

Sharing the Secret

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Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society, Inc.

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President's Report by Fred Troutwine

As another year begins, I reflect on the contributions of last year's officers, Board, committee chairpersons, and membership volunteers, appreciative of their accomplishments. Together, we had a very successful and productive year. Thank you all!

The Historical Society was fortunate to receive the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,000. The grant monies were used to help defray the cost associated with new safety-compliant doors for the east and north entrances. A handicap access ramp leading to the north entrance was built. The widening of the doorway leading from the meeting room to the back kitchen was also completed.

Our display cases have been rewired with new and more efficient lighting improving the overall visibility of artifacts. A new light has been installed at the bottom of the stairway. Also, an exit sign is now in place above the door leading from the meeting room to the back kitchen. These additions add to the overall safety of our building.

One of the more exciting projects being planned this year is the recording of oral history through interviews and audio/video taping. We are in the process of compiling a list of citizens who may be willing to share their memories and stories of growing up in the Arcanum area. Please contact Keith Furlong or Jane Staley if you would like to participate or have names of people who would enjoy talking about "old times".

In line with this project and genealogy, will be the need for a computer system. This is something we need to be thinking about. Any suggestions??? This will be vital for the storage and retrieval of information.

Ivan Brown has donated a 1938 "Arcana" Yearbook and Dick Troutwine gave us a 1937 one he purchased "on line". We'd like to have a yearbook from each year to complete the collection. These books provide hours of entertainment.

An all day Spring Cleaning Party is planned for April 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m. BYOCS (bring your own cleaning supplies!). Promises to be a lot of fun! "The more, the merrier"!

Finally, on a hot and lazy summer afternoon two years ago, Carolyn and I visited the Tobacco Museum in Ripley, Ohio. As we approached the museum, we noticed a group of "old timers" sitting under a large old tree. One was leaning on his cane, while his buddy was laughing and obviously spinning quite a yarn. They stopped mid-sentence and greeted us with great enthusiasm. They gave us a grand tour of the museum, but we learned much more that day. These men, living in this community, met daily to catch up with the new and reminisce about the past. They were proud of their town's history, and enjoyed the opportunity to share its story.

As we go forward this year, I would like to see our Historical Society encourage similar opportunities for people in *our* community. Placing benches under the trees in Veteran's Park for comfortable seating, providing corn bag toss equipment for use, and opening the house to the public on specified days would be a start. Perhaps you would have other ideas.

I encourage you to call with any creative ideas that will benefit the Historical Society and people of our community. Thank you!

May 14 "Building An Operational Wright Aircraft" Presented by Nick Engler

AWTHS is pleased to have as our guest speaker Nick Engler. Mr. Engler is the director of the Wright Brothers Aeroplane Company, an educational foundation that uses the story of the Wright brothers to encourage young people to pursue careers in science and technology. He will speak about the invention of the airplane from his unique perspective of having built operational Wright aircraft and will show several short films of Wright replicas in flight. During the years leading up to the centennial anniversary of the first successful powered flight, Nick led a team of historians, pilots, and teachers to build and fly all of the experimental aircraft of the Wright brothers. This included all six of the gliders and airplanes they built between 1899 and 1905 in their quest for a practical flying machine.

Hearing how old fashioned planes were built is a great way to start Arcanum's Old Fashioned Days festival. Please remember George St. will be closed for the festival vendors. Park on the side street. (Sycamore St.).

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2008 Year End Financial Information

Checking/Savings \$ 4,107.39
Long Term Liabilities \$ 7,376.18
Building Expense Total \$ 4,145.00
 Depreciation Expense \$ 956.00
 Utilities 1,229.32
 Insurance 655.00
 Ohio & IRS Fee 50.00
Renovations Expense \$ 7,379.83
 Real Estate Tax 1,254.68

Income - Total \$23,414.84
 Activities \$11,216.34
 Donations 2,697.75
 Hall Rental 1,525.00
 Membership or Sponsor 2,695.00
 Grant 3,000.00
 Sign Sold 258.75

For a complete statement contact Jerry Kramer.

