



The Manor

*A Newsletter of The
Equinunk Historical Society
Calder House Museum
Calder Gift Shop
Joel Hill Sawmill*



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2019 PROGRAM RECAP

The EHS summer program season opened on May 25 with our Memorial Day Program honoring Robert “Bob” Wood, who spoke of his time in the U. S. Army. The program was well attended and included our usual walk to the cemetery and Ice Cream Social.



On June 8th, Bob Wood delighted us with some very unique stories involving his “Mostly Medicine” bottle collection, a few of which are pictured here. June 15 was our 20th Annual Car Show, featured on page 4 of this issue of The Manor. Carol Ann MacMaster helped us out by filling in for Katt Judd on June 29th for the program entitled “Native Heritage Healing Garden.”

July was a very busy month for EHS. In addition to Hill Mill & the Cleveland Museum being open the second weekend of the month, we had several programs at the Calder Building. On the 7th, Dr. Clair Jantz presented the program, “The Stockport Mapping Project,” which explained the project that utilized LiDAR technology to pinpoint locations of building foundations and other points of interest in Stockport.



Ann O’Hara distributed the earliest available census showing original families of Wayne County on July 20th. The following day, we were captivated by Linda Dix Lee with her stories of her ancestor’s “Rafting the Delaware” days. James Asselstine presented a very interesting program on “Christian Dorflinger & The Wayne County Glassworks” on July 27th.



And to close out the month, we were delighted by Bronwyn Curtis’s art on Art Appreciation Day, July 28th. Bronwyn Biggs-Curtis was born in Santa Monica, California and was raised in Hancock, NY since the age of 3. She graduated from Cazenovia College, NY with a major in Studio Art and Advertising Design. Much of Bronwyn’s career has been as a graphic artist. This private oil collection embodies her French impressionist and post impressionist influences.



As one can see, Bronwyn is an emotional painter which may be in part due to a lifelong degenerative eye condition. Bronwyn currently lives in Preston Park, PA with her husband Kevin.



If you missed any of these programs and would like to see them, DVDs are available for any donation; just contact us.

And, of course, try not to miss the great programs scheduled for the rest of the year!

President's Message



Dear Members & Friends of EHS:

We hope that you had a great spring, (even though it was wet!) and that you are enjoying the beautiful weather we are having now. Although spring was wet, we are now having a dry spell of sorts.

This year was the 20th anniversary of our Equinunk Car Show. It is with a heavy heart that I report that this was our last show. But we were still going strong; we had a great crew that donated a lot of their time and energy, both before and after the event. It has been a long road to reach this milestone.

So, I have to say this much... although it was our last show, I would like very much to thank everyone who has been involved with the car shows, from those who started it to those that were there at the end...

On the brighter side, the Joel Hill Saw Mill and the Thomas Cleveland Museum have been really busy. The "Brotherhood of the Mill" crew has almost every piece of equipment up and running! They have solved most of the problems that came up and are working like 'beavers' to get more done (pun intended). I would like to send a special shout-out to them for all they have done, and are still doing. The next sawing will be the weekend of August 10th and 11th.

Our programs this year have been well received, and I want to thank those that put them on and those that attended them. We still have some interesting programs coming your way. The Woodland Weavers will be here on August 18, (the day after our Annual Meeting) to do a demonstration on natural dying. The following week Carol Dunn will be here doing a program on place names in Wayne County.

For a complete list of happenings the rest of this season, please come visit us at EHS and get a copy of our program schedule. Be sure to sign our "guest book" and please visit our web page at: www.equinunkhistory.org and our Facebook page. We would like to wish, with saddened hearts, our thoughts and prayers to the families of our friends and neighbors who have passed this spring and summer.

We are always seeking volunteers and if you have any new ideas, come on down!

