

The Gauge

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HIDDEN GEMS IN SPRINGFIELD TOUR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH HOSTED BY NORA & FRED SCHREEL

9:30am - Meet at SHEETZ - 3250 Benchwood Rd, Dayton

10:00am - Tour departs for backroads of Montgomery,
Clark and Greene Counties

11:30am - Lunch at Bogey's Restaurant
Rocky Lakes Golf Club | 3950 Springfield Xenia Rd

Featured Stop

Tour of Pennsylvania House Museum 1311 W Main Street, Springfield

Built in 1839, the Pennsylvania House was a popular and respected Inn along National Road. The 7000 square foot Federal-style structure was built using tenon and mortise construction. It originally had 26 rooms and a kitchen separate from the house. Several large barns were built adjacent to the house that sheltered the wagons and livestock of the overnight guests. Today, the barns and kitchen are gone but the remaining fine brick structure entertains visitors with its three floors of 19th-century furniture, paintings, clocks, portraits, china, glass, dolls, and textiles. The Pennsylvania House has been included on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973.

***Nominal admission fee per entrant - Adults \$10 / Student \$3

Next up...

Hartman Rock Garden 1905 Russell Avenue, Springfield

The Hartman Rock Garden is a nationally recognized art environment by self-taught artist Ben Hartman. After losing his job from the effects of the Great Depression, Ben Hartman began using concrete, metal, glass, stone, wood, and whatever else he could find to create art in his backyard. He drew inspiration from family and friends, as well as from magazines, books, radio, and film. This was a deeply personal space, meant to promote his ideals and values to the larger world.

Final Stop

Jubie's Creamery

471 W. Yellow Springs Rd | Fairborn
Description: ICE CREAM!



R.S.V.P. before October 16th

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Save the Date!

It is our club's turn to host an Ohio Region Tour. Save the dates of May 8-10, 2026, for the Miami Valley Innovations Tour. See page six for all the details. Contact Jeff Smith or Bill Montgomery to help out with the meet.





The Annual AACA-Southern Ohio Chapter Dinner and Business Meeting

The Annual AACA-Southern Ohio Chapter Dinner and Business meeting will be co-hosted by Gary and Marcia Jones and Bernie and Sue McGuire. It will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Spinning Forchetta.

The restaurant is located at 4444 Hamilton-Middletown Road (Route 4), Hamilton, OH 45011. It is on the site of the Elks Club Golf Course and is at the same location it has been held for the past several years. If you need further directions call Bernie at 513-300-7812. It will help to know how many will be attending so please E-Mail Bernie at BernieMcGuireOH@msn.com by October 29, 2025. We be ordering from their full menu and each member will be responsible to pay for their own order. We hope to see you there!

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



SOC Club Members Attend Ohio Model T Jamboree Over Labor Day Weekend

Southern Ohio Chapter Members, Jeff and Ann Smith, Donna and Don Sword, Bernie McGuire, and Linda Muth, attended the Ohio Model T Jamboree in Wooster, Ohio, over Labor Day Weekend. Over 80 Model T's participated, with stops at Ron Grosjean's collection of farm equipment, Secrest Arboretum, the Log Cabin Gun Shop, Lehman's Hardware, and a ride on the Lorain and WV train.



Fall Frolic in Sidney Hosted by Tim and Julia Wolfe

Around 12 of us traveled back in history at the Wallace Family Learning and Innovation Center. We learned that the Wright brothers from Ohio were not the only ones to begin flying. The Korn Brothers from Shelby County had their first successful flight in 1911. Jeff Smith's favorite was a picture of a 1903 Buick. Other innovations that originated in Shelby County were on display.

Then, we proceeded to the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank that was built in 1918 and was designed by Louis Sullivan, a renowned architect at the time (he taught Francis Lloyd Wright, the famous architect, who was famous for his art deco houses and buildings). Sullivan's design of the bank included gargoyles, lions, and stained-glass windows. The drainage of the roof, came out of the lion's mouth. This was discontinued for safety reasons. Air conditioning was implemented by using running water from under the building. At first the design was rejected because of the gargoyles, but after he packed up his drawings, he was called back and told he could use whatever he wanted. The bank is a historical building that cannot be changed without special permission. Club Members enjoyed perusing the original ledgers and other documents the bank still has stored in the basement.

Lunch was at The Spot. This was a 1950's style diner where George Bush stopped during his campaign in 2004. They named a sandwich after him that they still serve today. The next stop was KJ's for ice cream. One of the favorites was Zanzibar. This is a deep dark silky chocolate...yum yum! Our club members almost bought them out of this flavor. We had nice weather for our tour, which always makes it fun. We think all who attended the tour enjoyed it. We didn't hear any complaints. See you on the next tour!

