SURVEYOR

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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 Annual Picnic

Come to an ATHS tradition -- the summer picnic. This year we will be enjoying the air-conditioned pleasure of Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, as we rough-it at picnic tables set up in the Lower Atrium. You're welcomed to take a stroll outside and hear the nature sounds of the interpretive trail around the ponds. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, cups, paper plates, napkins and plastic utensils. Bring your own utensils if you like to save on plastic waste. The rest of the feast is provided by the members; please bring a dish to serve at least eight people. We are asking members whose last names start with **A – D** to bring **desserts**; **E – L** to bring **salads**; **M – R** to bring **vegetables**; **S – Z** to bring **starches**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

"See You at The Corner of 5th and Walnut! Remember?" Our guest speaker this evening will be a docent from the Cincinnati Art Museum. The presentation "The Cincinnati Story" describes the city's progress from the time of the early frontier to the urban development of our present day. This program has been made possible by a grant given to Anderson Township by ArtsWave (formerly known as The Fine Arts Fund). An exhibit of special items of historical significance to "The Cincinnati Story" from the Art Museum will be on display at the History Room from September 7 to September 28 (Tuesdays 6 – 8:45 p.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays 1 to 4 p.m.) Circle the program date on your calendar and join us for a great show!

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

"Off We Go Into The Wild, Blue Yonder!" All of you enthusiastic viewers of those World War II "dog-fights" shown on the History channel are in for a fine treat! **Mr. Rick Raabe**, Director and Curator of the Tri-State Warbird Museum, will be our guest speaker this evening. The Museum is "dedicated to remembering those who fought for our freedom, and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice." Some of the historic planes housed in this remarkable building, adjacent to the Clermont County Airport, include a P-51 Mustang, a TBM-3 Avenger, the FG-ID Corsair and the Focke-Wulf Fw-190. All World War II buffs and flag-waving historians, please be here for this excellent presentation! Truly an evening of remembering (well, for some of us!) Warbirds and the men who flew them.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

And One More Time - "Contact!" In keeping with the commemoration of Veteran's Day, November 11, we will be welcoming **Mr. Samuel Finley**, President of the Cincinnati Chapter of the famous Tuskeegee Airmen. As you may recall, this was a squadron of all black pilots, who made a tremendous contribution to the war effort at a time of great sacrifice and segregation. Once more, ATHS will re-visit the days of World War II, which not only brought ultimate victory to our beloved USA, but to the entire free world as well.

ATHS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Atrium, near the History Room, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are free and the public is invited. Refreshments and fellowship follow the programs. We look forward to seeing YOU at these interesting and informative meetings.

Anderson Township Historical Society

Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2011

1:00 – 4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these dates: August 7 and 21; September 4 and 18; and October 2 and 16.

President's Message

Our world is shrinking fast. The need to preserve the past becomes more and more important. The future generations need to know what came before. So it is more important than ever to volunteer to make our organization run smoothly. It takes a lot of volunteers to make an organization run.

At this time we have a group of dedicated volunteers but are looking for a few more. The Historical Society is in desperate need of members to form a financial committee. This group would audit the monthly reports, prepare the annual report and recommend uses for our resources. Some computer knowledge would be useful. It is not a difficult job but a very important one. We have started forming the committee so you would not be alone. Please consider this opportunity to help your organization and volunteer.

Raise your voice: Your opinions matter. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call or email me at athsloghouse@yahoo.com. As always thank you for your ongoing support. Hope you enjoy this issue.

Bill Dreyer, President

Results of the Plant Sale, May 14, 2011

As of the June 15 Board Meeting, the Plant Sale of 2011 had yielded a wonderful $2,986.70 to support the activities of the Society. Congratulations to Plant Sale Chair **Jan Hawkins** and the team of volunteers who pitched in to make the Sale such a success and many thanks to the members and others who donated the plants and materials for the sale. Please note that we wound up with plenty of empty pots and plastic trays so don't drop off any more of these items but plan ahead for next spring when donations of plants will be needed again.

A rainy start to the successful 2011 May Plant Sale. Photo by J. Heywood.

2011 Dues are OVER DUE

Summer is here and it's time to remember that **ATHS annual dues were due on May 1, 2011. Please double check that your dues payment is up-to-date.**

Send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The membership rates are from May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012 and are as follows:

Single	$ 10.00	Couple	$ 20.00
Family	$ 25.00		
Lifetime – Single	$ 150.00		
Lifetime – Couple	$ 200.00		

IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sue Wettstein on the passing of her father Al Wettstein on June 29, 2011. Al was a charter and lifetime member of the ATHS and a supporter of the Society since its beginning. He was currently serving as Treasurer and over the last four decades had served as President and Coordinator with care and devotion for many terms.

