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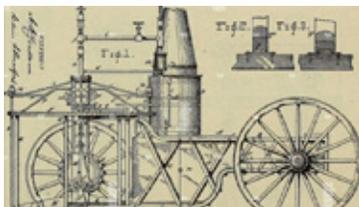
Far Hills Speaker Series:

Auto Ancestry - The Car Industry in Dayton

Sunday September 21, 2025 / 2PM /
Wright Library Community Room

Register to attend virtually through Wright Library

Dayton has been known as a city of tinkerers for a long time. So, it's natural that local folks found ways to involve themselves in the evolution of the Horseless Carriage. It's also true that evolution is not a direct route. We'll talk about some of the less successful attempts, some lesser-known successes and I'll tell you some stories about the Barn Gang that you haven't heard before.



Tom Gaudion received a BS in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue in 1974. That was when signs were going up near the Boeing plants in Seattle saying, "Would the last engineer leaving Seattle, please turn out the lights." So, he took a nice safe job back in Dayton with Frigidaire's automotive air conditioning group. He was laid off six months later. He went back to aerospace where he spent

Far Hills Speaker Series:

The History of Hockey in Dayton

Sunday October 19, 2025 / 2PM /
Wright Library Community Room

Register to attend virtually through Wright Library

In the 1950s, crowds that equaled half the city of Troy's population filled the newly constructed 3,900-seat Hobart Arena to watch the area's first hockey team, the Troy Bruins, take the ice. In the 1960s and 1970s, fans packed one of hockey's great "barns," Hara Arena, to watch the Dayton Gems become one of the more well-known and successful franchises in all professional hockey. In the 1990s and 2000s, it was the Dayton Bombers that reignited the area's love for hockey. "The History of Hockey in Dayton" will tell the story of teams, players, people, and events that have permanently frozen hockey's place in the history of Dayton area sports.



Chuck Gabringer is the author of "Hockey in Dayton", a pictorial history of professional hockey in Dayton and clearly a hockey fan. Chuck holds an undergraduate degree in Communications-Journalism and master's degree in behavioral sciences. Currently he is a Project Manager for PNC Bank.



Far Hills Speaker Series:

"The Inspirational Music of World War II" - In honor of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Sunday November 16, 2025 / 2PM / Wright Library Community Room

Register to attend virtually through Wright Library

It could be said that the 1940s brought forth the most enthusiastic, heartfelt, memorable music that is still recognized today. We all have memories of those songs that our parents and grandparents grew up with. Many high school marching bands still play a variety of those classics from 80 years ago at halftime of a football game.

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Fourth Monday of each Month
7 PM

Dear Members and Friends of The Oakwood Historical Society,



Preserving our community's rich history is at the heart of everything we do. The Society works diligently on continuing and enhancing our activities to foster a deeper connection with our community's rich history.

Your involvement is important as we plan events in the coming months. AND from historical tours, educational opportunities and event planning, there are places for you to contribute and immerse yourself in the vibrant community tapestry of our shared heritage.

With warm regards,

Jeremiah Jenkins

The Oakwood Historical Society

The historical society is known for a wide range of endeavors:

PRESERVING HISTORY

- ~ The Homestead
- ~Its Gardens
- ~Archives
- ~Historical Markers

TEACHING

- ~Children's Garden Program
- ~Elementary School Days
- ~Publications
- ~Displays at Wright Library
- ~Radio P.R. & Scarecrow Row

SHARING COMMUNITY

- ~Far Hills Speaker Series
- ~Car Show
- ~Photo Shoot
- ~Scarecrow Row

EXPLORING

- ~Home Tours
- ~Wright at Home
- ~Woodland Day
- ~Walking Tours of Gardens/Woods

Tour the Historic Beth Abraham Cemetery and Temple Israel's Riverview Cemetery

The Oakwood Historical Society, in partnership with Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History, is offering a free history walking tour of Beth Abraham Cemetery and Temple Israel's Riverview Cemetery on Sunday, September 28, at 12 noon.

This history walking tour will be led by Marshall Weiss, Editor and Publisher of The Dayton Jewish Observer and Project Director of Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History. The tour will focus on the early history of Dayton's Jewish community, the establishment of Dayton's first Jewish cemetery in 1851, and will explain Jewish burial customs and decode the symbols found on Jewish gravestones. You'll also learn of NCR founder John H. Patterson's involvement in relocating the first Jewish cemetery from Dayton and NCR's later involvement with the now Founders' Circle in Temple Israel's Riverview.

The adjoining cemeteries are located on West Schantz Avenue near the Oakwood/Kettering border. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, and parking is available along West Schantz Avenue.

The tour is free, but participation is limited. Please register in advance on the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org or by calling 937-299-3793.



The Oakwood Historical Society FALL PHOTOS 2025



Need pictures for your holiday cards? Get your photos taken at the Oakwood Historical Society!

Available appointments:

Sat, Sept 27: 1-6pm

Sun, Sept 28: 9am-5pm

Sun, Oct 5: 9am-5pm

\$130 donation: Oakwood Historical Society members and returning patrons

\$150 donation:
Non-members

Your donation will get you a 20 minute session with Mark's Photo and Video LLC, a local business.

For more information and to reserve a session, visit our website at oakwoodhistory.org

If you have questions, please call 937-299-3793

or reach out to Linda Pearson: photofundraiser@oakwoodhistory.org

Classics on the Lawn

The grounds of The Long-Romspert Homestead House Museum at 1947 Far Hills Ave. was covered in classic, vintage, exotic and special interest cars from a wide range of historic periods, Sunday August 17, 2025.



Hosting Rotary



Happy Family visiting our July Summer Community Party

Children's Summer Victory Garden Program

As school began this fall, the summer Victory Garden finished its eighth and final session of the year. Elementary age students learned about gardening as the veggies grew, needed picking, watering, and care. Special guest presenters this year discussed beekeeping, composting, worms, bee communication, and how different climates and hospitable to different plants. Each week the children made a snack using produce from the garden, or based on the theme of the special presenter. (*dirt cups of chocolate pudding and gummy worms, anyone?*) There was also classroom time around the table in the summer kitchen. This very busy hands-on class was fortunate to have the help of one high school and three junior high student volunteers.

Watch for next year's program announcement in the spring.





News from the Homestead

Garage Door Beautification

This August, we welcomed a Scout Eagle project that focused on the east facing side of our garage at the Historical Society.

Lucia Schickel of Oakwood Troop 5320 has been leading a team to beautify our garage doors that had peeling paint, and raw wood trim (previously installed) that needed to be painted, as well. The team scraped, sanded, primed, and painted the doors and trim. There is still a little bit to finish, but it is already looking so much better, and we are grateful she chose us for her Eagle Scout Service Project.



Scouts working hard cheerfully

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