

Window To The Past

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Our Next Program

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Our guest speakers will be Jack and Ken
Schramm

They will present their Detroit United Railway
Interurban Program

Westfield Activity Building
2700 Westfield
7:30 p.m.

We invite you to attend. Invite your friends to come also.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Jack Edward Schramm has been a life long railway enthusiast. He started working for the City of Detroit, Department of Streets and Railways (D.S.R.) in 1942. From 1943 to 1946 Jack served the U. S. Army in Europe and the South Pacific.

He returned to the D.S.R. in 1947 and worked for the D.S.R. and D.D.O.T. (Detroit Department of Transportation) until his retirement in 1982.

Jack Schramm and his son, Ken, share a keen interest in the history of public transportation here and in Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.

They have worked together on the publication of many books, including the most recent one entitled "Detroit's Street Railways".

Jack Schramm is a co-founder of the Michigan Transit Museum and a Life Member of the Museum.

Ken Schramm is a Financial Analyst with the Department of Defense. In addition to his interest in the history of public transportation, he also enjoys local history of all kinds.

Ken has asked that anyone who is planning to attend bring any items they may have from the Interurban, streetcars, buses, or trains that once operated in and around Trenton.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact either Jack or Ken Schramm at (586) 751-2335 with any questions or comments or if you wish to speak about any memorabilia you may have.

Arthur Ford 1909 – 2006

It is with sadness we report the death of Art Ford. Mr. Ford Served on the Trenton Historical Commission and was responsible for many of their projects. Mr. Ford was Trenton High School's oldest surviving graduate (class of 1927) and also a member of its first state championship team. He was a charter member of the Fidelity Club (now known as the Varsity Club). He was Past Master of the Trenton Masonic Lodge having received his 75 year pin this past year. He was a member of the Trenton Historical Society. Mr. Ford was an invaluable source of information on

Trenton History and his many stories provided insight on Trenton in the time of his youth. Always a gentleman, his enthusiasm and zest for life should be an example to all. Our condolences to his family and many friends. Mr. Ford was 97 years old.

Hugh Lathrop 1927 - 2006

It is again with sadness we report the passing of another friend and supporter of Trenton History. Hugh Lathrop grew up on what became one of the last farms in Trenton. Located on the southeast corner of Fort Street and Van Horn, the farm was home to five generations of Lathrop's. Their ancestors came to this country in 1636. Hugh graduated from Slocum Truax in 1945, served in the Navy and was employed by Detroit Edison. In retirement, Hugh and his wife Gloria relocated to Alabama for health reasons. Hugh was a friend to all and his cheerful greetings will be missed. Our condolences to Hugh's wife Gloria and their family.

Ron Murdock
1941 – 2006

July 5, 2006, saw the loss of another life time resident of Trenton. In fact, the Murdock family home was directly across from the home of Hugh Lathrop at Van Horn at Fort Street. Ron graduated from Trenton High School. In 1958, he became a Trenton fireman and served the department for 25 years. He was one of three firemen who spent the night in the hospital after the devastating fire that destroyed the Mulias and Ellias property in 1986. His retirement date was set for 9 days after the fire. Ron worked with Paul Teifer on the Trenton BB gun program and continued after Paul's death until last year ...a total of 34 years with the club. We extend our condolences to his wife, Linda. and their family.

James F. Schramm
1922-2006

June 9, 2006 marked the loss of another lifetime Trenton resident, James "Jim" Schramm. Jim attended Trenton Public Schools and was a member of the well

renowned 1938-1940 Trenton High School Championship Football Team. After working for Monsanto for 40 years, he continued his interest in high school sports and attended many local sporting events. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. Jim was 84 years old.

WE SALUTE OUR
Charter Members
July - December 1986

R. Carl Auiler
Carol & Dennis Baggett
* Carol Balko
Grace Ann Beebe
George Bolde
* Virginia M. Bourassa
Victoria & William Breil
*L. A. Comstock, M.D.
*Ethel (Bagans) Cozad
Marian & Russ Dailing
Nancy & Edward DeChant
Lorraine DuChene & family
* Andree DuFresne
Mary Dusincki
Mrs. Anne Gillam
Joyce Brown & W. Dan Gillespie
Marge & Ray Gunther and family
Patricia Hamel
Marney Jean Harrison
Chet Hunt
Marilyn Jozwiak
Helen & * Richard Kirk
Daniel J. Kirk
James V. Lake
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Phyllis J. LaVigne

Phyllis L. Lory
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* Lucy Shirmer
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Jean & *G. Lloyd Siler
Kyle Stack
Mary & * Clarence Steffey and family
Marian & Richard Sullivan
Patricia Swart
Denise & Walter Wagoner
* Barbara & Frank Walsh
Lucile & *Richard Walters
Lucile Wardell
Colette & William Waugh
Phyllis & * Tom White

*Deceased

We are working on our 2007 Trenton Historical Society calendar and have selected some wonderful pictures including a few obtained from Joanie Ambrun of Washington. Please consider being a calendar supporter and check the enclosed materials to do so.

This summer, the Trenton Historical Society joined the information super highway. With the invaluable assistance of Paul Gallagher of Wyandotte, we launched our website at www.trentonhistoricalsociety.org. While our website is still in its infancy, we are very proud of it and would appreciate your comments and suggestions. We have three searchable databases and are looking to add others in the future.

Email your suggestions, complaints or thoughts to the Historical Society at carol.hendricks@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers
Cheerfully Accepted
Call Pauline at 676-3589
or
Carol at 676-4375

WANTED
PICTURES- Do you have any old pictures of Trenton people and places? If so, we would like to make a copy of them and return the originals to you.

STORIES - short or long of your memories of Trenton.

TRENTON SCHOOL memorabilia.

ABSTRACTS of Trenton homes and businesses.

OLD TRENTON BUSINESS memorabilia, letterhead, receipts, log books, etc.

AT YOUR SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY

Visit the Veterans Memorial Library for a valuable service. Historical Society members will assist you in researching your family history in the Local History Room, the first Tuesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library visit:
www.trenton.lib.mi.us

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Our collection of Trenton High School yearbooks is nearly complete and can be examined at the Local History Room at the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library. There is an abundance of

resource materials at the library.

THANK YOU

The Trenton Historical Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Joanie Ambrun of Vancouver, Washington for finding and safeguarding photographs and letters pertaining to Trenton. We appreciate all the efforts you made to get these to their proper home.

Congratulations to the 50th Homecoming Celebration Committee for organizing a very successful weekend event. Trenton High School which has been graduating students for 107 years from 3 different buildings has a right to be very proud. Thanks for all your great work.
