



Historical Overview of The Miami Valley Chautauqua



The Mound Science and Energy Museum (MSEM) is pleased to announce that on Wednesday June 22, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. that Dr. Robert C. Bowman, Jr. will report on the founding and evolution of the Miami Valley Chautauqua Park and Community located between Miamisburg and Franklin. This event is free and is open to the public.

The history of the Miami Valley Chautauqua will be covered from its beginnings through the present. Bob will describe the roots of the Chautauqua Movement in western New York during the 1870s, the founding of Miami Valley Chautauqua at Franklin in 1896, and a timeline of its key events throughout the 20th century. By 1904, there were about 150 independent Chautauquas at various locations in the USA as well as several dozen traveling "Big Top" Chautauqua shows. The original Chautauqua Institute is still in operation as well as about a dozen other 21st century Chautauqua organizations including Camp Chautauqua now located on the site of the Miami Valley Chautauqua Park.

Bob holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry and was employed at the Mound Laboratory from 1969 until he left as a Science Fellow in 1984. After Mound, he worked at three aerospace organizations in southern California. Bob is currently employed by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He grew up in Miami Township attending and graduating from the Carlisle public school. His family home was two miles from the Chautauqua Park that he often visited in the 1950s and 1960s.

This presentation will occur on Wednesday evening, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Mound Science and Energy Museum, 1075 Mound Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. MSEM's web site at <http://www.moundmuseum.com> or call us at (937) 353-4457. Please remember to "like" us on Facebook/Mound Museum.

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