John Schror, EHS President

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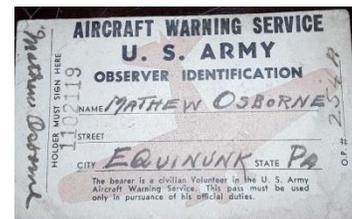
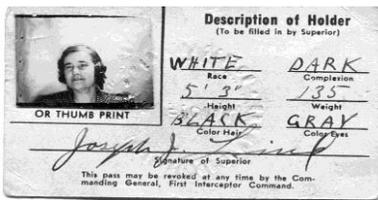
The Equinunk Historical Society Newsletter "The Manor" is published seasonally, three times a year and sent to all members. Additionally, copies are available through the office at the Museum. Materials for publication are always welcome and sought after. Please email or mail submissions to Donna DuBois c/o EHS22@verizon.net or mail them to EHS, PO Box 41, Equinunk, PA 18417

1943 Airplane Spotter Program

We received a call recently from Virginia Bortree Wolfe, inquiring about a program in which her family members were involved in 1943. This was the airplane spotters program which was a part of the defense system during the war. She remembered them leaving their house on Grocery Hill in Equinunk and walking up the hill to a shack where volunteer observers watched for planes. After talking about it with a few folks, I learned that the hill Virginia's relatives walked (two miles up) was what we now call Old Route 90. It leads to an old chicken house which was used as the spotter shack, and there were other local people involved in the program. On that site now is an old building which was built on the site of the chicken coop to house the Snyder's horses when they lived there, and is now being repaired by the present owner, Carl Keesler.



Sheldon Houghtaling remembers that his brother Gordon served as a spotter, and Donna DuBois provided a copy of her grandmother Bertie Lind's spotter card. Wellington Lester also remembers serving a few times, at the tender age of 15. Bob Wood has a copy of his grandfather Matt Osborne's card, pictured here along with Mrs. Lind's.



In addition, I found information about the program in The Hawley newspaper, some of which I have quoted here:

HAWLEY - There was a time in Hawley's history when it was patriotic to keep one's "eyes on the skies," and look up they did. As in other towns and cities and areas across the country, volunteer civilian airplane spotters were needed here to help defend this nation during World War II. Many were women and teens, who were not eligible for regular enlistment but found a way to serve. Editions of The Hawley Times through much of 1943 had numerous articles about the local defense effort, along with many reports of local sons and daughters who were serving in the European or Pacific Theater, or stateside. The July 15, 1943 edition reported that an executive meeting for the Hawley Observation Post of the Army Air Force Ground Observer Corps held a meeting at Fireman's Hall, Wednesday night the 14th. The purpose was to check duties of officers manning their post, to discuss the comfort of observers in the coming winter, recognition school (where volunteers learned how to identify planes), and registering of new volunteers. Several of those spotters shared some of what they recall from those days.

One observer stated that it was a "military necessity" for observers to become more proficient in identifying planes. Diplomas would be issued at the end. "An observer who can identify only five planes can render greater service to our country," an officer stated. Local teens from the high school were signing up and helping to fill the schedule of shifts. Earl Baisden, a garage owner, was one of the captains in the program. Observers were given pictures of the underbellies of planes; binoculars were helpful, but not many could afford them. There were no high altitude planes in those days. They mostly saw planes heading to the airports in New York.

In October, 1942, another observer recalled the spotter shack and his duties as follows: "The post was equipped with a telephone, a table, a pot belly stove and chairs," he said. "When we heard a plane overhead, we would try to find it visually and make a report by phone. The procedure was as follows. We would crank the phone that gave us a connection to either Scranton or Mitchell Field in New York (I was never sure which). When the operator came on, we would say, 'Army Flash - one bi-hi Claude 39 SW NE' which translated meant that a two engine aircraft was sighted, flying high (if it was that) followed by a code for our location and the direction that the plane was flying. I don't think we were expected to id the type of plane although we did later have lessons in aircraft identification. Our code id was later changed to Sugar 381, and of course, there was a log for recording the information we had called in. "One of the advantages, or so I thought, of volunteering for certain shifts was that we would be excused from our first period class in school. This proved disastrous for me because I nearly flunked 8th grade math because I missed so many classes!" He said he recalls when he received his AWS armband, which identified him as an official spotter. He still has this memento, in a frame. The band was made of blue wool with the logo embossed in orange and white. Some also received a small pair of wings that could be attached as a lapel pin. At night, observers would have to listen for the plane and tell its direction. Planes also used red and blue wing lights. This observer said it was still dark at 8 a.m. when he reported for duty because they were on "war time" which meant double daylight savings time.

