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Fall Frolic in Sidney

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

HOSTED BY TIM & JULIA WOLFE



Space may be limited – RSVP at 937-726-4416
or e-mail to: timandjuliawolfe1@roadrunner.com



8:30AM Meet at the North end of the Wal-Mart (2400 W Michigan St, Sidney)
gas station (Murphy Mart) to caravan to the learning center



We will meet at **The Wallace Family Learning & Innovation Center** for a tour to explore Shelby County's early beginnings with pioneer settler Cephas Carey as a guide. An interactive map offering an overview of eight aspects of history while panels explain how Sidney and the Shelby County Courthouse grew to become the heart of community life.
Address: 115 E. North Street, Sidney, Ohio



We should arrive at **The Farmers & Merchants Bank** for a private tour of this historic bank building designed by Chicago architect Louis Sullivan. It was designed and built in 1917 for use by Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, which still operates out of it. The bank closes at noon, so we will have to be out of there and on to a lovely lunch stop! Address: 101 E. Court Street, Sidney, OH



Next off to a throw-back style lunch at **THE SPOT!** A storied American counter-serve eatery known for breakfast, fresh-ground burgers, hand-breaded onion rings and pork tenderloins, handmade cream pies in throwback digs with optional **CARHOP** service.
Address: 201 S. Ohio Street, Sidney, OH



For More Information on the Southern Ohio Chapter, visit our website by clicking the QR Code or use this link: www.southernohiochapteraaca.com

We Traveled in 50's Style to Lawrenceburg, Indiana

We had a great turnout at the Meijer with 13 cars to take the tour and 12 of those were antique cars. We had 24 members and 4 guests come along for the ride which began with having donuts on the back of our 1952 Buick Woody Wagon. Steve Reither got the long-distance award as he came down from Columbus for our 9:30 am start in his 1986 Mustang SVO. The other long-distance award went to Jack Dywer as he was having brake issues and rode back to Dayton with the AAA rollback as Claire continued onto Lawrenceburg. Jack then had to go back and pick Claire up in Lawrenceburg and did meet us at the final stop.

As we began, we had to get through West Chester and then Fairfield until we hit some country roads. The first pit stop was at New Haven Express which had clean restrooms, gas and even snacks some members enjoyed. Then we wound our way through numerous turns to arrive safely at our first destination called 4 Speed on 50 in Lawrenceburg. Barbie and Steve Caudill were great hosts as the restaurant had great food with fast service just like the diners of old. Then it was a quick walk behind the restaurant to their personal museum which was filled with great cars and eclectic signs and unique memorabilia.

The group then got back in our cars and headed back towards Ohio to visit the Salty Dog Museum in Shandon, Ohio. We had our meeting in the cool confines of the museum as it was a very hot day. After our meeting, Mark Radke, gave us a tour and discussed the Fire Truck Museum also on the premises. Mark showed off one off his newest exhibits which showed how firemen of the early 1900's knew how to get to a fire box alarm by the bells it would gong in the firehouse.

Finally, we headed to the last stop, the mandatory ice cream stops at Flubs in Ross, Ohio. Overall, even though it was a hot day, we all had fun and saw a lot for a full day of touring.

See you on the road, Jeff & Ann Smith.

Submitted by Jeff Smith. Photos by Don Sword and Jeff Smith





The July AACA Grand National held in Dayton Ohio began with 18 cars competing for the Zenith award on display at the Packard Museum. A welcome reception was held at the Packard Citizen Car Company with over 350 people in attendance. The winner of the Zenith was a 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge Convertible. This is the first time a muscle car won a Zenith. The GTO was owned by, Debra Powell and Gil Powell of Denver, North Carolina, the original purchasing family since new. When new the GTO was the family's everyday car. There were 318 cars and trucks were on display Saturday at the National Air Force museum in Dayton, Ohio. AACA national members came to Dayton from all along the East Coast, Kansas and Colorado. Several Ohio Region members had cars on display with many achieving the Grand Nation award. The awards banquet was held inside the Air Force museum flanked by a B-52 bomber. Many compliments were expressed by the attendees. AACA people are the best! A huge thank you goes out to Dick and Helen Harding and West and Laura Peterson. Thank you also to Rob Signom, Stu Morris, and the other volunteers from the Packard Museum. A special thank you goes out to Bill Montgomery, Rich and Kiely Harding, Jeff and Verge Smith, Dale Oakes, Michelle Struck, Perry Yasher, Pat Mescher, Don Sword, and all of the others working behind the scenes who helped make this a successful event.

Submitted by Don Sword - Photos by Ken Koontz



Long time SOC Member, Jim Koontz, and his sons, Neil and Ken



Cale Yarborough special Torino



Grand National Showfield



1911 Velie



1917 American LeFranc

Club Members Participated in the Antique and Class Car Parade in Hamilton and Fairfield



CONGRATULATIONS to SOC members, Tim & Julia Wolfe, for their 1930 Chrysler Model 70 Royal Coupe being named the 2025 Lead Vehicle for the parade! For Bernie and Sue McGuire it was a family affair as they had four cars in the parade and Bernie's Model T won it's class.