Submitted by Tim and Julia Wolfe. Photos by Bernie McGuire, Nora Schreel and Jeff Smith





**More
Photos
from
September
Tour**



President's Corner by Jeff Smith

Hello fellow car enthusiasts! WOW - where did the touring season go! As we head into Fall, hopefully everyone can get out several times before the leaves start to fall and then the snow. I am pleased to report that our chapter has kept very active this year with trips as far south as Georgetown, Kentucky; North to Sidney, Ohio; West to Lawrenceburg, Indiana; and East into the Greater Columbus area! We still have one tour left in 2025 where we plan to visit the town of Springfield, Ohio, on Sunday, October 19th. I encourage all members to find a unique city where we can all tour & explore together as we look to fill the 2026 touring calendar with even more memorable stops! Please reach out to Jackie Amick or me if you would like to plan and host a touring day in your favorite area of the Tri-State. As a friendly reminder, AACA tours should range between 40-100 miles in length and the SOC club officers are available to help you plan your tour.

As we are looking forward to finishing this year strong, I hope all of you can join us for our annual business meeting at Spinning Forchetta Italian restaurant in Hamilton, Ohio, on Sunday, November 2nd. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the club, how it operates, plans for our future and how you can get more involved! Board members will be in attendance and we encourage members to understand our organizational goals as a touring group. We will discuss chapter financials, nominate officers, and proactively plan for 2026 by asking members to sign up to plan & host a tour.

Lastly, my smoke show wife, Ann, and I have been working on the Christmas party for this year, and we have decided to use the Armstrong Event Center which is located inside the Harmon Museum in Lebanon, Ohio. Please "save the date" of Saturday, December 13th. We also changed it up to be a full-service catered luncheon with salad, two entrees and vegetables which will start at 1PM and will end at 3PM. The club will pay \$20 per member of the cost, so your cost will only be \$25 per family member. The club will provide cake for dessert with coffee. If you are coming as a single, you can bring a guest for the \$25 cost and other non-members or guests will be \$45. 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 AM and tour the 70,000 sq ft Harmon Museum for a reduced rate of \$5.00; museum closes at 4 PM. See you on the road, *Jeff*.

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 6
for the Details

November 2, 2025 – Annual Meeting – Spinning Fochetta

Bernie and Sue McGuire and Gary and Marcia Jones – See
Page 2 for Details

December 13, 2025 – Christmas Party – Harmon Museum

Jeff and Ann Smith

April 2026 – Linda Muth

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

We need hosts for 2026...the club doesn't work without everyone
taking their turn...get first dibs on your month by signing
up today! Contact VP Jackie Amick at 443.624.9626 or e-mail
jackie.amick@gmail.com to volunteer.



Marthann and Jerry Heil's Dodge 1936 Pickup at the Dayton Concours de Elegance

Marthann and Jerry didn't bring one of her dad's Marmons this
year...this is a 1936 Dodge Brothers pickup, which, of course, her
dad had to put in a 1942 military engine. He didn't get to see it
finished, but it was the last one he started. Beautiful venue,
beautiful day, and beautiful truck!

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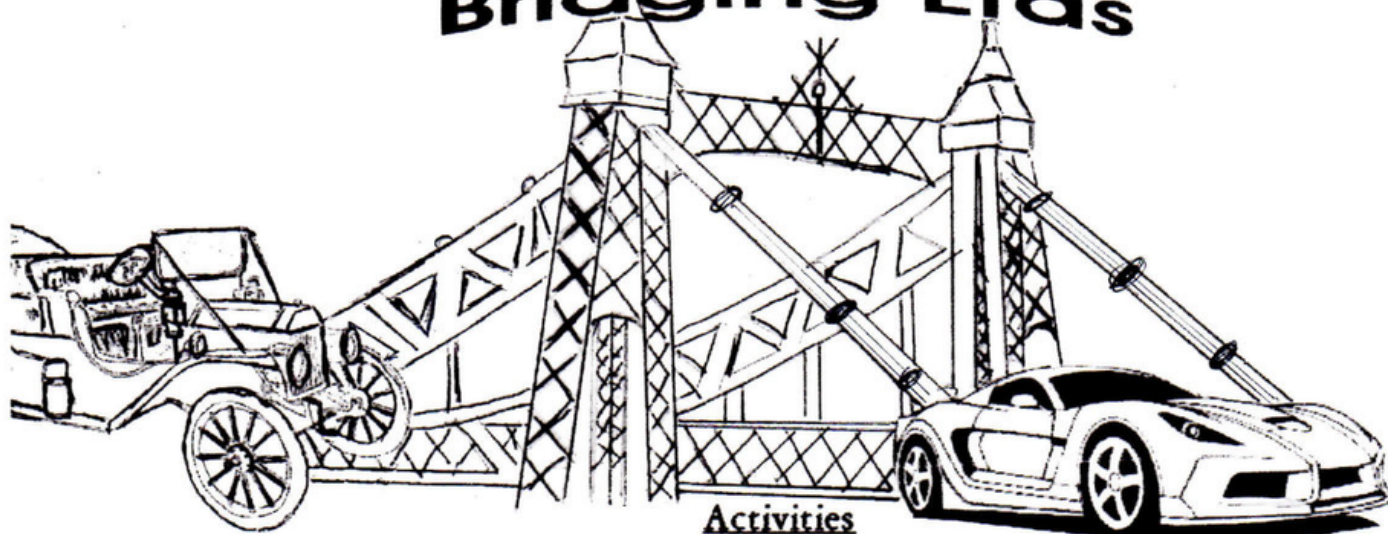
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Meander Chapter host of the Ohio Region AACA Fall Tour October 24-26, 2025 Bridging Eras



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

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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