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# Brock Short's Record Breaking Football Career at GHS

**Brock Short,** GHS 2023, spent only his last two high school years at GHS but had made the all-time list of the Green Wave football top performers. Despite his small stature (5'8", 165 lbs.), he quickly set some records that will be hard for anyone else to ever match or exceed in the future.

During his Junior year Brock was second in the Miami Valley League statistics with 1,627 rushing yards, or 162.7 yards per game. He topped that with 2,118 rushing yards his Senior year (Fall, 2022), or more than 200 yards per game. This totaled 3,745 yards rushing for his career. This broke the one-season record of **Zach Melling**, GHS 2009, of 1,626 yards and Zach's total career rushing yards of 2,630. Brock also set the record for number of touchdowns scored this year in a season of 26 in 2002 with 24 rushing and 2 receiving, to go along with 17 TDs his Junior year. He had 372 yards rushing against West Carrollton this past fall, and had run for 415 yard against Stebbins his junior year.





77-yard TD vs, MVL Champ Xenia, who ended 10-0

65-yard TD vs. Tipp City, who ended 9-1

Brock had the most points scored in a single season this year with 160 points on 26 touchdowns and two two-point conversions. He now holds the career mark of 262 points scored. His All-Purpose career yards of 4,774 is most ever by a Wave football player. His Senior season All-Purpose yards was 2,843 yards (2,118 rushing, 221 yard receiving, 175 yards passing, and

329 yards in return yards). He had 44 touchdowns and 264 career points scored.

When asking Brock's running back partner, Senior Chief Green Wave **Ryan Crampton**, what makes Brock so effective, Ryan says it is Brock's quick acceleration and overall speed that allows him to avoid the defensive players chasing him.





40-yard TD vs. Vandalia-Butler at Homecoming

Brock Short – promo photo

"Brock is one that deserves everything that he is getting. He worked his tail off over the last year to put himself in a place to have a great (Senior) year," said Green Wave Head Football Coach **Bart Schmitz.** "He was voted Captain by his teammates, so that shows us that he was respected in the locker room. He came to practice every day, worked hard, and was extremely coachable. He will be the first to tell you that he would not have broken all the records that he did were it not for his teammates doing their job around him. Brock has a bright future and it has been an honor to coach him and this team."

Brock was named to the Division III All-Ohio First Team Offense (running back), and named the All-MVL First Team and Offensive Player of the Year. He also made Div. III Southwest Ohio District First Team Offense. He will play football at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana, this fall.

All-time Football Rushing records at GHS for a career:

Brock Short, GHS 2023	3,745	(in only 2 years at GHS)
Zach Melling, GHS 2009	2,630	
Mark Eldridge, GHS 1993	2,030	
Chris Montgomery, GHS 1995	1,719	
Daniel Fee, GHS 2006	1,351	

All-time Football Rushing records at GHS for a *single season\**:

Brock Short (Fall 2022)	2,118	Mark Eldridge (Fall 1992)	1,257
Brock Short (Fall 2021)	1,627	Daniel Fee (Fall 2004)	1,158
Zach Melling (Fall 2008)	1,626	Larry Arnett (Fall 1980)	1,084
Chris Montgomery (Fall 1994)	1,286	Gary Kiser (Fall 1979)	1,027

<sup>\*</sup>Believed to be complete with the data available now. If any earlier names are missed, then we apologize for lack of having that information at hand right now.

# GHS Volleyball Plans to Have an Alumni Tournament Annually

The organizers of a GHS Volleyball Alumni Tournament hope to make this an annual event in August of each year. If you are interested in practicing or competing on the teams, please call **Amy Hunt Schoen,** GHS 1997, at (937) 459-7575, or email to: <a href="mailto:aschoen@gcswave.com">aschoen@gcswave.com</a>.

