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Time Flies: Ohio's History of Remarkable Flight

This year marks 116 years since Wilbur and Orville Wright's successful flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. It also marks 50 years since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set foot on the moon.



Today, flight is something we all take for granted. Thousands of people fly on airplanes a day. Business trips, new grandbaby, the high school reunion, family emergency, or romantic getaways, are all made easier by the invention of transportation by flight.

Scientific research has also increased its ability to bring in new information and open new and remarkable studies thanks to flight. Hundreds of kids dream of going to the

moon someday, a dream that a little over fifty years ago, would've been laughed at.

So who deserves the credit for such amazing advancements in science that have not only made life easier, but also more interesting? Three of the most well known men, come from right here in Ohio.

Wilbur and Orville Wright, who achieved the first powered, sustained, and controlled airplane flight, were raised here in Dayton. Their bicycle shop was the birthplace of ideas for inventing an airplane.

Born just short of sixty years later, in Wapakoneta, OH, was Neil Armstrong, who would be one of the first men to set foot on our moon. (See page 6 to see how he commemorated Wilbur and Orville Wright on the Apollo 11 mission.)

Truly, Ohio is accurately nicknamed the birthplace of aviation. Both in the world, and beyond.





From the President's Desk

By Kurt Stueve, President

Fellow Members,

As I promised in our 2018 Annual Report, following are comments on our tasks for 2019.

A) Acquisition of what I call the Mid-Library (the former public library just east of the Carnegie building in Veterans Park).

Negotiations with Montgomery County Library are in the final stage. I expect the transfer to the City to take place in the second quarter. Following closing we will commence lease negotiations with the City. I expect the terms to be very similar to that which we have at the Market Square Building.

B) Fix-up of the Mid-Library. This is at least a three stage process.

-#1- First, the building is around 45 years old and has been vacant for some time. Much of the property is original equipment. Flooring, the ceiling, HVAC, ADA compliance, roofing, electric and more will need to be addressed. We hope to work collaboratively with the City on this phase.

-#2- Dressing up the interior. This is where I expect a portion of the contribution of surplus Bicentennial funds will be put to work. Envision a thoughtful and inviting experience that will draw people to our facility. We will likely contract with local experts to develop a unique, fresh experience and have already reached out to Dayton History and the Director of the Mound Cold War Museum as well as local vendors to gather their ideas.

-#3 Safety and security. We know other museums will lend portions of their collection to museums like ours. However, the collection must be safe. I plan to make this a priority.

C) Heritage Village. If you've been to the Village recently you no doubt noticed the deterioration of portions of the Gebhart Tavern. The City kindly patched where necessary to get us through the winter. But come spring we will be looking at more extensive restoration of the roof and log siding. We will do our best to maintain the historical appearance.

D) Membership & programming, Volunteers. Two goals here. Add new members via enhanced programming. Give our members value and memorable experiences for their participation. Good programming will draw new members.

Volunteers and Historical Society hours. The City has expressed a hope we could be open more than 6 hours a week. But this requires staffing. We need to engage more of the Community and our Members. This will be addressed.

E) Finances. Again, two immediate issues.

- Staunch the bleeding. We must seek new members, we must seek grants and gifts. This will be a priority of the Board.

- The Mid-Library is larger than our existing facility. The good news is the only budget item that will change are the utilities. But the reality is expenses will increase.

Comments and questions are always welcome. You can reach me at kurt.stueve@yahoo.com.

Here's to a fun-filled year for our Miamisburg Historical Society,
Kurt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Society Sends Sympathy

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Society member Roy Baver, who passed away on December 25. Roy was a 1960 graduate of Miamisburg High school and a US Army veteran, earning a good conduct medal and sharp shooter title. He was a thirty year employee of the Washington Township Fire Department and served in a number of capacities, a few being fire fighter, paramedic and plan review/inspector in the fire prevention bureau. He was a member of IOFF, BOCA, the Masons, and performed as a clown for the Shriners.

