

TRACKER

Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future



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A FOND FAREWELL TO TERRACE PARK AUTOMOTIVE



After 61 years as a comforting presence on the corner of Wooster Pike and Given Road, Terrace Park Auto Service has passed the torch to new owners.

The family business, owned by Bill Krummert, Sr. and then passed to his son, also Bill Krummert, has provided gas and auto maintenance to our community since 1963. Over the years, the station brand changed from Sohio to BP, Citgo, Clark and more recently Sunoco, but the service and dependability remained exemplary.

There will still be a gas station, but repair services will no longer be available.

TERRACE PARK HOUSE TOUR

The Terrace Park Historical Society is excited to announce we will be organizing our 2024 House Tour this Fall!

The date is still TBD, but we are looking for homes or buildings of all Eras to participate in this wonderful community tradition. We are seeking homes of any age, location within the village and perceived historical significance because every house has a story to tell!

If you are interested in being a host, please reach out to TPHS at (513) 248- 1777 or tphistoricalsociety@gmail.com to get more information.

Seeking homes representing all eras of Terrace Park to be featured on the Fall 2024 House Tour

Contact us to learn more:
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THANKS TO OUR FOUNDER, CAROL C. COLE

We are honored to announce the election of our founding member, Carol C. Cole , to Emeritus Trustee of the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Carol initiated the formation of the Terrace Park Historical Society in 2001 and she has nurtured our Society through every step in its development since then. Thanks to her research into archival techniques, the early stacks of scrapbooks and paper documents have given way to a substantial and well organized collection, much of which is available online. In addition, membership has grown and new services and programs have been developed. While many of the original volunteers are still active there is a growing interest in the next generation to continue the mission to preserve Terrace Park history.

Of the nine original Trustees of the Terrace Park Historical Society, Carol, along with Julie Northrop, Kay Pope and Betsy Holloway are still with us. In the interest of ensuring the future success of the Society, Carol has created an endowment fund through the Cincinnati Foundation that will provide financial support for many years to come.

The Terrace Park Historical Society is living proof that one individual can make a difference.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



As this picture shows, our volunteers are busy! They are working in our archives room, which contains over 20 years worth of donated materials relating to Terrace Park, from the earliest days of settlement to the present time.

Their activities include both acquisition, storage, organization, preservation and digitization of materials (whew!) and curation for display in our Museum, as publications, online media and public programs. There's much to be done, and of course, history continues to be made!

BEFORE AND AFTER

The Terrace Park Lumber Company, established in 1914 by George Eveland, provided building materials and heating oil for the village until 1985, when it was replaced by a new development - Denison Avenue. A Village Views article from November 1985 gives a history of the Lumber Company (Visit tphistoricalsociety.org/about-terrace-park/publications to view the article).



Terrace Park Lumber Company



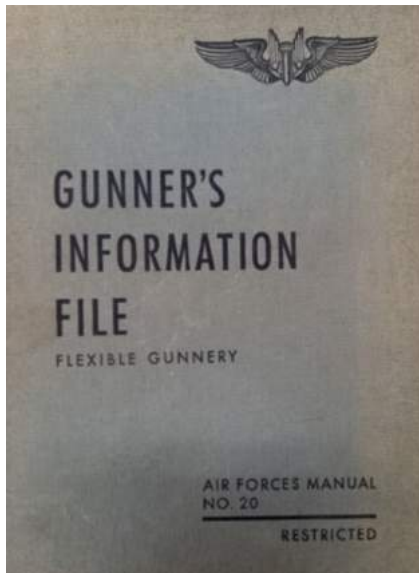
Currently Denison Lane

LEARN HOW TO BE A WWII GUNNER

A set of instruction manuals belonging to the late Henry Chapman, a past Terrace Park resident, were donated to us by his wife, Penny. The manual includes a series of lessons on WW II aerial combat including how to use a machine gun, tactics for defense against enemy aircraft, and how to operate a 'ball turrett', described below.

The donation also includes the manuals 'German Weapons Illustrated' dated 1943 and 'The German Army of Today'. There are lots of pictures of tanks and German soldiers, which makes one wonder how these pictures were obtained.

(Excerpt from <https://www.historydefined.net/ball-turret-gunner/>)



Serving on a bomber in World War Two was almost a guaranteed death sentence. Depending on the unit and time of the war, US bomber crews could experience anywhere from 50% to just over 70% of their personnel becoming killed, missing, or taken prisoner.

The most exposed part of the aircraft, the underbelly, was not covered by any of the available machine gun mounts. American engineers quickly fixed this problem by adding a retractable ball turret to the underbelly of most American bombers. The ball turret was only four feet in diameter.

Temperatures at the altitudes bombers fought at could range from -10 to -70 degrees Fahrenheit. At such extreme temperatures, the heated suits bombers wore were crucial.



However, many ball turret gunners complained these did not always work well, or if the turret lost power, the electricity feeding the suit was cut. This would often make dangerous situations for the gunner where they would have to extricate themselves or freeze to death.

