

# Long Grove Times

Long Grove Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter

June 2013

## Trivially Speaking...

According to the 2010 census, Long Grove is the 22nd largest village in Lake County, with 8,043 people. Currently Waukegan is the largest city, followed by Gurnee, North Chicago, and Mundelein. How does that compare to days gone by? In 1880, Long Grove came in as the 8th largest in the county. Waukegan was still the biggest, followed by Wauconda, Half Day, Antioch, Volo, Hainesville, and then Millburn. Wauconda and Antioch are still bigger than Long Grove, but the others have not kept pace (or have lost their identity in the case of Half Day). For fun, try to find Volo, Hainesville, and Millburn on a map.

## ROAD TRIP



The Long Grove Historical Society will pay a visit to the Kenosha Historical Society Museum and the Kenosha Civil War Museum on June 13th. We'll meet at the Long Grove Farmhouse at 9:30am and carpool from there. The Civil War Museum has a \$7 admission fee, and there is a small donation required for the Historical Society Museum. Reservations are required—contact Marie Borg via email at [marieborg2012@gmail.com](mailto:marieborg2012@gmail.com)

## Long Grove Museum Open For Strawberry Fest

For those of you who don't want to venture into Wisconsin for your Historical Society Museum experience, our very own Long

Grove Historical Society 1840's Farmhouse will be open for tours from noon to 3pm on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday June 23rd.

Stop by and say hello!

### Mark Your Calendars

- **Thursday, Jun 13th, 9:30**  
Kenosha Road Trip
- **Friday, Jun 21st**  
Herb Garden on Garden Club Walk
- **Sat/Sun, June 22/3, 12-3**  
Farmhouse open for tours



## All About Us...



The Long Grove Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and disseminate the history of the Long Grove area. Annual membership is available for a donation of \$30 (individual), \$50 (family), or \$100 (sustaining). Members receive our quarterly newsletter as well as access to a variety of events held throughout the year. To become a member, send your donation to Margie Federer, LGHS Membership, 4423 RFD, Long Grove, IL 60047, along with your name, address, telephone number, email. If you have any special interests, skills, or things you'd be interested in volunteering to help out with, be sure to let us know that as well.

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The Society was formed in March, 1974, to accept the Drexler Tavern building as a gift. A joint project with the Village Board made possible the relocation of the tavern to a site behind the current Kildeer Country-side School. Today we know the building not as Drexler Tavern, but simply as Village Hall. Two additional structures have also been relocated to this area—one of the area's one room schoolhouses, Archer School, and a mid-1800's barn, Ruth Barn. The school and the barn form the core of the program we run each year for our local schools, so that our children can experience first hand what life used to be like in Long Grove. Last, but not least, a mid-1800's farm house was relocated to an area bordering the southwest corner of the Stemple Parking lot. "The Farm-house", as we refer to it, houses our archives, a meeting room, and several restored "period" rooms that we open occasionally for tours. In addition to maintaining the above properties and our educational programs, we actively acquire items of local historic interest for our archives and conduct a variety of historical programs for current residents. We receive no tax dollars and exist solely from your contributions and our own fundraising efforts.

*Thank you for your support!*

**Historical Society Pictures...** Simply a collection of old Scotch themed ads for your enjoyment this month... see the adjacent article "Back in the Day" for more info.



# Back in the Day...

The year is 1948. You find yourself in New York trying to get home to Long Grove, but don't look forward to the 16+ hour train ride... why not fly "The Nighthawk" overnight, save a few bucks and be there tomorrow morning? While \$30 sounds like a bargain, that'd be almost \$300 dollars today, which wouldn't exactly be a bargain for a one way fare to New York.

**Today's Most Talked About Travel Bargain!**



## AIR COACH

**4-Engine Service - Only 5 Hours**

**TO CHICAGO**

Return via the "NIGHTHAWK" ...  
Lv. Chicago 1 a. m.—Only 4 hrs. 10 min.

**\$29<sup>60</sup>**  
plus tax

**RESERVED SEATS:**

Dated tickets guarantee seats. Buy tickets anytime.

