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Newsletter
of the
Auglaize County Historical Society

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The Daniel Mooney Museum
223 S. Main Street
St. Marys, Ohio

To our Members,

Since Midwest Electric will no longer have a community meeting room available for evening meetings the Auglaize County Historical Trustees have decided to have two membership meetings in St. Marys and two in Wapakoneta for 2005. In St. Marys, The Holy Rosary School and McBroom School has offered the use of their building at no cost. At this time we have no locations available in Wapakoneta. We need space for up to 60 persons.



The Gary Log House
Auglaize County Fairgrounds
Wapakoneta, Ohio

If any member knows where we could meet at no cost in Wapakoneta please call Karen Dietz, Phone 419-738-6975. We may have to schedule these meetings in St. Marys if a place is not available in Wapakoneta.

There will be a special meeting at the Shinebone Church Museum this year. All of our meeting programs, dates, and locations will be confirmed in our next newsletter.



The Wapakoneta
Local History Museum
206 W. Main Street
Wapakoneta, Ohio

The Auglaize County Historical Society hosted sixty members of Region 7 of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies & Museums at the Wayne Street Methodist Church on March 5, 2005 in St. Marys. The cost involved was paid by the Ohio Historical Society.

Starting in April the Mooney Museum and the Wapakoneta Area Museum will be open on the First and Third Sundays from 1 to 4, and by appointment. Programs for schools or organizations are also available. Call Karen Dietz 419-738-6875 for information.



Shinbone Church
State Route 219 - East N. Knoxville

Do you have a 1979 History of Auglaize County book to sell? Scott Weber, son of Ken and Hazel Weber who helped put together information to print this book would pay \$60.00 plus postage for a copy of the book. For information call George Nearingard 419-394-5243.

George Nearingard, Vice President

Genealogical Workshop Oct 22, 2005

THE WEST CENTRAL OHIO GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP (Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, and Mercer Counties)

Presents
George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., Sc.D.

**Saturday, October 22, 2005 at
The Historic St. Marys Theatre, St. Marys, Ohio**

Dr. George K. Schweitzer, from Knoxville, Tennessee, is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee and is the holder of three doctoral degrees in history, chemistry, and philosophy. He has lectured to over 200 genealogical and historical societies in the US, Canada, England, and Germany and has authored 19 genealogical guidebooks. Dr. Schweitzer uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy and dresses in period costume to fit the lecture. His genealogical guidebooks and videotapes of his various lectures will also be available for sale at the workshop.

Dr. Schweitzer will present three lectures:

- **Rivers to Trails to Roads to Canals to Trains (migration lecture)**
- **Researching in Burned out Counties**
- **Civil War Genealogy**

This will be an all-day workshop, with registration from 8-9:00 and the opening remarks beginning at 9:00. The final lecture will conclude at 3:00, with a question and answer period to follow. Lunch will be included and exhibitors and county genealogical chapters will be selling publications and products.

There is free parking on the street in front of the theatre or behind the theatre, with access to the theatre from the both street and the rear parking lot. The building is handicap accessible.

Pre-registration is \$30, due by October 15. Registration the day of the event is \$35.

West Central Ohio Genealogical Workshop, P.O. Box 298, St. Marys, Ohio..45885

Send registration by October 15 to:
West Central Ohio Genealogical Workshop
P.O. Box 298
St. Marys, OH 45885

Name _____

Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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New Bremen Speedway Memories



