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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Crosby Township Memorial Day Parade took place on Sunday, May 28th. The parade took its normal route from the Community Center on Wiley Rd., out Oxford Rd. to New Haven Cemetery for a memorial ceremony. The Wm. H. Harrison High School Marching Band participated and provided the National Anthem; American Legion Post #199 Funeral Detail and the VOCE Choir also participated.

Crosby Township Fire Chief Bruce Downard was the Grand Marshall. CTHS members provided refreshments at the Town Hall following the event.



TOWN HALL RESTORATION

Currently the Society's accumulated and donated documents and items have been housed in the township's Old Town Hall leased to the Society by the township officers. Over the years, the interior of the old town hall has been changed. It was decided by the Society's Board of Trustees that it was a worthy project to restore the building with the intent to bring back some of its former décor as well as update its efficiency. Work began in the Spring after the Society's documents and items were packed away. Member volunteers tore down the suspended ceiling, paneling, unnecessary ductwork, etc. just in time to discard the debris in the township's dumpsters during Cleanup Days. Some items, like the ductwork, were reclaimed by township maintenance. Work was halted when a swarm of honey bees made their residence in one of the building's walls under a window. The bees were saved and moved by Christy and Scott Moses to restart a new hive. Much work is yet to be done. Donations of time, money, and/or materials are welcomed. Contact project managers, Tony Torres (738-0373) or Duane Singleton (319-4166) for more information. A presentation of the "Old Town Hall Restoration" will be presented at the Society's July meeting.

—By Melba Guard.

BYLAW REVISIONS

CTHS Trustee, Melba Guard has put much time into reviewing and updating our Crosby Township Historical Society Constitution and Bylaws. The updates were addressed in a presentation by Melba at our May meeting and voted on at our June meeting. Thank you Melba for the hours you have put into this much needed project.



CROSBY DAYS—Pictured are Bill Morgan and Earl Corson at the CTHS table at Crosby Days at Stricker's Grove.

CROSBY DAYS

Earl Corson, Bill Morgan and other members of our society manned a table at Stricker's Grove for Crosby Days on May 21st. We offered information on Crosby Township Historical Society and had our history books and other items for sale. We also held a Split the Pot in which young family from Milan Indiana won \$90.50.

Happy Independence Day!



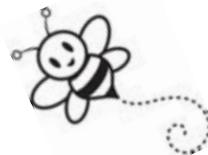
Honey Bees



Improvements to the Old Crosby Township Town Hall on Oxford Road were brought to a standstill by an active hive of bees taking up residence between the walls below a window.

After a small section of the interior wall was removed to allow access, the bees were collected and moved to a new hive.

Thank you to CTHS member, Duane Singleton for his assistance.



Bees being collected from inside the walls of the Crosby Township Town Hall by beekeepers, Christy and Scott Moses with the intent to start a new hive.

CTHS is extremely grateful to this couple for providing this service to us free of charge.



Historical Society Programs



Thursday, July 20th—In our effort to restore the Town Hall to its original condition, some of our members have been busy working inside in removing materials that were added in renovations years ago. Steady progress is being made and CTHS Trustee, Melba Guard will talk and share pictures on what has been done.

Thursday, August 17th – It has been years since our society did a field trip to the Judy and Paul Fritch home in Cleves to view their enormous collection of artifacts. The Fritch address is 645 North Miami Ave. Cleves, at our usual meeting time of 7:30pm.

Thursday, September 21st ---CTHS annual fall picnic at the Passmore cabin behind the fire station on Baughman Rd. will be held at 6PM. Meats will be grilled. Bring a side dish or dessert and your lawn chair and drink.

In Case You Missed it . . .

At the April meeting, author, Ann Senefeld, (website “Diggingincincinnati.com” and book “Finding Your Homes’s Ancestors”) used examples of two historic Crosby Township houses and traced the families who lived there using websites of the county auditor, recorder, city/counties directories and other resources to do this type of research.

In May, Jessica Doty, Miami University graduate came with her vast collection of WWII era sheet music and played a number of pieces with lyrics on a screen. The music of that time was such an important means of support for our troops. The Army Special Services initiated waterproof boxes complete with replacement needles, more than 3 million “V-discs” were shipped to U.S. troops. Hand-cranked record players brought alive the recorded sound. Sheet music of these songs was the craze of the day for those on the home front.

The June program was “History of Historical barns in Ohio.” by Dr. Steve Gordon, Museum Administer-McGuffey Museum, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Gordon had a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on historical barns, mostly in Butler County. He explained how German barn builders were brought here to instruct the local farmers on this engineering; the lumber used and the many that still stand today.

SALES CORNER

STANLEY MC’CLURE’S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page **CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at kklaene@fuse.net. They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping.

STANLEY MC’CLURE’S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

LOG CABIN SKETCHES...art work and note cards by Bev Torres, depicting our cabin in New Haven. Proceeds are shared with C.T.H.S. Call Bev at (513) 738-0373 for prices and availability.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS...reflective white numbers on green background. Recommended by our Fire and EMT Services. Custom-made for \$10.00 each. Call Earl Corson, (513) 367-9371. Free local delivery.

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- Regular member: \$5.00*
- Contributing Member: \$10.00*
- Family (3 or more, same household): \$12.00*
- Life Member: \$100.00 (one time)

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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440