

Volunteers Restore 1960s Jukebox

Rick Rieger and Jim Prickett didn't know what they were in for when they volunteered to restore a Rock-Ola Model 1478 jukebox. Manufactured in 1960, the item was donated to the Museum by Pat Davidson, president of Davidson Meat Processing in Corwin, Ohio. Its condition was fair, but the unit was not operable, as grease in the moving parts had deteriorated to the equivalent of hardened molasses. Nothing would move. Once the mechanical parts were painstakingly restored to working condition, various electrical problems were found. Undeterred, Rick & Jim have persevered and almost have the jukebox ready to once again play 45 rpm records.

This incredible mechanical and electrical wonder knows what coins are inserted and can store up to seven selections. It is capable of holding 60 records and 120 songs.

Rock-Ola was a top maker of jukeboxes. David Cullen Rockola founded the company in 1927. The name "Rock-Ola" may have inspired the term "rock and roll." Still in existence and making CD and digital jukeboxes today, the company survived by adapting to conditions over the decades, manufacturing carbines during World War II and expanding its entertainment products to shuffleboard tables.



The term "juke" is defined in various sources as "wild, disorderly, wicked, rowdy." It was used to describe electric record music boxes that became popular in the 1940s and 1950s. Eventually, the popularity of traditional record-playing jukeboxes faded with inventions such as the transistor radio in the 1960s and today's digital audio players.

2013 Calendar of Events

Spring & Summer

April – December: Museum open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 – 5 p.m.

April 29 & 30: Quaker – Shaker Bus Tour

May 4 – 29: Jane Hartsock McCulloch Art Exhibit

May 11: Main Street Ghost Tour from Gazebo at 8 p.m.

May 24: Miami Valley School tour

June 8: Main Street Ghost Tour from Gazebo at 8 p.m.

June 12-14: Yard Sale at North and Third Streets

July 12: Main Street Ghost Tour from Gazebo at 8 p.m.

August 9: Main Street Ghost Tour from Gazebo at 8 p.m.

Jane Hartsock McCulloch Artwork on Display

From May 4 through 29, the artwork of local artist Jane Hartsock McCulloch will be on display at the Museum. This gifted artist is known for her detailed and colorful pastels and inks. Many of her works that can be viewed have been loaned from private collections and we are thankful to their owners for that. Select pieces will be available for purchase.

Spring's Finally Here – 40 Folks Get Out & Go!

Our first **Quaker - Shaker bus tour** on April 29 & 30 was a great success. This was an opportunity to learn about our local Quaker heritage and to travel across greening fields and meadows to the beautifully preserved Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. Milton Cook, Mary Bunker and Di Miller explained local Quaker heritage and current exploration of Underground Railroad activities. Demonstrations of singing and dancing worship were highlights at Shaker Village. The ride back home was wonderfully interrupted by a stop, tour, and bourbon tasting at Buffalo Ridge Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Curator's Corner

~ by Dolly McKeehan

“Welcome back everyone!” for another exciting season at the Museum. Our feature 2013 exhibit is “Fashion’s Foundations.” As we were pulling out items for display, we realized that we are lacking items of men’s clothing. So when you come in for a visit, you will see a small exhibit of men’s clothing consisting of everything we have for the guys. Now I ask you, could you possibly have an item or two of vintage men’s clothing somewhere in your attic or basement? We’re looking for items from 1950 and earlier and would love to expand this collection.

The collection and acquisition committee is so lucky to have Lee Philpott directing our displays, making them interesting and attractive to view. We certainly appreciate your comments about the displays.

I’d also like to introduce my assistant, Mary Jo Huelsman. She is a recent volunteer who helps me with the electronic aspect of the job. The Museum is so fortunate to have her with us as she makes the office run so smoothly. We can always use volunteers and you don’t need to have special skills to help. There is always a need for the occasional repair job on a donation or painting an exhibit room, recovering a chair seat, social media skills, and even someone to do light cleaning from time to time. You don’t need to work every week but whenever your schedule is open. Just give me a call at 513-897-1607 if you’d like to help in any way. We’re all volunteers here and we work hard but have a great deal of fun while we work.

Front Porch View

~ by Chuck Feicht

Ideas abounded when Museum board members met recently with Dawn Schroeder from Waynesville’s Chamber of Commerce to discuss publicity. Here’s a sampling: *Put sponsor logos on marketing materials...use .com sites like Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest...get free publicity from Dayton Daily News ActiveDayton.com, Midwest Living Magazine, and Friendly Cincinnati...have announcements at local school sporting events...use QR codes on all printed products...set up mobile website...take advantage of local vendor promotion programs...increase local signage...produce and distribute videos...establish Miami Cemetery reenactment tour...regularly redo website to make more appealing.*

But our most effective publicity comes when you visit us and tell others about us!

Breaking News from the Archives

From the Western Star, March 30, 1939.

“You got to to see this!” That was the reaction in 1939 when workers on a sewer project along Waynesville’s Main Street unearthed an interesting find. While digging a 14-foot ditch, workers ran across a section of old corduroy road built by pioneers. The old road was discovered approximately six feet below the present paving, which in 1939 was part of state route 42.

What was a corduroy road? According to Wikipedia, these roads were constructed by placing sand-covered logs perpendicular to the direction of the road. While an improvement over mud and dirt roads, these roads were not only rough but also a hazard to horses due to shifting loose logs. This type of road was constructed as far back as Roman times. Corduroy roads were used extensively in the American Civil War in Sherman’s march through the Carolinas, in World War II by German and Soviet forces, in construction of the Alaska Highway in the Yukon Territory -- and along Main Street in Waynesville, Ohio!



RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Ouch! The perils of travelling along corduroy roads.

Museum Artifacts

- The Museum's annual yard sale will be held June 12-14 at the corner of North and Third Streets. Got anything to donate for the sale? You can take it to the Museum on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons.
- We're looking for:
 - 45 rpm records for our newly restored juke box.
 - Men's vintage articles such as clothing, toiletry items, tie tacks, cuff links, and similar personal items.
 - Vintage (1950s and earlier) dolls and toys, especially boy's toys.
 - Pictures and newspaper/magazine articles about Waynesville and surrounding areas.
 - Artifacts from Lytle, Corwin, Oregonia and New Burlington
- Museums need new things too. We recently replaced the old drop ceiling in our kitchen as it was looking tired, droopy, and discolored. What an improvement!
- The Waynesville Underground Railroad Committee is in the final stages of submitting an application for national recognition as a Network to Freedom location. The committee also is exploring potential for a Freedom Corridor, which would include Underground Railroad sites in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

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