

An interview with Hardy Trolander

Hardy Trolander, honored as a Fellow of the Engineers Club, was a founder and CEO of YSI (Yellow Springs Instrument Company) from which he is now retired.

•What is it about the Engineers Club that appeals to you?

Hardy: The Tuesday Luncheon Programs sponsored by the Barn Gang make it an especially attractive place to come to every week. As a bonus, the programs and speakers seem to be getting progressively better.

I also like the history of the club. I knew several members, including Boss Kettering, the co-founder of the club. I took a project from him, to evaluate a program at Sloan-Kettering Institute.

•How did that turn out?

Hardy: I was very young and gave him an opinion that the program wasn't going to get anywhere.

•What did Kettering think of that?

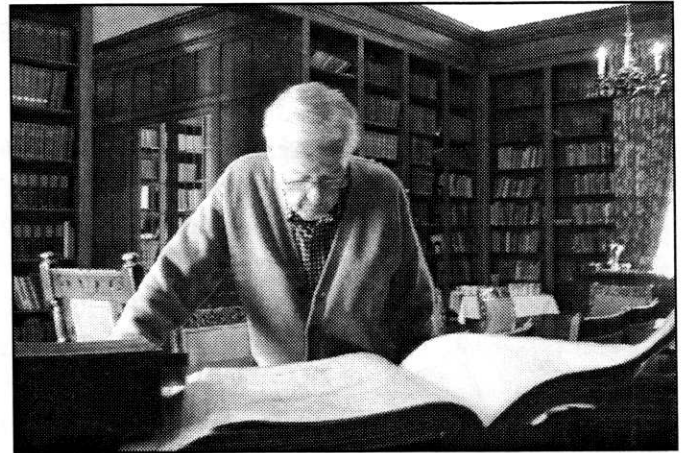
Hardy: He just listened without showing any reaction. But the program didn't work out.

•And the other club members you knew?

Hardy: Fred Hooven, a mentor of mine and a great inventor. And Hyde Ruble, a former president of the club and founder of Standard Radio, which became Pioneer Standard. YSI, had a long relationship with Pioneer Standard, which was a supplier of electrical parts for us.

•These men brought you in?

Hardy: I was slow to join - 1991. I didn't know what I was missing. At YSI, our main connection to Dayton was the



Hardy Trolander peruses the 1915 atlas.

Chamber of Commerce's foreign desk because Japan was YSI's second largest market. When I joined I wanted to maintain a presence at the local level, and this is a good place to be. It's also a good place to entertain with informal meals, to attend dinners and parties, and to interact with other very interesting people and avoid the Ostrich Syndrome.

I appreciate history and good mechanical things, so there is a historical-physical aspect of the club that is important to me. I like the fact that the club is the home of the Wright brothers' Engine #3. When I look at it, I am very impressed that the Wrights and their engine builder Charlie Taylor could come up with it.

You may think this is odd, but I also like the 1915 unabridged atlas that sits open on the table in the library. I even used it to check the old plat of a property in Dayton. It is one of the many elements that give the place a patina I hope will always be preserved.

Enjoy the May 6 Derby Party and benefit the Club

Proceeds will be used to help fund the "Wish List" repairs and purchases

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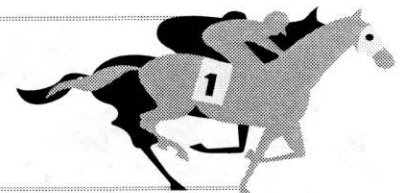
Mark your calendar now!

Plan to bring a party of your fun friends to the Derby Day Party at the Club on May 6, from 3 to 7 PM and enjoy the 132rd "Run for the Roses."

Mike Kohli and Dave Drumm, resident Club techies, will have big-screen TVs wired and lit up in the English Room and the Nutter Cyber Safari Pub so we can watch the races and other Derby events.

Edie Jerd will mastermind the 50/50 raffle to pick the winners. (The Club does not have a gambling license, so no regular betting.)

Diane Buchanan is in charge of the entertainment and hat parade.



Heavy hors d'oeuvres (read supper) are included in the \$25 ticket price. Profits will be used to help fund the Club's "Wish List" projects, including the reupholstering of the dining room chairs. We will have two bars going. Bar food and sandwiches will be available in the Nutter Pub after 7 p.m. at regular prices for the parties who want to stay on.

Watch for your invitation in early April for full particulars. Save the date!

We have to get those dining room chairs done soon.