1928 photo of a race at New Bremen Speedway

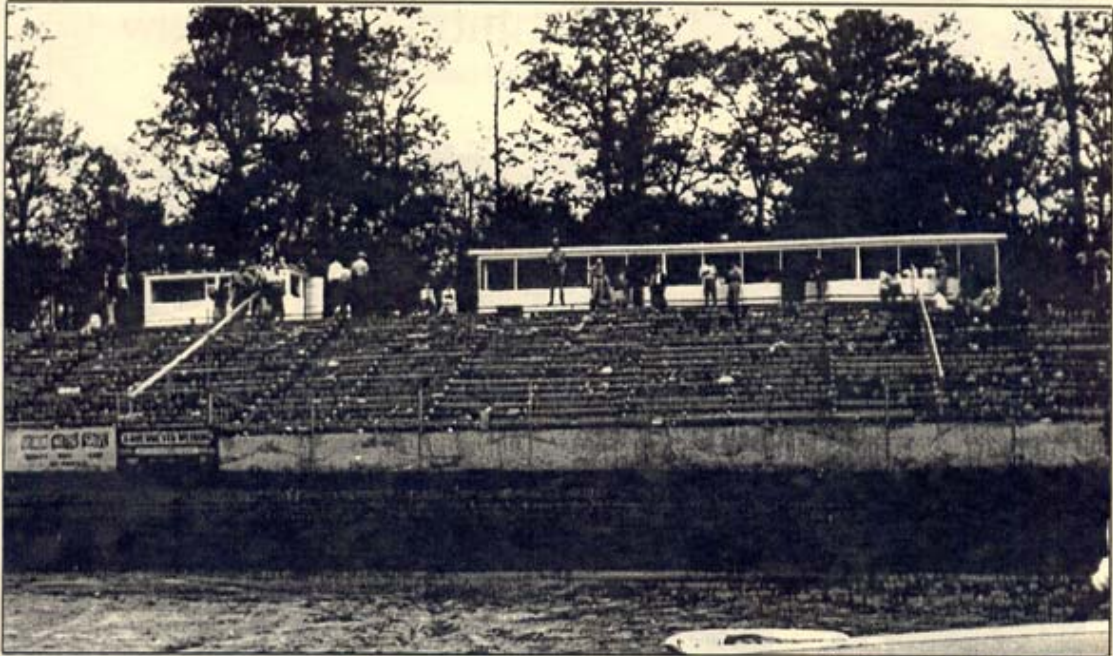
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New Bremen Speedway Grandstand

Photo courtesy of Dave Kramer

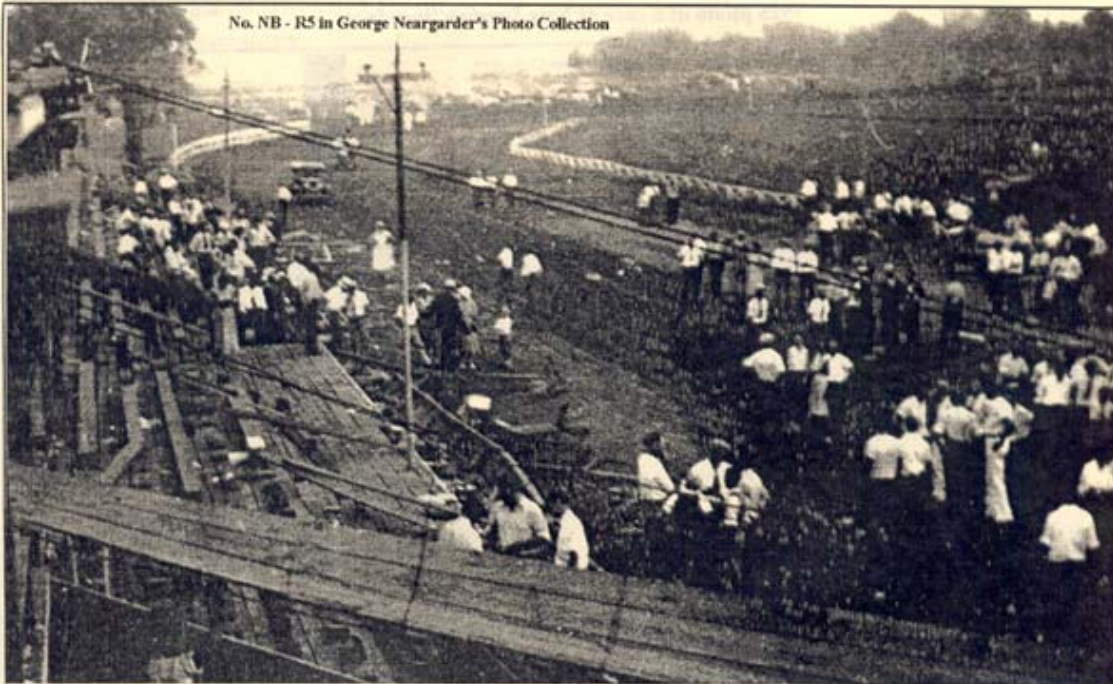


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Photo taken the day that the grandstand collapsed at the New Bremen Speedway

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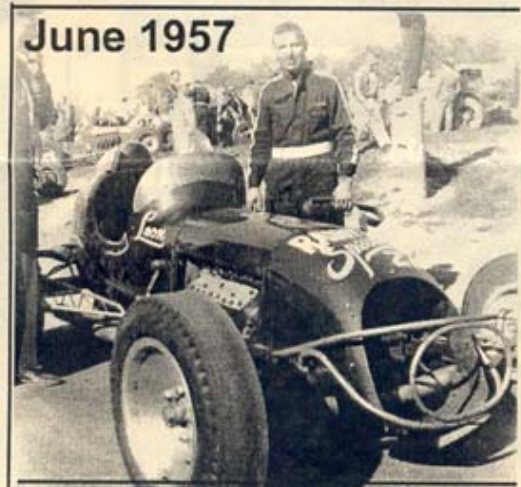


1951

Leon Clum's Racers and Hot Rods

Leon and his wife LaRue both were racers.