Photos Submitted by Christy and Hans Visser and Bernie McGuire

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer Ohio Region Tour – August 29-31, 2025

See Page 6 for the Details

September 13, 2025 – Learning Center/Sidney –

Tim and Julia Wolfe

October 19, 2025 – Springfield, Ohio – Fred and Nora Schreel

Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – October 7-10, 2025

Fall Ohio Region Tour – October 24-26, 2025 – See Page 7
for the Details

November 2, 2025 – Annual Meeting – Spinning Fochetta

Bernie and Sue McGuire and Gary and Marcia Jones

December 13, 2025 – Christmas Party – Harmon Museum

Jeff and Ann Smith

Looking to host an event in 2026? Get first dibs on your month!

Contact VP Jackie Amick at 443.624.9626

or e-mail: jackie.amick@gmail.com to volunteer.

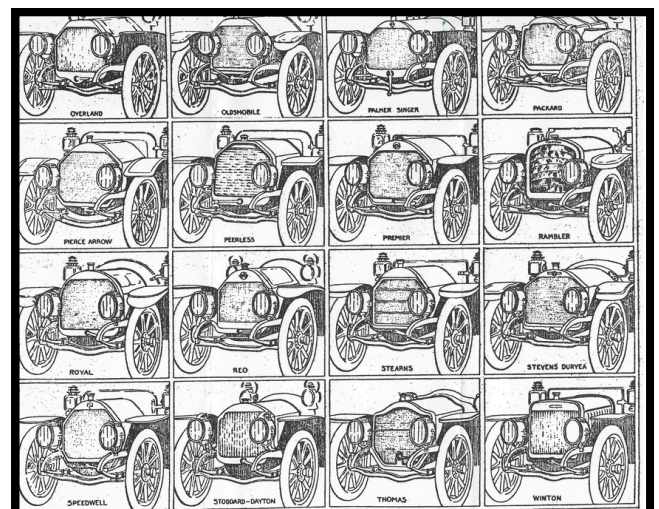
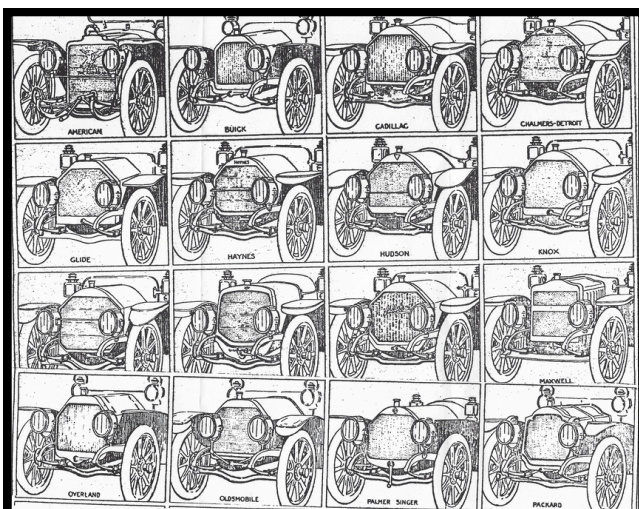


ADDITIONAL CAR SHOW EVENTS



August 23, 2025 - Bob Pool
"Orphan" Car Show - Young's
Jersey Dairy Yellow Springs
September 14, 2025 - Dayton
Concours d'Elegance @
Carillon Park Concours
September 21, 2025 - Devou
Classic Car Show in Greater
Cincinnati

HOOD STYLES 1910 CARS - FROM SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN JANUARY 15, 1910