Committee ReportsAcquisitions Dick Troutwine 692-5128

0912	Ferne F. Flommersfeld Diploma, Pictures, etc	Rose Shilt
0913	Novel "Action In Arcanum"	Robert Davison
0914	Memorabilia	Lois Troutwine
0915	Arcanum 1961 Annual "The Arcette"	Richard Troutwine
0916	Arcanum 1928 Football Team Picture	Tom Staley
0917	Arcanum 1929 Basketball Team Picture	Tom Staley
0918	Arcanum 1929 Senior Class Picture	Tom Staley
0919	Compass carried by Guy Chellis in WWI	Gary Wright
0920	Arcanum National Bank Money Bag	Terry Mills
0921	Arcanum 1937 "Arc Hi" Annual via eBay	Richard Troutwine
0922	Arcanum 1938 "Arc Hi" Annual	Ivan Brown

Carolyn Furlong is asking for donations of school articles from Arcanum, Franklin, Monroe, Gordon, and Ithaca for a "school days" display. Wanted are band, sports and cheerleading uniforms, photos and programs from all activities; plays, proms, chorus, also periodicals, scrapbooks and newspaper clippings. Any article that will help tell about our schools will be appreciated.

The Arcanum High School year book, or annual, was published by the different title "Arc Hi", "Arcana" then later "Arcette". AWTHS hopes to have a complete collection of the annuals. These are the years we have at this time: 1921, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1937, 1938, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987. Annuals were not published in the 40s and early 50s. If you would like to donate a yearbook, contact Dick Troutwine or any board member.

Publications Bill Gunder 692-8000 and Barbara Deis 678-7832

Books written by Bill Gunder and Anita Short are available for purchase at the Historical Society, Farmer Brown's, Garst Museum and Jeff Puterbaugh's eBay store. Order books from AWTHS using the form on page 7.

Income from books sales in 2008 was \$2,657.

Be sure to visit our website arcanumhistoricalsociety.org. Latest additions to the website are Arcanum phone directories: 1901 Arcanum Home Telephone Company and 1903 Greenville Home Telephone Company - Arcanum Exchange.

Ways and Means Jenny Quigney 692-5994

Old Fashioned Days will be May 15th, 16th, and 17th. AWTHS activities planned are bake sale, "Sheep Drop", Corn Hole Tournament and open house. One hundred Sheep Drop tickets will be sold at \$5 each, the winner will receive \$100. A bake sale will be held Saturday. Contact Cary Wogomon, 692-5877, for information about participating.

AWTHS Open Hours

Starting May 23rd the Historical Society will be open to visitors between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each Saturday. This is in conjunction with the Farmers Market being held again this year on the lawn of the Veteran's Memorial Park. Corn hole games will be set out on the lawn of the Historical Society for anyone to enjoy.

Volunteers are needed to service as hosts and hostesses during open hours.

Commemorative Bricks

AWTHS is selling commemorative bricks for the WALK OF MANY MEMORIES which was first installed in front of Veteran's Memorial Park during Arcanum's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1999. The commemorative bricks, inscribed with names of past and current residents, businesses and organizations, will replace blank bricks in the walk. The cost is \$50. There are 100 bricks available. For more information contact Keith Furlong, 548-6556. **Order form is on page 7.**

Living Memories Project Jane Staley 692-8634 and Keith Furlong 548-6556

This project involves conducting interviews, using a video camera or a recorder, with individuals living in the Arcanum Wayne Trail area. Our goal is to capture these lifetime experiences and publish an edited version in book form. If you would like to be part of this endeavor, please contact Jane or Keith.

Farmers Market Jean Yeomans 692-5298

Vendors will set up each Saturday on the lawn of Veteran's Memorial Park beginning May 23rd. Contact Jean if you would like to be a vendor or for more information.

Arcanum Trivia Answers

Here are the answers to the questions which appeared in the January 2009 newsletter.