~ Carol Ann MacMaster

Equinunk Historical Society 20th Car Show

Our long-running and popular Equinunk Car Show came to an end after 20 years. The reasons are several and include a decline in sponsorship and other economic issues; also, not one of us is getting any younger and it seems that the youth don't have the same passion for the old cars. And of course, anyone who has driven up and down Pine Mill Road and Route 191 can attest to the deplorable state the roads are in. On a happier note, we lucked out once more with the weather; the sun shining down on Equinunk for the first time in days! And, the mood was sweet.

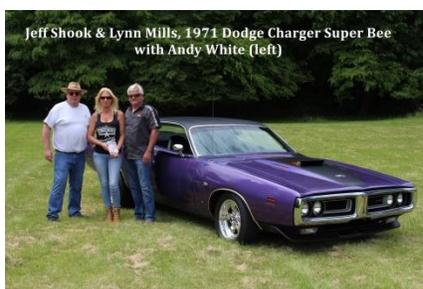
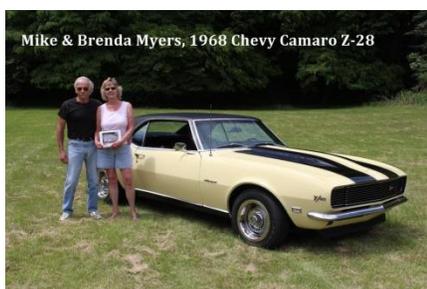
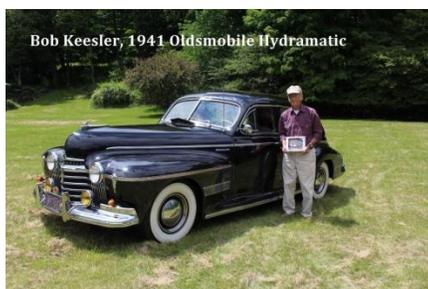
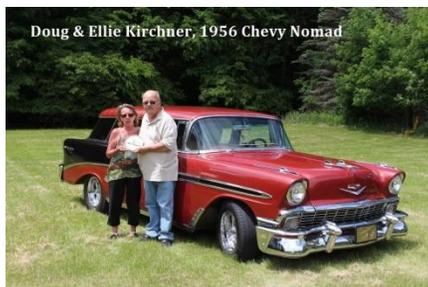
Taking the coveted People's Choice Award, among the 106 cars, were Doug and Ellie Kirchner from Beach Lake, PA, for their 1956 Chevy Nomad. Four Special Recognition Awards were given out, sponsored this year by Northeast Rally Club. The first went to Glenn and Vera Day, from Hancock, NY, for their 1935 Chevy Roadster. Glenn is a long-time supporter of the car show and his car deserved to win the award. The second award went to Butch Burdick of Hancock for his 1965 Mustang. Butch said it was originally a Florida car and underwent a five-year restoration. Accepting the third award was Bob Keesler from Honesdale, PA, for his 1941 Oldsmobile Hydramatic. This is an unrestored vehicle, but the black paint still had a shine and it was in tip-top shape. The number four award was presented to Mike and Brenda Myers of Honesdale, PA for their 1968 Chevy Camaro Z-28. Believe it or not, they have owned this car for the last 49 years and it has been lovingly maintained. Mike said he was honored to win the award.

The Best Paint Award, sponsored by Andy White, was taken by Jeff Shook and Lynn Mills from Hawley, PA, for their 1971 Dodge Charger Super Bee. Jeff said the car has been in his family since 1979. The color is copyrighted as "Plum Crazy."

