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MAY SOC TOUR IS MAY 9TH - PART OF OHIO REGION TOUR

The Southern Ohio Chapter is hosting the Ohio Region Spring Tour on May 8-10, 2026. Jeff and Ann Smith and Bill and Marita Montgomery are the chairs of the weekend. The Registration form is on the next page. **TO ATTEND SATURDAY ONLY, YOU'LL STILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM. THE FINAL DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2026.** The registration form is on page two. If you are willing to volunteer to help out with the tour, or supply a raffle item, contact Jeff Smith at 513.907.4755 or 2creeksjeff@gmail.com.

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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](#).

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	\$5.00/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.

WELCOME
New Member
Thomas
Cieslica





JUNE 28 **It's A Hit!!!** **DRAGONS BASEBALL OUTING** **LIMITED TO 20 SEATS**

Arrive in your **collector** car at Stadium front
(*Patterson Street entrance*) **before 12 noon!!** Cars
must remain in the stadium until after the 2nd inning

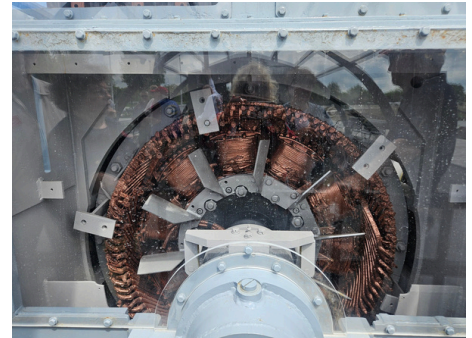
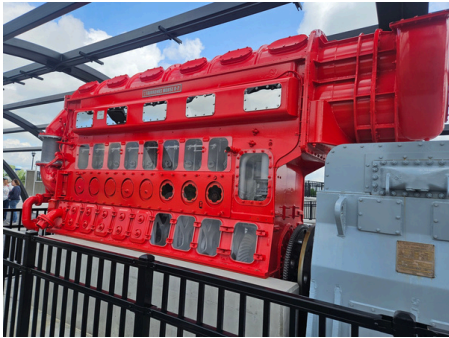
Tickets are \$50/each and include food, non-
alcoholic beverages and seating in a *private suite*.

Register ASAP - Space Limited!!!

to Bill Montgomery - Phone 937-672-6573

Checks payable to AACA and Mail to: Bill Montgomery
2819 Martel Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45420.





The April 25, 2026, Southern Ohio Chapter tour, hosted by Ken and Debby Koontz and Linda Muth, included a visit to the USS Cincinnati Nuclear Submarine Cold War Memorial Peace Pavilion. Thanks to member, Steve Drefahl, our 30 attendees were able to enjoy a private tour of the new memorial with Navy veterans before it opens to the public next month. The nuclear powered submarine, served as a stalwart guardian of national security during the Cold War era. Commissioned in 1978 and decommissioned in 1996, this Memorial serves as a tribute to the city of Cincinnati's namesake submarine, her role in defending peace, and the dedication and valor of her crew and all those who served during the Cold War. After touring the pavilion we headed to Marion's Piazza for lunch and a quick meeting. The grand finale was visiting Lebanon, Ohio, for the mandatory ice cream (or custard) stop and a bit of shopping. Many thanks to Ken and Debby Koontz for mapping out the terrific back roads and Mother Nature for the beautiful spring day!

Linda

SNEAK PREVIEWS OF UPCOMING SOC TOURS

Smith Bonus Tour - June 20, 2026



Jeff and Anne Smith will be hosting our group on Saturday, June 20, 2026, for a tour including the Wright B Flyer Museum in Miamisburg, the Butler County Warbirds, and wrapping up the day with ice cream and retro candy at Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop.

Gallivant to Greenville: An Adventure on Wheels

Our July tour will be on Saturday, July 16, 2026, and our hosts will be Tim and Susan Fink. Our stops will include:

Bears Mill - Bear's Mill is one of the few operating water-powered mills in Ohio today.



Garst Museum - The Garst Museum, a historical museum with roots in the American experience, houses over 300,000 artifacts on display in 35,000 square feet of exhibit space



Lunch on your own...pick a spot:

Sure Shot Tap House, Montage Café, Maid-Rite Sandwich Shop, or Danny's Place

And four choices for the mandatory ice cream stop! Questions about the upcoming tour? Contact Tim Fink at finktl@twc.com or 937-546-7946.

Hamilton Fairfield Antique and Classic Car Parade

Contact Bernie McGuire
513.300.7812
berniemcguireoh@msn.com

The first 250 to arrive will receive a BRASS DASH PLAQUE & TRAVEL MUG

Jerry E. and Marlene Moore Memorial
72nd Annual
Antique & Classic Car Parade
Hamilton & Fairfield, Ohio
Saturday, July 25, 2026

RAIN OR SHINE
www.anticquecarparade.com

2026 Lead Vehicle
1966 Pontiac
Grand Prix
Owned by:
Karen & John Walton

Dash Plaques courtesy of:
Tom Gill **BUICK** **GMC**

ROSE **100** **HAMILTON**
Automotive **1925-2025** Community Foundation
IGNITING YOUR IMPACT

Note page 3 for Changes in our Class/Awards structure.

CLASS Judging - Administrator - John Walton

Best of Show / Pre & Post War Judging - Anonymous non-DNDTA & CCCC Volunteers
Class Judging except Classes 1 & 2 - The Ohio Valley UTE Association
Class Judging Classes 1 & 2 - Non DNDTA or CCCC Volunteers

To assure judging, vehicles must be registered and in place by 11:30 a.m.

