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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.

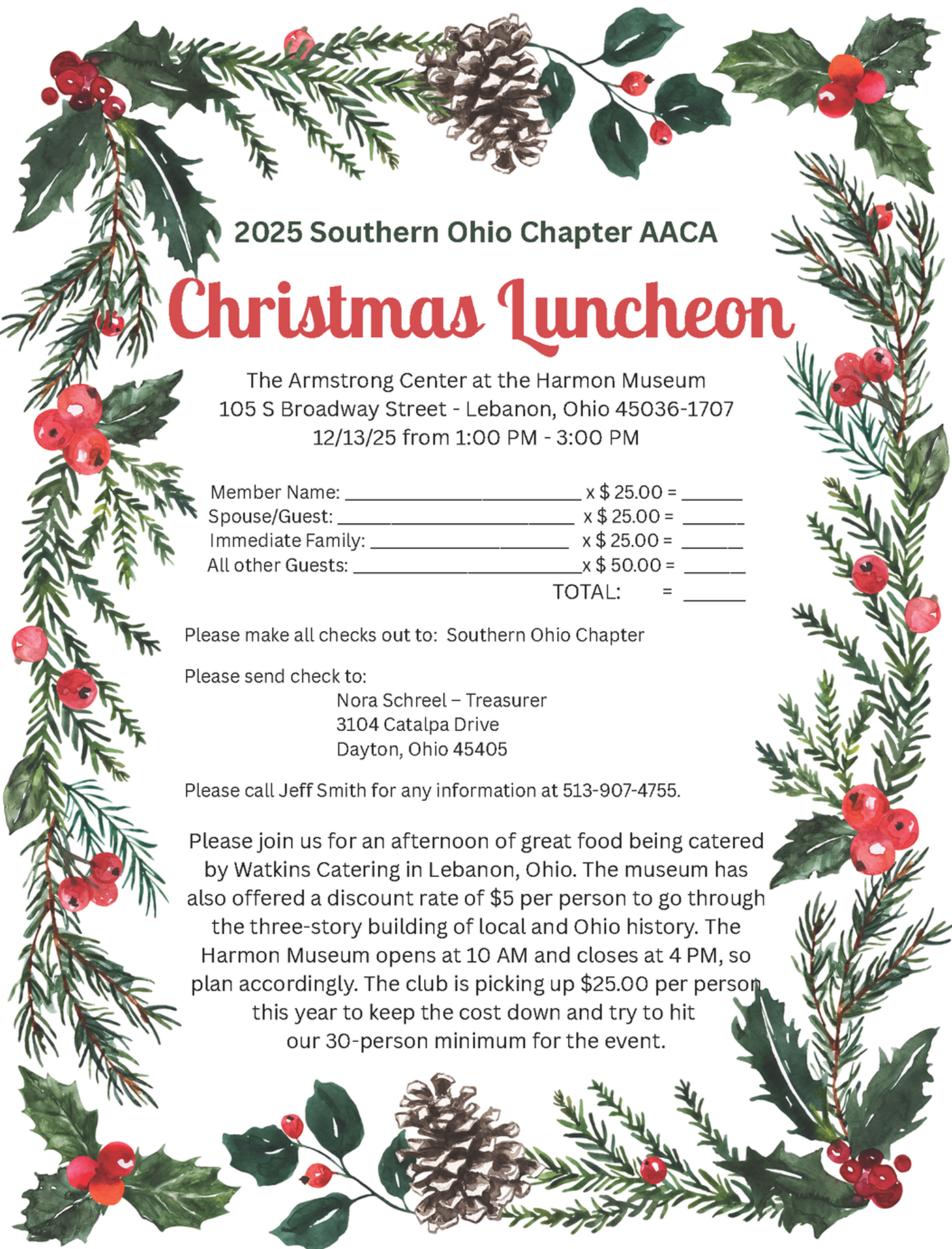
This is a very important meeting to layout plans for the upcoming year. We would appreciate your attending to help out with planning what YOU want to have in the way of activities for 2026.

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 email 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!

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 pages 6-7 for all the details. Contact Jeff Smith or Bill Montgomery to help out with the meet.





2025 Southern Ohio Chapter AACA

Christmas Luncheon

The Armstrong Center at the Harmon Museum
105 S Broadway Street - Lebanon, Ohio 45036-1707
12/13/25 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Member Name: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
Spouse/Guest: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
Immediate Family: _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
All other Guests: _____ x \$ 50.00 = _____
TOTAL: = _____

Please make all checks out to: Southern Ohio Chapter

Please send check to:

Nora Schreel – Treasurer
3104 Catalpa Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Please call Jeff Smith for any information at 513-907-4755.

Please join us for an afternoon of great food being catered by Watkins Catering in Lebanon, Ohio. The museum has also offered a discount rate of \$5 per person to go through the three-story building of local and Ohio history. The Harmon Museum opens at 10 AM and closes at 4 PM, so plan accordingly. The club is picking up \$25.00 per person this year to keep the cost down and try to hit our 30-person minimum for the event.



Hidden Gems of Springfield Tour Hosted by Nora and Fred Schreel

On Sunday, October 18, 2025, 10 brave souls showed up for the last car tour of the season. I said “brave” because we were dealing with monsoon rains all day. We met at the Sheetz gas station where several of the members enjoyed coffee and donuts before we headed out. We pulled out at 10:00 am and first drove through the Taylorville Metro Park Woods. It was hard to tell where the road was due to the massive amount of leaves on the road, but we all survived the “spooky” woods.

As we were winding our way on the back roads, we came across a motorcycle rally. Those people are just as crazy as we are. Rain didn’t deter them either! Our lunch stop was a Bogey’s, which is just south of Springfield. We had a pleasant meal with great food and fellowship.

After lunch, we headed into Springfield to view the Pennsylvania House which was built in 1839 and was a respected inn on the National Road. The docents were very informative about the building and the collections housed there. Upon completion of our tour there we headed to the Hartman Rock Garden. The garden was created by Harry "Ben" Hartman from 1932 through 1944. This remarkable garden includes over 250,000 individual stones that combine a mixture of history, religion, and depression-era pop culture.

Our final destination, of course, was ice cream at Jubie’s Creamery in Fairborn. Thanks to all who participated in this “soggy” tour.

Submitted by Nora Schreel. Photos by Linda Muth





SOC Club Member Earns Awards at Two Car Meets

Southern Ohio Chapter Members, Larry and Karla Johnson, attended the Buick Riviera Club National Meet in Springfield, Illinois, on July 25, 2025, where their 1992 Buick Riviera received a Class Winner award. They also attended the AACA Central Spring National Meet in Auburn, Indiana, on July 4-5, 2025, where their car received second place award.

Congratulations to Larry and Karla!

Submitted by Larry Johnson



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

2025-2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2, 2025 – Annual Meeting – Spinning Fochetta
Bernie and Sue McGuire and Gary and Marcia Jones – See
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December 13, 2025 – Christmas Party – Harmon Museum
Jeff and Ann Smith – See page 2 for the Details

April 25, 2026 – Linda Muth and Ken and Debby Koontz

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.



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Things
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Thanks*



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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](#).

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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JEFF AND ANN SMITH
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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.

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



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

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 AACA #:

_____ & _____ Chapter _____ AACA Nat'l # _____

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