This past August/September was the first ever Annual GHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament because of encouragement from former Lady Wave player **Brooke Stachler**, GHS 2019. She had been pushing for this to happen for several years. There were four competitive teams and included former Green Wave volleyball coaches, **Jeff Miller**, **Tammy Bixler Abell**, GHS 1980, **Amy Hunt Schoen**, GHS 1997, **Marla Miller**, current Wave coaches, **Michelle** and **Jim Hardesty**, **Mindy Longfellow**, **Melissa Neargardner Good**, and **Kelsey Tester Erwin**, GHS 2012. This all took place in the gym that all the players here competed in.

The winner of this year's inaugural tournament is the team shown below. Left to right: **Kierah Beavins**, GHS 2022, **Kaitlyn Gonzalez**, GHS 2022, **Brittany Teaford Jones**, GHS 2007, **Cassie Cromwell**, GHS 2018, **Ashlee Powell Knick**, GHS 2010, and **Kyli Gunckel Ripple**, GHS 2008.



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All those who participated in the First Annual Lady Wave Alumni Volleyball Tournament in September, 2022, are pictured in their Home Gym:



Kneeling Front Row: Kindyl Peltz, GHS 2026, Lily Brubaker, GHS 2026, Olivia Flatter, GHS 2025, Kya Howard, GHS 2026, Addy Arnett, GHS 2026, Kierah Beavins, GHS 2022, Kaitlyn Gonzalez, GHS 2022, Abbie Yoder, GHS 2021, Brooke Stachler, GHS 2019, Hunter Class, GHS 2021, Koryann Elliott, GHS 2019, Carleigh Cox, GHS 2021, Allison Powell, GHS 2021, Josi Worden, GHS 2019, Kailyn Hiatt, GHS 2026, and Samantha Suter, GHS 2023.

Middle Row 2: Rachel Wright, GHS 2026, Kierstyn Clark, GHS 2026, Isabel Badell, GHS 2026, Shyanne Gibboney, GHS 2025, Ella Strawn, GHS 2023, Kyli Gunckel Ripple, GHS 2008, Tammy Bixler Abell, GHS 1980, Ashlee Powell Knick, GHS 2010, Alyssa Baumgardner, GHS 2015, Tanya Fasnacht Jolliffe, GHS 1984, Mindy Longfellow (coach), Chloe Good, GHS 2022, Melissa Neargardner Good, (coach), Nicki Greer Gillespie, GHS 1999, Shellie Vore Francis, GHS 1996, Kim Baker Hunt, GHS 1998, Elise Fugett, GHS 2025, Alaina Baughn, GHS 2023, and Kendall Cromwell, GHS 2026.

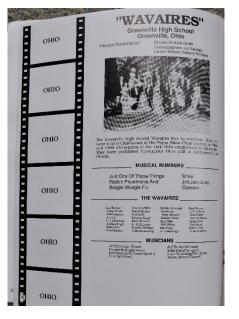
Back Row Standing: Lauren Schmidt, GHS 2030, Michelle Hardesty (current coach), Brooklyn Schmidt, GHS 2025, Kaitlin Combs, GHS 2025, Mya Conway, GHS 2024, Lilly Comacho, GHS 2025, Lauren Wright, GHS 2023, Sara Loudy, GHS 2026, Kyndall Burke, GHS 2026, Paige Tester Ervin, GHS 2014, Cassie Cromwell, GHS 2018, Chloe Light Edwards, GHS 2014, Stephani Myers Shepherd, GHS 1984, Kelsey Tester Ervin, GHS 2012, Brittany Teaford Jones, GHS 2007, Amy Hunt Schoen, GHS 1997, Kristen Kelly Schmidt, GHS 1999, Jeff Miller (coach), Marla Miller (coach), Ava Loudy, GHS 2024, Skylar Bryson, GHS 2024, Shelby Gillespie, GHS 2025, Laci Shepherd, GHS 2025, and Jim Hardesty (current coach).