Roy will be greatly missed by his wife, Sandy, his three daughters, eight grandchildren, and by all who knew him.

**Thank You for Your Generous Support
To Jan Runkle**

A very generous donation to the Historical Society by Jan Runkle was received at the end of 2018, but too late to be acknowledged in the December Tavern Log. The Society sends a belated thank you very much for your support.

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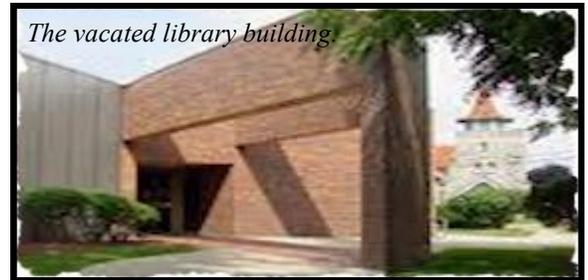
Notes From The Curator

By Gary Petticrew, Curator



Far and away Miamisburg Historical Society's sponsorship of Miamisburg's Bicentennial was its main accomplishment in 2018. It began with the February 2018 Founders Day Dinner at the Baum Opera House and the first showing of the video, *The River Runs Through*— an excellent work produced by the Society's Media Production Group, John Warrington, Dr. Carol O'Connell, Bobbye Sweny, narrated by Kevin Scheuller, and produced through our partnership with the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC). *The River Runs Through* is now on DVD and is available at the Market Square Building Museum gift shop until the supply runs out.

The entire Bicentennial Year from Founders Day on was packed with events that reached its peak, beginning the week of June 16 with many activities too numerous to list. All of the events and parades were recorded and photographed by a number individuals including the MVCC and are available for review at our Market Square Building Museum.



But the Society's next greatest story is coming in 2019 with its expansion into a new Miamisburg History Museum in Veterans Park at Central Avenue and Fifth Streets.

We will be moving into the vacated library building fronting on Fifth Street. When the City of Miamisburg, the Dayton Metro Library Board, and the Miamisburg Board of Education finalize the legal transfer of the property to the City, we can begin in earnest to fill this much needed space for not only exhibits and displays but community programming inside and on the beautiful park grounds.

We continue to expand our contributions to the greater community in 2019, but our entire operation is only possible through the ongoing financial support, involvement and commitment from you, those we serve. A community's sense of self begins with the appreciation of the past. We have a walkable City with a unique history and architecture, so give generously of your time and talent and make your mark on protecting, preserving and promoting our community Miamisburg— *you know, it is the one and only by that name.*

A special thanks to these HRRC volunteers who manage our archives and work with visitors doing historic research and are usually on hand to open the Market Square Building Museum on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons: Nita Petticrew, Robin Beachler, Sandi Postle, Teri Skudlarek and Kathy Kosik. And to those who are always available to pick-up, move and lend a helping hand with whatever needs being done with our buildings and artifacts: Wayne Burgett, Greg Wartinger, John Warrington, Gary Barnes, Doug Stamm. Mike Kindle and Ron McKiddy.

These also deserve special appreciation, are those that contribute histories, stories and facts (and corrections) about Miamisburg and Miami Township: Larry Suttman, Randy Staley, Wayne Burgett, Tim Fox, Carroll Zink, and Dr. Carol O'Connell.

We also look forward to working with two of our newest volunteers, Madelyn Canada, who is now preparing our Tavern Log Newsletter, and Tammy Clark, who will manage our displays and exhibits.

And finally, a very special thank you to retiring Diane Warrick, whose talent and time and patience have produced the Tavern Logs and Annual Reports these many years. Not only for your photographic and design skills and art work but all you've contributed to the Society's success through your many volunteer hours supporting Society events and activities. Thank you Diane.

★ 2019 Calendar of Events ★
Additional activities and events will be added throughout the year.

