

Flat Rock Historical Society

P.O. Box 337 August, 2014

Flat Rock, MI 48134

www.flatrockhistory.org



Open House

Our next open house is Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 4 pm. The theme will recognize the history of the Detroit Metropolitan Air Port and School Days.

General Meeting

We'll have our next general meeting the following Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 pm at the Hotel. At 7:00, Daniel Mason, alumnus of Lake Superior State and historian for the Detroit Metro Airport, will discuss the airport's history.

On **Thursday, Sept. 25th**, is a Historical Society Fundraiser at the Flat Rock Big Boy. Come and join us for dinner between 5 and 9 pm while we advertise the upcoming Flea Market. Bring your family and friends. Volunteers are needed to sell 50/50 tickets and pass out flyers. Please call Cindy (789-8946) if you can help



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Our 81st Flat Rock Historical Society Flea Market will be held this October 5th at the Speedway. As always we need your help. We are seeking volunteers to help operate the County Store. If you can help, please call Robin at 789-9436 or sign up at the meeting. We need your baked goods to sell at the Country Store. Bring your baked goods for the Country Store to Robin or Cindy.

We still need members to help during the night. Contact Don Fesko if you can help with parking. If you can help for a few hours, we can use you in admitting vendors at the gate between midnight and 7am. The Flat Rock Boy Scouts will watch one gate during the day. We need one more group. If you know a group who would like a free space in exchange for helping, contact Cindy or Don. The Boy Scouts will also be doing cleanup at the end, but we always need a member or two to help out; contact Lila if you can chip in. If you are going to visit the Flea Market on Sunday, please consider stopping at the Country Store and asking how you can help, for example by wearing a name tag to advertise our presence. If you need more details, please call Cindy or Don Fesko or bring your questions to the General Membership Meeting.

Special Guest

During our open house on October 12, Nathan for Masserants Feed & Grain will be discussing "How to Attract Birds to your Yard" in the Flat Rock Hotel. He will be there between 1 and 4 p.m. Bring your questions.



Garage Sale

Our last garage sale was successful and we're scheduling another one during Citywide garage sale days, Sept. 5th thru 7th. Please call Robin (734-789-9436) if you can help or have donations.

Ghost Hunters

Our first Motor City Ghost Hunters event was successful. Attendees had a fascinating experience and it was an excellent fund raiser. We have two more on Sept. 20th and Oct. 24th. If you are willing to help, please call Leslie at 734-730-3213 or e-mail her at mousescouts@gmail.com

Riverfest

will start Friday, Sept. 19th at 6 pm, and will run to Sunday until 9pm. We would also like to have some volunteers to help staff our booth. If you can help, please contact Cindy or Don.

Thank you

To all volunteers who make the Flat Rock Historical Society possible, keep things going, and work to make our facilities nicer. Also to those who donate to make things interesting:

Ann Toth for shoe stretchers

Thersea Walker, Mary Hancox, Robin Gillis and Gertie Younglove for home made cookies for the ice cream social.

Margaret Cooper for taking & printing personal photos for attendees at the ice cream social.

Kurt Kerstan for World War Two uniform and mannequin

Linda McMillan for bee smoker, army spats, and Boy Scout book.

Carol McGee for post cards and exhibiting her around the world post cards at open house.

Mary Pasquariello for phonograph records.

Pat Simeck for 1 pr men's military shoes, 1 bridesmaid hat, 1900 wedding dress.

Brian & Carol Wright for 1 slice Toast Master, electric iron, 1945 clock.

Laura Fuciarelli for milk can, shopping cart, boot scraper, kitchen items, lantern, quilt

Mary Hancox for wedding dress w/veil

Ralph Olsen for mini sewing machine, storage containers and several items for garage sale.

Richard and Denise Porath for opening their museum and home.

Denise Porath for her spinning demo at open house

Janet Ingels for monetary donation

American Legion for veterans' photos.

Upcoming Events and Exhibits

We have changing exhibits every month. The Museum is open the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 pm. And we always need volunteers to act as hosts.

Friday-Sunday, Sept.5-7: Garage sale 9-4

Wednesday, Sept. 10: General meeting at 6:30 and "Detroit Metro Airport" at 7:00

Thursday, Sept. 11: CSO at 11:30

Sunday, Sept. 14: Open House –Metro Airport & School Days

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21: Riverfest

Saturday, Sept. 20: Ghost Hunters, 8 pm

Thur, Sept. 25: Dinner at Big Boy, 5 to 9

Sunday, Oct. 5: Flea Market

Sunday, Oct. 12: Open House, Halloween & Will Carleton and attracting birds.

Friday, Oct. 24: Ghost Hunters, 8 pm

Sunday, Nov. 9: Open House—Veterans

Sunday, Dec.14: Open House—Christmas and Mrs. Santa; Mrs. Santa will have gifts for visiting children. At 5:00, we'll have our Christmas party and election at the Hotel.

E-mail Delivery

If you received this newsletter by mail and would prefer e-mail, **OR**, you received this by e-mail and would prefer regular mail, please notify Don Fesko at: feskos.fesko13@gmail.com.

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ANTIQUE and FLEA MARKET
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
At the FLAT ROCK SPEEDWAY
Telegraph Rd., Flat Rock, MI
 FOR INFORMATION
www.flatrockhistory.org or
 (734) 782-5220
Over 200 Dealers NO pets allowed

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	\$15.00	Family
	\$100.00	Lifetime individual
	\$25.00	Business

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Local History

We are still busy cataloging and dispersing the books from Tom Wyman's Estate. Under the guidance of member Lesley Harkai our obituary file and pictures of over 50 veterans are available for viewing on our Facebook page. The photos are of soldiers waiting to catch the bus at Little Pal's (Michael's on the River) during WWII. The names of the men are on the pictures

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Changes in Flat Rock

In September of 1947 a new meat market and grocery store was built on the corner of Gibraltar and Mill Street and Garden Blvd. A triangular shape building it sat across the street from the Reading Building and old football field.

Carl Spoehr Sr. (1886-1952) was a butcher from Indiana and Detroit before moving to Flat Rock and opening a butcher shop on Detroit St. (Telegraph Road) in the mid 1920s. The store was located near Diamond's Restaurant (Senior Towers).

His sons Robert (1909 -1980) and Carl Jr. (1917-1985) ran the shop and in 1947 expanded by adding a store on wheels to service the East side of town. They also built the new store known as the Spoehr Brothers.

They sold meat & groceries.

In 1956 the store closed & Dr. Corydon Himmelberger rented the building for his medical practice. In 1970 Dr. Michael Bousamra purchased the building and ran his medical practice there until 2002. The building sat empty until 2008 when J.A.F. Consulting purchased the building. Over the years the brick started to pull away from the walls and became dangerous. John Fiorelli, owner of J.A.F. Consulting has removed the brick and is renovating the building. A special thanks to him for helping to preserve the past.

By Roberta Spoehr Gonyea and Lila Fedokovitz