

2024 A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society National Convention Wooster, Ohio

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Maker Faire[®] Wayne County

Come join the fun at the A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society National Convention in Wooster, Ohio from July 25-27, 2024. This year will be different in 2 ways. First of all we are teaming up with the Local Maker Faire group and holding a joint outing. Maker Faire is a growing group of people that “Make” or build things in unique fashion, typically involving technology of some kind. 3D printing, 3D laser cutting and table top CNC machines and robotic arms to name a few. Our booths will be combined throughout the floor and there might be a 3D printer making an Erector set part from the 1930’s right next to you! In addition, we are going “From the Past....Into the Future” and I am working with approximately 10 area high schools on modernizing the famous Gilbert Robot model from the 50’s. We will donate parts to each school, they will build them and then add modern servo motors and electronics to make them perform some maneuvers. Each school will have a table at the Convention and show off their models. You will probably see them moving about the convention



FROM THE PAST

INTO THE FUTURE

Lodging

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Comfort Suites, 9065 Dover Road, Wooster Ohio 44691. Thursday thru Saturday. \$119 per night. Tell them the ACGHS rate. Phone number 330-439-0190. The hotel is about 3 miles from the

Convention Site

The Wayne County Event center is located at 199 Vanover Street, Wooster Ohio 44691. The Event center is located on the Wayne County Fairgrounds and is about 5 years old. It is a 26,000 square foot open span area that is climate controlled. Since this is a joint event we also have rented the building next to it. Overall we will have room for about 200 tables.



Thursday – July 25th

At approximately 4:00 p.m. we will meet in the hotel lobby and car pool over to the Mishler Weaving Mill and next to it the Model T Museum. 381 Main Street, Smithville, Ohio. The early 1900's weaving mill is operational and run by the local historical society. The Model T Museum is run by the Greater Akron Model T Club. Both are small in size but interesting to visit. We will break into two groups to visit each place then rotate. (Cost is \$5 per person)

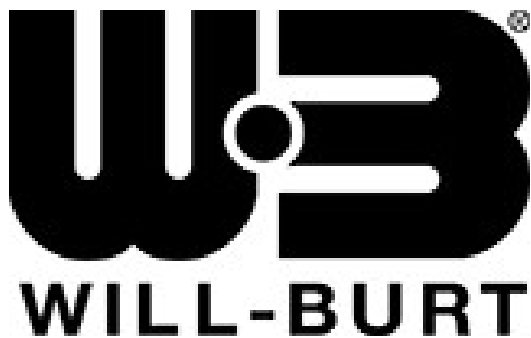
Afterwards we will drive to the Apple Creek Historical Society. 185 Church Street, Applecreek, Ohio. This new building is home to local historical items and also a growing Maker Space movement. Once again we will split into two groups and then have pizza and beverages in their meeting room area. Maybe even a friendly competition to enjoy!

My cell phone for travel/direction issues—330-603-8103

Friday, July 26th

The Event center will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. so you can set up your tables.

We will meet at the Event center at 9:30 a.m. and head out for the day. The first stop will be Venture Products, a manufacturer of hydraulic driven 4 wheel drive tractors. 500 Venture Drive, Orrville, Ohio 44667. Approximately 10 a.m. we will start the tour and should take about 1 hour.



We then take a short drive over to the Will-Burt Company, a manufacturer of telescoping masts and towers for military and first responders. 401 Collins Blvd, Orrville, Ohio. Ballpark arrival time is 11:15 a.m. This tour should take approximately 1 hour.

Approximately 12:30 p.m. as we head south we will then drive past World Headquarters of the J.M. Smucker Company and then stop in at the Smucker's Visitors Center for a brief visit. 333 Wadsworth Road (aka Route 57) Orrville, Ohio 44667.



Approximately 1 p.m. - We will drive down to the Kidron Town and Country Restaurant, 4959 Kidron Road, Kidron Ohio 44636 for lunch. (Please be careful driving with the Amish Buggies on the road). After Lunch we will visit Lehman's Hardware, a very unique hardware store that caters to the Amish and other interesting items for sale. 4779 Kidron Road, Kidron.



After visiting Lehman's hardware you are free to tour further into Amish Country or head back towards Wooster and set up your booth.

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Casual Get together—Wooster Nazarene Church - 3100 Oak Hill Road, Wooster. Park on the North side of the building and enter the Social Hall through the side door. Buffet style dinner served starting at 6 p.m. Time to sit back and relax and enjoy good conversation. Later on we will have a “guessing game” good for all ages.

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Saturday, July 27

7 a.m. – Doors open at Event center to continue setting up. Your registration entitles you to one table. Since this convention is also about “Makers” we are really encouraging models....especially running ones. You can get up to two more tables for free if you promise to use them for models. Additional tables for selling items are \$20 each. We are going to cap people at 3 tables for now. You may indicate you want more tables and as the date draws nearer I will see what I can do. In addition, since we are partners with Maker Faire, each registration will get 1 or 2 free t-shirts and 1 or 2 box lunches will be provided to you. There will also be food trucks on site.

9 a.m. -3 p.m. – ACGHS Convention and Maker Faire open to the public

9 a.m. - National Anthem

10 a.m.-Ladies Tea—Upper level of Event Center

Approx 12 p.m.-Box lunches served

3 p.m.-Show closes—Start tear down

3:30 p.m. - Annual Auction

6 p.m.- Annual Banquet at the Event Center -

6:30 p.m.- Dinner Served

7:15 p.m. - Guest Speaker, Awards, misc Business.

HAVE A SAFE DRIVE HOME THE FOLLOWING DAY !

Other area attractions to visit on your own time

Age of Steam Roundhouse - 45 minutes South East to Sugarcreek—For all you train buffs out there. A must visit.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame—1 hour North to Cleveland

Pro Football Hall of Fame—1 hour East to Canton

Amish Country—1/2 hour South East—Food, Woodcrafts, Quilts, etc.

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area - 45 minutes North East (just above Akron)