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## REGISTRATION

To enter a vehicle at this Nationals Event, you MUST be a paid AACA member. *Easiest and fastest way to register is online at: [members.aaca.org/Login.asp](https://members.aaca.org/Login.asp).*

## PACKET PICKUP

Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29, in the Hilton Garden Inn Lobby. Saturday, May 30, pick up at the KCAC front parking lot.

**TRAILER PARKING** across from hotel on Wayne Avenue. **RV PARKING** available.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Written request MUST be received by Registration Chair by April 30, 2026

**SPECIAL NOTE: Firearms are prohibited at this event as it is on the Campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

9 am – 7 pm Car Show Trailer Parking ++  
9 am – 5 pm Registration Pick Up  
Hilton Garden Inn Lobby  
5:30 or 6 pm Indiana Tour by Bus\*\*  
6 pm – 9 pm Welcome Reception  
Jimmy Stewart Museum  
Hor d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

9 am – 5 pm Registration Pick Up  
Hilton Gardens Inn Lobby  
9 am Covered Bridge Tour  
11:30 am Boxed Lunch/Blue Spruce Park  
1 pm – 2 pm Mytrysak's Family Tree Farm  
Yarnick's Farmer's Market on Your Own  
11 am Race Car & Motorcycle Check  
1 pm – 2 pm Membership Roundtable  
2 pm – 4 pm Judging School @ KCAC  
6 pm – 9 pm '50s/'60s Reception @ KCAC  
Featuring Diner Inspired Food, Cash Bar, Music by The Pittsburgh Belaires

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

8 am – 10:30 am Show Field Opens  
8 am – 10:30 am Packet Pickup @ Entrance to Field  
8 am – 9 am Judges Breakfast @ KCAC  
9:30 am CJE @ Hilton Garden Hotel  
9:30 am Owner's Briefing on Show Field  
11 am – 3 pm Judging on Show Field  
3 pm – 3:30 pm Show Cars Released  
5 pm – 6 pm Social Hour/Cash Bar @ KCAC  
6 pm Awards Banquet @ KCAC

\*\* We will be filling the 5:30 bus first, 44 people per bus. Limit of first 90 people.  
++ After hours trailer parking call: 724-599-8711

*It's a Wonderful Life with the  
Shannock Valley Car Club*



**2026 AACA EASTERN  
SPRING NATIONALS**

**May 28-30 ■ Indiana, PA**

**Kovalchick Convention &  
Athletic Complex (KCAC)**

**711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15701**



## EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY DON'T IT?

— Rod Stewart

It's a wonderful life in the Shannock Valley. The Shannock Valley Region is hosting the 2026 Eastern Spring Nationals on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, PA. Indiana is known as the "Christmas Tree Capital of the World." Since 1918, Christmas trees have been grown there and are now shipped all over the country.

Indiana is the birthplace of the actor, Jimmy Stewart. The Jimmy Stewart Museum honors his early life, rise to fame as an actor and military service. Another landmark is the Jimmy Stewart Airport, which is home to a restored airplane once owned and flown by Jimmy.

While the show is in Indiana, our AACA Region is based about 20 miles away in the Shannock Valley, which is made up of many small mining towns such as Rural Valley, Yatesboro, NuMine, and Sagamore to name a few. Farming and agriculture also serve as strong economic bases.

There are four covered bridges in the area maintained and accessible to the public. The one in the picture is "Bridging the Gap" between Shannock Valley and Indiana. Then there is the car! The antique automobile in the picture is a rendering of the 1919 Dodge Brothers Touring car driven by George Bailey in the movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

So, from Christmas Trees to Jimmy Stewart, coal mines and farms, it really is a wonderful life in the Shannock Valley. Special thanks to our artist, Tina Avi, for helping to make our picture tell a story.

## EVENT DETAILS

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

Time to unwind, pick up your packet at the hotel and head to the Jimmy Stewart Museum in downtown Indiana, where you can take a short bus tour of the town and then socialize at the welcome reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at the Museum.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Join us for a Covered Bridge Tour with Lunch at Blue Spruce Park and so much more. This is a self-driving tour of the covered bridges in the area and a wonderful photo op for those of you who would like to bring your antique cars. We'll then go to the Mytrysak's Family Tree Farm for a tour and craft demonstration. You're able to visit Yarnick's Farm on your own before returning to the hotel. Then join us at the KCAC for the the '50s-'60s Reception with food, cash bar and music by The Pittsburgh Belaires.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30 — SHOW DAY!

Show field opens at 8 am. You can pick up your registration packet from 8-10:30 am at the entrance to the field. The Awards Banquet will be held at the KCAC with a social hour and cash bar.

### AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Self-guided tours around the area. Information available at Registration Pick Up.

### EVENT T-SHIRT!!

Don't forget to order yours when you register for the show!

## HOST HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn

714 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15701

ONLINE: [group.hiltongardeninn.com/18tjm4](http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/18tjm4)

PHONE: 724-349-2222 ext. 0

CODE: AACA26 for discount

## ALTERNATIVE HOTELS

Ramada by Wyndam

1395 Wayne Ave., Indiana PA 15201

ONLINE: [tinyurl.com/RamadaAACA](http://tinyurl.com/RamadaAACA)

Hampton Inn & Suites

62 Pine Ridge Rd, Blairsville, PA 15717

724-459-5920, mention AACA rate

Various other hotels in the area.

**CAMPGROUND INFORMATION** available upon request — just email: [sv26spring@gmail.com](mailto:sv26spring@gmail.com)