Please check the number on the card given to you at the entrance, corresponds with the appropriate class for your vehicle. Also, that number should be on your windshield card. **NO CAR NUMBERS**

Open the hood and trunk (conventional trunk). Convertible tops may be up or down (your choice).
Judging is based upon authenticity, cleanliness and condition. Judges do know what is appropriate for various time frames.
Modern safety devices such as radial tires, turn signals, and seat belts are allowed without penalty. The same applies to consumables such as spark plugs, radiator hoses, etc.
Violations from factory stock, except as noted above, will negatively impact your vehicles judging results. The judges' decision is final.

If your vehicle is not judged in dot on a headlight, windshield, or ID card, by 1:00 PM, please notify a club member. After your vehicle is judged the final decision is final for the day.

If you want to park your show vehicle with handicapped vehicles in another class area, you may do so, but it won't be judged!

Schedule Of Events
Saturday, July 25th - All tour cars check-in at assembly area at 101 Knightbridge Dr., Hamilton, OH, 45011
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parade Assembly (closed to traffic) - CARS WILL BE IN ORDER AND JUDGED
12:45 p.m. - First Police Sweep - Start Tour Begins
1:00 p.m. - Second Police Sweep - PARADE STARTS PROMPTLY
1:45 p.m. - Parade Ends in Fairfield
4:00 p.m. - Awards presented at Village Green in Fairfield

Check out our web site www.anticquecarparade.com for event or membership information or registration.

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FORM
JULY 25, 2026
DAY OF THE EVENT ALL VEHICLES \$20.00
PRE-REGISTRATION - PREMAN (1942 & OLDER) FREE + POSTMAN \$15.00 + PRE-REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE MAILED BY JULY 12th, 2025

REG. # _____ C-MAIL _____
OWNER'S NAME _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ TYPE OF VEHICLE: CAR MOTORCYCLE OTHER _____ YEAR _____
MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

HOW DID YOU ORIGINALLY HEAR ABOUT THIS EVENT? WEB SITE FLYER FRIEND HOBBY MAGAZINE
 SHOW & SHINE CALENDAR NEWS/PAPER

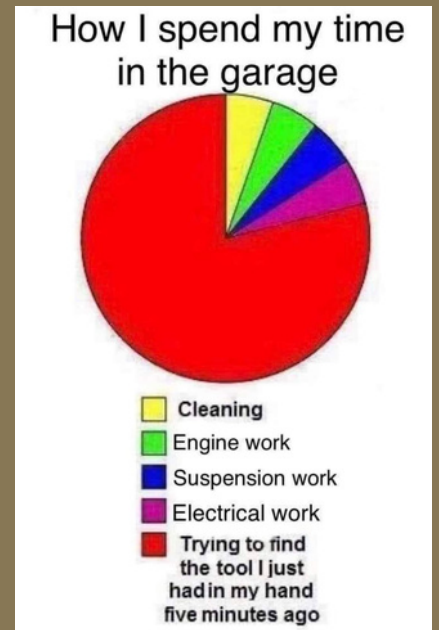
MAIL TO: FRANKIE HEADQUARTERS, P.O. BOX 237 HAMILTON, OHIO 45012
DONATIONS ACCEPTED. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCCSC. THANK YOU!

Liability: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in this parade, participants, spectators, or members of this team, organizer and discharge holder and Classic Car Club of Butler County and their officers, directors, agents, representatives, and servants, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of the parade, and their heirs and assigns shall be held harmless, defend, indemnify, and hold the organizers, sponsors, and their clubs free from any and all liability, personal or property, further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing parties, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability, expenses or damages from the conduct of entrants or any participant spectators or accompanying with vehicle under the direction or control of the entrant. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY. By signing this form that says you have read and agree to the above information.

PLEASE SIGN HERE _____

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8-10, 2026 – Ohio Region Spring Tour – Southern Ohio Chapter to Host – See Pages 1-2 for the Details
June 20, 2026 – Bonus Tour – Jeff and Ann Smith
June 28, 2026 – Dayton Dragons Game and Car Show – Bill and Marita Montgomery – See Page 3 for Details
July 18, 2026 – Gallivant to Greenville – Tim and Susan Fink
July 25, 2026 – Hamilton Fairfield Antique and Classic Car Parade
July 24-26, 2026 – Ohio Region Summer Tour Western Reserve Chapter to Host – See below for details
August 2026 – Matt Reither and Perry Yasher
September 19, 2026 – Car Games and Covered Bridges – Nora Schreel and Jane Baker
October 6-9, 2026 – AACA Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
October 2026 – Date TBD – EB Lunken
October 16-18, 2026 – Ohio Region Fall Tour Commodore Perry Chapter to Host – See below for details
November 2026 – Date TBD – Marcia and Gary Jones and Bernie and Sue McGuire
December 2026 – Date TBD – Christmas Gathering



COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

JULY 24-26, 2026



Christ Church Episcopal
Restored 1800's Church



3 Car Collections



Pass Through Covered Bridge



Our Lady Of Guadalupe
Largest Statue In The World Of It's Kind



Wayne Antique Engine
Club Grounds

Friday, Early Bird tour, to be announced.

Friday night, ice cream social at Holiday Inn.

Saturday lunch at St. Mary's Church in Orwell, and Saturday banquet Barbeque meal. Plus speaker Robert Shimits, on Vintage Fire Equipment (tentatively).

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Madison, Ohio.

2026 FALL TOUR

COMMODORE PERRY HOSTS

TOUR OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME

KENWORTH TRUCK DEALERSHIP

ANTIQUE AUTO UPHOLSTERY SHOP

MORE TO COME

OCTOBER
16-18 2026