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# SURVEYOR

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## Upcoming Programs

### Wednesday, May 2, 2012

**"A WWII Pilot Remembers . . ."** Drum roll, please! Our "surprise guest" tonight is an ATHS member in good standing and a guy who happened to be one of those "fantastic men in their flying machines" - circa 1942 - 1945! He is none other than **Bill Beringhaus**, a true hero in that time of great national effort and pride, both in our Nation and its servicemen and women.

A short resume of our guest's WWII tour of duty is as follows. Enlisted in the Army Air Force Aviation program, October 1942. Completed flight training in January 1944 and was assigned to the 15th AF, 99th Bomb Group (B-17's) in February of 1944. Bill began flying combat missions June 1944 out of Foggia, Italy, covering northern Italy, France, and southern Europe. Completed 35 missions, March 1945. Our guest was discharged honorably in October of 1945, with the rank of Captain. He now says that he holds the rank of "happy civilian!" It was through a very short conversation at an ATHS meeting several months ago, that I learned a bit about our modest speaker's combat role in WWII. I set out that evening to "capture the Captain" for a program in the Lower Atrium. Do plan to be with us to hear Bill's account of his own personal WWII experience. Many unsung heroes are among us! Please don't miss *this* one!

### No meeting on Wednesday, July 4, 2012

### Happy Independence Day!



*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.*

### Plant Sale Saturday, May 12, 2012

#### **Don't Forget the Plant Sale at the Log House!**

The Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Sale is very popular and mid-May is the perfect time to plant. Most of the plants at the Sale are "home dug." **Jan Hawkins** is the Chair. Members can help by providing donations of plants to sell, including perennials, annuals, tomato plants and vegetables. To make donations, please call Jan at 231-7078. If you are unable to dig up the plants, call Jan and she will attempt to arrange to dig them for you. Donations of *pots, with soil*, are welcome. (There's a good supply of empty pots on hand from past seasons.) Please help to make this event a success by donating plants and buying some. Tell your friends and spread the word.

### Wednesday, June 6, 2012

#### **"Cruisin' Down the Ohio River: The Delta Queen"**

We are indeed pleased to present another program scheduled through the Cincinnati Museum Center. Tonight's guest is **Ms. Barbara Jennings**, a member of CMC's popular Heritage Programs. We recall the many fine guest speakers we've enjoyed over the years, courtesy of CMC. These volunteer speakers have brought us innumerable good accounts of life in Cincy, along with some little known facts about our grand old "Queen City of the West." (Did you know that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow bestowed this lasting title on our town?)

When speaking of our "Queen City" one can't help but remember another beautiful "Queen" associated with our town's history. We, of course, speak of the wonderful old riverboat, "Delta Queen." As you may recall, this lovely old girl was owned and operated by the illustrious Greene family. How could we ever forget Captain Mary Greene? Sadly, this great paddle wheeler no longer docks at our riverfront and while many of us are far from thrilled that she now resides in Tennessee, good and lasting memories linger on! Come and join us June 6 for a memorable night at the Lower Atrium of Anderson Center.

## PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

### Wednesday, August 1, 2012 Annual Picnic

Don't miss out on an ATHS tradition -- the summer picnic. We'll enjoy the air-conditioned amenities of Anderson Center with tables set up in the Lower Atrium. If you like, take a stroll outside to hear the nature sounds of the interpretive trail around the ponds. The Society will provide the meat, drinks, paper products and plastic utensils. 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 **salads**; **E – L** to bring **vegetables**; **M – R** to bring **starches**; **S – Z** to bring **desserts**. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 5, 2012

**A "Home Grown" Sort of Program!** This evening, **WE** are the Program! Each and every ATHS member is cordially invited to bring items from your individual collections and/or hobbies for display at this meeting. We are aware, remembering past **Collections/Hobbies** programs, that many of us are Collectors and Hobby folks! **Ken Wilson**, be sure to bring your cameras and **Sue Wettstein**, we look forward to viewing your wonderful old postcard collection once again! It is hoped that many of us will bring items to the Anderson Center for display on September 5th! If you are a **Hobby** person who enjoys wood working, for example, we will appreciate your willingness to share samples of your work with all of us. As you may (or not) remember, your Programs Chair is a Collector of all things *Gone with the Wind*. Among my collection are several items related to author Margaret Mitchell, her great book, and producer David Selznick's unforgettable film.

