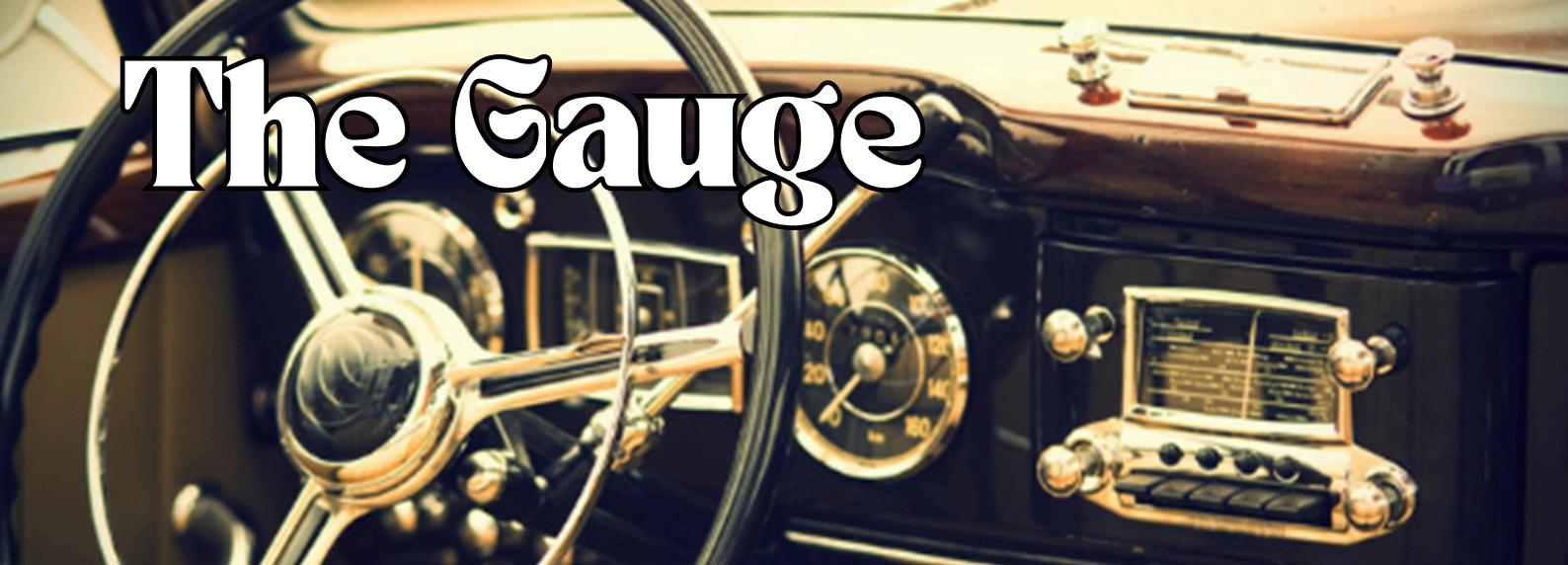


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JANUARY 2026 EDITION



Collectible Conversations Southern Ohio Chapter First Event of the Year JANUARY 17, 2026

The Southern Ohio Chapter January event will be held at Aldrich Restorations and will feature our special guest, chapter member, Greg Davis, who is presenting about collectible Matchbox cars. This may want you to ask your kids to bring back those treasures you handed down to them when they were little!

DATE: Saturday, January 17, 2026

TIME: 12:00 NOON to 2:30 PM

PLACE: Aldrich Restoration - 8703 Sweet Potato Ridge Rd.
Brookville OH 45305 - Click [HERE](#) for directions

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Southern Ohio Chapter will provide the main course.

R.S.V.P to Don Sword dsword18@outlook.com or
937.689.6900 no later than January 10, 2026.



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Snowy Christmas Luncheon 2025

Hosted by Jeff and Ann Smith

On December 13, 2025, the Southern Ohio Chapter AACA club had our Christmas luncheon at the Armstrong Center at the Harmon Museum in Lebanon, Ohio. We had 44 members sign up for the event, which according to Nora Schreel, SOC Treasurer, was the best attended Christmas event in the last 25 years. Even with the impending white death coming, which started at 1 PM, we only had three cancellations. The snow did make the roads a little slick on the way home, but everyone was on their way home by 3 PM.

The luncheon was catered by Watkins out of Lebanon and the food was excellent with a chicken chardonnay and a locally-sourced baked ham as the entrée. The club picked up \$10 of the costs of the event and provided the dessert and coffee afterwards. The club also provided a beautiful poinsettia for each family in attendance, which everyone appreciated. Bill Montgomery handed out 2026 calendars and Tim and Julia Fink purchased logo coffee mugs for all the members in attendance, I have more too. Also want to thank Marty Hanshew for doing the invocation and Joe Smith for suggesting the Harmon Musuem as our meeting location back in July. I do want to give a special thanks to my wife, Ann, for arranging the poinsettias, desserts and putting up with me in 2025.

I presented a short meeting with the focus being on our upcoming two-day event on May 8-10, 2026. This is an Ohio Region event that will be attended by members from outside our club. If you can provide a themed raffle basket, this will be our largest fundraising opportunity in 2026, which helps with reducing the costs for our Christmas party. Please contact Marcia Jones at 937-287-3417 if you are able to help with an item. Even easier, make a cash donation and Marcia will put the basket together for you.

Sorry, no one took any pictures at this event, concerned with white death, I guess. I would like to get two or three members assigned to take pictures at events in the future, let me know if you have interest.

Submitted by Jeff Smith

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

March 2026 – **OPEN**

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 2026 – **OPEN**

July 24-26, 2026 – Ohio Region Summer Tour Western Reserve Chapter to Host – Location TBD

August 2026 – Matt Reither and Perry Yasher

September – **OPEN**

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



OHIO REGION DUES ARE DUE 12/31
SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS

Me looking out the window in the morning to see what season we're doing today



OPEN 2026 MONTHS INCLUDE MARCH, JULY, 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.

Past Southern Ohio Chapter Newsletter Editor Passes Away



Please keep Kathi Dow and the Dow family in your thoughts and prayers as Pete Dow, the former Southern Ohio Chapter Newsletter Editor, passed away on November 10, 2025. Pete and Kathi were active in the club for many years. They will be missed. Click [HERE](#) for Pete's obituary.



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 Wescott Car Company to Springfield. Learn more: [Wescott 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](#)



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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 Restaurant - 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.

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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: AACAA 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, AACAA 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 AACAA membership dues in order to be eligible for continued membership in your local AACAA Chapter and the Ohio Region AACAA.

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 AACAA #:

_____ & _____ Chapter _____ AACAA Nat'l # _____

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