

# The Monroe Legend

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## MONROE'S "MODEL TT" FIRE TRUCK

By Roger Miller

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Henry Ford and his Ford Motor Company introduced the Model T Ford in 1908. Over the next few years, Ford developed the means to mass produce them, which led to reductions in their cost. In many ways, the low-cost Model T put America on wheels.

In 1917, Ford introduced the Model TT truck. It was built with a heavier frame and rear axle than the Model T and, at first, sold as a chassis with the body supplied by someone else.



Monroe's 1924 Fire Truck is a Model TT with fire equipment supplied by The Prospect Fire Engine Company of Prospect, Ohio. It is a chemical truck that uses a Prospect developed Deluge pump that could pump at the rate of 250 gallons a minute. The truck also carried ladders, hooks, hose, axes, and other fire-fighting equipment.

Speed in getting to a fire is important, but the Model TT was not a speed wagon. The solution was to push the truck with a faster automobile. According to Ruth Cast in her 1967 Monroe history, "This could be a hair-raising experience for the driver ... as all he could do was point the truck and hope the driver of the car pushing him would have the good sense to slow down or stop when it was necessary to do so."

One story that she recalled involved the winter 1934 fire at the bathhouse at LeSourdsville Lake. Bussy Hiteshue was driving the fire truck with Hippy Schultheis and Dick Schultheis riding. Earl Hiteshue was pushing as fast as his 1929 Chevy would go. When they got to the Lake, "Dick and Earl had to remove some obstacles from the driveway. When they finished and turned ... they saw the taillight lantern swaying in the breeze as the truck bounced down the cement steps just inside the gate ..." the shortest way to water!



## A L O O K B A C K 2 0 2 3

What an incredible, wonderful and amazing year 2023 was. So lets take a walk down memory lane.



Fundraising Event at Moeller Brew Barn



4th of July Parade



Garver Family Farm Fall Event



Trunk to Treasures at the Community Park sponsored by the Optimist Club and Ashley Johnston State farm



President, Judith Shillinglaw surprise 90th birthday party



Small Business Saturday Market Event put on by the City of Monroe



The museum dressed for the holidays



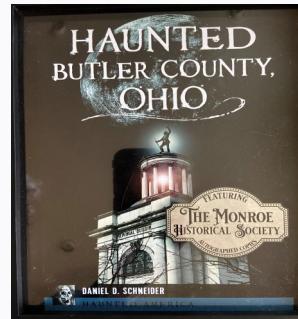
Open house fun



### Fascinating and spooky meetings



Gene Williams Genealogy 101



Author Daniel D. Schneider

### City of Monroe beautification transformation



### Donations



Carousel Horse



Handcrafted Dolls



Mannequins and Uniforms



Jeff Tunning etching bricks



HERE IS TO 2024 AND ANOTHER  
INCREDIBLE, WONDERFUL, AND AMAZING  
YEAR!



Transforming spaces to honor our veterans, first responders, and our firetruck as well as Monroe's love for music.

**Stay tuned!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

During the holiday season Monroe Historical Society adopted a family through Monroe Local Schools. Thanks to the sponsors listed below for their generous support of our holiday family.



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Cincinnati Sign Museum

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It's called chasing because you must go to an area beneath where the moon obscures the sun. To get the full effect of the event you must be in the "path of totality" (POT). POT is wider this year than most (about 115 miles). In comparison, the 2017 eclipse averaged 70 miles wide and some have been as little as 40 miles wide. The moon is closer to us this time by about 17,000 miles from average, or about 7%, thus widening the POT. We are fortunate to be close to the POT but Monroe may or may not be in it as "we are right on the fringe".

Here are some places to go for greater times of duration: Western Hamilton area one minute 42 seconds at 3:09 pm, Oxford 2 minutes 51 seconds at 3:08 pm, Greenville 3 minutes 56 seconds at 3:08 pm, Dayton 2 minutes 43 seconds at 3:09 pm and some Indiana locales will be a little closer to the center of the POT thus a little longer time: Indianapolis 3 minutes 49 seconds at

3:06 pm and Richmond 3 minutes 49 seconds at 3:08 pm.