1. **Where is the Veteran's Memorial located and what organization dedicated it?**

*These trees were planted by Arcanum Garden Club in
Memory of the boys of Arcanum and community who
Made the supreme sacrifice in War World II
April 1948*

The boulder and brass plaque with the above inscription is located between Painters Creek and Weisenbarger Court near the entrance to the present swimming pool. The trees mentioned in the inscription were planted along Weisenbarger Ct. to Ivester Park.

A monument at Veteran's Memorial Park on West George Street reads -

*To all Arcanum Area Veterans Serving Our country in all wars and conflicts
Presented to the Village of Arcanum by Arcanum VFW Post 4161
Arcanum Area Business Association
Arcanum Sesquicentennial Committee
Dedicated May 16, 1999*

2. **What kind of gum did veterinarian Dr. Dan Cox carry with him?**

Children looked forward to the licorice flavored Black Jack Chewing Gum which Dr. Cox always had with him. Both Dr. Cox and his wife Betty, were from the Cleveland area. After practicing in Wisconsin for a few years, Dr. Cox brought his family to Arcanum in 1945, purchased the existing veterinarian service from Dr. Gutermuth. The practice was originally founded by Dr. Hapner in the 1880s. Following Dr. Cox's retirement in 1981, Arcanum Veterinary Service Inc. continues to care for our animals with the staff of Dr. David Farst and Dr. David Hayes.

3. **Where was the location of Arcanum's founding family's log cabin?**

The location of William Gunder's family log cabin is what is now known as 105 North Street. The present home is occupied by the founder's great-grandson, William (Bill) Gunder.

4. **What were two places where whiskey was made in Arcanum?**

A 1857 reference shows Voorhes, Shepherd & Bros. Grist Mill & Distillery located along the south bank of Painters Creek on the east side of what is now North Main Street. Proprietors were Manning Voorhes, Wm & John Shepherd. Located on the Voorhes property, the mill became Arcanum Star Mills aka Ivester Mill about 1860 and remained so until 1913. The mills were razed in 1915 then becoming the site for residential property, 202, 211, 213, 215 N. Main St. (Reference: Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852 thru 1968) page 150)

The summer of 2008 a visitor brought a bourbon bottle having a paper label with the name "George W. Stevens, Arcanum Ohio" to Staley's Antiques and Woodworking wanting information about the whiskey maker. After talking with the visitor, Tom directed him to JoAnne Hill. They were both disappointed the bottle was not for sale.

When reading Anita Short's book "Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)" we find the name George W. Stevens connected to two saloons. Stevens Brothers Saloon, located at 107 N. High St., was owned by John & George Stevens from 1882 to 1902. George W. Stevens was proprietor of George W. Stevens Saloon located at 15 N. High St. from 1901 to 1908, then between 1908 and 1928 his business was listed as a pharmacy. This building is currently Miller's Tavern owned by Tina Didier.

During county prohibition (Nov. 1908 and Nov. 1911) it was legal to make and sell liquor for medicinal purposes. It was around this time that Stevens changed his business to a pharmacy so he could legally make and sell liquor. When Stevens was unsuccessful at selling liquor as a pharmacy because he couldn't keep a pharmacist, he changed to just running a card room.

It is known that George Stevens made whiskey, it isn't known to us when Stevens sold his whiskey in these fine bottles. It is hoped AWTHS can acquire the bottle and also uncover more information.

Trivia Answers continues**5. What was the name of the “junkman” who collected scrap iron and other stuff in the 40’s?**

Sam Burd, a Russian immigrant, was a junk dealer from 1917 until 1947. Burd Junk Yard was located at 208 S. Main. Although he lived in Arcanum during the week, his family home was in Dayton, where he was seen on weekends in the finest clothing enjoying a night on the town. (Ref: Arcanum, Ohio Business History, Page 168)

6. Name original business buildings moved from George Street.

The business area on the south side of West George Street changed in 1950 with the construction of the Brumbaugh Building. Up until then it was referred to as the Clark Block, as John D. Clark originally owned lot 16 which contained addresses known as 6, 8, & 10 West George Street extending to the alley. The address “4 W. George St.” was not used prior to the construction of the Brumbaugh Building

The east entrance to the Clark home was 10 N. Main St. The north side of the building, 2 W. George St., seems to have rented out either as a residence or business.

