

Sharing the Secret

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President's Report by Fred Troutwine

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. How fortunate we are to be in this area where our crops received the benefit of early rains and were able to grow abundantly. Carolyn and I traveled through a number of western states, victims of severe weather that caused late plantings and worry about yield. As we drove through these areas, we indeed "counted our blessings".

Traveling across our great country, we met the most fascinating people. Usually after the evening meal, couples walk through the campgrounds, often stopping to chat. You can't imagine what many people our age are doing with their lives. There was the retired couple from North Dakota who adopted an 11 year-old boy whose mother had recently died from a drug overdose. Grandparents camping with their grandchildren along the Lewis and Clark Trail, were giving those children a hearty dose of American history. And then, there was the retired dentist and his wife who were traveling the world (including remote and dangerous areas) providing dental care to those less fortunate. Unselfish, sacrificing, Americans! Wow!

People asked about our lives. What an opportunity to tell them about AWTHS. We talked about its beginning, our members, of community generosity and talented people, all of whom recognize the importance of preserving and sharing the history of our town. We talked about the building renovation, the fundraisers, and the generous donations of talents, skills, and finances that have brought our townspeople together with this common purpose.

I took away from this experience a great appreciation of the contributions you are all making to our organization and community. Every effort, large or small, is making a difference in the example we are setting. From the young school children that come to the Historical House to hear the story of their town, to the seniors with cherished memories who stop by and share their stories, the Historical Society is a gathering place for the collection of relics, memorabilia, and genealogical resources in one location for *everyone* to enjoy. Isn't that a great accomplishment? Thank you all!

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November 11, 2010

Membership Meeting

7:00 p.m.

"David Connor "...an 1814 settler to the Ohio lands"

November 11th we will welcome Tom Franklin of Winchester, Indiana who, throughout the summer and fall months attends numerous Revolutionary and Civil War reenactments and participated at Vincennes in September in the reenactment of the meeting in 1810 between Tecumseh and Harrison at Grouseland on the Wabash.

Tom arrives in costume and portrays a settler of the Ohio Territory in 1814. The portrayal is well researched and historically correct, and full of surprises. If you've wondered what it was like to be a pioneer of Darke County, Ohio and Randolph County, Ind. in these wild and wooly years come join us for an interesting evening.

2010 Financial Statement Summary As of August 31, 2010

Checking and Savings	\$4614.16
Total Revenue	\$9730.27
Total Expense	\$8345.06
Operating Income	\$1385.21

