



Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society

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Harvest Dinner-Electrifying!

It was announced at the Sept. 6th meeting of the Chesterfield Historical Society that the proceeds from the Harvest Dinner will be used to help provide electricity to the historical buildings in our historical village.

Roy Rivard, head of the Building Committee, announced that DTE will start digging soon to place two electrical lines -one to the Weller School and one to the log cabin. The conduit has been acquired for \$1,047.38.

Proceeds from the next Harvest Dinner have been earmarked for the electricity project.

Part of the proceeds will be from the raffles and auctions conducted during the dinner. Kathy Vosburg has prepared a letter for members to show to merchants, authorizing them to collect articles for the auction. George F. has also requested that members donate a bottle of alcohol so that we can repeat our "Wheelbarrow of" (cont'd on page 3)



The chimneys to the log cabin were recently completed by the township.

Fate of Historical Buildings in Jeopardy!

George Deeby announced at the September 6th meeting that because of a legal snafu, there might be a delay in moving the two smaller historical buildings (located on the Trinity property across the street from the historical area) to the new historical village.

These are buildings that were originally meant to be part of a historical area that Bernard Trinity was putting together on

his property (formerly the site of a local history museum and the original Chesterfield public library, the "Trinity Library").

The two buildings, in excellent shape, can not be moved until a cement slab or foundation is built for them in the historical area.

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Euchre Tournament

Oct. 28th and Nov. 25th

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Cards start at 7 pm

New Baltimore VFW

In the Cove!

Light Lunch

25 cents per Euchre

Advance Tix-\$10

At the Door-\$15

Harvest Dinner

Thursday

November 3rd

Salt River Banquet
Hall-23 Mile Rd.

Advance Tix-\$25.00

At the Door-\$30.00

Vocal and Silent

Auction/50/50 drawings/Lots of Prizes

Next Meeting-
Monday-6:30 pm

October 17th

*In the new Chesterfield
Library-*

50560 Patricia St.



Updated Mile Road Names List

0 Mile Road-Ford Rd.
 1 Mile Road-Warren Ave.
 2 Mile Road-Joy Road
 3 Mile Road-Plymouth Rd.
 4 Mile Road-Schoolcraft Rd.
 5 Mile Road-Fenkell Ave.
 6 Mile Road-McNichols Ave.
 7 Mile Road-Moross Ave.
 8 Mile Road-Baseline; Vernier
 9 Mile Road-School Rd.
 10 Mile Road-Kern Road
 11 Mile Road-Townhall Rd.
 12 Mile Roads-Champagne Rd.
 13 Mile Road-Chicago Rd.
 14 Mile Road-???
 15 Mile Road-Maple St.
 16 Mile Rd-Metro Pkwy.; Big Beaver
 17 Mile Road-Wattles
 18 Mile Road-Long Lake Rd.
 19 Mile Road-Square Lake Rd.
 20 Mile Rd.-Hall Rd., Rosso Hwy., Highland Rd.
 21 Mile Road-Shoemaker Rd.
 22 Mile Road-Patton Rd.
 23 Mile Rd.-Telegraph; Whiskey Rd.
 24 Mile Rd.-Cemetery Rd.
 25 Mile Rd.-Arnold Rd.
 26 Mile Rd.-Marine City Hwy.
 27 Mile Rd.-Springborn
 28 Mile Rd.-Meisner Rd.
 29 Mile Rd.-Lindsey Rd.

30 Mile Rd.-Puttygut
 31 Mile Rd.-Hart Rd. (Macomb Co.) St. Clair Hwy. (St. Clair Co.)
 32 Mile Rd.-Division (Richmond) Fred Moore Hwy. (St. Clair Co.)
 33 Mile Rd.-becomes M-19
 34 Mile Rd.-Predmore (Oakland Co.) Big Hand (St. Clair Co.)
 35 Mile Rd.-Armada Center; School Section Rd.



Just when we thought we must have covered all the mile road alternate names, along comes Ursula B. Adamson & Betty Jane Wogen to prove us wrong! Ursula sent us a list for 27 through 35 Mile Roads, which fall mostly in St. Clair County. She is the Treasurer and Webmaster for the Richmond Area History & Genealogical Society and would also like to remind us of the excellent information on settlers and immigrants to the area contained on their website, which is at: www.richmondmihistory.org. It contains a wealth of information including 19th Century Census reports, plat maps, detailed histories, and much more. Check it out!