**SERVICE:**

Baggage checked, Hostess service — but, no in-flight meals.

**PLANES, PILOTS:**

4-engine Douglas planes with temperature control and reclining chairs. Capital pilot-captains with millions of miles of experience.

**TICKET OFFICES:**

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165 Broadway,  
St. George Hotel, Brooklyn



**EACH WAY**

**COMPARE . . .  
and you'll go by AIR!**

	Fare	Time
FASTEST RAIL PULLMAN	\$44.10	16 hours
FASTEST RAIL COACH	\$27.30	17 hours
THE "NIGHTHAWK"	\$29.60	5 hours

(All Fares Plus Federal Tax)

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**Capital**  
**AIRLINES**

**AMERICA'S SECOND OLDEST AIRLINE . . . SERVING 70 CITIES DAILY**

Lots of interesting things in this ad—when's the last time you saw a company advertising they were 2nd at anything? Note how, despite four engines, it still took 5 hours to get to Chicago. Going the other way, with the generally west to east winds, knocked almost an hour off the return trip time.

And why is there a tiny Scotsman holding a bag of money to emphasize the economy of the flight? While I don't think there's a modern day stereotype of a Scotsman being cheap, there was back in the day. Studebaker even named one of their no frill economy cars "The Scotsman".

Ever wonder why the clear tape you use is called "Scotch" Tape? The story goes that during product trials there was only adhesive on the edges of the tape. A frustrated early user complained about the apparent skimpiness, and proclaimed —"Take this back to those Scotch bosses of yours and tell them to use more adhesive on it!"

The name stuck.

# The Tornado of 1959

Spring and Summer in the Midwest is tornado season. Statistically, Long Grove is fairly safe from tornadoes—with only one known to have occurred since detailed records of such thing have been kept (e.g. the 1950's). That was the tornado of September 26th, 1959:

**CHI TRIBUNE - SEP 26, 1959**

## **WIND UP TO 75 MPH CAUSES WIDE DAMAGE**

...In Palatine, the wind ripped the roof from the building at 740 East Northwest Highway and blew down the east wall. The building housed Palatine Automotive, the Corry Shoe store, a Singer Sewing Machine company store, and the office of Dr. Patience Noecker. In Lincolnshire, east of Half Day in Lake county, several large oak trees were blown down, damaging homes and automobiles....near Milwaukee Avenue, Sheriff's Police reported Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights suffered severe tree damage.

Long Grove was also hit by one of the June 3, 1860 tornados. This outbreak was one of the 25 worst in US History, killing more than 100 people. Not much is known about the impact in Long Grove, aside from a few references to damage being reported.