Al Wettstein videotaping the 1990 restoration work being done on the Log House. Photo by Wilbur Rees.

The *Surveyor* is the quarterly newsletter of the Anderson Township Historical Society, mailed to all members. If you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail address, please contact ATHS at P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH 45230 or send an e-mail to ATHS at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com**.
Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to picapica@msn.com or give me a call at 231-3390.
– Janet Heywood, Editor.

2011 ATHS COUNTRY STORE: Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

On this warm and very humid Cincinnati day, the coming Country Store seems almost too far away to think about! Whether we can believe it or not, those soft, golden days of late September, specifically **Saturday, 9/24 and Sunday 9/25**, are on their way, much sooner than we can imagine!

Our Departments are once again planned to be exactly what the Anderson community has come to expect from our annual event. There will be, of course, **Cobweb Corner** and its fabled stores of gently-used treasures, a bountiful **Bakery** filled with home-baked goodies, and the **Farmers Market** supplied with all manner of fruits, veggies and plants of the season. And as ever, in Log House there we will have the interesting array of hand-made items we fondly call **Stitchery** nestled next to **Toys and Dolls** and **Crafts.** Our newest sport of **Cornhole** and **Children's Games** and **Slate Painting** will most assuredly be of interest to youngsters of all ages - adults too! Ed Motz will be returning to teach us about cracking home-grown walnuts and when our visitors become inspired by the lovely cooking aromas nearby, a variety of delectable luncheon items from the **Kitchen** will be served to hungry guests. (Diane, please don't forget the Shaker Tomato Soup!) Stop by the **Beverage** station for both cold and hot drinks.

If reading about our fascinating local history is to your liking, visitors and ATHS members are encouraged to visit our **Publications** table, where you will find booklets containing fascinating tales about Anderson Township and our Society. *Log House Cookbooks* are still available. Be prepare to bid high and bid often at the **Silent Auction** display with many items donated by Clough Pike merchants and others**.**

Don't forget to buy plenty of raffle tickets at the Raffle table. The proceeds from the Raffle are essential. Raffle Prizes are the much sought-after **Log House Dinner For Eight**, a beautifully hand-carved **Chickadee** by Robert Hawkins and a **framed print, the "Mighty Paddle Wheel,"** an image of the Delta Queen by J. Miles Wolf.

The "icing on the cake" will be to enjoy the sounds of the **Kinner Old Time String Band** on Saturday and the lovely strains of the **Cincinnati Dulcimer Society** on Sunday.

Behind the scenes, the Country Store depends on the many unsung heroes who set-up, place signs, write publicity and act as our friendly greeters and crowd minglers during the weekend! If you haven't as yet signed on to participate in our important annual festival, please contact me or sign up at the September 7th meeting. You'll be warmly received - and will not be a moment too late!

Best to all of you and my personal good wishes for a prosperous and memorable Country Store 2011.

-- *Connie Whitaker, Chair, Country Store '11*
phone 474-1637; e-mail **Whitsways@fuse.net**

NEEDED FOR COUNTRY STORE 2011

Cobweb Corner - Mary Bailey (386-7820) Donate your gently used household and furniture items.

Farmers Market - Sonia Shively (474-1322) Donate plants and produce from your garden.

Bakery - Lucy Moore (752-0968) Bake and wrap goodies and drop them off at the Brick House on Friday, September 23.

Beverages - Barb & Martie Christman (232-1299) Donate cans of pop and bottles of water and tea. Drop off at the Brick House or bring to the meetings.

Kitchen - Diane Schneider (232-6552) Donate potato salad, desserts, soup, etc.

Dolls & Toys - Sue Wettstein (474-0855) Donate handmade dolls or other handmade toys.

Stitchery - Linda Scheper (232-1559) Donate old linens, fancy laces, embroidery, handkerchiefs, etc.

Crafts - Bill Dreyer (474-0568) Donate used stamps.

Set-Up – Kenny Burke (260-0238) Able bodied volunteers needed to help with set-up on Wednesday, September 21. And **Take-Down** on Sunday – **Tom Whitaker** (474-1637).

ONE RAFFLE PRIZE: Life-size Chickadee carved by expert Robert Hawkins. The carving comes with an attractive glass dome.

Land Use Committee: ATHS WORKDAYS

Keeping up with the property this spring has been quite a challenge. So much rain occurred on Wednesdays and Saturdays that tending to the yards and gardens was difficult. Fortunately Saturday June 25th had good weather for our scheduled workday.

A big thank you goes to **Anne King, Sonia Shively, Lou Trent, Diane Schneider, Tom Gallenstein and Kathy Hoelscher** for their hard work in making our property look presentable.

We continue to play "catch-up with the weeds" **every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We usually start earlier when the temperature is high.

