

Barn Gang Report

By John A. Bosch

Members of the I-Zone Board met for breakfast at the Club in late August and reported their interest in making the Club an integral part of their plans. We were certainly delighted to hear



this and welcome the prospect of having young software entrepreneurs using our Club. Ed Karnasiewicz arranged for us to go on a "Tour of the New Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in Xenia," for our September 5th program. While the facility itself is impressive, we were more impressed by the activities they have for instilling integrity in those who have had the misfortune to get in trouble at a young age. For our September 12th program, Jack Keating introduced Dr. Mark Clason, MD, Ph.D, who gave us a presentation on "The Elixir of Life - Issues of Prescription Drugs." It was interesting for us to be able to make comparisons between the information Dr. Clasen

provided and what we learned from Dr. Lichota on August 29th, when she presented "New Health Care Technologies."

Joe Martino introduced William Versen and Michael Tatar of Gabriel Communications, who spoke to us on "Internet Access Technologies" for our September 19th program. It was evident from the presentation that we are getting better options for accessing the Internet. On September 26th, we had a "Tour of WPAFB Research Labs," arranged by Bob Kyvik. Technologies developed and employed by WPAFB continue to amaze us.

As always, all Club Members and guests are welcome to attend our programs. Please call the office at 228-2148 to make reservations, or come when you can.

FUTURE

BARN GANG PROGRAMS

Tuesdays

Lunch 11 a.m. - noon
Meeting & Program
noon - 1:00 p.m.

October 3

"New Visitor's Center at Cox Arboretum"

Presentation by Arboretum Staff

Introduction by Dave Brewer

October 10

"What's New at Dayton's Airports"

Blair Conrad, director of Aviation - City of Dayton

Introduction by Jack Sowder

October 17

"AirCar - Combination Automobile & Airplane"

Richard Strong

Introduction by Harry Lake

October 24

"Riverscape Architecture"

Mary Rogero, Architect

Introduction by Harry Richards

October 31

"Quality at Monarch Marking"

Dave Liebrecht, Director of Quality

November 7

"Educating Out-of-School Youth"

Fred Smith, Chairman & CEO, Huff Corp. (Ret.)

Introduction by Dale Martin

November 14

"Inventing Flight - 2003 Celebration"

Will Roess, COO, *Inventing Flight, Inc.*

Introduction by Tom Sheetz

Board Member Profile: Jim Custer

Jim Custer has been a Member of the Engineers Club since 1964. He is one of our most well-known Members, due to his length of service and his engaging, and witty, personality. His profile and experiences are varied, rich, and many. He was born in Dayton in 1923, graduated from Oakwood H.S. in 1941, and attended both Ohio Wesleyan University and Miami University. He served his country in WWII as a B-26 Pilot, flying 52 bombing missions in the European Theater, and was recalled to duty during the Korean conflict. He is also proficient as a pilot of the AT-6, C-47, and B-17 aircraft, and retired as a Major in the USAF Reserves.

He began his business career while still in high school, signing on with Monarch Marking System Co. in 1939. Following the war, Mr. Custer worked for Monarch in the Dayton Service Department, transferring to their Los Angeles location in 1946. He began his career in sale in 1947, and served in that capacity until he was recalled to the USAF in 1951. In 1953, he returned to La Jolla, CA, and resumed his sales career. He inaugurated Monarch's Industrial Sales Department at the Garden Grove, CA, plant in 1962. In 1963, he was transferred back to Dayton as the National Retail Sales Manager.

Mr. Custer left Monarch in 1977, where he had worked his way to Vice-President, to accept a position with Pitney Bowes Marking Systems in Harlow, England. He worked there until his return to the States in 1979, and retired in 1980. Like many retirees, he started his own consulting firm in 1980, forming the Delphi Group, Inc. in 1981 with E.K. Simpson, and F.W. Gage. Mr. Custer fully retired in 1990.



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Jim Custer has been married to Pat Custer for 55 years. They have two daughters, Deborah Custer Trepanier, and Catharine Custer Morter, and three granddaughters.

Mr. Custer has been active in numerous professional, social, and civic organizations, where he has held office in most of them. He is active in the EClub's Barn Gang, the Engineering & Science Hall of Fame, and the Masons. He also serves as a volunteer for the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Mr. Custer is visible at many EClub functions and activities, and always adds to the occasion. His personal interests include aviation history and philately.