Having chased 2 total eclipses myself and researched this one, here are some of my thoughts:

1) pray for a cloudless afternoon, 2) you MUST wear special glasses while looking at the sun with spec of "ISO 12312- 2", 3) there may be massive traffic jams, especially afterwards. Have a full tank of gas! Consider the need of a potty- be "resourceful".

Now to the eclipse: about 20 minutes before totality, the temperature will begin to drop; 10 minutes before, plants and animals may be affected by falling levels of light.

20 seconds before, the corona appears. This is the outer edge of the sun's atmosphere, normally hidden from view.

Tongues of fire may be seen shooting outward. 10 seconds: remaining sunlight dazzles like a jewel, called a "diamond ring". 5 seconds prior the final beads of sunlight pass through valleys along the edge of the moon, called "Baily's Beads". When all sunlight is gone REMOVE your glasses and look around the sky and you might see other heavenly bodies such as a planet and possibly a comet. When the sunlight reappears, the Baily's Beads are seen again and all the above happens in reverse order, put your glasses back on. If you can go watch, GO! Its much better to see it in totality at least a minute rather than a few seconds or partially. For most it's a once in a lifetime experience. The next one in the US is 2045 and you will have to travel several hundred miles. Happy observing and stay safe!

By Reed Musgrove



## In Loving Memory

Cam Hammond, our Facebook Director, brother John Petrocy, died on February 2, 2024 at the age of 74.



"Former Middletown Principal Well Known Musician Dies. John Petrocy served as elementary school principal, played keyboard in numerous bands." Obit and article by Journal News Rick McCrabb

"Petrocy graduated in 1968 from Monroe High School, where he served as head drum major. He then graduated from Miami University and Xavier University. He retired in 2004 after 31 years in education. He was a member of many bands, performing with Mafia of Music, Petrocy's People, Turnstyle, Chequered Past, Encore at Americana, Nuclear Test Project, and the Avalons. Petrocy and his wife of 31 years, Donna, met when he was hired as principal at Rosedale Elementary School and she was a first-grade teacher".

Anne Rolfes, our Membership Director, husband Paul "Skip" Rolfes, died February 11, 2014.



After graduating from Lockland High School in the class of 1963, Skip would decide to become a policeman to have a steadier career for his family and trained at the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Sharonville Police Department and after serving for many years, he made a career change and moved the family to Texas for about 9 yrs.

Skip provided security for the Reds and Bengals for 10 yrs. at Riverfront Stadium. Skip was a lifelong Bengal fan starting in 1968 when they were formed. As for the Reds, telling stories of Crosley field was always a fond memory for him.



Enter for a chance to win this Lemon Monroe High School Blanket and support Monroe Historical Society. Tickets will be available through the newsletter and museum events. One winner will be announced on September 7, 2024 (you do not need to be present to win). The blanket measures about 67 inches long and 47 inches wide.

\$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20

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### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Thursday March 28, 2024-John Centers will be speaking on the history of first responders in the Monroe area.

Saturday April 6, 2024—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
The museums are open on the 1st Saturday of each month April through November.

Monday April 8, 2024—The log cabin will be open during the Party in the Dark event at the Community Park. Doors open at 12:00 pm.

Saturday May 4, 2024—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
Tentative Model TT #1 100th Birthday Celebration.

Thursday May 23, 2024-Butler County Engineer Greg Wilkens will be speaking on the history of transportation in Monroe.

Saturday June 1, 2024—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
Tentative museum garage sale.

Saturday July 6, 2024—Our museums on Elm Street will be open to the general public from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Thursday July 25, 2024--Alayna Garver Taylor will be speaking on the history of family farming in our community.

**All open meetings are held at the Monroe East Avenue Community room, next to the Monroe Lending Library, 6 East Avenue, Monroe, Ohio 45050 starting at 7:00 pm.**