Visit the Wapakoneta Area Museum for more information on Leon and LaRue Clum.



June 1957



1957



1949



Photos courtesy of LaRue Clum. Wapakoneta, Ohio

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New Bremen Speedway Memories



Geary Bulp Race Car Driver

Photos courtesy of Betty
Bulp and Dave Kramer

Geary Bulp of St. Marys wins top Stock Car event. 18 cars were entered Max Loffer of St. Marys placed 2nd in September 1953.

Car owner, Adrain Meyers with his driver Geary Bulp. ----->



Geary's Car Turning Over



Geary's Car After Accident

Race Car Driver Geary Bulp Was Seriously Hurt on July 4, 1954 at New Bremen Speedway.

Geary substituted for another driver for New Bremen's first "Sprint Car" event.

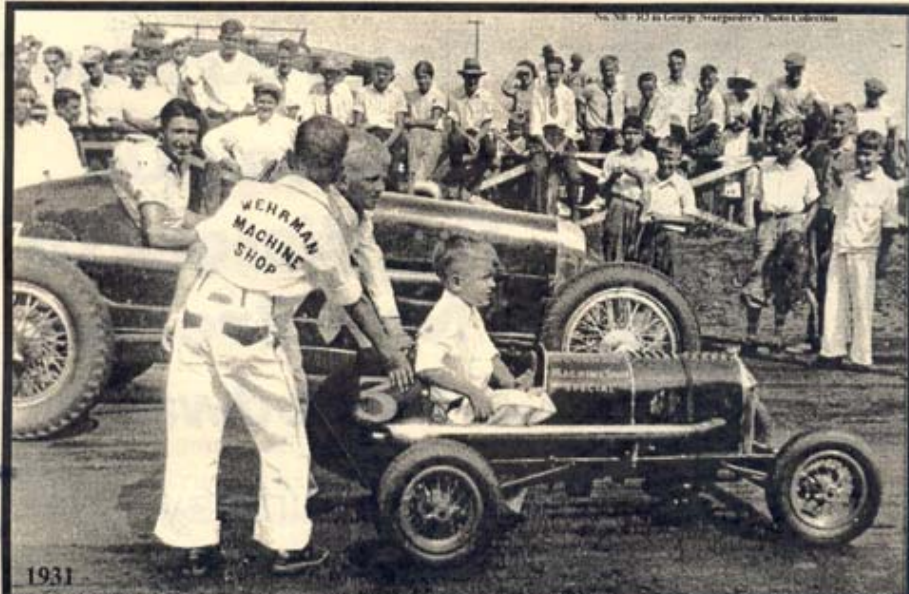
His car went out of control on the sixth lap turning over three times before stopping.

He suffered a fracture of three vertebrae in his neck, fracture of this left shoulder and collar bone, right shoulder blade and concussion of the chest. He never fully recovered from this accident.

Geary passed away in 1984. His wife Betty and four children survive.

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1931

Maurie Rose, John Wissman (young driver) John Briggs and Roger Quellhorst. Photo courtesy of Stanley Kuenning
The World's Smallest Racing Car Built By Edward Wehrman



Photo courtesy of Stanley Kuenning

No. 32 in George Neugebauer's Collection

Leo Huenke's
 B-4 Racer

Early photo of racer at New Bremen Speedway
 in photo Wilcox Branch, Louis Sargason and Eddie Wehrman

Indy 500 Winners who competed at New Bremen

	<u>years won</u>
Bill Cummings	1934
Maun Rose	1941-47-48
Troy Ruttman	1952
Rodger Ward	1959-62
A. J. Foyt	1961-64-67-77
Parnelli Jones	1963
Bobby Unser	1968-75-81
Mario Andretti	1969
Al Unser	1970-71-78-87
Gordon Johncock	1973-82
Johnny Rutherford	1974-76-80
Tom Sneva	1983

Join The Auglaize County Historical Society Museums in St. Marys - Wapakoneta - Shinbone

___ Family \$25. ___ Adult \$15. ___ Student \$5.
 ___ Sr. over 62 - \$12. ___ Sr. Family \$20. ___ Life \$250.

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