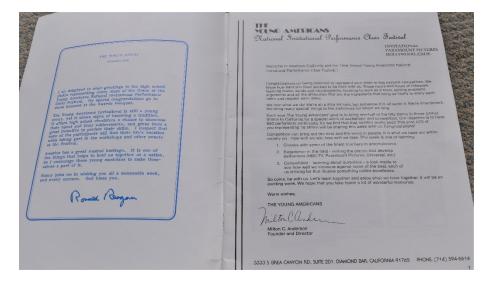
# 1987 Wavaires Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Their Hollywood Trip

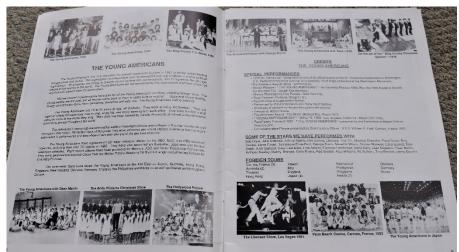
The 1986-87 **Wavaires** were invited to the National Performance Choir Festival of the Young Americans in April, 1987, in Hollywood and Los Angeles. They performed on stage April 11 where the Television Academy (the Emmys) are presented annually. These Wavaires of 1987 held a 35<sup>th</sup> reunion remembering this event at the home of **Larry Ullery**, GHS 1964, in August, 2022, in Greenville.

Excerpts from the event's program:









A performance choir was invited to perform from each state and 19 groups attended. Our Choir represented Ohio. The 28 Wavaires, along with approximately 10 stage crew members, plus parents, made up the entourage of about 80 people. Many were taking their first air flight to make this trip. Their performance consisted of five songs, or about a ten-minute presentation.

They were video taped at the "Solid Gold" TV set at Stage 2A at Paramount Studios and a spectacular performance at Disneyland.

When asked what he most remembered about that trip, **Rob Ullery**, GHS 1987, stated, "This coming together like this outside of Greenville, gave us a great sense of family."

They had to raise significant funds to transport this many travelers. This included selling T-shirts, candy bars, Holiday gift items, cassettes of their vocal performances, and a sing-along at the Memorial Hall before Christmas, 1986. Even the Vocal Music Booster President, Larry Ullery, assumed the role of Santa Claus on Broadway during the 1986 Christmas season. Along with a Mrs. Claus, they raised money from donations at that time.

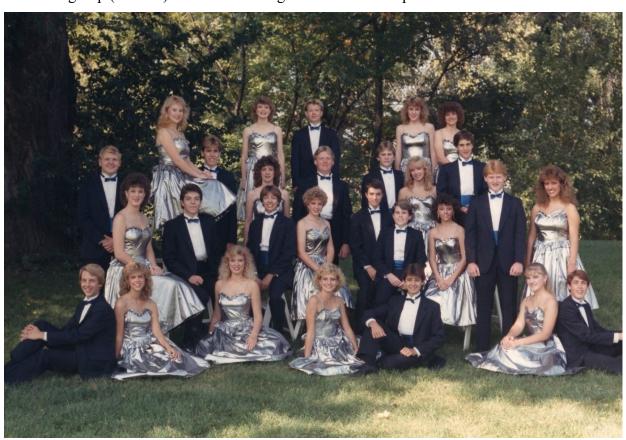
Some of the attendees were:

Front row: Larry Ullery,
Joe Dull, Barbara Rethlake
Choreographer), and Michele
Smith (Director).
Back row: Mike Fitch,
Teresa Kugel Sevor,
Lori Conway Brewer,
Rob Ullery, and
Shawn Strait.



Wavaires (1986-87):

Wavaires group ('86-'87) had the following members and are pictured here:



Joe Dull and Gail Soley auditioned for the Young Americans choral group and Joe served with them two different times and contributed to their program for about 20 years.