The Society would like to thank Mel Freilich and Caryn Raphael and children for hosting the event on their property and Jim Balakian for providing visitor parking.

Special thanks go out to our sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dunn, C. Neer RV, The Equinunk Emporium, Pine Mill Garage, Town & Country Energy, Wayne County Ready Mix, and St. Clair Graphics; and to our Award Sponsors: Northeast Rally Club and Andy White.

As the press release stated, "We're going to miss the cast of lovely characters and their fantastic vehicles who'd come to our neck of the woods each June. One of the things everyone liked was the social aspect. The beautiful setting on the meadow by the creek made it an easy place to spend the day. As the last cars left the field on Saturday, June 15, there were tears shed."



JOEL HILL SAWMILL & CLEVELAND MUSEUM

There has been much progress made this spring and summer in both the Joel Hill Sawmill and Cleveland Museum.

During a sawing demonstration last year, a hardened screw imbedded in a log was struck, which destroyed about half the teeth on the 54-inch saw blade. After an exhaustive search, it was determined that replacement teeth could not be found as they have been obsolete for about 20 years. However, the crew was able to locate replacement teeth from a supplier for another blade, which was in storage. After installing the different blade it was fitted with its new teeth and was ready for the July sawing. It performed beautifully and several logs were cut, which impressed all in attendance.

We anticipate replacing one of the turbine support beams, which is compromised, after the August sawing demonstrations. The turbine house must be jacked up, supported, and the new beam swapped for the old. This is a major repair, but necessary to maintain the integrity of the structural support for the turbine.

The Cleveland Museum has had many pieces of machinery come back to life and others show significant progress. The double-spindle drill press and manual mortiser are now fully functional, as is the shoe finishing machine. The 44" band saw has had all moving parts restored and new tires have been affixed to the wheels. All that is needed now is a 20-foot band-saw blade and the machine will be fully functional.

Our 1942 Case LA tractor is in good-running condition and was used at July's demonstration to power the four-sided planer. Although at this time the planer knives are not yet installed, everything on the machine is operational and is quite impressive.

Recently a new addition was made to the museum. A 1920s jigsaw was donated. Being much too large to move without machinery, it was disassembled, transported and reassembled in one day. That was a good day's work for a machine weighing about a half ton.

If you missed our July and August demonstration days, you still have one chance to visit this year. On October 5th, we will have our last Open House of the season from 11 am to 3 pm. We would be delighted to have you stop by and pay a visit to both locations.

~ Greg Quaglio

MR. ED



Fastened securely to the wall outside my office is the magnificent specimen of a large deer head. Donated last year by Helen and Wellington Lester, "Mr. Ed," as I affectionately dubbed him, is a very special deer. No, he does not talk; that specialty is reserved for a horse on television. As an article in the Hancock Herald dated Thursday, December 12, 1929 states, he was shot by Edward Boyd Lester, Wellington's father. Weighing in at 200 lbs, this fine fellow sports 13 points and is coming up on 90 years of age. When asked by Constable Horace Geer of Starlight where he shot the deer, Ed replied with a laugh, "right in the rear end!" There were three men with E.B. that day; they being John Harford, Vern Tyler, and M. Taft. With the Constable were two others, Philip Faigle of Hiawatha, and Carl Sands of Winterdale. Big day on the Honesdale Road for all concerned.

~CMM

PASSING OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Virginia W. Joyce

February 06, 1935 - May 25, 2019

Virginia W. Joyce, 84, of Equinunk, PA, died on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at home after an illness. She was born on February 6, 1935 in Equinunk, the daughter of Horton Keith and Ruth (Snyder) Warfield.

