

Ford Serves for Charity

The third Saturday of October is a busy day in downtown Wabash. Cars line the streets, and music fills the air around the Paradise Spring Historical Park for the Wabash Cannonball Chili for Charity Cook-off. This annual event, billed as the largest chili cook-off east of the Mississippi, raises over \$40,000 each year and benefits many local not-for-profit organizations in the community. The event is also a big day for Ford Meter Box Chili Committee volunteers who spend months preparing for the contest.

Long before the weather turns chilly and the leaves begin to change, the Ford Meter Box Chili Committee hosts an internal cook-off. Employees submit their best chili, and co-workers vote for their favorite. The winner of this competition is awarded the traveling trophy and submits the winning recipe to the committee.

Before the big day, Chili Committee volunteers ready the booth, buy ingredients, and bake mini cornbread muffins. The day of the contest, preparation begins at 8:30am and serving begins at noon after the National Anthem. This year, the team made 25 gallons of chili with 45 pounds of meat and a secret blend of spices. Volunteers enjoy the camaraderie while serving hundreds of cups of chili. David George, Chili Team Captain and Industrial Engineering Specialist, says his favorite part of the event is "seeing our team and volunteers having a good time and interacting with the crowd while helping to support a great cause."



Ford Meter Box Internal Chili Cook-off in February

For the second year in a row, Ford Meter Box's chili submission won first place in the People's Choice category! Winning recipe creator, Bob Huddleston, R&D Engineer, enjoys competing for the winning recipe. He said, "My recipe won last year, so I wanted to make sure it wasn't a fluke." This year, his recipe topped 84 other teams!

Congratulations to Bob and the team! Ford Meter Box is proud to support and participate in organizations that aim to make our community a better place.



Doug Henderson serves up Ford's award-winning chili.










2019 Chili Team





Winter Retreat
Watercolor on paper by Judi Cunningham

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The Wright Sister



Orville Wright (second from left) with his brother Wilbur and their sister, Katharine.

Katharine Wright, the sister of aviation's famous Wright brothers, played an important role in her siblings' development of the airplane, but she remains unknown to most people today.

She was born in 1874, and was the youngest of Milton and Susan Wright's five surviving children. Besides Wilbur and Orville, there were two other boys, Reuchlin and Lorin. After her mother died in 1889, Katharine assumed management of the Wright household in Dayton, Ohio. Katharine cooked the meals, cleaned the house and saw that the bills were paid. That allowed Wilbur and Orville to focus their time and energy on the bicycle business in the summer and on their aviation experiments the rest of the year. Milton Wright was a Bishop in the Church of the United Brethren and was frequently gone from home.

Katharine Wright certainly was more spirited and buoyant than were her reserved brothers, and she was optimistic even when early experimental flights at Kitty Hawk ended in failure. In 1901, after a series of unsuccessful attempts to fly, a discouraged Wilbur came home to find an invitation to address the Western Engineering Society in Chicago. Wilbur's reaction was to refuse the invitation, but Katharine insisted that he go. She went so far as to take a suit from Orville's closet and send it along to Chicago with Wilbur. She realized that Orville was the sharper dresser. The speech—if not the suit—won compliments and restored Wilbur's confidence.

When success finally came at Kitty Hawk in 1903, the brothers made trips to Europe to promote their invention. Katharine went along, and became the toast of Paris. She guided her shy brothers through a host of social events. In Italy, they had an early morning audience with King

Alfonso. In a letter home, Katharine wrote: "We have to bounce out early tomorrow and take the seven o'clock car to the country. The king is to come at eight o'clock. Kings are a nuisance. They always come at such unearthly hours." An interesting remark from a young woman from Dayton.

On yet another trip to France, she and her famous brothers received the French Legion of Honor, an award seldom given to women in those years.

When Orville was seriously injured in a crash at Fort Myer, Virginia, while he was demonstrating an airplane for the US Army, Katharine spent weeks nursing her brother back to good health. And in 1925, when Wilbur was ill with typhoid fever, she cared for him until he died.

After her brothers' aviation success was established, Katharine turned her attention to other endeavors. In 1909, when the family formed the Wright Corporation, she was an officer in the firm and her brothers declared her secretary of the executive committee. She became an advocate for women's suffrage, and she was a trustee of Oberlin College where she had graduated in 1898. After Wilbur died, Katharine became the almost constant companion of Orville. But when Katharine announced in 1926 that she was about to marry Harry Haskell, an old friend from college days, it devastated Orville, and it is said he never again spoke to his sister.

Katharine and Haskell lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was editor of the Kansas City Star. She died only three years after her wedding, and Orville asked that Harry permit her to be buried in Dayton. Her grave is there today, along with those of her famous brothers.

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