



The Manor

*A Newsletter of The
Equinunk Historical Society
Calder House Museum
Calder Gift Shop
Joel Hill Sawmill*



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President's Message

A FINAL REPORT FROM THIS President's chair. What an exciting time to be involved in any way with the growth and change we experienced over the last few years. While we missed our goal of having the new annex open to the public in June, we are confident that we will celebrate that day by this time next year. We thank all of you who helped us with your time and donations — we quite simply would not exist without you.

We are still looking for folks to sign up to help Rich Ferrazzano build the canoe exhibit. If you have even a few minutes to spare from time to time, Rich can use your help.

Our programs have been interesting and well-attended as well. Brad and Megan MacMaster, under the able direction of Wellington Lester, did a fine job on the program on the J.J. Hornbeck Excelsior Factory. Gloria McCullough and Ann O'Hara from the Wayne County Historical Society kept the audience spellbound with their tales of river rafting on the Delaware, very much in keeping with our theme "Industry and Ingenuity."

The 11th Annual Car Show was a complete success once again. As usual, the Car Show crew gave unselfishly of their time and talents to make this the successful show that it always is, and every year it just gets bigger and better. Volunteers always welcome!!

Still ahead as of this writing is the Hill Mill open house and demonstration July 10th and 11th. Prior to this two day event, the millpond will be dredged, putting us in even better shape for the upcoming demonstration.

Also ahead is the Annual Equinunk Volunteer Firemen's Barbecue, and our Art Appreciation day, both on July 25th. This year we will show the art of Kathy Morawski. On July 31st, Judy Cardin will do a program on Spinning and Weaving. Check your program schedule for events in August and September.

Looking forward to seeing many of you during the rest of our program season or just stopping in to say "Hi". We also hope to see more of you at our Annual Meeting on August 21st. It's our custom to share a small plate of refreshments at noon, before the annual meeting, so if you can, bring along a snack. And join us at the Steve Jacobi concert at 8 p.m. in the Equinunk Firemen's Hall. Steve performs each year for the benefit of the Sawmill.

*Carol Ann MacMaster
President*



These enormous logs were discovered in the muck at the bottom of the sawmill pond during the dredging process. Just visible in the background, the newly constructed deck. Beyond the deck, the pond is slowly refilling.

THANKS!

De-note: to refer to specifically, explicitly —

It's the custom of the Equinunk Historical Society to denote, in the August issue of The Manor, contributions to our annual appeal, building fund and general expenses, and those who provide special services to the Society. "Denote" is too weak and formal a word to use to express the gratitude of the Board and membership to everyone who gives so freely and generously each year. So, with a whoop and a holler, we shout our thanks to each of you, and cross our fingers firmly in the hope that we have not left anyone out. PLEASE let us know of any omission. Ed.

July, 2009 through June, 2010

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The Equinunk Historical Society newsletter is published seasonally, three times a year, and sent to all members. Additional copies are available through the office at the Museum. Material for publication is always welcome and sought after. Please e-mail or mail submissions to Linda Wescott, c/o EHS, P.O. Box 41, Equinunk, PA 18417.

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Thanks so much for your generosity. Some of you give multiple times during the year; so many, many thanks!



The Thanks Continue...

David and Alan Haviland and their crew, our building contractors, volunteered hours of time doing countless tasks not compensated for, like the terrific job on the donated handicap access ramp outside the new addition, and carrying the newly restored canoe back downstairs into the addition. They also bought LOTS of the yummy chili!

Perrin Ross provided invaluable help on many fronts throughout the year. Fred Pfeifer faithfully mowed the lawn, even when it was a rocky, hilly pasture. Frank Heath took over the mowing chore while Fred was away. Charlie Bennett helped in so many ways, among them being a rock-picker for a day, piling them up for Rich's use in creating the canoe display, (and helping to preserve the mower!) Charlie is also an integral part of the Car Show Committee.

Christina and Blair Kobelin installed communication lines in new addition, put up signs, and helped in the publications department. All the board members gave hours of service above and beyond the call of duty. Don Kaszner provided expert photography skills and performed all the odd jobs asked of him. Chuck and Dot Trummer did many little things, a couple of big things, and showed their great hospitality skills, (mmm, mmmm, good!) Sara Ornstein baked her great cookies which magically disappear each time they are served.