Congratulations to Betty Jane Wogen, Corresponding Secretary for the Roseville Historical and Genealogical Society, who has been awarded the Alexander Macomb Award for 2005 for her many historical contributions and work. She also sent us a list with 9-12 Mile Roads! (She also corrected the spelling for 22 Mile Rd.-Patton-which she should know since it was named for her great-grandfather who had a farm there!) Exceptional! Thanks-now we just need 14 Mile Rd.! If no one comes up with an alternate name, maybe we can just have a contest to name it ourselves! (just kidding).

Thanks to the following people who contributed to our mile roads list: Ursula B. Adamson, Loraine DeMuyneck, George Furton, Dr. Earl Hartman, Sue Keffer and Betty Jane Wogen. Great work everyone! Thanks again!

Harvest Dinner-Electrifying (cont'd)

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Joy" which raised over \$300.00 at the last dinner!

We will also have 50/50 raffles and both vocal and silent auctions again this year.

George mentioned that it is good publicity for any business that donates a larger gift. We will also be printing a program listing the merchants who donated. Kathy wants these merchant names to be given to her before October 27th so as to give ample time to print the program.

In other event news, Roy R. mentioned that we will need about 20 decks of cards for the upcoming Euchre tournaments. If you are able to help on the nights of either of the tournaments, please contact Roy at (586) 749-3713.

Other Meeting Updates

Other meeting updates from the September 6th meeting include:

- The township has completed the chimneys and grating on the log cabin as well as performing work on the foundation. As soon as the porch cement is poured (and dry), we can begin working on the interior of the cabin.
- It will be considered soon where to place the pump house and outhouse for the log cabin. George Furton mentioned that we could use a bit more fieldstone to complete the pump structure.
- Because many people will be absent during the regu-

lar time for our next meeting, it has been rescheduled for Monday, October 17th in the meeting room of the new Chesterfield library at 50560 Patricia Drive, off Chesterfield Drive. The election committee (Virginia, Geneen, Duane, and Deb) will give their list of candidates at that time. They are still looking for a president; most of the rest of the slate will remain largely unchanged. The position of secretary is to be divided between a recording secretary (to remain Kathy Vosburg) and a correspondence secretary (to be assumed by Deb Walsh). The election will be during the October special meeting, also during which the arrangements for the Euchre Tournament and Harvest Dinner will be finalized.

- Special thanks to Roy and Eileen Rivard, Leo and Virginia Furton, Bill Wallace, and Frank & Lucille Adcox for the recent work done on the Weller School!!
- Some of our recent donations include a rope bed, and some glass door-knobs.
- John bought pizza for the September meeting!
- Kathy V. won the September meeting drawing!
- In George's absence, if there is any Harvest Dinner developments, please contact Deb Walsh at

(586) 948-0604 or Bernadine.

- Bob Mack, who was scheduled to do the September meeting program, was unable to make it due to a leg injury. We hope to have him at the November meeting with his "new" slide show of the area.

-Editorial-

Let's Give George a Break!

George Furtah, present president of our society and one of our founders, expressed a desire to step down as president of the society. When he accepted the presidency last year, it was with the understanding that the presidency would be circulated among members. I think we should honor George's request, convince someone else to take over the presidency, and name George our "Chairman of the Board" or similar title. This would allow us access to George's expertise and vision, and give George a well-deserved rest, with less strenuous duties. We need George rested and healthy!



Historical Buildings

(cont'd from page one)

This can't be done until it is determined where the two buildings will go.

It was decided that George Furtah and Deeby will meet soon and decide building placement of the two structures (as well as for the out-house and pump house of the log cabin).

The Trinity property has been improved recently and they are interested in getting the buildings moved as soon as

possible. If not moved soon, it is possible that they will bulldoze the buildings.

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society recently lost another building, the Milton School, once located at 24 Mile Road and Bates, to the bulldozer.

The buildings' history is not clear, but it is known that Mr. Trinity originally chose the buildings as fitting for his museum area. One of the buildings has "Blacksmith" stenciled on it, a type of

building greatly desired for our historical area.

If anyone can give us further information about the two buildings on the Trinity property, please contact the editors of the newsletter.

We hope to preserve these buildings before they suffer the fate of so many historical buildings of yesteryear.

Letter from Kevin

Dear Chesterfield Historical Society, Mr. Rivard:

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity for doing my Eagle Project. Thank you for giving me so much help and support. You have made this project a good experience.

Thanks for your generous donation of feeding all those people that have helped me. It is much appreciated. Thanks especially to Mr. Rivard for all his help and getting Tee Pee to donate the port-a-john. I really enjoyed working with the Historical Society & I hope I can repay the favor in the future.

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Photos on this page: Nos. 1 & 2-Buildings to be moved from Trinity property. No. 3-Schoolhouse addition is complete! Great paint job Kevin and friends! Photos by Deb Walsh.