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Antique Mall

Meander Talking Machine AACA Newsletter



One of Ted Best's
Best

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President's Message

MARCH MEETING

Thank you, Barb Ankney, for setting up our March meeting at Giorgio's Restaurant in Niles. We had a nice turnout and met our newest members, Ted and Laura Best, who moved back to our area after 40 years in Florida.

Thank you too, John Tarleton, for setting up our March lunch meeting in Salem at Adele's restaurant. Attendance was light, but most of us enjoyed their homemade lasagna.

Ted and Laura Best purchased a home on Detweiler Road in Canfield.

They have a very nice collection of cars and steam vehicles. Ted has a 1910 Buick that he purchased at Hershey this past year, two Model T Fords — 1909 and 1910 — plus several other Model T's, also an early Maxwell. If any of you are Christmas decoration enthusiasts, you will love to talk to Laura. She has quite a collection of Christmas decorations.

Our April meeting, on Saturday, April 25, a combined tour of the Meander and the local Model T Ford Clubs, will be headed up by Michael and Danielle Bernard.

We will gather at your leisure at the Land Lion Antique Mall at the intersection of Routes 534 and Rt. 76 Lake Milton, Ohio.

The mall opens at noon. We will be departing at 12:30 sharp for points north. We will be having dinner in the afternoon as the tour concludes.

Please call Michael on his cell phone 330-774-8060 with your reservation by **Wednesday, April 22.**

Our April Tuesday lunch get-together is canceled for several reasons. We may start them up again in the future.



DATE: Saturday, April 25, 2026
TIME: Meet at 12:00
PLACE: LAND LION ANTIQUE MALL
Intersection Rt. 534 & Rt. 76
Call Michael Bernard 330-774-8060
with reservation.

**LOOKING
AHEAD!**

**OHIO REGION
MEET, SUMMER 2027**

Our chapter is responsible for the summer meet next year. Please start thinking of ideas that you can share with us at the May meeting. Our 2027 President, Ken Smith, will be returning in April, and he and Liz will be needing your input. We will also be creating committees to help out. These will include tour routes, registration, hospitality room, and items for the basket raffles. We will be needing a place to center the tour, motel suggestions, and points of interest for the Friday Early Bird Tour and the main tour on Saturday.



Meet Colonel E.A. Deeds (1874-1960)

—Excerpted from Life's QR

Edward Deeds began his career at National Cash Register Company, where he was responsible for designing advanced production systems and helped modernize the factory's layout and operations. There, he met Charles F. Kettering, and the two would go on to form a legendary partnership.

In 1909, they co-founded the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (Delco). Their development of the electric self-starter for automobiles marked a monumental leap forward for the auto industry, greatly improving vehicle safety and accessibility. This innovation attracted the attention of General Motors, which acquired Delco in 1918. Deeds remained a key executive and strategist within GM, playing a vital role in the company's post-war expansion.

During World War I, Deeds served as Chief of Aircraft Production for the U.S. government. He oversaw the nation's aircraft manufacturing efforts during the war, managing large-scale industrial mobilization. Though the program was met with logistical challenges, his leadership helped lay the groundwork for America's

future dominance in aviation.

After the Great Dayton Flood of 1913, Deeds spearheaded the creation of the Miami Conservancy District, an ambitious flood control system that remains one of the most effective in the country. Collaborating with engineer Arthur E. Morgan, Deeds applied engineering precision and long-term planning to protect the Miami Valley from future disasters.

His civic philosophy was rooted in systems thinking—viewing cities and communities as interdependent networks that required both technical and human investment. He believed that business leaders had a responsibility to give back to the cities that made their success possible.

Edith Deeds became a central figure in Dayton's cultural renaissance. She was a driving force behind the Dayton Art Institute, helping secure its early art collection and ensuring it would be a center for public learning and inspiration. She also supported local music education, women's clubs, and charities that aided families and the underprivileged during the Great Depression.

Together, the Deedses

supported Antioch College, Oberlin College, and various public school initiatives. They were also instrumental in the creation of Carillon Historical Park, envisioned as an outdoor museum where the people of Dayton could connect with the city's rich history of invention and progress.

In 1942, Edward Deeds honored his late wife by building the Deeds Carillon, a soaring 151-foot bell tower containing 57 bells. It was Ohio's first carillon and remains one of the largest in the United States. The carillon is now part of Carillon Historical Park, which houses exhibits on Dayton's industrial and technological contributions, including the Wright brothers' early aviation work and Deeds' own Delco innovations.

The Deeds legacy is woven into the fabric of Dayton's identity. Their names are associated with innovation, integrity, and generosity. Edward's work transformed not only how people lived and worked, but also how cities prepared for the future. Edith's advocacy for the arts and education created a cultural infrastructure that enriched generations.

Contributions

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