Ginny graduated from Hancock Central School as Valedictorian in 1952. She married John E. (Jack) Joyce on July 4, 1954 in Equinunk. Prior to her illness, Ginny and Jack enjoyed gardening and traveling, especially their many trips to Maine and Texas.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Jack; 2 sons, John and wife Judy (Price) and Edward and wife Dawn (Doyle); 5 grandchildren, Edward Joyce, Emily Joyce, Victoria Heinz, Diana Stoll, and Caroline Joyce, and 6 great grandchildren.

Her husband Jack is a long-time member and supporter of the Equinunk Historical Society.

The Rev. George I. Goodwin, Jr.

EAST WORCESTER - The Rev. Dr. George I. Goodwin Jr. (aka "Rev") 84, has gone to be with the Lord.

Dr. Goodwin was born in Newburgh, New York on March 4th, 1935, the son of the late Rev. George Goodwin Sr., and Emma B. (Jones) Goodwin.

He was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Harold, and 4 sisters, Rilla Mae Goodwin of Newburgh NY, Sally Borst of Longmont, CO, Diane Marendo of Cold Springs, NY and Carolyn Sayre of Woodland, CA. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Janet (Mack), and their four sons, George III and Richard, Stephen and wife, Justine (Naples) Paul and wife, Sherri (Beerse), six granddaughters, several nieces and nephews; a brother, J. Dudley and a sister, Ellen Young of Binghamton, NY., a long-time member of the Equinunk Historical Society.

Dr. Goodwin was a graduate of Hancock Central School in Hancock NY, Class of 1954. He furthered his education at the University of New York, Fredonia, NY; The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT; Johnson State Teachers College of Johnson, VT; and Kassel Conservatory of Music, Kassel Germany.

Dr. Goodwin served 7 years in the United States Army Security Agency in the European and Far East Theaters. George lived in Japan for two years while serving and he and his wife Janet enjoyed two years together in Kassel Germany during his service.

Returning to the United States he received his Bachelors of Arts Degree from Berean Christian College in Kansas City, KS, a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry Degrees from Berean Graduate School of Divinity in San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Goodwin served in churches in the New York and Troy Conferences of the United Methodist Church, three churches near Westford, VT, The United Methodist Church of Treadwell, NY, The Second Baptist Church of Worcester, NY and Gilchrist United Presbyterian Church of Doonan's Corners, NY, retiring in 2008. For 30 years he held a "Tent Meeting" at the Nittany Antique Machinery Association Fall gathering at Centre Hall, PA. He was an avid reader, talented photographer, gun, antique and art collector as well as a published author. He also collected and greatly enjoyed antique cars, trucks, farm tractors and other farm equipment.

George's wife and sons were the joy and high light of his life. George had an amazing sense of humor that always kept people laughing. His big personality and stories of life experiences will be greatly missed by family and friends.

George asked that a private family service be held on the farm.

Others from the area who have passed on are: Diane Day, 61, on 5/2/19; Velma D. Baldwin, 85, on 7/24/19; Kathryn Kellam, 89, on 7/10/19; Hilda C. Hartz, 102, on 7/9/19; Anthony Worobey, 80, on 7/23/19; Eleanor Hempstead, 97, on 6/29/19; Margaret "Peggy" Evanitsky, 76, on 6/18/19; James Dibble, 55, 6/6/19; and Charles "Chuckie" Wilmot, brother of Mrs. Albert (Linda) Day, and Paul Yeager.

With Gratitude – Praises–Kudos-Credits - Just Plain Thanks

In this issue, we express our deepest appreciation for all our hard-working volunteers and suppliers. Please let us know if we missed anyone – we can't operate without you and want you to know it!

BOARD MEMBERS: John Schror, President, Tim Wilson, 1st Vice President, Donna DuBois, 2nd Vice President, Donna Burrowes, Treasurer, Carol Ann MacMaster, Secretary, Director Vicky Bradshaw, Director Art Flynn, and non-board member Katt Judd, Corresponding Secretary. No one will be leaving the Board this year. We will need two members to complete the Board, to be elected at the Annual Meeting in August.