Along with the gardening, there are projects with our houses. If you would like to work on a house project, please let us know.

Call Brenda Greer (947-0637) if you have any questions, suggestions or if you have time to give in keeping up the historical landscapes of ATHS.

--- Brenda Greer, Chair, Land Use Committee

Diane Schneider at the Red Barn, June 22, 2011.

Kathy Hoelscher pulling weeds, June 22, 2011. Photos above by Janet Heywood.

Anne King and Sonia Shively. Workday, June 25, 2011. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Tom Gallenstein removing a fallen tree. Workday, June 25, 2011. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

Still smiling: Brenda Browne Greer, Dr. Louis Trent and Sonia Shively. Workday, June 25, 2011. Photo by Kathy Hoelscher.

PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
August 3	Picnic	6:00 p.m.
August 17	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	**Country Store**	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sept. 25	**Country Store**	Noon – 5 p.m.
Oct. 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Ebersoles, guests and watermelons. Circa 1900. ***Don't forget the ATHS Picnic on August 3rd.***

Thinking of You

Ken Wilson, who had rotator cuff surgery in April.

Congratulations

Charles Wallace, who recently became a new grandfather three times over, including a pair of twin girls. Have fun, Charlie.

Aluminum Can Man

Yes, we are still collecting aluminum cans and other metals for recycling. Bring them to the monthly meeting and Bill Dreyer will take them. If you can't wait or can't bring them to a meeting, Bill (call 474-0568) will pick them up or you can put them behind the Outhouse next to the Log House.

Anderson Township Fourth of July Parade

Kathy Hoelscher and Brenda Greer carried the ATHS banner in this year's parade, reminding everyone that the Log House was open for tours.

2011 Log House Open Houses

Please consider helping at our Open Houses on the first and third Sundays in August through October. **Call Diane Schneider at 232-6552 to volunteer.** Diane is also available to "show you the ropes" if you are willing to participate. As has been our tradition Al and Bev Robinson and Charlie Wallace will close the season on October 16. Please check your availability for these remaining Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – August 7, August 21, September 4, September 18 and October 2. Come visit and bring your friends.

History Room News

See the special exhibit items loaned by the Cincinnati Art Museum to illustrate "The Cincinnati Story" at the History Room September 7th to the 28th. Learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. Anderson's History Room is jointly sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. Every time the History Room is open there is an ATHS docent there to welcome visitors and answer questions. Publications of ATHS are available for purchase. The History Room, located in the lower level of Anderson Center, is open on a regular basis three times a week: Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the volunteer docent program, contact Bill Dreyer at 474-0568 or e-mail him at **athsloghouse@yahoo.com**. The more docents we have the better.

1950s-style Linens & Bedding Needed

If you have linens, bedspreads, curtains, etc. dating to about 1950, please consider donating them to the ATHS for use in decorating the Hornschemeier House. Contact Anne King, who is coordinating this project, at 231-9557

Marjorie Frame Historian Awards

The ATHS again this spring gave **Marjorie Frame Historian Awards** of $150 each to Turpin, Anderson and McNicholas high schools to be given to outstanding history students. The McNicholas recipient Sam Cardori thanked us, saying "Ever since I can remember, I've had a passion for history; I've spent more time than I know reading through the nonfiction section of my library or watching specials on the history channel. History fascinates me because it is the legacy of our time on earth and the foundation of our lives now."

Thanks for Your Service

Jan Hawkins for Chairing the May Plant sale.

Linda and George Scheper for printing envelopes for the *Surveyor*.

Bill Dreyer, Connie Whitaker, Jan Hawkins, Brenda Greer, Kathy Hoelscher, Diane Schneider, and Al and Bev Robinson for contributing to this issue of the *Surveyor*.

Lisa Kamiki for all her help in setting up for ATHS monthly meetings at the Center. Lisa is leaving the Anderson Township Public Works department in July and moving to Hinton Head Island, South Carolina. Good Luck, Lisa.

Al Robinson for cutting up tree branches that fell across the creek near the barn in May, cleaning the windows of the Log House, and overseeing the visits of the fire inspectors and termite exterminating company.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room during the last three months: **Patti Bukosky, William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Lucy Moore, Don and Sharon Perry, Bev and Al Robinson, Diane Schneider, Connie and Tom Whitaker, and Charles Woodward.**

All of the members who brought refreshments for the membership meetings in May and June: **Martie Christman, Brenda Greer, Linda Jacobs, Anne King, Lyn Scheper and Sharon Perry.**

ATHS depends on volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your support and if we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

Glass Jars Needed for Pickles

Lyn Scheper is planning on preparing a batch of **Candied Dill Pickles** for the Country Store. She needs **regular glass jars with metal screw lids** (not canning jars) to make more. Some items that come in glass jars are pickles, salsa, pasta sauce and some jellies. Save these glass jars and lids (8 to 30 oz sizes preferred) and please give them to Lyn at the Picnic or give her a call at 232-1559.

