

Weller School

The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society

Journal



LOG CABIN CLEAN-UP CONTINUES

The log cabin clean-up is moving along! We want to have the log cabin ready for public viewing in September and so far we are right on schedule!

Roy and Eileen Rivard wish to thank the following people for their help and continued support on the log cabin renovations:

Frank, Lou, Duane, Kathy, Dolly, Leo, Virginia, and Janine. And of course, thanks to Roy and Eileen! Also, Janine's mother is making new curtains for the cabin. The cabin windows are currently being re-glaze and we will soon begin the removal of the old caulk



from the side of the building. We are looking for We are looking for volunteer carpenters, painters, plumbers, and any other workers. If you are interested, please call Roy Rivard at (586) 504-0161.

Log Cabin work is usually done on Saturday mornings. Look for Roy's e-mail.

We will be having a special program for the opening of the cabin and hope to invite most of our local officials.

We have also been receiving many donations of furniture and other items from members Tom and Marla Friedeman. So far, the stove that is in the log cabin, as well as a couple of rocking chairs and a number of smaller items, have all been received through the generosity of the Friedemans.

Other items have been moved to the cabin as well, such as a rope bed and other furnishings.

UPCOMING!

- The June 6th after-meeting presentation will be Michael Dixon presenting his book on the development of small marine engines and how it helped lead to the auto engine developments of our area.
- Log cabin clean-up continues. Usually Saturday mornings, Roy sends out an e-mail on days the clean-ups are held.
- The Bay-Rama parade, which we participate in, will be held Sunday, June 25th. Look for the little red schoolhouse!
- The July meeting date needs to be specified during the June meeting-the first Tuesday is July 4th. Billie Henning will be doing the program for July.



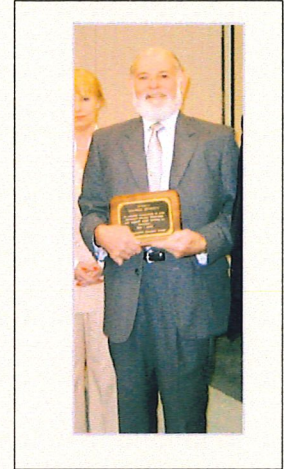
New log cabin items!

DON HOWITT DELIVERS MONEY FROM WAL-MART FOR SOCIETY

Past president and society co-founder Don Howitt delivered a \$500 donation check from Wal-Mart at the February meeting. Don will also be bringing many of the maps, documents, and other artifacts donated to the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society over the years to the Chesterfield Public Library.

(Don has been storing them until a permanent storage area could be created.) The society has recently reached an agreement with the Chesterfield Library to host an archives there. We have also received some storage from Chesterfield Twp. to be used for larger artifacts. If you have

items you wish to donate to the Chesterfield Historical Society, please bring them to the library at 50560 Patricia. If you have a photo you wish to have scanned for the archive and returned, let us know. You can call Alan at (586) 948-0604 or Duane at (586) 949-3810 for further information.



NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST WON BY LINDA HARTMAN

The new name of the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society newsletter is the Journal!

We had a good response to our idea to have people submit names to name the newsletter! Thanks to everyone who suggested names! The winning entry, *The*

Journal, was submitted by Linda Hartman, historical society and township board member. Journals are the specialized publications that most of the research done globally is pub-

lished in. Therefore, we thought it would be a good title! Congratulations and good work Linda-let us know when you would like the mystery prize delivered to your house!!

ODDS AND ENDS

- Duane and Kathy Vosburg have traded offices-Kathy is now the treasurer and Duane the recording secretary.
- The society collected over \$500.00 from George Furton's Memorial Fund.

We miss you George!

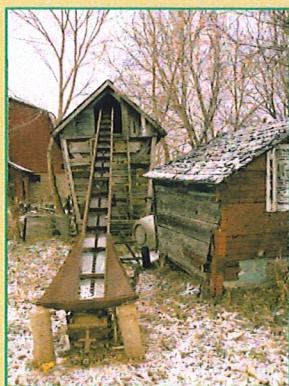
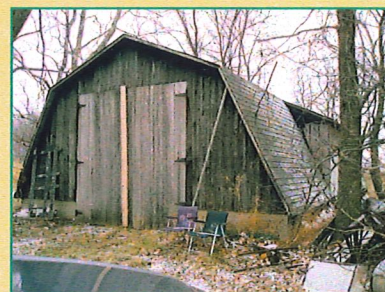
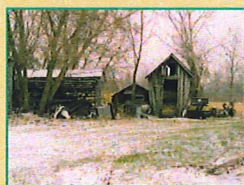
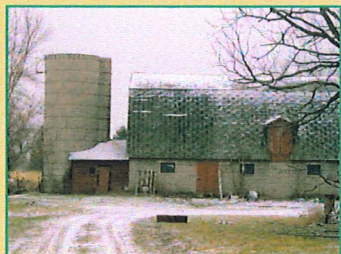
- There was a special meeting of the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society held on Tuesday, May 30th in the township hall. The main business was to

discuss the nominations for the 2006 Appreciation Awards. The winners will be announced at the June 20th award dinner.

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made our first appearance at the Heritage meeting held annually in Macomb Co. Dolly, Janelle, Virginia, Deb and Alan all represented us at the gathering which is composed of historical groups of Macomb County.

The Friedeman farm, located in Chesterfield on 25 Mile near Bates Rd., is a well-preserved farm typical of the farms that existed during the early days of our township. Tom has already donated a number of objects to the historical society, including a stove and rocking chair that are in the log cabin. On the property is an old building that was once used as a blacksmith shop. (See last photo). The town of Milton was not too far away.



Let us know if
your address
changes!

PASTA DINNER WELL-ATTENDED!

The Chesterfield Historical Society's annual May Pasta Dinner was a success with over 100 people attending. We sold over 100 tickets and the society was able to sell over \$1000 worth of tickets-money to be used for the log cabin roof and a furnace for the Weller School annex. A big thank you to Salt River Country Club, and everybody who helped, donated prizes, or just came and had a great pasta meal!



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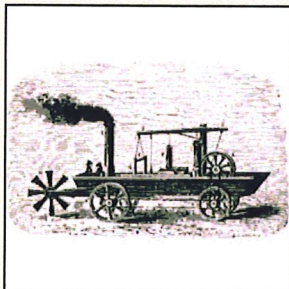
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PROGRAM NEWS



"Motormen and Yachting:
The Waterfront Heritage of
the Automobile Industry"

Michael Dixon will present the June 6th meeting topic, "Motormen and Yachting: The Waterfront Heritage of the Automobile Industry," also the title of his new book. Michael Dixon has had a lifelong interest in the history of the waterways of Detroit. In his spare time he has researched,

written, and published a series of books that are a treasure trove of stories and regional history. Past books he has written include "Life at the Flats, the Golden Era of the St. Clair River Delta," and "When Detroit Rode the Waves, a summer cruise from Toledo to Port Huron aboard the excursion boats of the early 20th century." The new book contains information on the evolution of steam, Naphtha, electric and gasoline engines, and recounts how a market demand for lightweight marine engines in the 1890s brought about a boon that supported development of reliable engines for personal transportation on and off the water. The program commences after the June meeting.