CAR SHOW CREW: Carol Ann MacMaster, Suzanne and Nik Tuttle, Charlie Bennett, Don Kaszner, Linda Wescott, Barbara Gogan, Donna Burrowes, Donna DuBois, Harold Butler, Kris & Blair Kobelin, Art & Sandy Flynn, John Schror, Cathy Lewis, Carmen Sabella, Abby Geer, Mike Mills, Joseph, Jane Gehrig, Nancy Sterck, Sherry Zona, Richard Gill, Dick Stowe, Bill & Nicole Wormuth, Natasha Viera, John Zona, Bobby McKeon, Patti Wilson, Maureen League, Rene Kellam, Greg & Kathy Quaglio, Bob Wood, Ed Wood, Tim Wilson, Jim LaBar, Vicky Bradshaw, Donna Capone, and Brenda Ramme.

ALSO, thanks to "Big Z", Ziona Hendrickson, for all the years she was our DJ, J and C Awards Plus for the fine job on awards, t-shirts and hats they have provided us, Creamworks Dairy, for bringing their truck and providing us with delicious ice cream products, Creek Road Rentals for the great tents and service, Pleasant Valley Campsite for ice, all the wonderful Sponsors who supported us over the years, Award Sponsors, Jim LaBar, Andy White, Ted Dobkowski III, and Northeast Rally Club.

(Patrons and other donors will be listed by name in the next issue of "*The Manor*.")

JOEL HILL SAWMILL & CLEVELAND MUSEUM "BROTHERHOOD" CREW: Bob Wood, Chair, Chuck Heyn, Chief Sawyer, Greg Quaglio, Blair Kobelin, Roger Bishop, Bob Abel, Chuck Stroble, Kevin Fisher, Ian McIntyre, Tim Wilson, his grandson Andrew, visiting from Ohio, and two other visiting guest volunteers, John Kemper and Ed Powers.

CALDER CORNER SHOP: Sherry Zona, new shop manager, is doing a fantastic job in the store, with many new and enticing items. There are more items on consignment, and many donated items as well. She can always use more volunteers to be on duty.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Greg Quaglio, Blair Kobelin, and John Schror have been a great help with repairs and maintenance. Sherry Zona and friend Lisa Muth did a wonderful job pruning, raking, and mulching the yard. They hauled away several truckloads of debris and the grounds look better than ever.

OFFICE HELP: Without the invaluable assistance from Kathy Quaglio and Victoria Bradshaw, Carol Ann would not be able to keep up with all the duties she is assigned. Sincere thanks to all above.

QUICK FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM YOUR BOOKKEEPER

For the last couple of years at least, our annual expenses have been running about \$10,000 more than our income. We have been able to "make ends meet" thanks, of course, to your donations, and to a monthly income that we have been receiving from a generous bequest that was given to EHS years ago. We received our final payments on that last month. That means our income for the next fiscal year will be \$15,600 less than it was this past year, and the loss of the car show means another reduction in annual income by about \$2,000. So, if you haven't donated to EHS yet, please consider doing so (and maybe even increase your future donations if you can), and we would greatly appreciate new ideas for fund raisers! We're considering asking all members to wear hats to our gatherings (maybe at Calder Café!) and we'll award a prize for the most unique hat that we can pass at all future programs!

~ Donna DuBois

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EQUINUNK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting Agenda
Open at Noon: August 17, 2019
Meeting at 1:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
4. Report on Nominations to the Board
5. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting – Carol Ann MacMaster, Secretary
6. President's Report - John Schror, President
7. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget – Donna Burrowes, Treasurer
8. Office Manager's Report – Carol Ann MacMaster, Office Manager
9. Committee Reports:
 - A. Car Show
 - B. Publications
 - C. Genealogy
 - D. Newsletter
 - E. Hospitality
 - F. Joel Hill Sawmill
 - G. Programs
 - H. Calder Shop
 - I. Buildings & Grounds
 - J. Membership
 - K. Publicity
 - L. Curator
10. Presentations
11. Members Comments and Suggestions
12. Adjourn