

Historically Speaking...

In 1932 the United States was in deep trouble, some would say even more so than today but 1932 was the cruelest year of the Great Depression and it was in full swing. The Lindbergh baby was kidnapped in March; “Hooverilles” were popping up all over the US and mortgages were being foreclosed upon. It was within this atmosphere that George Fehlner, Gordon Richardson and Howard (Ed) Barkly, on the way home from a fish fry at *West Cuyahoga Sportsman’s Club*, discussed starting a club of their own in Southern Cuyahoga County.

The seed had been planted: a group of avid sportsmen, dedicated to fishing and hunting, returning home from a fish fry, plainly planted the foundation of the largest, continually operating organization of its type in the State of Ohio.

This is the beginning; follow this monthly **SCSA Newsletter Article** to find, as Paul Harvey put it: *“The rest of the story.”*

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