In the transition the north section of the house was razed. Kincaid’s Restaurant, located on the north side, 2 W. George St., returned and continue business in the new Brumbaugh Building.

The building where Dr. Peter H. Mulder had his office, 6 W. George St., was moved to 7 N. High St. where he continued his practice. Nancy’s Beauty, Tanning & Nail Salon, owned by Nancy Wright, is now in the building.

The building at 8 W. George St. where Thad Ray Jeweler was located, was moved to 6 S. Main St. next to the present Post Office. It is currently a residence. Ray continued his business in the new building.

Abe Bloom Shoe Repairs was at 10 W. George Street. Mr. Bloom put an ad in the newspaper to sell his frame building. It is not known if the building was moved or torn down. Mr. Bloom continued his business from a building behind his home at 414 S. Main St.

Presently Korner Restaurant, owned by Rhonda Marshal for almost 19 years , occupies the corner business space of 10 N. Main St.

Ben Franklin Store currently encompasses the remaining sections of the Brumbaugh Building, with the address being 4 W. George St. The business is owned by Judy Fourman and her daughter Dawn Arnett. Lyle Bixler now owns the building. (Reference: Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852 thru 1968), pages 24-30)

7. Where is the last train crossing sign still standing?

An original train crossing sign is in place on the southwest corner of Mike and Marilyn Custer’s property where Locust Street crosses the old railroad track bed. Marilyn said she and Mike acquired the sign when the track was removed by the railroad company. The sign had been in storage until a couple years ago.

Interesting information about the house at the end of Locust St. across the track bed. This house was erected between 1875 and 1888 on the east side of S. Main St. (across the street from the present Arcanum Hardware) for John and Mary Ann Kaylor. In 1910 the railroad company, then CCC&St. Louis (aka Big Four), purchased the house for lodging of the section hands while maintaining the tracks. C.C. Davis purchased the house in 1934 and moved it onto his farm property at the end of what is now Locust Street. The house continued to be used by the railroad company, then named New York Central, although local people still called it the Big Four. JoAnne Hill remembers delivering groceries to the railroad men at the house on Locust St.

(Read more about the trains and railroad companies which passed through Arcanum in “Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852 thru 1968)“, pages 60-61 and 165-167.)

8. Who built the entrance posts on N. Main Street leading to Ivester Park?

“At a meeting of Arcanum Lions Club held on January 2 of this year (1936), the Ivester Park Improvement Project was discussed. It was stated that an effort was being made to place the project before the county and state WPA (Works Progress Administration) officials.”

WPA approved the local project Feb. 1. “The improvements scheduled include a new driveway from the swimming pool to the park. The driveway will follow the creek from the pool to the park. Other changes planned were the construction of stone entrances to the park, construction of tennis courts behind the school, building of ovens, building of shelter houses and extensive landscaping.”

Trivia Answers continues

The swimming pool at that time (1921-1939) was located on the south side of Weisenbarger Court where the homes of 8 and 10 Weisenbarger Court now stand. Four sets of stone entrance posts were erected: Weisenbarger Court, Ivester Lane, Park Drive and at the south entrance to the park. The creek referred to in this article is Painters Creek. (Reference: Arcanum Chronicle - Read more about the WPA project on page 104.)

9. How many telephone systems did Arcanum have at one time?

In 1901 there were two separate telephone companies operating in Arcanum. Home Telephone and Bell Telephone each had separate lines and separate sets of subscribers, none of which could talk to each other unless they were subscribers on the same system. Some residents subscribed to both telephone systems so they could talk with more people. In 1903 there was only one system, Home Telephone Company of Greenville, mentioned in the newspapers.

Prior to any franchises being awarded, there was what was called “a call station” located at one of the local drug stores which the town population and surrounding area could use to call out to other places already having telephones. There was a third telephone franchise granted by Arcanum City Council, but it was never put into effect. (Reference “Arcanum...a secret place”, page 269 and Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852 thru 1968)

10. What is the history of the cannon on the lawn of the Library?

At the time the newsletter went to print, this question had not been answered. There were many ideas shared but none lead to the answer. Many people remember it being on Ed Troxel’s property in the 1950’s. Others remember it being fired on special occasion. We do know at the request of the library board, Dale Miller rebuilt the cannon in 1992, replacing the wooden sides and made it impossible for kids to fire. If you know more about the cannon please contact AWTHS.

