

Barn Gang Report

By John A. Bosch

The Barn Gang gave a warm welcome to our newest Member, Jim Hocker. We also welcomed Glen Sickinger following an extended absence for health reasons. Charlie Adams gave us



the sad news that Elwyn Treat passed away on December 18th. Charlie had been keeping us informed about Elwyn's illness and telling us how much Elwyn appreciated hearing from us. The Barn Gang was well represented at the *Service of Celebration* for Elwyn, held on December 21st at the Christ United Methodist Church on Shroyer Road.

We were pleased that Jim Custer made a fast recovery from his heart problem and now he proudly wears a pacemaker. For our December 5th program, Jim Tankersley introduced Mike Henry, who gave a presentation on "Environmental Compliance Through Pollution Prevention." The extensive planning processes used by the USAF and DoD to initiate and manage programs directed toward reducing pollution at the source were explained in detail. Dick Palmer introduced Dr. Janet Mulcare, Research Coordinator for the Veterans Administration and Andrews University, who gave a presentation on the "Summary of Research on Exercise and Multiple Sclerosis." At our last meeting before Christmas, Dick Palmer introduced Montgomery County Commissioner Vicki Pegg, who talked about "The Changing Role of County Government in an Urban Society."

Her presentation helped clear up how the various governments work together as well as how their efforts are being directed toward protecting our future.

The day after Christmas we were treated to a special event. Skip Pratt introduced Nick Engler, who presented "Orville's Christmas," which was centered on the Wright Brothers' early efforts learning to fly. Nick brought his replica of the Wright Glider and spoke about his recent experiences testing on the very sand dunes in Kitty Hawk, NC, that the Wrights tested theirs on. Because the schools were on Holiday Break, Nick made his presentation for "children of all ages." Many of the Barn Gang and other Club Members brought their wives, children, and especially their grandchildren, who immensely enjoyed the presentation. The occasion reinforced the joys of living in Dayton and being Members of the Engineers Club. As most of you already know, Nick is a master woodworker and Wright historian. We are fortunate to have him as a Barn Gang Member. Club Members are encouraged to attend these luncheon programs. Please call the office at 228-2148 to make reservations, or just come when you can. Guests are always welcome.

Elwyn Treat: 1916 - 2000

Elwyn L. Treat, long-time Engineers Club Member and resident of Kettering passed away Monday, December 18, 2000, at his home surrounded by loving family members. Mr. Treat was 84. He was born January 17, 1916, in Jasper, Michigan. Mr. Treat grew up in Flint, Michigan, where he developed an early interest in aviation. He attended Flint Junior College and later the University of Michigan, from which he earned an aeronautical engineering degree in 1939. Mr. Treat then came to Dayton, Ohio, where he began his career as a civilian project engineer at Wright Field. He became Civilian Chief of Production and Procurement and had responsibility over several bomber projects, including the B-17, B-25, B-26, B-36, and B-52. Mr. Treat retired from Wright-Patterson AFB in 1975.

In 1941, Mr. Treat married his college sweetheart, Norene Jadwin, and had 35 wonderful years with her before she passed away in 1977. In 1979, Mr. Treat married a second special person, Carol Howard, with whom he spent 21 loving years. In 1950, he became a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church. Mr. Treat joined the Dayton Engineers Club in 1940, and has maintained an active Membership in the Club, including continued involvement in the Barn Gang. He was a 50-year member of the YMCA. Mr. Treat engaged himself generously in providing assistance to many people in the community. Mr. Treat is survived by three sisters and one brother; his wife, Carol; his children, Ward Treat, Ned Treat, Joli Tapp, Dianne Howard, Denny Howard, and Elaine Stanley; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A *Service of Celebration* was held Thursday, December 21, 2000, at Christ United Methodist Church on Shroyer Road. His friends at the Engineers Club will miss him greatly.

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BARN GANG PROGRAMS

Tuesdays

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

January 2

"Elderhostel Experiences"
Mary and George Sherman

January 9

"The New Mission for the Mound"
John Gill, Ph.D
Introduction by Jim Stewart

January 16

"Farming and Food Preservation in Nigeria"
James Opicka
Introduction by George Stillwagon

January 23

"What the Coalition Does to Nurture Businesses"
Bazil Zabek,
Coalition Advisor
Introduction by Bob Stone

January 30

"Water Color Painting Demonstration"
Sharon Stolzenberger, Artist
Introduction by Jack Sullivan

February 6

"Advancements in Ceramics"
Norman Hecht, Ph.D,
UDRI, Retired
Introduction by Jack Thompson

February 13

"Military's Historical Resistance to Change"
David Herrelko, Brig. Gen.,
Retired
Introduction by Hardy Trolander