

Greenville, OH

(1956)

The first meeting in Greenville was started by Don Baker in 1956.

The following three are from the Greenville Ohio area, but they found their sobriety in Richmond, Indiana.

- Tom Ross, November 7th, 1951
- Ralph Hiatt, August 12th, 1953
- Don Baker, August 24th, 1956

The following two stories tell about how sobriety was found by two of these close friends.

How Ralph Hiatt got sober:

August 12, 1953

Roy Edwards was in the Wayne Hospital in very heavy DT's. Doctor Parker was his doctor. Tom R. had talked to Dr. Parker about his problem with alcohol and that he was going to AA in Richmond. He had stayed sober for almost two years. Dr. Parker asked Tom if he would talk to Roy. Tom visited Roy in the hospital and Roy's son-in-law, Ralph Hiatt, was there. Tom talked about his trouble with alcohol and how he was going to meetings in Richmond and how it was helping him. He asked Roy if he would go with him to a meeting. Roy said he would go only if Ralph would go with him. Ralph drank as well and he agreed to go with them.

On August 12, 1953 the three of them went to the meeting. On the way home Tom asked what they thought of the meeting. Ralph told Tom that he had had his last drink. He wanted to go to these meetings. Tom told him that that was a big order. It would not be easy. And it wasn't. Ralph had a quart of whiskey in his barn. Many times when he wanted a drink he would go to the barn, unscrew the top on the bottle, then he think about what Bill M. said "One day at a time". He would put the top back on the bottle. This happened many times a day. Tom and Ralph went to many meetings--Richmond, Newcastle, Springfield, Dayton, Saint Marys, Hamilton, Cincinnati--any place there was a meeting. Ralph stayed sober. Ralph and Lenore would go to Greenville late afternoon or early evening and get the room ready for the meeting. Made the coffee, set up the chairs, put out the literature and would be there to greet every one who came in. Ralph was also very active in the Union City group. He and Lenore went there every Saturday night to get that meeting ready as he did at Greenville. AA became his life, too.