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## Meetings:

**BOARD MEETINGS:**  
President's Discretion

## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last  
Sunday of each  
month

Locations To Be  
Announced

## SEPTEMBER CLUB PICNIC

Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

### WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

### 10871 Quirk Rd., VanBuren Twp.

This month we are going to do a joint picnic with Village Collectors of Michigan and Country Villagers of Flint to some what honor Trish Rochowiak. We are going to see the gazebo that was built in her memory with funds we contributed when Trish passed away. It will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Trish's husband Frank will be on hand and he is allowing us to use the shelter building that is there at no cost.

As always, you will need to bring a dish to pass. The Detroit 56'ers and VCOM are splitting the cost of the meat (probably chicken and ribs)

**Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, September 23, 2009 to Chris Speedie at (734) 675-8528 or e-mail: raespedie@aol.com** if you are planning to attend. We need a pretty accurate count to purchase the meat.

You will need not only a dish to pass, but you will need to bring what ever you want to drink. Chris has a few bottle of pop she will bring, but it will not be enough for everyone. **Chris & Tish** will bring plates, napkins, silverware & drinking cups.

### DIRECTIONS: From the South -

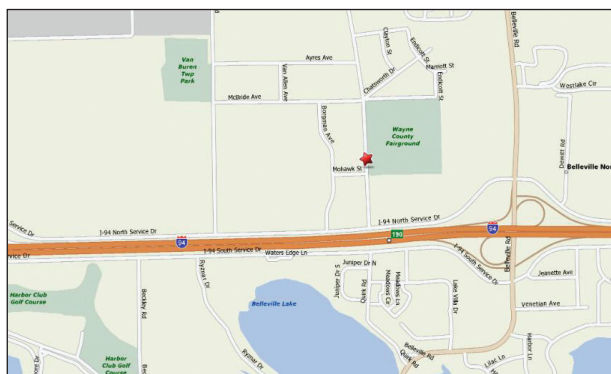
Get onto I-275 North or I-94 • Take exit #17/DETROIT/CHICAGO onto I-94 WEST toward ANN ARBOR/CHICAGO • Take exit #190/BELLEVILLE RD • Turn Right on BELLEVILLE RD • Turn Left on I-94 NORTH SERVICE DR • Turn Right on QUIRK RD • Arrive at 10871 QUIRK RD, VAN BUREN TWP, on the Right

### DIRECTIONS: From the North -

If coming from the north close to I-96, get onto I-96 and travel to find I-275 towards Detroit/Toledo. • Take Exit 17 to go onto I-94 West towards Ann Arbor. • Take Exit 190 (Belleville Road) • Turn Right on Belleville Road; Turn Left on to the I-94 North Service Drive • Turn Right on Quirk Road to the Entrance of the Fairgrounds.

### OR

If you are closer to US 23 - Take the US-23 South • Take exit #35/CHICAGO/DETROIT onto I-94 EAST toward DETROIT/AIRPORT • Take exit #190/BELLEVILLE RD • Turn Left on BELLEVILLE RD • Turn Left on I-94 NORTH SERVICE DR • Turn Right on QUIRK RD to entrance.



As always, guests are welcome!

# OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: AUGUST MEETING  
WHEN: Saturday, August 29, 2009  
WHERE: Always Christmas / Canterbury Village  
TIME: 12:00 Noon

6 members and 9 guests attended this Collector's Showcase event presented by Always Christmas.

Members in attendance were: **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Peggy Gillie, Phyl & Ken Long and Chris Speedie.** Our guests are members of VCOM & Country Villagers of Flint, Tish Goscicki, Letty (Tish's mom), Jim Hamby, Micki & Richard Seroka, and they brought 2 guests and Madeline & Sam Warren.

We started with lunch at the Clansman Gaelic Pub. All enjoyed their lunch. Then we were off to Always Christmas where most sat and watched a quick but informative demonstration from Linda and got to chat with Department 56 Rep. Sue Hinkle. We shopped a little and most attendees dispersed about 4:00 PM.

There wasn't really any kind of meeting since both our President and Vice President were not in attendance. We just enjoyed each others company and some talked about what happened in San Antonio at the gathering and our up coming gathering in September 2010.

Detroit 56'ers extended an invitation to VCOM & Country Villagers of Flint to join us at our picnic honoring Trish Rockowiak. Both accepted. So we are gearing up for a great picnic at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 27, 2009.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: **Edward Hilder, Treasurer**

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 7/31/09		\$834.60
8/28 Deposit		
Dues	\$228.00+	
Checks written and cleared & Fees:		
8/31 Service Fee	\$2.00-	
Statement balance 8/31/09	\$1,060.60	
Checkbook balance 9/1/09		\$1,060.60

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## DUES ARE PAST DUE!

If you have not paid your annual dues yet, please do so today. If your dues are not paid by September 30, 2009 your membership will lapse and you will no longer receive communications from the club unless your dues are up to date. Thank you.

# **Retirement Weekend UPDATE**

## **Thursday, November 5th - Sunday, November 8th**

### **We have a new hotel location this year!**

**Don't forget to get your hotel reservations in early!**  
**11 rooms left in our block.**

The room information is as follows: **Hyatt Place Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio.** There are rooms held for our group at the hotel from November 5th through November 8th. Our group's discounted rate is \$78.00 + tax. This rate includes the standard continental breakfast and free wi-fi. There are 2 types of rooms available, kings and doubles. Both rooms are very large for a hotel room (about 400 sq ft.) and feature separate living and sleeping areas. Both rooms also feature a queen size pullout. If you would like to come in on an earlier date or depart at a later date please contact me at the hotel directly and they will typically honor the group rate.