**OF UTMOST GREAT IMPORTANCE** is that if you plan to display, please sign up at the June meeting or the August Annual Picnic. It is also hoped that the folks participating in this "**Home Grown**" night will be on hand to answer the questions fellow members and guests might ask. **Do plan to be a part of this fun and interesting evening!**

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 [athslighthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:athslighthouse@yahoo.com).

Articles, comments, photos, ideas and suggestions for the *Surveyor* are always welcome. E-mail them to [picapica@msn.com](mailto:picapica@msn.com) or give me a call at 231-3390.

– Janet Heywood, Editor.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012, 1 to 4 p.m.

**"First Miller-Leuser Log House Open House of the 2012 Season."** Drop in and say hello!



*Miller-Leuser Log House Open House, Charlie Wallace (far left), Al Robinson (hidden in center), Bev Robinson (second from right) and visitors. Oct. 17, 2010. Photo J. Heywood.*

### Miller-Leuser Log House Open Houses 2012

1:00 – 4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays, June through October. Mark these dates: June 3 and 17; July 1 and 15; August 5 and 19; September 2 and 16; and Oct. 7 and 21.

### 2012 Log House Open Houses

It has become a tradition for **Al and Bev Robinson** along with **Charlie Wallace** to host our first and last open houses of the season. They are ready. Are you? Last year 413 visitors toured the Log House. We need many host and hostesses to guide our many guests. Available Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. are June 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, September 2 and 16, and October 7. Training is available but most importantly the hosts share their love and appreciation of our treasured Log House. Sign up opportunities will be at the May and June meetings or **call Diane Schneider**, Projects Chair, at 232-6552 to volunteer.



*Log House neighbor Annie (Heis Motzer) Hicks (1877-1957), children and chickens, about 1920. Mrs. Hicks owned about 40 acres south of Clough Pike across from the Log House in the early decades of 1900s.*

## President's Message - State of the Society 2012

Thank you for electing me as President of ATHS at the Annual Meeting; I look forward to serving.

My first order of business is to thank **Bill Dreyer** for serving as President for the past *three* years, as he graciously "held the fort" that extra year before I could step into the office. He has done a wonderful job as president and will be a hard act to follow. Bill has been wearing many hats, some of which we hope still fit him. There are many pending projects in the works that Bill is very familiar with, such as the Log House ceiling and the Clough District sidewalk development in 2013 to name a few.

Second, kudos to **Don Perry**, our VP, who developed and launched our new website. Check out [www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org) for general society information and news of meetings and events like the **Plant Sale on May 12**, the summer open houses and **Country Store on September 29 & 30**.

Third, we need help to fill open positions in the Society, the most pressing one is **Country Store Chair (1 or 2 members) set for September 29 & 30**. Several department chairs have already committed to repeat performances. We simply need 1 or 2 coordinator(s) to pull it together. **Please call Lyn at 232-1559 if you can help** line up the "usual suspects" for this all-important fall fund raiser.

Fourth, the DAR invited ATHS to participate in American Heritage Days at the Waldschmidt Homestead in Camp Dennison the third weekend in May. We need a volunteer chairperson to coordinate the set up of one of our tents and schedule members to "man" our space. We can promote ATHS via book sales, pamphlets and raffle sales for Country Store. The dates are May 17-20 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., but we are NOT required to set up and be there all 4 days. **Call 232-1559 if you can coordinate this event.**

Finally, thanks to all of our dedicated members who serve as Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs - the Society could not function without their valiant efforts. They all do a superb job, but we need many more of our members to be more active.

Please volunteer today. **Call Linda Scheper at 232-1559 or simply approach someone who works on a project that interests you. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- Linda (Lyn) Scheper, President

### Please Pay Yearly Membership Dues Now! ATHS annual dues for the year May 2012 through April 2013 are due on May 1, 2012.

Send your check to ATHS, c/o Linda Scheper, P.O. Box 30174, Cincinnati, OH, 45230 or pay at the next meeting. The rates are:

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

Please respond promptly.

### Officers and Trustees 2012

The following slate of Officers and Trustees was elected at the March 7 Annual Dinner Meeting.

President	Lyn Scheper
Vice President	Don Perry
Treasurer	Sue Wettstein
Secretary	Linda Magee
Trustee (3 yr term)	Sonia Shively
Trustee (3 yr term)	Ann King

Trustees who continue to complete their elected terms are Martie Christman (elected 2010), Dan Lovelace (elected 2010), and Al Robinson (elected 2011). Connie Whitaker (Programs Chair) was appointed Trustee at the March 21 Board meeting for the remaining term of Trustee Don Perry (elected in 2011) since Don is now Vice President.