It is easier to document the Wright B Flyer replica. The miniature plane was built by Rodney Printz and Kent Denlinger, both sophomores in the Vocational Education class at Arcanum High School. The monument was dedicated to Mayor N. C. (Red) Irelan in 1975 during Arcanum’s celebration of our country’s 200th birthday. Arcanum Elementary students raised \$50 to help build the base for the monument. (Reference: Early Bird Newspaper article Nov. 17, 1975)

**Library Cannon**

Photo of cannon

The measurements of the cannon: 20” wheels , 20” barrel, 36” carriage, would use 2” ball

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society, Inc.
Commemorative Bricks Order Form
 (14 spaces per line, 3 lines only, please print legibly)

Cost \$50

Due Date - June 1, 2009

Your Name _____

Address _____

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Phone # (_____) _____

AWTHS is a charitable 501(c) 3 organization
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2009 Membership Form

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Name _____ Phone _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Address _____ City, State & Zip code _____

Annual Membership Fees _____ \$15.00 Single _____ \$25.00 Family

_____ \$50.00 Sponsorship _____ \$150.00 Corporate _____ \$1000.00 Lifetime

Your tax deductible additional contributions are also greatly appreciated \$ _____

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Your participation is needed in order for AWTHS to exist and for continuous growth. Please check the area where you are willing to serve.

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 Historic Sites Education Nominating Flower Garden Care Yard Care
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Books Available For Purchase

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>The Secret Town - the Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio</u> 1999	<u>Bill Gunder</u>	\$20.00 ____
The author writes of his great-grandfather, William Gunder, the founder of Arcanum and his descendants. Personal papers of the family, discovered during research, allowed Bill to document in detail the story of how the town of Arcanum was founded and the events that profoundly effected its early development and growth.		
<u>Arcanum, Ohio Business History 1852-1968</u> 2003	<u>Anita Short</u>	\$25.00 ____
Indexed by street names and numbers, every known business and proprietor is listed at that address up to and including 1968. Dated newspaper clippings are included.		
<u>Arcanum Chronicles</u> 2008	<u>Anita Short & Bill Gunder</u>	\$20.00 ____
The book contains 130 pages describing the Opera House/Town Hall, Chautauqua, Sports, Christmas in the Village, Grassville Quartet, Brig. Gen. E. Sigerfoos, Fast Horses, Parades & Celebrations and Ithaca School		
<u>Arcanum Chronicles - Volume 2</u> 2008	<u>Bill Gunder</u>	\$18.00 ____
Volume 2 contains 2 smaller books bound as a single book: <i>Arcanum Fire Department (1877- 1970)</i> <i>Arcanum Public Library & Historic Ivester House</i>		
<u>Postage and handling \$5.00</u>		

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Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society Calendar of Events

April 3 & 17, 2009	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
April 7, 2009	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 8, 2009	Spring Cleaning Day	9:00 a.m.
May 1 & 15, 2009	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
May 14, 2009	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: Wright B Flyer presented by Nick Engler	
May 15, 16, 17, 2009	Old Fashioned Days	
May 23, 2009	AWTHS Open Hours -each Saturday	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
	Farmers Market begins	
June 2, 2009	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties - First & Third Friday of each month September through May

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Aluminum Recycling - Wendell Miller 692-8425

For Sale - Historic Arcanum Note Cards & Christmas Cards

Books - Bill Gunder 692-8000

Donation of Appreciated stock(s) - Richard Troutwine, 692-5128 or Todd Durham, 2nd National Bank, 548-2206

Newsletter is compiled by Barb Deis. Contact Barb at 678-7832 or bdeis@core.com with information for the newsletter. AWTHS would be happy for you to write your own story for the newsletter.

A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations. (Macaulay)

WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES OF OUR COMMUNITY

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