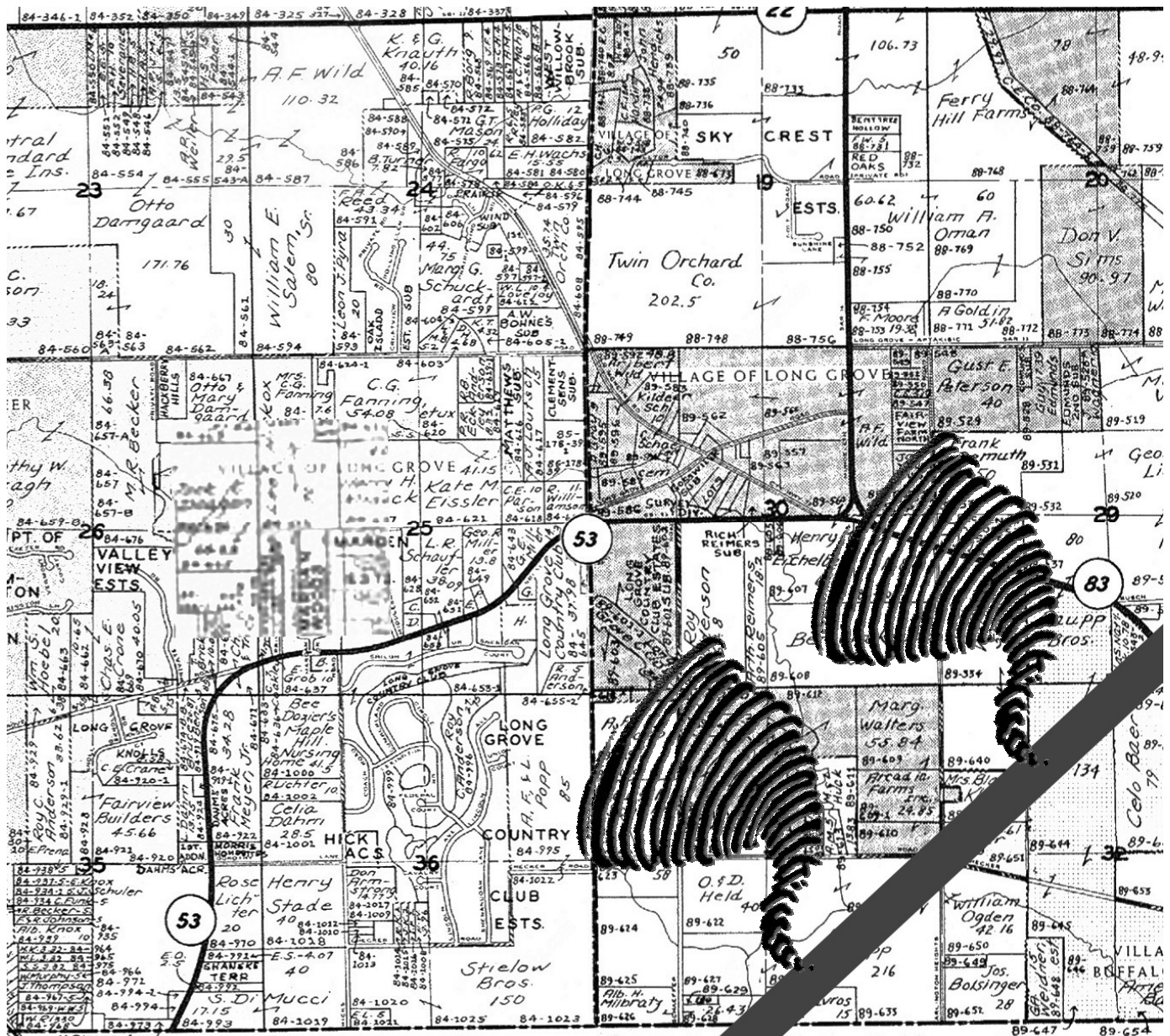
Tornado damage in Palatine from the 1959 Tornado.

Worried about other natural disasters? Believe it or not, there are published "risk indexes" for such things. So you can cross volcanos off your list - Long Grove officially has a 0.00 risk index for that. And Earthquakes? Despite the occasional once or twice a decade of feeling one, Long Grove has a 0.6 index on that - four times lower than Illinois in general, and a whopping 30 times less than the rest of the US.



# Cyclone (continued)

Of the "big four" disasters -Hurricanes, Tornados, Earthquakes, and Volcanos, Tornados really are the biggest threat to Long Grove, scoring a risk index of 201, which is a little safer than the rest of Illinois, which comes in at 220, but riskier than the rest of the US, which averages a 136. That translates into a Tornado touching down in Lake County about every three years, and touching down in Long Grove every 100 years or so.



The path of the tornado that clipped southeast Long Grove in 1959 (the map is the closest thing we have to that time—a 1967 plat).



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# GARDEN WALK HIGHLIGHTS HISTORIC HERB GARDEN

The Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club's Annual Garden Walk will include a stop at our very own Historical Herb Garden. The Walk will be held on June 21 to benefit student internships at the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center.

Beginning at 9:30, several notable gardens will be open for the driving tour, followed by a buffet luncheon at Royal Melbourne Country Club. Reservations are recommended.

The cost for the Tour and luncheon is \$35.00. Call Stacy at 847-858-5405 for further information

