

# 10 QUESTIONS: Bill Deaton

By Shirley Belcher. To suggest a member to profile for "10 Questions," call Director of Operations Lisa Biedenbach, 513-217-4915, or email lbiedenbach@centralconnections.org.

## When did you start playing pool? How long have you been at Central Connections?

I started playing pool when I was 14 years old. I played pool for about seven years. Then I developed other interests for the next 60 years. I joined Central Connections nine years ago and renewed my interest in playing pool.

## When did you serve in the military and for how long?

I served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. I was discharged as a captain.

## What experience have you had with airplanes?

I flew in the Air Force a North American Aviation P-51.

## When did you begin collecting antique cars and/or airplanes?

After my discharge from the Air Force, I moved to Middletown where I continued my flying career and developed an interest in old cars. Over the years I have owned many old cars. One of my favorites was a 1934 Ford.



*Member Bill Deaton served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. When at Central Connections, you can find Bill in the billiards room.*

## How did you get started collecting?

After I retired in 1992, I, along with a partner, started restoring WWII trainer airplanes, particularly those that were manufactured here by Aero-onca. Time caught up with me, and I have given up on old cars and airplanes.

## Where were you employed and for how long?

When I arrived in Middletown in 1955, I became a floor covering merchant at Monroe Flooring, and for the next 37

years I enjoyed doing floor covering for the finest people I have ever known—those of Middletown and the surrounding area. Monroe Flooring is still there.

## What are your other interests?

In my younger years my wife and I traveled extensively in the United States, that was prior to the interstate and highways.

## Where did you travel?

My wife and I traveled to Hawaii on two occasions. We traveled once to Portugal and Spain. We traveled once to Europe, including a river excursion on the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland.

## Who is your family?

At this point my family has shrunk to myself, my son, two daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

## What is on your bucket list?

I now have time to sit and reminisce and reflect on my life. If I had my life to live over, I would not change one thing. 🌱

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