



**CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR 2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Send to Treasurer, Chuck Heis
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TOWNSHIP TOWNHALL RENOVATION



Plans are still on-going for restoring the Crosby Township Town Hall to its original condition. The town hall was built around the end of the Civil War and it

was believed that township trustees used leftover funds from the monies held for “Relief of Crosby Township Residents from the Draft” to complete it.

A “Wish List” exists for restoration but, of course is subject to change. The roof will eventually need replacement and a metal roof is the first choice of materials. Painting the exterior is needed. The tiled floor and underlayment, will be removed as hardwood flooring in decent condition was found underneath. A heating/cooling system has already been installed, but as a wood-burning stove once existed, one may be added for effect. The wall partitions and paneling will be removed and a small stage will be rebuilt where the original existed. The original windows are still adequate, but wooden shutters, more appropriate to the time period, need to replace the vinyl shutters. CTHS Vice-President, Tony Torres is working with the Ohio Connection (formerly the Ohio Historical Society) for a grant to help cover the costs of restoration. Estimates by two licensed contractors must be submitted; we are waiting on the estimates.



VISITING THE AWCI IN JULY

In lieu of the July meeting, members met at the American Watch and Clock Makers Institute in Harrison for a tour. This institute has been in existence for more than 50 years, though not at this exact location, and has represented watchmakers, clockmakers, and the industries that serve them. They promote the time-keeping or *horology* profession through a range of education, certification, communication, and business services. The museum holds an enormous collection representing the history of timekeeping on land and sea.



The museum room’s focal point is the Foucault Pendulum which is suspended from a peaked ceiling. It is named for the French physicist Jean Foucault (pronounced “Foo-koh”), who first used it in 1851 to demonstrate the rotation of the earth. It was the first satisfactory demonstration of the earth’s rotation using laboratory apparatus rather than astronomical observations. A similar one has hung in the Smithsonian Institute’s Museum of American History in Washington DC for many years.



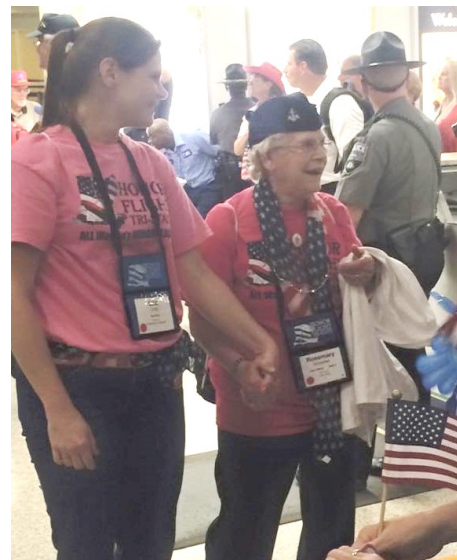
Tri-State Honor Flight



Left to Right: Earl Corson, Larry Shad, Don Roessler, Jim Verssen, a CTHS guest, and Merle Schlemmer pose with Carole Quackenbush, Honor Flight Representative at the August 20, meeting of the Crosby Township Historical Society.



Channel 12 Reporter, Adam Clements (left) with his camera-man (right), interviewed the three brothers who went on the August 18, 2015 Tri-State Honor Flight, each escorted by a daughter. Ray Schlemmer and his Guardian, Tonyia Cormican; Glen Schlemmer and his Guardian, Kim Jackson; Merle Schlemmer and his Guardian, Kris Lutz.



Honor Flight woman veteran and her guardian returning to CVG airport on the evening of September 22, 2015.



Women Veterans of the First-Ever All Female Tri-State Honor Flight at WWII Memorial, September 22, 2015.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 15th. — Our Speaker for the October meeting —Mr. Roger Miller, a writer of Historical Topics for the Journal-News will give a Power Point tour of Covered Bridges.

Thursday, November 19th—(Tentative) A member of the Price Hill Historical Society has been invited to tell the story of George Remus, the famous Cincinnati Boot Legger.

Thursday, December 17th—Our Christmas Party/ Meeting will again be everyone bringing a snack and a story, memory or item from Christmas Past.

In Case You Missed it . . .

The July meeting was a field trip to the Clock and Watch Makers Institute in Harrison. (See story and photos on Page 1).

In August, Carole Quackenbush, a Tri-State Honor Flight representative, visited us with a program on the history and commitment of this wonderful patriotic program which is to fly as many World War II, Korean, and Viet Nam Era Veterans, 65 years of age or older, to Washington DC to visit the memorials of these three wars. Six CTHS members and guests were present at the meeting who have flown on Honor Flight and shared some of their experiences. Carole also told us of the first-ever flight on September 22nd. That would be an all female veteran flight. Some of us were there to greet these women that evening as they returned home. (See photo on Page 2).

The annual September Crosby Township Historical Society picnic at the Passmore cabin was great fun as always. Thanks to Bill Morgan for attending the grill again this year and to all the attending members for the delicious side dishes and desserts. The Cabin was open and visited by newcomers and the Crosby Township firefighters on duty at the Baughman Road station that evening shared our meal.

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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Family (3 or more, same household):	\$12.00*
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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