Thanks also to all the ladies who volunteer in the Calder Shop, Barbara Conley, Janie Gehrig, Helen Schuman, Margaret Snyder, and Helene Demarest. And Dottie Bialek continues to help us gain facility with our bookkeeping programs. Thanks for all your time, Dottie.

Bless the Car Show Committee! While the list of volunteers who help set up, take down, and manage events on the day of the show is too long to fit here, (we'd be panicking that someone was inadvertently left out,) the members of the Committee work year round to ensure that the day goes off without a ruffle. Congratulations on yet another wonderful success go to Robert Kramer, Don and Pat Kaszner, Dan Crosby, Charlie Bennett, Richard Gill, Carol Ann MacMaster, Lenny Caputi, and Barbara Gogan.

Thanks to Mike Keesler for mowing the new field for Car Show parking. Sorry about the damage to your mower....

The Joel Hill Sawmill Crew is a very special bunch of hard-working guys and gals. The physical stuff is mostly performed by Head Sawyer, Chuck Heyn, ably assisted by head of the sawmill committee Bob Wood and his compatriots, Harold Butler, Frank Heath, Ken MacMaster, Mike Keesler, Bob and Jean Smith, Chuck Trummer, Dan Wescott, and Nick Vander Weide. Special thanks to the ladies who offer hospitality; Sally Heath, Carol Ann MacMaster, Myra Schnakenberg, Jeanne Walter, Kathy Wood, and to Phyllis Newport who carefully tends to the lovely flowers donated by Jamieson's Flowers.

Throughout the year various items are donated to the Museum to fill out our collection of materials relevant to life in this area since the early settlements. We thank everyone who keeps us in mind while emptying out attics, cellars, garages, and barns, and thank you to everyone who donated both precious family mementos and found items.

From Jean Marie McLain – a collection of photos of early Equinunk homes taken by her father, Bob Brinkerhoff

Irene Allen: antique washboard

Thelma Rake: 1944 map of the area

Carol Ann MacMaster: Assorted old Dr. Frisbie bottles, clearly designated F.C. Frisbie, Equinunk, PA Phone: 66R32

C. Perrin Ross: Chamber pot marked John Maddock & Sons, "Royal Vitreous" plus a separate wash basin of like vintage.

Passing of Friends



Longtime member and supporter, Clifton Bain, passed away recently. He was the husband of Lorraine Bain and brother of local resident, Bob Bain, (now deceased.) Mr. and Mrs. Bain resided on Long Island, in NY.

Reminiscing

A Recollection from Ray Pulis, May 2010

PAVING THE WAY: The Paving of Rte. 191 from Dyberry to Equinunk

The original plan was for the road (*then known as Route 90-Ed.*) to go from Dyberry to Tanners Falls, to Pine Mill, and then to Equinunk. Gifford Pinchot* was governor of Pennsylvania at the time, (the governor who got the farmers out of the mud. *Ed. note: But that's another story.*)

The Pinchot family went on a Caribbean Cruise and took home movies of the trip. I remember Cornelia Pinchot, (Gifford's wife, the former Cornelia Bryce,) sitting on a bench on the ship and a huge sea turtle crawled up on the bench and across her lap. I must have been about three years old at the time.

The Hill family got Mrs. Pinchot to come to the Methodist Church in Lookout to show the movies while the frost was going out in the spring. She had to be pulled through soft spots several times. There was a soft spot in the road near our house that dad pulled numerous people through with his horses. I think he must have pulled her out and that's how he found out about the movie show. The plans for the road paving were changed. (Mrs. Pinchot, like Hillary Clinton, wore the pants in the family.)

The first section of Route 191, (Route 90,) to be paved was from Dyberry and I was the General Foreman. The contractor was Lasiter from South Carolina. He also paved a section of Route 402 that year. The roller operator rolled all night on the fill by our house and then came in and had breakfast with us.

While Pinchot was governor there was a grove on the Pinchot family's property in Milford, with numerous picnic tables. Every year the governor would throw a picnic; after the picnic he allowed a tour of Greytowers, the family home, and a program was held on the lawn. The year I was there, a man and a kangaroo were boxing.