Wavaires members and Advisors attending: Front row:

Jo Ellen Engle Stringer Ms. Michele Smith Joe Dull Back row:

**Barb Rethlake Lori Brewer Conway** Mike Fitch **Teresa Kugel Sevor Rob Ullery Shawn Strait** 



#### Greenville High School Wavaires 2021 - 2022

Front: Kelly Witwer, Isabelle Sommer, Emma Tutwiler, Mollie McLear, Kenzie Baker, Lydia Beisner, Addisyn Gathard. Middle: Victoria Thompson, Kie Labig, Carson Pope, Kate Rehmert, Khara Hartzell, Avery Yount. Back: Ethan Beckley, Kamdon Riethman, Maggie Galloway, Aleiha Fenton, Olivia Flatter, Asia Thompson, Haiden Livingston, Cameron Clark, Landon Weaver, Mya Conway. Not present: Chris Wilkerson. Summer Camp, Aug. 6, 2021.



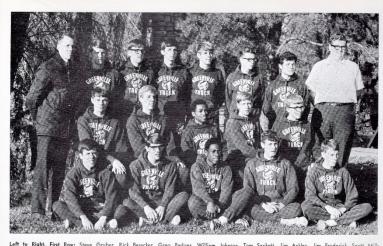
The GHS Athletics **Night of Champions** was held Dec. 20, 2022 for the third time between the Varsity and JV games. There have been 105 GHS varsity athletic teams that have won league, district, regional, or state titles. This is a recognition of GHS sports teams who have won championships in the past. **Alex Warner**, GHS 1967, started this event to occur on five-year intervals. This is a popular basketball half-time recognition at a home game in our gymnasium, and this year's varsity and reserve games were against nearby foe Versailles. This has become a regular part of the athletic program and if you want to be included in future plans, please contact **Alex Warner**, warnerakm@hotmail.com, or Athletic Director **Aaron Shaffer**, GHS 1995, ashaffer@gcswave.com.

This year's honored teams and the members who attended:

Representing the 1968 Boys Cross Country District Champions: Steve Gruber and Scott Mills (below)



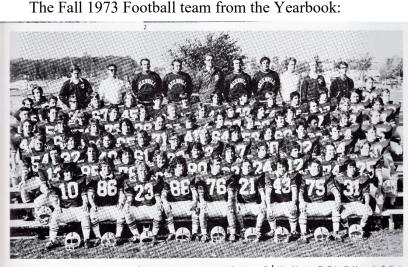
The 1968 Boys Cross Country team in Yearbook:



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Representing the 1973 Football Team SWBL League Champions: **Brian Clum, Mike Holzapfel** and **Lenny McCann** (below)





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S. Turner D. Stump; Row 4: T Moore, C. Maillen, I. Wetzel, N. Barndt, S. Neff, D. Bowers, B. Kelly J. Cole, B. Clum, T Badger C. Wilson, S. Beanblossom; Row 5: D. Cole, B. Hirsch, A. Abbott, S. Greer J. Williamson, B. Browne, B. Caris, B. Gueth, J. Thwalts, J. Lennen, J. Sanders, M. Miller D. Mong; Row 6: R. Fugate, T. Rest, M. Niswonger, Row 10: R. Fugate, T. Rest, M. Niswonger, Row 10: Rest, P. Rest, M. Niswonger, Row 10: Rest, Rest

Worthington, D. Cain, D. Haworth, R. Shel Labarger, K. Kesselring, S. McGlinch, M. Holzapfel, B. Koger, M. Eberwein, D. Warren, M. Lewis, D. Riegle, B. Holmes; *Back row:* J. Quellhorst, D. Wilson, D. Powers, P. Moore T. Hollman, R. Radeloff, B. Morgan, M. Strobe, M. Kisniger, K. MacKenzie. Page 9
yearbook:
Representing the
1977 Girls Basketball
SWBL Champions:
Jody Flommersfeld and
Sandi S. Sullivan (below)



# The 1977 Girls Basketball team from the



Standing. Sandy Sulivan, Coach Karen Butt, Nancy Gray, Cynthia Sindelar, Susie Hicks, and Cathy VanScoyk. <u>Sitting.</u> Jody Flommersfeld and Rachel Pequignot.