Putting Up the New Ohio Historical Marker

Many thanks to Jim Heywood, Janet's brother. Jim figured out how to install the new marker, dug the hole, set the post, constructed the concrete pad at the base of the post and secured the marker.

Jim checks the hole he dug for the post. It's about 42" deep.

Jim finishes the concrete base for the post of marker. The marker weighs about 80 pounds and is tightly fastened to the post.

Jim and Sam Heywood and Bill Dreyer lift the wrapped marker onto the post, Friday, June 3, 2011.

Unveiling Ceremony of the Ohio Historical Marker for the Miller-Leuser Log House

On Sunday, June 5, 2011, we unveiled the Ohio Historical Marker commemorating the Miller-Leuser Log House.

The marker states that on April 2, 1796, Ichabod Benton Miller purchased 440 acres in Anderson Township. The log house that Miller built on his property about 1796 was occupied for more than 170 years until the Anderson Township Historical Society purchased the building in 1971. The log house is located on its original site and is one of the few surviving structures built by the pioneers who settled the Ohio River Valley in the late 1700s.

For the last 40 years the Society has worked vigorously to preserve and maintain the property and to use it as a teaching site for visitors and school classes. Its national importance was recognized as it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The Ohio Historical Marker draws new attention to this historic gem.

Administered by the Ohio Historical Society, the Historical Markers Program enables Ohioans to commemorate and celebrate local history and to learn about the state. Designated to be permanent and highly visible, the historic markers are large cast-aluminum signs that tell stories about aspects of Ohio's history. See the "Remarkable Ohio" website, at **www.remarkableohio.org**.

We are grateful to the Ohio Historical Society and the Gladys Wittmeyer Knox Foundation for the grants that funded the marker.

The ceremony was led by William Dreyer, President, ATHS, as he welcomed the crowd. Al Robinson presided over the raising of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was graciously given by ATHS member Robert Greer.

Trustee Peggy Reis presents a Resolution from Board of Trustees of Anderson Township, congratulating ATHS. Photo by Charles Wallace.

Our speakers included Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Commissioner; Peggy Reis, Anderson Township Trustee; Kristina Kuehling, Program Assistant, Ohio Historical Society and Diane Schneider, Projects Chair of the ATHS.

Reminiscences were presented by guests including Pat Hornschemeier, Ed Motz, Brenda Greer and Connie Whitaker. After Bill pulled off the covering and unveiled the marker, the group enjoyed refreshments and tours of the Log House and grounds. Photo by C. Wallace.

Al and Bev Robinson led tours of the Log House on June 5, 2011. Photo by Charles Wallace.

"We especially welcome our most important visitors – the children. When they come, our hope is that they not only see a vivid picture of how families lived in Ohio's early settlements, but that somehow they may absorb something of the best of our inheritance: self-reliance, creativity, and helpfulness to each other."

-- Marjorie A. Frame, ATHS Founder, 1972

May 24, 2011 Third graders from Mercer Elementary School tour the Miller-Leuser Log House and landscape. Photo by J. Heywood.

FROM THE COLLECTIONS:
A Breakfast Hike: Labor Day, 1922

What are you planning for Labor Day this year? Perhaps this 1922 diary entry from Thelma Widman Heflin will inspire you.

In February 1922 Thelma's parents gave her a journal, *A Girl's Graduation Days – a Chronicle,* in which she could record the events of her senior year at Withrow High School. Thelma wrote in the journal faithfully and pasted in photographs and souvenirs. The journal and other items were given to the ATHS in recent years.

Labor Day 1922 -- We got up at 5 o'clock in the morning when it was yet dark. We walked to the Catholic Cemetery, singing almost all the way, and there watched the sun rise – It was beautiful. We hiked over Patterson road to Cluff and cooked breakfast on Cluff Creek. Mildred Bound made the cocoa, Christina Nielsen fried the eggs and Gertrude Moore fried the bacon. Yum yum. After breakfast the girls went in wading. The other two girls in the picture are Jeannette Kerr and Stella Malott. Jeannette and Mildred wore their socks rolled on our way home. A Glorious Day.

The girls wading in Clough Creek (Cluff Creek) on Labor Day 1922.

Some of you may remember Thelma Widman Heflin (1904-1993), who was a member of ATHS. She taught piano almost all of her life to hundreds of local children and adults. She was the organist at T.P. White Funeral Home for 45 years and also played at many churches including the Mt. Washington Presbyterian and Anderson Hills United Methodist churches. She and her sisters Fern and Alice were expert adagio dancers.

Making cocoa and frying eggs and bacon at Clough Creek on Labor Day 1922.