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Butler County Historical Society

Preserving and Interpreting Butler County's Rich Heritage

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BI-PLANES AND BARNSTORMING OVER BUTLER COUNTY

Learn about the development of a local airfield into a regional airport at a talk given by Tom Hogan for the Butler County Historical Society and Miami Hamilton Downtown

(Hamilton, OH) – In the sky overhead a jet prepares to land at Butler County's regional airport. As the aircraft circles into position, the modern runway comes into sight through a break in the clouds. After a smooth landing, the jet rolls past hangars protecting propeller-driven airplanes, other jets, and even a helicopter used by the Butler County Sheriff's Department. This seemingly small yet vibrant regional airport, also known as the Hogan Airfield, has a history longer than its modern runway.

Beginning in the late 1920s, flight training and plane rides were offered by Carl Muhlberger in an open field just south of Hamilton. Muhlberger sold the land and airfield to the Hogan family in 1932 who expanded its operation. During the Second World War, the Hamilton Airport assisted in transforming students from Miami University into pilots. Eventually, the Hogan family sold the airport to the Cities of Fairfield and Hamilton and to Butler County. Today, the Butler County Regional Airport accommodates aviation users across the region.

Tom Hogan, a member of the family that owned and operated the Hogan Airfield from the 1932 until 1984, will relive the history of the airport from its creation to the modern day. Tom continues the family connection with aviation as an aerospace engineer and BCRA flight instructor. The program will be given on Tuesday, June 15th at Miami-Hamilton Downtown.

This program on the Hamilton Airport is in cooperation with the Butler County Historical Society as part of its summer series "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." June's program will be followed by programs about the influence of the railroads and automobiles on Butler County. Please look for information regarding these future programs on the BCHS website: www.bchistoricalociety.com.

Simply put...

WHAT: The Hamilton Airport
WHO: Tom Hogan, member of Hogan family that formerly owned the Butler County Regional Airport.
WHEN: Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Miami Hamilton Downtown
221 High St.
Hamilton, OH 45011
NOTE: Free and open to the public.

In 2009, the Butler County Historical Society (BCHS) celebrated 75 years of dedication to the preservation and interpretation of Butler County's rich heritage. The BCHS, a non-profit organization, operates the historic Benninghofen House – a showcase of Victorian Era lifestyle that includes all the furnishings and décor appropriate for a late 19th century home. Additionally, the BCHS manages an archive that consists of many original and secondary materials relating to regional history. To help us prepare for your visit (tour or research), please call ahead (513) 896-9930. The BCHS is also affiliated with Heritage Hall, a space for the display of rotating exhibits and the permanent location of the Robert McCloskey Collection. To learn more about Heritage Hall, please call (513) 737-5958.