Many veteran gunners said they would need their crew members to help pull them out after long missions since they had been semi-frozen in the turret.



Ball turret gunners relied heavily on communication with other crew members to fight. However, their vantage point also brought a unique distinction of being able to see the battles unfolding below.

While some gunners were small enough to wear their parachutes in the turret, most left their chutes in the main cabin. If the crew had to bail out, the ball turret gunner would hope to have enough time and strength to crawl out of the turret, grab his chute, and jump. Because of this long process, the ball turret gunner was often the last man out, if he got out at all.

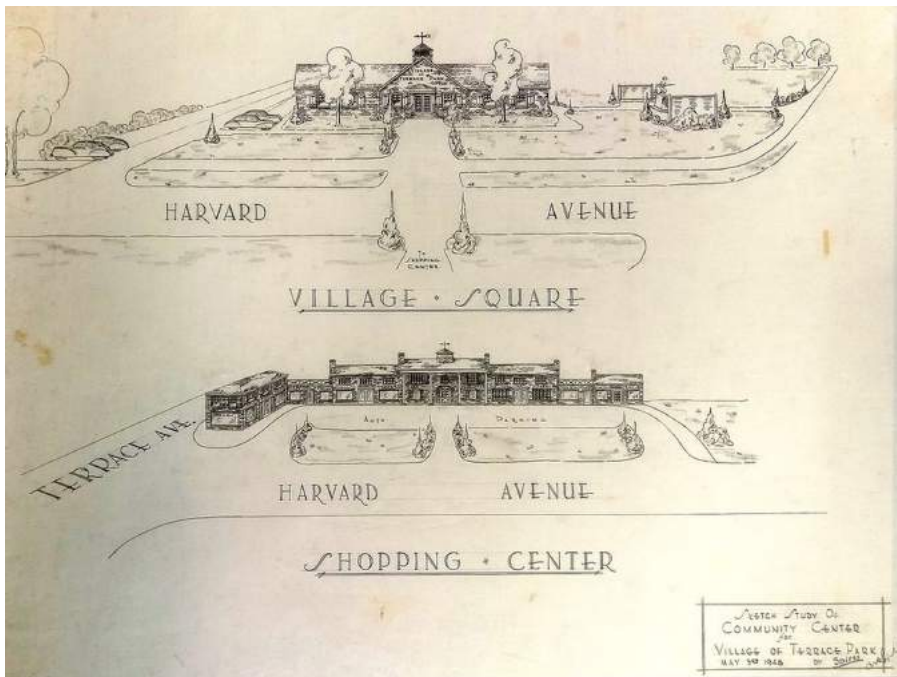
Additionally, the gunner would often be crushed in the event of a forced landing or ditching. Because a ditched aircraft meant that it lost power or took severe damage, the ball turret might be impossible to retract.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to acknowledge our newest Lifetime memberships as of January 2023: Margaret Highlands Gale, Kay Everhart, Claudette Graumlich, Virginia Marquett, Sandy and Rick Koehler and Katy and Chris Chisom. We would also like to acknowledge donors to the Terrace Park Historical Society Fund: Carol C. Cole for the original endowment, Lynne Mileham, James Gilchrist, The Orpha Ann Gatch Foundation, Paul Duplace, David and Marcia Moyer, Nancy Aubke, Lon and Sylvia Stirsman and Kimberly Michelson.

Our sincere thanks go out to all our Lifetime members, regular members and donors for their generous support of our mission to preserve Terrace Park History.

A FORGOTTEN VISION OF TERRACE PARK



In 1948, a plan was proposed to build a Community Center on the Village Green. The two structures being considered were a shopping center and an administrative center with two parking areas close by. Imagine how different Terrace Park would look today.

This blueprint can be viewed in the map case in our archives. Our archives contain building plans for homes and village structures, architectural drawings and many maps of the area.

EARL RUNYUN'S CAFE



(From an article by Susan Frank in the March, 2005 issue of the Village Views - thistoricalociety.org/about-terrace-park/publications)

The original 1938 Fred Williams painting of Earl Runyun's Café was delivered to the Community house during the "Miami Grove Revisited" program on March 6, 2005. Williams was a famous local artist who came to Miami Grove and fell in love with the beautiful setting. He moved into one of the rented rooms under Earl's Café. Many stories about the café and about Earl and Gladys Runyun were told by former residents at the program.

If you know of any other paintings by Fred Williams, please let us know.

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MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support.

To our Lifetime members - Thank you for your very generous contributions - you have already donated substantially to our organization.

To our non-Lifetime members - We hope that you will continue to find our work worthwhile. You can use the following form or renew online at tphistoricalsociety.org/membership.

Membership Renewal Form

Yes! We want to continue to support the Terrace Park Historical Society by extending our membership through 2024. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:

Corporate/Patron(\$100) Heritage(\$50) Family(\$25) Individual (\$15) Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years) Donation

Your Name: _____ (As you would like it to appear in our records)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ (We send very few, and only important email notices)

Thank you - we appreciate your help!

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