The day before the picnic, a section of road between Hawley and Milford was chipped and tarred; lots of tar and a few chips. At that time a lot of car owners wore tires down until they blew. Dad was one of these, and we had two flat tires that day. Folks with good tires had no problems. I heard that the man responsible for the tar and chipping job lost *his* job.

Ray Pulis

*Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. He served in that capacity from 1905 to 1910. The following is excerpted from the US Forest Service History Website:

"Gifford Pinchot, was born on August 11, 1865, in Simsbury, Connecticut. His family were well-to-do upper-class merchants, politicians, and land owners. Pinchot, as a young boy, took advantage of several opportunities to visit foreign countries, as well as gain a good education at some of the best eastern schools. When he entered Yale in 1885, his father asked a question, "How would you like to be a forester?" When asked, not a single American had made forestry a profession. Pinchot stated, "I had no more conception of what it meant to be a forester than the man in the moon....But at least a forester worked in the woods and with the woods - and I loved the woods and everything about them....My Father's suggestion settled the question in favor of forestry."

Ed: I enjoyed reading Ray's recollection very much. As a relative "newbie" in the area, I like learning as much about the history as possible. Do you have a recollection that you can share with us? Please send it to the Equinunk Historical Society, P.O. Box 41, Equinunk, PA 18417, Attn: *The Manor*



left: People's Choice Award winner, Frank Avery of Beach Lake with his 1929 Ford Model A



right: George Deckelman of Freemont Center NY won special recognition for his two amazing Mack trucks, dating from 1963 and 1965.

BANNER YEAR FOR CAR SHOW

The Equinunk Historical Society's 11th Annual Car Show raced across the finish line on Saturday, June 26th shattering all previous attendance records in the process. It far exceeded the car show committee's expectations. There were 135 registered show cars on the field and they were all winners. The car show committee was pleased to draw such a large turnout in these sluggish economic times.

They attribute their success to all the volunteers and those who contribute to this event year after year. The Equinunk Historical Society would like to thank everyone who helped make this a banner year. There are too many names to list but you know who you are.

Taking the coveted People's Choice award was Frank Avery of Beach Lake, Pa. with his 1929 Ford Model A. A Special Recognition award went to George Deckelman of Freemont Center, NY, for bringing his two Mack trucks. One was a 1965 B 61 model and the other a 1963 B Model. You had to see these trucks, they were absolutely beautiful. The 2nd award went to Joel Constantino of Waymart, Pa. for his 1947 Ford pickup. Trucks are becoming very popular in the collector car community.

In addition to the awards, there were specially prepared goody bags for the first 100 entrants. Also a tableful of door prizes, 5 raffle items and the 50/50 winner. It was a great day for everyone. The car show committee is hoping to make next year's even bigger and better.

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Thanks to Mel Freilich and Caren Raphael for the use of their property as our venue. Also Lenny and Alison Caputi and Jim Balakian for the use of their adjacent properties for visitor parking.

by Charlie Bennett



Good Buddies - Former EHS president and Car Show Com'tee member, Bob Wood, with organizer Dan Crosby.



There's no end to the beautiful vehicles on display!

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WISH LIST

We need a DVD player, if you have one to donate.

We *really* need volunteers to help Rich construct the canoe display on the lower level. It's a cool place to work, honest!

EQUINUNK HISTORICAL SOCIETY 30th Annual Meeting at Noon, August 21, 2010

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and introduction of Board members
4. Report of Nominating Committee
5. Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting – Linda Wescott, Secretary
6. President's Report – Carol Ann MacMaster, President
7. Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget – Marilyn Kneeland, Treasurer
8. Office Manager's Report – Carol Ann MacMaster, Office Manager
9. Curator's Report – Alice Pedone, Curator
10. Committee Reports:
 - A. Car Show
 - B. Calder Shop
 - C. Building & Grounds
 - D. Membership
 - E. Hospitality
 - F. Publicity
 - G. Programs
 - H. Publications
 - I. Genealogy
 - J. Newsletter
 - K. Hill Sawmill
 - L. Auditor
11. Presentations : Departing Board Members
12. Members comments and suggestions
13. Adjourn

Immediately following adjournment, the Board of Directors will meet for reorganization.