Committee Reports

Acquisitions: Carolyn Furlong 548-6556 & Carolyn Troutwine 692-8939

10167 - Photo 1947 Birthday Party - Playing London Bridge	Carolyn Furlong
10168 - Folding wooden yardstick, Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. Folding metal yardstick, R.J. Warner Ins.	Tom Eubanks
10169 - Pewter note holder, Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan	Ron Rismiller
10170 - Farmers Institute Program 1936, Franklin Twp.	Marilyn Graeff
10171 - 1914 Advertising Item, Chevrolet calendar trivet Troutwine Auto Sales	Bill Gunder
10172 - Miss America Program Book, Memorabilia of Karen Rogers	Marilyn Graeff
10173 - 3 Post Cards - Arcanum City Building, Greenville Court House, & 1 other	“
10174 - Fox Pharmacy medicine bottle & Frank Bookwalter for Commissioner ruler	“
10175 - Copy of photo taken at Racquet Factory building when it was being used as a tobacco warehouse and employees, 1921	Fred Troutwine
10176 - Photo of car hit by a train in Greenville, 1913, killing Dr. Russ Ford, Postcard sent 5 J. K. Albright	“
10177 - Meadow Gold Ice Cream ad. - Hughes Ice Cream Shoppe	“
10178 - Photo display of deer hunt and hunters, Jack Weaver, Larney Fry, Mart Wild, C.F. Mundhank and Jim Heck	“
10179 - Rain Hat compliments of Freda Riegle, General Ins. Agency	“
10180 - 1940s ladies black felt hat, belonged to the late Edith Patterson	Carolyn Furlong
10181 - Box of news clippings and other items from the Faye Corwin Burke collection	Bill and Barb Young
10182 - White ceramic vase and saucer	
10183 - Family History of Levi Frazee	David and Carolyn Frazee
10184 - School books, 1903, 1913, 1915, & 1917	Betty Sease
10185 - 1 pair Arcanum Hardware work gloves	“
10186 - Arcanum Fire Dept. Auxiliary Cookbook	“
10187 - Rogers Hardware Notebook	“
10188 - 1972 Alumni Banquet Program Book	Rosser Collection
10189 - Pewter Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan card holder and small tray R. J. Warner glass ashtray, & Larry Fourman metal tray	“
10190 - 1976 & 1978 Farmers Almanac	“
10191 - 3 - 1950 Arcanum Centennial celebration program booklet	“
10192 - 1976 Arcanum Alumni Banquet book	“
10193 - Arcanum Bicentennial cook book 1976	“
10194 - 1934 - 1951 Arcanum National Bank formal opening book 6-17-51	“
10195 - Petersime Electric Incubators Booklet, Gettysburg, OH	“
10196 - 2 Season's Greetings Calendars - 1977 Duffy True Value Hardware & Miller Hardware, 1978	“
10197 - Arcanum Pattern for Growth book - 1967	“
10198 - Girls Basketball Tournament book, 1969-1977	“
10199 - Ohio State Grange Cook book Yellow 1961	“

Historian: Bill Gunder 692-8000

We now have two volunteers, Carol Null and Nancy Baker, working on the many books of research notes that Anita Short had compiled before her death. One volunteer enters the notes into MS Word and the other proof reads the completed documents to locate any typo errors. However, we could also use additional help to type the notes into MS Word. If you know how to create a simple document with the MS Word program (or even MS Works Word Processor) and would like to help with this important task to preserve our local history call Bill Gunder at ☎ 937-692-8000. We have approximately 6,000 pages of notes to enter. HELP!

Membership: Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

As of September 1, 2010, AWTHS has 167 members generating revenue of \$2,505. There were also generous donations of \$1,630. There are 15 memberships already received for the new year of 2011.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of a friend of AWTHS Chuck Weidner.

Ways and Means: Richard Troutwine 692-5128

This year the **Farmer's Market** netted a profit of **\$688** for the frozen soup, brownies, deviled eggs, stuffed baked potatoes and Trophy Nut products. Thanks to all members who donated soup, etc. and worked at the market.

The St. Rt. 127 World's Longest Yard Sale was not as successful as last year. The big ticket items were lacking. After a \$200 rental fee we made approximately **\$635**; however, B&B Frame Gallery is trying to sell two framed pictures worth about \$200 for us. Hopefully these items will sell.

All left over items were donated to Faith United Methodist Church for their yard sale and to Goodwill. Thanks for your donations and help with the sales.

Finally, the **Darke County Fair** Board paid AWTHS **\$900** for the 315 hours of our work to man Gate #3 during the fair. This went very well thanks to all who volunteered to work.

☎ The annual **Holiday Bazaar** is planned for the Saturday following Thanksgiving, **November 27th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Again we will be selling new and gently used Christmas items as well as baked goods, candies and frozen soup. Christmas items you wish to donate may be brought to the Nov. 11th membership meeting or you may contact Richard Troutwine. Your help will be needed to set up as well as to work the day of the bazaar.

Christmas On George Street We will join other stores in being open between 6 - 9 p.m. for the luminary walk.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our fund raisers successful this year.

Genealogy: Annetta Stewart 692-6462Genealogy Workshop

We had a good workshop in July with much discussion and inquiries about researching. Thanks to Bill Gunder for sharing his research tips about writing family history and to Brenda Arnett for loaning her great selection of genealogy and reference materials for the workshop.