The ATHS Board also includes these officers and standing committee chairs: Past President and Accessions, Bill Dreyer; Coordinator, Bev Robinson; Finance Committee, Patti Bukosky, Janet Heywood & Al Robinson; Genealogy, Sue Wettstein; Projects, Diane Schneider; Real Properties, Ann King (acting), Brenda Greer (on leave); and Research, Janet Heywood.



*Don Perry demonstrates the ATHS website [andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org) at the March Annual Dinner.*

## American Heritage Days May 17 - 20, 2012 at the Waldschmidt Homestead and Camp Dennison Ohio Civil War Museum

The Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution invites you to share its American Heritage Days May 17 - 20, 2012, at the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead in Camp Dennison. We are celebrating the Ohio frontier of our patriots through re-enactors and displays. Join us for dancing, food, singing, storytelling, etc. as we bring to life those historical days. Camp Dennison was founded in 1794 as "New Germany" by patriots from Pennsylvania. In 1861 it became a Civil War encampment, hence the name change. These history-laden buildings will be open to the public and tours will be led by DAR docents. There is ample parking. Plan to spend several hours with us as frontier living again becomes the order of the day. Hours are May 17-19: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 20: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call Anne Ross at 753-0355. See the web site [www.waldschmidthouse.org](http://www.waldschmidthouse.org). The Waldschmidt Homestead and Camp Dennison Civil War Museum are located at 7567 Glendale-Milford Road (State Route 126) between Indian Hill and Milford. Guided tours of the Waldschmidt Homestead are offered 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Sunday May through October.

## SUNDAY PICNIC

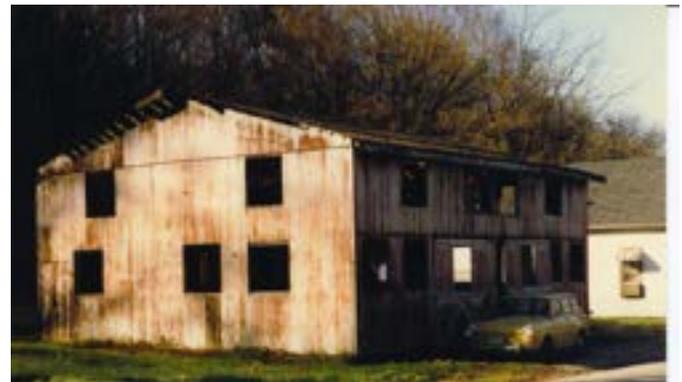


*A Sunday picnic about 1916. Using his International Harvester truck, Douglas Sheldon, hardware store proprietor in Forestville (second from right), takes some neighbors on a Sunday picnic. Theodore and Ada Hawkins (older couple on the left) join with their children Wilbur and Marie Hawkins and young neighbors Leona, Helen and Geneva Judd, and Gladys Hopper. Seeing all the flags on display, perhaps the occasion was the Fourth of July.*

## CLOUGH PIKE PUZZLE



*Near Clough Pike and Berkshire, about 1915. The Maddux wagon and blacksmith shop. The building later housed the J. Wolf and Son farm machinery shop.*



*Same building in about 1985. The structure was demolished in 1986. **Does anyone remember exactly where this building was located?** If so, please let me know. -- Janet Heywood, Research, at 231-3390 or [picapica@msn.com](mailto:picapica@msn.com)*

## "Adopt a Roadway" up-coming date July 21

The AHS Board agreed to join the Anderson Township-sponsored "Adopt a Roadway" program. We are responsible for keeping clean of litter both sides of Bartels Road from Newtown Road to Clough Pike and Clough Pike in front of the Log House to Royalgreen. The Township supplies gloves, bags, vests and T-shirts, and pickup tools for our use. We leave the full bags of trash at the road side and the Township picks them up.

Please support this worthwhile project and mark your calendars for the up-coming dates: Saturday July 21, Saturday October 20, and Saturday December 15, 2012. These are the days when we will be out cleaning our adopted roads. Hope to see a lot of our members out for the Clean-up Days.