<p>Jan. 23 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>July 18 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>
<p>Feb. 21 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Aug. 15 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>
<p>Mar. 7 Quarterly Speaker Series “Apollo 11 Moon Landing” - 6:00 pm 13 Veterans Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm 21 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Sept. 11 Veterans Committee Meeting—7:00 pm 19 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm 21 Old Time Craft Day - Riverfront Park and Heritage Village, 2:00-5:00 26 MHS General Program – 7:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting and Election</p>
<p>April 10 Veterans Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm 18 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Oct. 9 Veterans Committee Meeting—7:00 pm 17 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm ?? Halloween Events</p>
<p>May 8 Veterans Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm 16 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm 23 MHS General Meeting (Silver Taps) – 7:00 pm 23, 25 Military Exhibit at Market Square Building 25 Rocky’s 5K Run for Freedom – 9:00 am 25 Victory Dinner/Dance at American Legion 27 Cemetery Services beginning at 8:45 Memorial Day Parade – 11:00 am Services & Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park after parade.</p>	<p>Nov. 11 Veterans Day Service, Veterans Memorial Park – 11:00 am 13 Veterans Committee Meeting—7:00 pm 21 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm 28 Turkey Trot, Thanksgiving morning</p>
<p>June 3 Ice Cream Social at Heritage Village – 2-5 pm 12 Veterans Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm 20 MHS Board Meeting – 6:00 pm 15 Msbg. High School Alumni Dinner/Dance 27 Historical Society Annual Picnic – 6:00</p>	<p>Dec. 6 Holly & Ivy Gala 7 Community Holiday Parade 8 Christmas at the Tavern – 2:00-5:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Board Meeting in December.</i></p>

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An Out of This World Opportunity!

Do you have an interest in space travel and astronomy? What about the mission that landed Americans Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon? If so, there's an event coming to the Miamisburg Historical Society that you simply will not want to miss.

On March 7th, Experience Coordinator, Greg Brown, from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta will be coming to the Market Square Building to talk about the Apollo 11 program. July 20th, 2019 will mark the 50 year anniversary since man took one small step for man, a giant leap for mankind. What better time than now to get a chance to learn more?

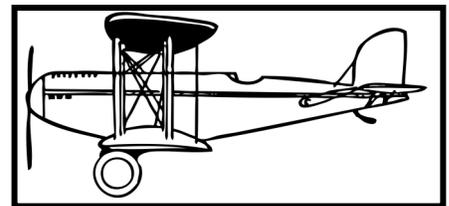
This FREE event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception of light snacks and refreshments, followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Reservations are not required.

For more information, call the Miamisburg Historical Society at (937)-858-5000.

What Did Ohio Have to Do With the Moon Landing?

Believe it or not, your home state has a little more to do with the Apollo 11 mission than you might know.

When Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong flew to the moon, they carried with them fabric and wood pieces from the Wright brothers plane that successfully flew at Kitty Hawk.



They were in the lunar module with Aldrin and Armstrong when they landed on the moon. What a way to honor the work of the brothers who invented flight! A simple idea born in a bicycle shop of Ohio, carried mankind to the moon.

Originally these artifacts were on display at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, but can now be seen at the Smithsonian, where they have been since 1972.

A very special thank you to DMS *Ink* who supports the Historical Society by donating their printing and mailing services for each issue of *The Tavern Log* newsletter and Annual Report.

Their donation represents a substantial monetary amount that is *invaluable* to our organization.

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Thank You Diane Warrick!

By: Madelyn Canada, *The Tavern Log* Editor

For the last thirteen years, Diane Warrick has patiently and excellently fulfilled the role of *Tavern Log* Editor for the Miamisburg Historical Society. Her work will continue to be unparalleled in the coming years, as no Editor will ever be able to fill such large shoes. When you see her around our beloved Star City, take a moment to thank her for her dedication and years of service.

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Calling All Trivia Lovers!!!

This year a very special landmark in Miamisburg turns 100 years old, and another turns 135 years old. Without looking it up, do you know what landmarks they are?

Send your guesses to canadamadelyn@gmail.com

Answers (and those who guessed it right!) will be announced in the next Tavern Log.

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