Donations

Thank you to Rose Shilt for donating a micro film reader and thanks to Dr. Wayne Fisher for donating a micro fiche reader. Rose's gift also included films on the following: census, Darke Co. births/deaths, Arcanum Weekly Times, Dayton newspapers. There are also reels from Dr. Fisher, these have not been viewed and indexed. The films are available for viewing by appointment only. Reels obtained from other sources, such as Latter Day Saints, can be brought in and viewed. Donations of the micro film reader and micro fiche reader help expand our research and genealogy library.

☎ We would like to have a micro film printer. This will enable researchers to make copies of information they find on film. Also, please contact AWTHS if you have knowledge of maintaining the reader and printer.

AWTHS recently obtained the book Families of Darke Co., OH and History of Darke Co., OH 1880 by W Beers. We are interested in obtaining Darke County history information in any form. Particularly books on the old school houses and their locations, maps, and churches are wanted. These types of publications provide information such as family names, dates, social activities and much more.

Family Histories

We want to thank the following families for donating their family histories for the genealogy library: Joseph Fourman Family by Phyllis Fourman Shields; Bradberg and Hawkey Families by Mary Pearce and Carolyn Frazee; Frazee Family by Carolyn Frazee.

Please consider submitting your family history in any form; family group sheets, book form, computer genealogy program, hand written journals or notebooks.

We encourage you to visit our genealogy library. Also, check out the AWTHS website which is updated as new materials are obtained.

Website: Bill Gunder 692-8000

The Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society website continues to evolve as material becomes available. The Genealogy Section has been expanded and is updated regularly. The procedure for researching family information is now completed and available online. This defines steps to take to gain access to the many books and documents available in the Genealogy Library. We also added data in the Research Section that is not available from any other source. This includes many records that were lost for years and then found during reorganization of our local town records. All research records are presented in Adobe PDF format so internet users can quickly locate specific information

Wayne Trail Grange Metal Chairs

The metal chairs purchased by local businesses in 1963 to support the Wayne Trail Grange are now being used by AWTHS. There is a history behind each business; some are still providing services to our communities today, while others are known only from the past. Following is a little information about four of those businesses.

Four additional businesses whose names are on the back of chairs will be featured in the next newsletter:

Arcanum Ceramic Studio, Arcanum Elevator, Arcanum Federal Savings & Loan, Arcanum Greenhouse

We would like those of you who worked at these businesses and those of you who have a story to share to  contact Keith Furlong, 548-6556 or Barb Deis, 678-7832.

The best way to tell the history of a community is for its people to share their stories. We want to thank Ron Puterbaugh, Bill Gunder, John Toops, Carolyn Hollinger, JoAnne Hill and Jim Troutwine for sharing their memories.

Amee's Beauty Shop

Amee Floyd Puterbaugh, Proprietor

To make an appointment for a permanent, which cost \$3.50 in the early days, you just had to dial 133 or walk up to the second floor of 19-21 West George St., where Amee opened her shop right out of high school. Later her shop was in her home at 205 S. High St. Many of Arcanum's ladies had their hair styled and permed by Amee in the early 1930s into the 1970s. Amee was a hair stylist for Kreitzer Funeral Home (Stutz & Sando Funeral Home).

Amee's son, Tom, said "He could get away with nothing at school, Mom always knew about it before I got home". Amee liked to tell the story about how Tom at the age of 3 or 4 decided to fix his breakfast one morning. Smelling bacon, Amee went into the kitchen where she found Tom at the stove, standing on a chair, frying bacon.

Tom went to his Uncle Russell Floyd's barber shop for a flat top when his Mom refused to cut his hair in the latest style.

Amee's brother, Howard "Johnny" Floyd, had the Arcanum Bottling Works.

Bill and Carolyn Gunder purchased two of Amee's hair permanent machines at auction. They then donated the machines to Garst Museum in Greenville.