There are a couple different ways you can make reservations. **You can call the national reservations line at 1-888-HYATT-HP and reference our group name, "Detroit 56'ers". You can also go online to [www.hyattplaceblueash.com](http://www.hyattplaceblueash.com) and input the dates of your stay and the "Group/Corporate number of "G-56RS".** The official cut-off day is **October 24th**, but they will typically honor the rate as long as they have rooms to sell, simply contact the hotel directly at 513-489-3666. Official check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out is 12:00 PM.

**If you are going to Nancy's Hallmark Retirement Weekend Dinner you need to pay for your dinner on Saturday Night before the October 23, 2009 deadline. The cost is \$35.00 per person (no increase, same as last year) and you need to send your check (payable to Detroit 56'ers) to Treasurer, Ed Hildner, 347 Boyne New Hudson, MI 48165 as soon as possible. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER 10/23/09. Chris will take care of notifying Bob as to who is attending from Michigan.**





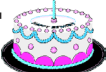


ALSO - I talked with Bob Losekamp a few days ago and here is the short version of the weekend. Again on Thursday evening we will go to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant (Nancy's Favorite Restaurant!). And of course we will be doing the excellent dinner event at the Montgomery Inn on Saturday night.

Sometime during the weekend Bob said we would take a trip to Ronald McDonald House to see the completed addition. Also, you may want to visit EnterTRAINment Junction. At EnterTRAINment Junction, you can marvel at the world's largest (25,000 sq. ft.) indoor train display, discover at an imaginative railroading museum, engineer your own locomotive around a track in a hand-cranked railroad car, thrill to themes, walk-thru mazes you won't believe, and much more. The cost is approximately \$13.00 for adults.

P. S. If you have never gone to Retirement Weekend at Nancy's Hallmark, you should consider attending. It is a very enjoyable weekend. Bob, Nancy and their staff pull out all the stops! And everyone who has ever attended will tell you - "it is a memorable experience".



# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  Marge Clayton's Birthday
6  Fred Sullivan's Birthday	7  Labor Day Weekend	8	9	10	11  Kathy Stern's Birthday	12
13	14  Ken Long's Birthday	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22  Fall Begins	23	24	25	26
27  DETROIT 56'ers PICNIC Wayne County Fairgrounds	28	29	30			

## IN MEMORY . . .



Detroit 56'ers lost member **William "Bill" Riedeman on August 26, 2009**. Bill passed away unexpectedly at Covenant Medical Center at the age of 73.

Bill was born July 22, 1936 in Waupun, WI to the late William and Sophia Riedeman. He served in the US Army from 1960-1962. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1967. He then married Ruth Rau on August 24, 1968 at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Bill worked for GM Steering Gear for over 30 years until his retirement October 1, 1998. He then worked at Bronner's until 2005. He was a member of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Bill enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, bowling, traveling, reading, genealogy, yard work, collecting Department 56 Villages, NASCAR, hot air ballooning and southern gospel music.

Surviving are his wife Ruth, 2 children Jenny (Todd) Carlson of Bedford, TX, and Jim Riedeman of Albuquerque, NM, 2 grandchildren, Sophia & Abigail Carlson, 1 sister Helen Horn and husband Ralph Petersen, Madison, WI, 2 brothers-in-law, Floyd (Grace) Rau, Dennis Radke, 1 sister-in-law Lois (Donald) Steffen, and many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by a sister Marlene Radke.

Our prayers and condolences go to Ruth and her family.

Detroit 56'ers sent a floral arrangement to the funeral home.

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

#### OCTOBER:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

**Ken Long has agreed to have us over to see his Halloween display. Depending on the time, we may be able to meet for dinner at a restaurant near his Canton home (there are lots of restaurants leading to the Long's house). Maps and times will be in your October newsletter.**

#### OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 18, 2009 - time to be determined

Department 56 Artist, Barbara Lund will be at Always Christmas.

#### OCTOBER:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009**

Halloween Open House at the home of Village Collectors of Michigan's President Jim Hamby. Maps and times will be in your October newsletter.

#### NOVEMBER:

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5-8,**

**2009 - Retirement Weekend with Nancy & Bob. Our annual trek to Sharonville, Ohio to Nancy's Hallmark for Retirement Weekend. NEW Hotel. It is the Hyatt Place in Blue Ash, Ohio. See information in this newsletter. Hotel Reservation deadline 10/24/09.**

#### DECEMBER:

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 - Bretton Village Clubhouse**

**Similar to last year. Everyone loved the ease of moving around and the food was good too. We will use the same caterer as we did last year. And the cost should be the same as well.**

#### SEPTEMBER 2010:

Thursday - Sunday, September 16-19, 2010

THE SEASONS OF MICHIGAN GATHERING

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Detroit-Livonia, 17123  
Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152. The hotel is taking  
reservations.

Room rate is \$95.00 + tax. Phone: 888-201-1718 and ask for the  
Village Collectors Group Rate or by putting VILLAG in the  
promotional code box.