## New Kroger Community Rewards Program

For many years ATHS members have been participants in a Kroger charitable program that involved reloadable gift cards. The cards were keyed so that the Society earned 4% from Kroger for purchases made with the cards. ATHS has been receiving over \$1,200 a year from Kroger's donations for many years. As of May 1, 2012 Kroger is replacing this program with a new Community Rewards program that in some ways is much easier to use. The **Kroger Community Rewards** program is based on using your Kroger Plus card, the handy card that most people shopping at Kroger use routinely at check-out since the Plus cards give significant discounts on many items and gas purchases. To sign up, ATHS supporters need to go to the website [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and register their Kroger Plus cards and select the Anderson Township Historical Society to receive donations through the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Kroger promises to donate \$1,250,000 each quarter to participating organizations based on their percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Rewards groups, with individual groups able to earn up to \$50,000 per quarter. The greater number of individuals and the greater their spending the more the organization will receive but every donation is welcomed. When you register, Kroger asks for your e-mail address and gives you the option of receiving coupons, special offers and information about upcoming events. If you do not want to receive these, do not check these options.

ATHS has applied for its new Kroger Community Rewards NPO identification number and will notify members as soon as possible. You will also be able choose the Anderson Township Historical Society by typing the name at the Kroger website. The Society would very much appreciate your support.



Early 1930s Kroger store at Mt. Washington.

## 100 Years Ago First Official Air Mail



Aviator Col. Paul Peck lands in his Columbia Biplane at Coney after an 8,000 foot flight. Notice the roller coaster nearby. July 1912.

One early aviator said "Cincinnati will never see airplane flights because of the hills around it." But barnstorming pilot Col. Paul Peck (1889-1912) was willing to prove him wrong. Coney Island sponsored a well-advertised promotion to bring the miracle of heavier-than-air flying machines to our area. In July 1912 crowds gathered to watch Col. Peck take his flimsy plane on unbelievable flights, reaching attitudes of 2,000 and 3,000 feet and remaining aloft up to 35 minutes and going over 50 mph. H. L. Tucker of Berger Aviation, Peck's manager, organized a major stunt for July 19, 20 and 21. Tucker got permission to set-up an official U.S. mail substation at Coney where people could purchase and mail picture post cards that were stamped on the address side -- "U.S. Official Aerial Mail Stamp." They were placed in a mail sack that sat at Peck's feet on his plane. Once a day Peck flew over the ball field at California (about a mile away) and kicked the bag from the plane. The Assistant Supervisor of the Cincinnati Post Office Frank Beatty officially retrieved the sack and the mail was sent off from the California Post Office at the local C.G. & P. station to Cincinnati by train.



Photo by S. Smalley.

Here is the image of one sent to Miss Blanche Smith who taught in the California Ohio schools for many years.

-- Janet Heywood, Research

## PLAN AHEAD . . . INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

### Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Start Time
May 2	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 12	Plant Sale	9:00 a.m.
May 16	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 6	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 20	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
July 18	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
August 1	Annual Picnic	6:00 p.m.
August 15	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Member Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>Country Store</b>	Noon to 5 p.m.

*Remember members are invited to attend Board Meetings if they wish. Board Meetings are held at the ATHS Brick House, 6550 Clough Pike.*

### Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members:

**Karen Cousino**                      **Dennis Nichols**  
**Lois Sandker**                      **Lawrence Yates**  
**William and Judith Lipsky**

### Thinking of you

**Robert Greer**, who had a knee replacement in late February.

**Sharon Perry**, who had her second knee replacement in mid-February.

### ATHS E-mail Notices and Updates

We send e-mail reminders to members for all the monthly meetings. If you would like to receive such reminders, send an e-mail to **athsloghouse@yahoo.com** and we will add your e-mail address to the ATHS list.

### Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to collect aluminum cans. Recently we recycled some of the collected cans and received \$180. We still have some more cans to recycle but can always use more. Bring your cans to the meetings or leave them by the Log House Outhouse or call Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and arrange for him to pick them up from you.

## ATHS HORNSCHEMEIER HOUSE VIEWS



*ATHS Hornschemeier House on Bartels Road. Front door view, 2011. Photo by Lawrence Yates.*



*ATHS Hornschemeier House on Bartels Road. Back porch view, 2011. Photo by Lawrence Yates.*



*ATHS Hornschemeier House. Back porch view in July 1951. Photo from Brenda Greer.*



*ATHS  
Hornschemeier  
House,  
Bartels  
Road,  
1950s.  
Photo from  
Brenda Greer.*

### **Land Use Committee Report on the Status of the Hornschemeier House**

The Land Use Committee would like to report an update on the Hornschemeier House. This house was purchased in 2005 by the Anderson Township Historical Society. It was built in around 1950 so the Committee decided to furnish it in that period or in a time period near that time. The house is close to being a museum display. The first floor rooms have been cleaned and the walls and ceilings painted, including the back porch. Thanks to a wonderful donation by Edwina and Wilbur Rees the rooms have been furnished, including the living room, the dining room, the bathroom and one bedroom. The kitchen is not completely furnished; it still needs some furnishings including kitchen items. The back porch that is over the cistern also needs some more furnishings. The outside and trim are in the process of being painted. The attic was the children's room and it is our plan for it to continue to be. We do have a trundle bed and a maple desk for this area. Our plan is to put up more shelving to display toys of the 1950s era. The basement needs organizing as well as furnishing.