Not pictured: Terri Wise and Susie Riegle.

1992 Wrestling

team from the yearbook:

Representing the to 1992 Wrestling
GMVC Champions
From left to right:

John Guttadore (asst coach),

Kyle Kagey (coach), Bradly N. Jennings,

Aaron Cutarelli, Tim Cutarelli,

Mark Willman, Matt Willman,

Fred Slade, Jason Crist, and Matt Delaplane: (below)



Varsity Wrestling-Front Row: Tom Farrell, Matt Willman, Jason Mika, Doug Rogers, Tyson Beuml, Greg Blosser, Tim Cutarelli, Mark Willman, Jeff Sroufe, Tim Stebbins. Second Row: Ty Winterrowd, Brad Jennings, Jason Crist, Aaron Cutarelli, Chris Carlisle, Jason Anderson, David Hart, Clint Cain, Brian Ison, Matt Delaplane. Third Row: William Frankman, Mike Murphy, Eric Monticue, Josh Paul, Nat Badger, Brandon Markland, John Kirker, Donnie Hoffman, Matt Kirkpatrick. Back Row: Assistant Coach John Guttadore, Justin Knowlden, Micah Bass, Gabe Hufford, Mike Hill, Jason Best, Jeremy Ferguson, Varsity Coach Kyle Kagey.

#### VARSITY WRESTLING



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Representing the 1983 Softball
GMVC and District Champions

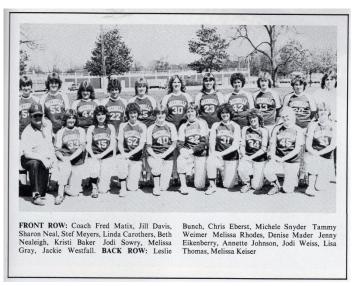
Linda Carothers Collins, Shellie Snyder Walker, Beth Nealeigh, and Jodi Weiss Vlasak: (below)



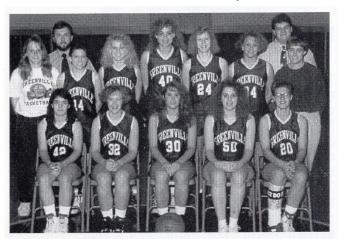
# Representing the 1993 Girls Basketball GMVC, Sectional, District Champions Amy Long Burns, Heather Fisher Ingle, and Tina Kerg Cameron: (below)



### 1983 Girls Softball team from the Yearbook:



# The 1993 Girls Basketball team from the yearbook:



Above:GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: Front Row; Rose Miller Erin Littlepage, Heather Fisher, Joyl Colby Nikki Wright. Second Row: Shannon Bailey, Tina Hall, Tina Kerg, Ami Enis, Amy Long, Lindsay Bennett, Julie Wilson. Back Row: Coach Thom Kukasky



All the honorees after being introduced to the audience.

Two other teams were selected but no players from either of these two teams were present: 1968 Boys Tennis (MVL champs) 1987 Girls Track (GMVC champs). The coach from both of these teams was **Dave Cummings**, and he was present:



# HOMECOMING GAME FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 FOOTBALL GAME vs. FAIRBORN 7:00 PM



Don Mong '75 is a Skilled Watercolor Artist Making a Great Non-Profit Donation

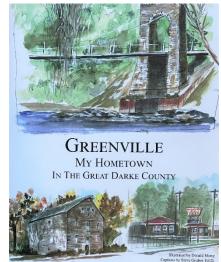
A meeting of some of the Class of 1975 alums was impromptu at the **Gathering at Garst**, on the grounds of the Garst Museum last July. This was in support of the great contributions of one of their classmates, **Don Mong.** A year and a half ago, Don released a hardback of his watercolor paintings of various Greenville buildings and landmarks. This book sold out in its first several months after initial publication and was sold only at the Museum. It is sold out but there are plans to print a second edition in the near future. The 2021 book was titled, "*Greenville My Hometown In the Great Darke County*". You can always contact the Garst Museum if you are interested in buying a book in the future.

