

The Gauge

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO CHAPTER
OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
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SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

Jackie and Karl Amick will be our hosts for the club's March activity. Save the date of March 28, 2026. Look for more details about the event via email later this month.

RSVP DEADLINE FOR MAY TOUR IS APRIL 10TH

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 hotel room deadline is April 10, 2026, and the tour reservation deadline is also April 10, 2026.** See page five for hotel information and page 6 for the registration form in this month's newsletter. If you are willing to volunteer to help out with the tour, contact Jeff Smith at 513.907.4755 or 2creeksjeff@gmail.com



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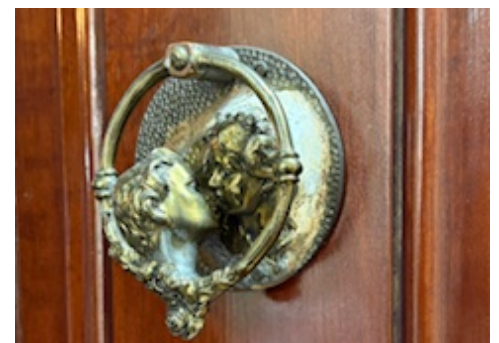
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February Event Held at Butler County Historical Society

Doug Frait was our host for the February 21, 2026, outing at the Butler County Historical Center. A full report will appear in the April edition of *The Gauge*, but here are some great photos from the event. It is wonderful to receive photos from members from our club activities! Please email them to lindamuth1@outlook.com versus texting to make it easier to insert them in the newsletter.



Photos submitted by Jeff Smith and Joe Smith

APRIL IS BRING A FRIEND MONTH

Guests are always welcome to attend SOC activities and tours, but club President, Jeff Smith, is working hard during his term to bring in new members to experience the fun of the Southern Ohio Chapter. Everyone has a buddy who loves old cars or owns an antique they take out on Sunday drives, but we just don't think about inviting them to come along on a tour. We're asking members to make a special effort to bring that friend next month to join in the fun!

We need YOU to help keep our club growing and vibrant!



**SATURDAY
APRIL 25
2026**



- ✓ Meet at McDonald's in Waynesville, Ohio, located at 355 S. Main Street at 9:00 AM and Depart Promptly at 9:30 AM
- ✓ Private Tour of the USS Cincinnati Memorial Pavilion Before it Opens to the Public
- ✓ Marion's Piazza for Lunch
- ✓ Historic Lebanon, Ohio, for Shopping and Ice Cream Stop



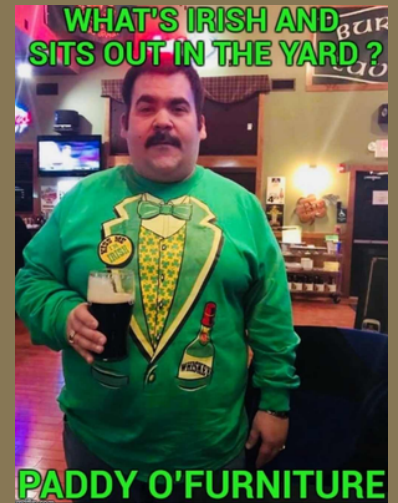
HOSTED BY KEN AND DEBBY KOONTZ
AND LINDA MUTH

RSVP to Linda Muth at
lindamuth1@outlook.com or
513.708.1143 By April 15, 2026

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 28, 2026 – Jackie and Karl Amick – TBA
- 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 5-6 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 – 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 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

Long ago in a land far far away!



LUCILLE TURNED 100 ON MARCH 9, 2026

Tim Fink shared this photo of his 1926 Model T Touring, Lucille, who turned 100 years old this month!



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](#)



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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 Ranco 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.

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