Curtains, dresser scarves, venetian blinds as well as furniture and other furnishings are needed to complete this house museum. Members have been trying to keep the flower gardens from getting overgrown. The yard and gardens still need quite a bit of work. The Committee would like to add a locking back door off the back porch for safety reasons. Several windows need to be replaced

because the seals are broken. Some light fixtures need to be replaced by other fixtures that we have. The kitchen floor needs to be replaced, we feel that the current floor may be asbestos. The stairway and attic need to be cleaned and painted and the attic shelves need to be built (we have the lumber). The cistern needs to be painted so we can start to collect rain water that is needed to supply the kitchen and bathroom water. The basement has a water leak problem (only when it rains). We could use some dehumidifiers to help with the moisture in this house. The furnace could use some work as well as a new oil tank for outside. There is grotto in the backyard and it needs repairs including the replacement of the figure of Mary.



*Grotto in snow, 1950s*

The projects of converting the buildings on our property to museum displays need the support of our members whether it is with physical labor, moral support or financial assistance. There are some projects, as you can see, that are too hard for volunteers to accomplish so we are going to have to find assistance (which usually costs money). Please think about how you can help with this house (museum). Please contact Ann King at 231-9557 or by e-mail at kingchapman@fuse.net about how you can help.

*- Ann King, Properties*

## History Room News: Special Exhibit Celebrating the Miller-Leuser Log House

Anderson's History Room is jointly sponsored by the Anderson Township Historical Society and Anderson Township. The History Room is open: Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8:45 p.m. at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Lower Level. We kept the special exhibit "Remembering the 1937 Flood," drawn from scrapbooks and photographs kept by Township families, up through April. In May another special exhibit drawn from the collections of the ATHS will focus on images of the Miller-Leuser Log House. Come visit these wonderful views of the Log House that you may not have seen. Bring your families to learn more about the fascinating history of Anderson Township through photos, hands-on exhibits and artifacts. In the two years since the History Room has been open on a regular schedule, over 3,000 visitors have come.



*Miller-Leuser Log House, photo appeared in the February 1973 Cincinnati magazine. ATHS members pictured (left to right): Amy Lowery, Jean Williamson, Marjorie Frame, and Hazel Keethler.*

### Call for History Room Docents

The History Room continues to be very well attended. We have a very loyal group of docents who continue to have the History Room open on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week. Thank you very much. However we are always in need of more help and can always use additional docents. If being a docent is of interest to you please contact Bill Dreyer (474-0568) and he will explain how the program works and will schedule a class to train new docents.



*Linda Magee, NKU student Brittany Lipscomb and Bill Dreyer at the Log House. March 24, 2012. Photo by J. Heywood.*

### Thanks for Your Service

**NKU public history student Brittany Lipscomb** for preparing a grant proposal to benefit ATHS as part of her class project this spring.

**Don Perry, webmaster**, for moving ATHS into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with ATHS's new website [andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://andersontownshiphistoricalsociety.org).

**Jan Hawkins, Ann King, Lyn Scheper, Diane Schneider** and **Connie Whitaker** for contributing to this issue.

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

**Anne Ross** for the entertaining talk about the DAR Waldschmidt House at the Annual Dinner in March.

**Kathy Hoelscher**, ATHS Historian & Photographer, for compiling a thorough record of ATHS activities and displaying the most recent ATHS scrapbook at the Annual Dinner in March.

**Patti Bukosky** for bringing the demonstration of her massive photographic documentation for the ATHS collections to the Annual Dinner.

Those members who served as docents for the History Room in February, March and April: **William Dreyer, Janet Heywood, Tom Lovejoy, Linda Magee, Lucy Moore, Bev and Al Robinson, Charles Wallace, Connie and Tom Whitaker, and Charles Woodward.**

**Donna Bartley, Barb Christman, Linda Jacobs, Nancy Meyer, Diane Schneider, and Sue Wettstein**, for bringing the delicious refreshments for the membership meetings in February and April.

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