Arcanum Aluminum Foundry

Ernest Fisher, Dwight Fisher and Carl Trentine, Proprietors

Ernest Fisher, his son Dwight and son-in-law Carl Trentine started the foundry on North High Street after Dwight and Carl returned home following WWII. The 40 ft. by 80 ft. Quonset steel hut located at 205-207 S. Walnut St. was built in 1947 for a proposed cost of \$6000. An additional 40 x 40 ft was later constructed. Although the foundry mainly poured parts, they made a variety of small projects. Arcanum's street signs were made as a project of the Lions Club in 1948. A few ornamental benches were made, 2 of which were on the library grounds in

Arcanum Aluminum Foundry continues

the 1960s. The foundry made markers for the pet cemetery in Greenville and also signs for area businesses. Following the closing of the family business in 1976, the building was auctioned after the contents were sold. The building is now vacant.

Carolyn Hollinger, daughter of Carl, remembers Arcanum grade school students touring the foundry. It was so exciting for the students to see the big ovens, pigs of iron and steel being poured into forms. Each student would receive a pencil with the business name on it and also a small bottle of coke. Carolyn, her brother Phillip and her cousins Steve and Wayne Fisher worked there as kids. Being a girl, she was only permitted to clean the offices and the coffee pot. She has wonderful memories of family picnics held on the grounds of the foundry.

Arcanum Bakery John Toops

After returning from WWII, John Toops was working at Dayton Tire and Rubber when he was given the opportunity to learn the baking business at Meehan's Bakery in Greenville through a government program. After training for 3 ½ years learning the secrets of baking and cake decorating, he then worked for Home Bakery in Coldwater.

John and his wife Irene purchased the Arcanum bakery from Frank Koogler in 1954.

The first wedding cake he made here in Arcanum was for Carolyn and Bill Gunder. John made the best cream bread and cake donuts. John tells how, after he closed the bakery, many people told him they could not buy white cake that tasted as good as what he baked. Could it be because he only used Sweetex shortening?

Many folks ordered their holiday hams from Smith's Big Store. John then baked the hams which he wrapped in bread dough to keep the meat moist.

John was busy in the early hours of the day. He was seen carrying a tray of sweet rolls to Skaggs's Tavern (now Miller's) in the early morning. Later in the day, fresh bread and sandwich buns were ready for local eateries. Another favorite item was peanut brittle. He could never have enough. In 1960 his homemade peanut brittle was sold at 69 cent a pound.

Most days' business went on as usual. But there was the Saturday afternoon while 6 customers were in the bakery when a car came crashing through the front of the building. A boy and his dad were parked in front of the store. Just learning to drive, the young man put the car in forward instead of reverse and stepped hard on the gas pedal. Fortunately no one was harmed by flying glass or by the car. The force of the impact moved the foundation a couple inches.

The wonderful aroma drifting out from the bakery ended in 1984 when John decided it was time to turn off the ovens and hang up his apron. John was a joker and was missed by many.

John now lives in Greenville. He still bakes hams wrapped in bread dough for his family and enjoys making peanut brittle. He is happy to share his peanut brittle recipe with our readers.

Peanut Brittle

2 cups granulated sugar 1 cup white Karo Syrup (corn syrup) ½ cup boiling water

Boil until medium hard ball forms in cup of cold water

Add 2 cups raw peanuts

Stir constantly and let boil until light brown color

Add 1/8 lb. margarine or butter

Stir until butter dissolves

Add 1 ½ level tsp. baking soda

Stir until foamy

Pour into 12 x 16 inch pan

The bakery was operated for a short time by Kolb's Specialty Bakery. The building is now vacant.

Arcanum Bowling Center

H. K. Smith, H. A. Rosser, R. J. Warner, Virgil A. Royer, John W. Henry, Thomas W. Browder, Benjamin Sutton, Deo Troutwine, Edgar K. Brown, J. R. Beck, S. C. Gnagey, Andrew Hepner, William L. Burns, and Treva E. Morris, Incorporators

Although residents enjoyed bowling in Arcanum for many years, the Arcanum Bowling Center was the first permanent site. Built in 1957 with 12 lanes, it is located at 611 North Main St. Investors were offered the chance to purchase general public shares of stock for \$25 per share. The Board of Directors moved quickly to set up a league and bowling association, which was required to have the lanes sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress.