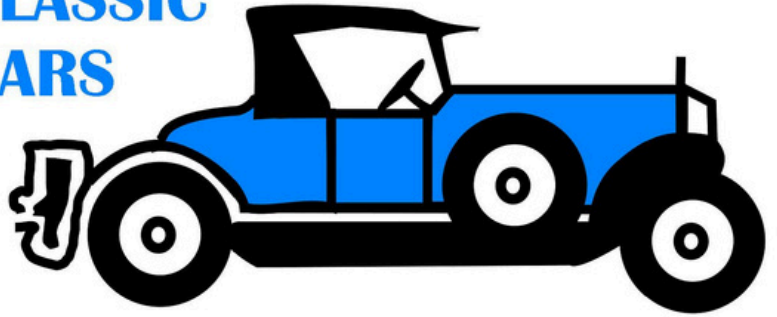


Submitted by Joe Smith

**CANTON CHAPTER
is hosting the
Summer Meet in 2025
in the Canton Area**

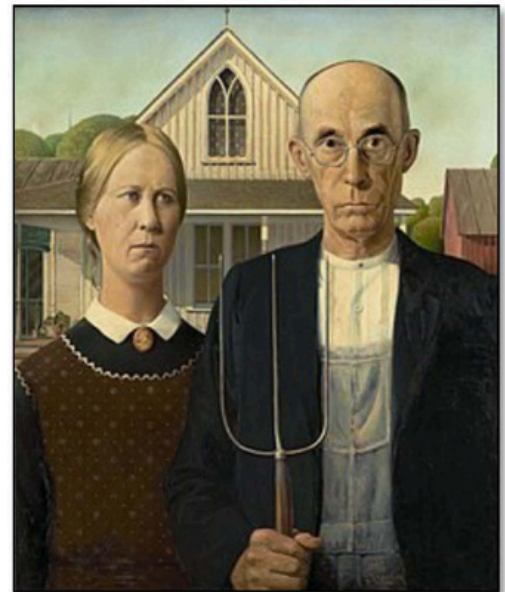
August 29-31

**CLASSIC
CARS**



CLASSIC PLANES

**FOR
CLASSIC PEOPLE !!!**



Friday Early Bird

- ♦ Bob Gibbs Tour of Garages
- ♦ 8:30 pm Board Meeting at hotel

Saturday

- ♦ Private collection
- ♦ MAPS Air Museum
- ♦ Studio Arts & Glass
- ♦ Canton Classic Car Museum
- ♦ Banquet at the Hotel
- ♦ Raffle Baskets

HOST HOTEL

**Comfort Suites
5345 Broadmoor
Circle NW, Canton
330-492-1331**

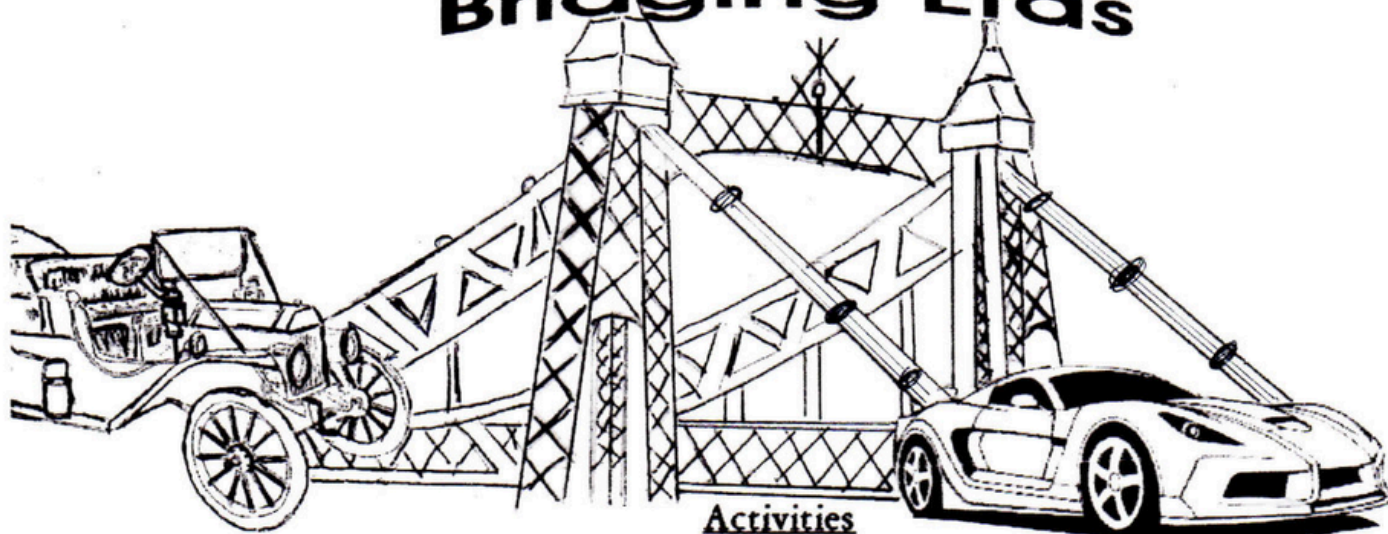
1 King or 2 Queens

\$119

Mention AACA

Deadline August 15

Meander Chapter host of the Ohio Region AACA Fall Tour October 24-26, 2025 Bridging Eras



Friday: Tour through Mill Creek Park Bridges, Garden, toy train display

Saturday tour of Aquaponics/urban farming-lettuce, herbs, micro greens, fish

Kraynak's Santa's Christmas Land-A Family Tradition Since 1963

Tara A County Inn- Tour and Lunch (feast) & Pizza banquet



TOUR HOTEL INFORMATION

HAMPTON INN & SUITES

6690 Ironwood Blvd

Canfield, OH 44406

330-702-1900

Rate \$155+ tax

includes Hot Breakfast, pool & fitness center

Code: CHHAAC (AACA Ohio Region)

or Link <https://group.hamptoninn.com/vvvs49>

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025