Don donated his paintings to the Garst Museum in the form of this book and some accessories being sold at the Museum, so the profits from this project would go directly to the Museum. Don likes to help his home community anyway he can and the Garst Museum is one of the prize gems of this community. An anonymous donor gave the Museum part of the amount needed to print the books.

A second edition will eventually come, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Pictured above last summer with Don were some of his classmates: (front row): Sherry Brickler Mong, Melanie Brand Bonfiglio, and Randy Bonfiglio. (back row): Don Mong, Jim Sander, Jay Niswonger, and Tony Badger.

The cover of the first edition (2021) >>>>

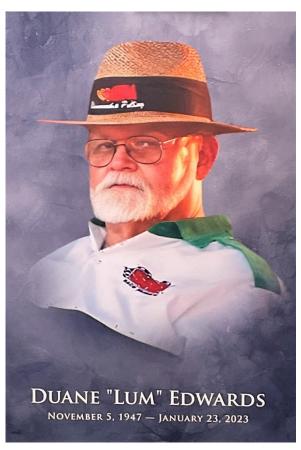


# Our Alumni Association Loses One of Our Most Dedicated Volunteers

**Duane "Lum" Edwards,** GHS 1965, served our organization as its Vice President for many years and as a Trustee for the past 18 years. He died unexpectedly January 23, 2023, after a short illness.

He was involved with many local organizations. He was President of the Cancer Association of Darke County, and a volunteer for the Board of Elections, the Darke County Fair elections, volunteering for the Darke County Solid Waste District, and a founding member of the Keep Darke County Beautiful group, a director with the Greenville Power Of the Past, the Moose Lodge member, the Union City Heritage Days Committee, the Grenville High School FFA Alumni and involvement with current FFA Projects.

Lum owned and operated Black Sheep Announcing And was known throughout Ohio and Indiana for his Distinct voice as he spent over 34 years announcing for The National Tractor Pullers Association, Darke County Tractor Pullers Association, and the Hoosier State Tractor Pullers Association. He was past president and Founding member of the DCTPA. In 2013, he was



Inducted into the DCTPA Hall of Fame, a title for which he was immensely proud. He was also a member of the National Hot Rod Association.

He worked as an assembly technician for the Union City Body Company for 47 years. He was married to **Tonia "Toni" Van Dyke Edwards**, GHS 1964, from 1968 until her death in 2017. They had two children, **Cassandra Edwards Campbell**, GHS 1988, who passed away in 2015, and **Dawn Edwards Duff**, GHS 1995, and he had two grandsons, **Jacob Campbell** and **Lucas Campbell**, both of Michigan, a girlfriend **Vickie Gossard** of Celina, his sister, **Marcia Edwards**, GHS 1971, and other nieces and nephews.

If Lum was not at a pull or in a meeting, he could be found at Grand Lake St. Marys at the Moose or Eagles watching the sun set, listening to local music, especially the group 127 North, or enjoying a cold diet coke.

He will be missed by our Greenville High School Alumni Association, as well as many of his pulling friends, and the many local citizens who got to know this personable man. Our Alumni Open Houses will never be the same again. Some people are followers but Duane was a leader. We have had the privilege of knowing Lum for a lifetime.

The current schedule of this year's reunions. This is constantly being updated, so you should reach out to your class representative or reunion organizer for details:

# GHS CLASS REUNIONS - 2023 - as of June 14, 2023

# **LOCATIONS:**

Turtle Creek Golf Course -was the Greenville Country Club, 3 miles east on U.S. Rt. 36

Montage is at 519 South Broadway nearly across from the Courthouse

American Legion is on North Ohio Street next to the VFW, north of Martin St.