Since bowling balls started rolling down the lanes, ownership changed several times.

At the time the donation was made to the Grange entitling the business to have their name on the chair, the business was listed as HCP Corporation with Dale E. Hummel, Vice President and John Rademachir, manager. The name was changed to Arcanum Lanes at some time.

Jim Troutwine is one of a few current bowlers who is linked with the original owners. As a kid of seven or so, he kept score for his mother, Phyllis, when she bowled in a Thursday evening league, and he bowled in the Saturday morning kids league.

Mike Fout was the first bowler to roll a perfect 300 game; 20 years after the lanes were opened.

Currently the Arcanum Lanes is owned by Lori Heiburg and Deb Scott. Brien Carey is the manager.

Arcanum Public Library Centennial 1911 - 2011

2011 marks the 100th anniversary of the public library. November 1910 ladies of the Arcanum Criterion Club and interested members of the community first met to form a library association. When the library opened in 1911 in a room on the second floor of the Smith Big Store, there were 450 books in circulation. December 2009 there were 54,743 books.

Today many services are offered which could not have been dreamed of in 1910. Patrons can check out DVDs, Videos, films, puppets, puzzles, microfilms, CD ROM and games. Computers are available for patrons use. The library has micro fiche films of old Arcanum newspapers. Unfortunately the micro fiche reader/printer is broken and cannot be fixed. Staff is able to get books patrons request, which our library doesn't currently have in circulation, through a consortium with Serving Every Ohioan Library Center.

The building is handicapped accessible from the parking lot and an elevator is available to the second floor.

Familiar faces you see working diligently to keep you updated with the latest books, magazines and other forms of media, as well as interesting and fun programs for adults and children, are staff members: Marilyn Walden-Director, Roberta Brown-Clerk Treasurer, Deb Fourman-Associate Director, Karen Burke-Operations Coordinator, Holly Bowser-Storyteller, Pam Kessler-Cataloger, Amanda Sowers-A/V Cataloger, Peggy Via-Processor, Shelly Warner-Custodian, Ellen Breece & Alychia Wright-Subs, and Erica Daugherty & Arthur Troutwine-Computer Aides/Pages.

The summer reading program & party for the children, family movies, Story Times and Afterwords Programs are a few programs planned by the staff. Tutors meet with students; organization, our schools & community groups hold meetings here; the census bureau trains census takers here. An unofficial service - the library is an after school safe haven for students while waiting for pickup by parents or caregivers. The list of uses of this beautiful building goes on.

The staff is generous in assisting patrons in doing research, and in some situations they will research for the patron.

Propelling the library through difficult times of funding cuts and meeting higher cost of materials & operating expenses, which have resulted in staff cuts and being closed on Mondays, are library board members: Paul Myers-Pres., Dennis Benedict-Vice Pres., Jean Miller-Sec., Lavonne Siculan, Randy O'Dell, Rose Lambert and Jan Roestamadji.

Much credit of the library's success through the years is due to generous monetary gifts, many from individuals' estates. The board is also appreciative of grants received from the Lydia E. Schaurer Memorial Fund and Ketrow Foundation.

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October 1 & 15, 2010	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
October 5, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 2, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 5 & 19, 2010	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
November 11, 2010	Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Program: Portrayal of David Conner	
	Presenter: Tom Franklin	
November 27, 2010	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 - 3:00 p.m.
	<u>Christmas On George Street -</u>	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
	<u>A Luminary Walk</u>	
December 3 & 17, 2010	Euchre Party	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
December 7, 2010	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	** Membership fees are due January 1, 2011 **	
January 13, 2011	Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers 7:00 p.m.	

On Going Projects

Euchre Parties - First and Third Friday of each month beginning in September - Fred Troutwine 692-8939

Hall Rental - Carolyn Furlong 548-6556

Aluminum Recycling - Wendell Miller 692-8425

For Sale - Historic Arcanum Books and Christmas Cards & Note Cards - Bill Gunder 692-8000

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

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