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'MOTORS AT THE MUSEUM' A SUCCESS!



Submitted by Don Horning

(FUN)RAISERS NEED NOT BE BORING!

Sunday September 15th 2013 dawned crisp and clear and soon turned into a perfect 72 degree early fall day. Just after noon, **MOTORS AT THE MUSEUM** began to take shape as one by one an eclectic array of cars began to arrive. All driven of course by guys (yes, girls were welcome) who love to drive, look at, talk about and in general love cars. After the fleet was parked, and the cars properly ogled, the drivers and their guests ascended to the Museum. There they were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Lickity Split. To further the car theme, a C/D entitled WHEELS consisting of 80 some photos of all things cars through the ages in New Holland was being shown on the flat-screen TV. A pictorial of gas stations from bygone eras, auto memorabilia and of course the ongoing Museum displays engaged the guests. After all of this activity and a few introductions, the group slowly made their way out, picked up a dish of ice cream and made their way to East Earl to see George Weaver's fabulous collection of classic cars. Here is the amazing

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OUR PURPOSE

To organize and preserve information and historical items that give insight to understanding the life and times of the New Holland area and sharing these finds with others.

thing. They paid the Museum, via donation, for this privilege and to boot, many of them were not from our area. Nevertheless, they saw our Historical Society and the Museum as a cause worthy to be supported. The Board of Trustees continues to encourage your support as well and since you are reading this Newsletter you have already indicated you believe in our Mission. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Note: The Wheels C/D is available for purchase at the Museum

Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations to Museum Docent Hazel Weaver

Hazel is one of our museum's faithful volunteers, serving as a docent. She is also a regular volunteer at Hershey Medical Center Neonatal Care Unit where she cuddles new born babies. Within the last several weeks Hazel has been featured in a Sunday News article and was awarded the New Era Red Rose of the Week in recognition of her outstanding service. The Board of Trustees of the Historical Society offer our congratulations on the recognition given from the newspapers and our thanks for your time spent at the museum.

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Buzzard Gang Fundraiser

A museum fundraiser will be held on November 8, 2013 at the New Holland American Legion. It will include a four course dinner and a presentation of The Life and Times of the Buzzard Gang by Michael Zimmerman. The event The Buzzard Gang was a notorious criminal gang from our area during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be obtained from any Society Trustee or by calling Don Welsh at 717-314-7711.

The DeHaven Road Project

Submitted by Brian Frankhouser

In the days before paved roads, residents of the rural areas around New Holland would face a difficult trip going to town, especially during the frozen Winters and muddy Springs. On a daily basis, this wasn't a governmental problem until November of 1902 when the New Holland post office introduced rural free delivery and the mailmen were required to make their rounds twice a day. At this time there were three state roads extending from the borough lines, and the one in the roughest shape was DeHaven Road (now known as New Holland Road).

Before the end of the first decade of the 20th century, the Pennsylvania Highway Department issued a sealed bid proposal for the reconstruction of DeHaven Road. The work included almost 8,500 feet of highway that was 16 feet wide, and ran from the south side of New Holland to the foot of the Welsh Mountains (now called Himes Hill). The project included straightening the road and building three concrete bridges. All bids were required to be at the Highway Department office in Harrisburg by May 9, 1907, and the winning bid of \$18,000 was submitted by B. F. Good & Company. 48 men were employed, and completed the job during the autumn of 1908.

The 1899 Lancaster County Atlas shows two very sharp turns in DeHaven Road that probably originated around the property borders of early settlers. Traveling south from the borough about half way to the hill, there was a 90 degree turn to the right followed by a 90 degree turn to the left a couple hundred feet later. The reconstruction completed in 1908 straightened the road through the farms of A. H. Bear, A. A. DeHaven, and Maria Kinzer. The final product could be considered a complete success if we can believe what the New Holland Clarion reported..."It affords a fine speedway and many of the boro's residents can be seen on it testing the speed of their nags."

The New Holland Area Historical Society Museum is available for your class get together, baby shower, wedding shower or other similar event! It is a great venue with lots of ambience in the historic 1779 Kauffman's hardware building. Contact Wilbur Horning for more information 717-575-3148



The heavy equipment for the Dehaven Road reconstruction was brought to town by railroad. The cars are on a side track below Rutters (now Sensenig Feed Mill). In the background on the left is the steeple to St. Stephen Reformed Church, and visible on the right side is Kinzer's Lumber Yard (now Musselman's) and the Silk Mill.



Looking south towards 631 New Holland Road (house on left). Most of the construction workers were not from the New Holland area, but 10 year old Stella Fellenbaum, who lived on the hill, managed to show up on this photo.



“The office” was set up on the west side of DeHaven Road near what is now Philip Rd.

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Type of membership requested (please check one)

____ Lifetime Membership (\$500)

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SOCIETY MEETINGS-2013

Historical Society Meetings are held in the Chapel of Garden Spot Village every **3rd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m.** Here is the list of the upcoming dates:

October 12-annual Cemetery tour– St. Stephen's Church 7 PM-9 PM

October 17 – Mr. Joseph Hirt, Holocaust survivor, will tell his own story.

November 8 – Buzzard Gang Dinner, Don Welsh for tickets 717-314-7711

November 21 – no program at Garden Spot Village

December 7 – Christmas on Main– Museum open 10 AM-7 PM

December 19 – no program at Garden Spot Village

January 16, 2014 – Monthly Program TBA – Garden Spot Village

The Museum is open weekly, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM. 207 E. Main Street. For those who have trouble with stairs, there is an elevator at the rear entrance of the building. There is no regular admission charge for the Museum [donations accepted]. Thank you!