Sure Shot Tap House -was Bistro Off Broadway, first block of East 5th St., across from Palace

V.F.W. Hall is on North Ohio Street, north of the Greenville Creek and Martin St.

J&J Party Facilities is on Route 502 one mile west of town, was Rehmert's Nursery

J.Ts. is the former C.J. Highmarks and Frisch's in front of Walmart

Jack's Cabin in the former Greenville Inn, 851 Martin St., next to former Corning plant

Elks - 2nd block of West Third Street, same location as always

Maid-Rite on North Broadway beyond the bridge, is known by everyone

K of C Hall- on Childrens Home-Bradford Rd., west of Greenville-Celina Rd, north of Lowes

Romer's - just east of traffic circle downtown, where grocery store and Edison College were

# 2023 reunions:

- 1953 Unknown. John Suter <u>jsuter3@woh.rr.com</u>,
  Darlene Ryan <u>ryan16@woh.rr.com</u> (moved to SC)
- 1956 Aug. 26, Sat., at Maid Rite, 3:00 <<<LAST YEAR'S Jerry Gordon, jerry gordon@baylor.edu
- 1957 Aug. 18 Fri., at J.Ts., Our 66th, Noon, Ted Nealeigh nealeigh@woh.rr.com
- 1958 <u>Sept. 30 Sat.</u>, at Romer's, at 5:00, Jim Buchy <u>jimbuchy@embarqmail.com</u>, 937-423-3100, Carolyn Anderson <u>clanderson@woh.rr.com</u>
- 1963 Aug. 26 Sat., at Turtle Creek Golf Course, 6:00-10:00, Tour High School with teacher Mrs. Lori Hoover to celebrate 60 years since school opening(??), 4:00-5:00 Richard Dick Martin, <a href="martin@att.net">remartin@att.net</a> Photo at 7:00
- 1968 <u>Aug. 26 Sat.</u>, at K of C Hall, 7:00-11:00, Karen Bixler Taylor <u>nanakst1968@gmail.com</u>, Jim Straub <u>straubee1@yahoo.com</u>
- 1969 Aug. 19 Sat., Maid Rite Tom Trittschuh <<< LAST YEAR'S
- 1971 Apr. 15 Sat., at White Springs Golf Course, 2:00-5:00 Kathy Dapore kadapore71@gmail.com
- 1973 Sept. 30 Sat., at Turtle Creek Golf Course, 6:00-11:00, Photo at 6:30 Fri. Sept. 29, at Sure Shot Tap House, 7:30-11:00, pay as you go Cindy Burns Moore disneymoore@gmail.com, Brian Stickel bstickel@woh.rr.com

- 1978 <u>July 8 Sat.</u>, at Montage Café, 7:00-11:00, David Homan <u>homandb@gmail.com</u> Photo at 8:30-9:00. Bring boards up 6:00 pm
- 1983 <u>Aug. 19 Sat.</u>, at Turtle Creek Thirsty Turtle, 6:00-11:00, Janelle Cross <u>jac4930@hotmail.com</u>
- 1988 No response. Jeff Wappelhorst <u>jtwappelhorst@yahoo.com</u>
- 1993 No response. Rocky Harrison 937-417-8180, Cory Mikesell, 859-802-1764
- 1998 Aug. 26 Sat., at Sure Shot Tap House, 6:30 pm, Ryan Barnt rbarnt22@gmail.com
- 2003 No plans yet. Tyler Winner 614-551-1390 <u>winners8506@gmail.com</u> , Brandy Brown Hill <u>brandyhill516@gmail.com</u>
- 2008 None planned for this year. Will wait until 2028 according to Megan, Megan Raffel <a href="megan.raffel@gmail.com">megan.raffel@gmail.com</a>, Amy Jones Salim, Amy Galloway Kraft, Katie Strain Myers, Stephanie Jones Burnheimer
- 2013 Aug. ??, at Sure Shot Tap House, Lucas Keller jlkeller94@gmail.com