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40th Birthday Celebration

ORMOND BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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“Sharing the Rich History of Ormond Beach through Education and Preservation”

Hello, OBHS -

We've got a great August and September planned for you!



**Calling All Members and Future Members!
Come to our Member Appreciation**

Summer Sizzler

**Drinks and hors d'oeuvres –
And it's FREE!**

Friday, August 19, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the 40th anniversary of OBHS!

*And Y'all Don't Want to Miss
Our Third Annual*

Key West Party



*Jimmy Buffett Music by Harryoke!
Saturday, September 10, 6-10 p.m.*

**Both Events at the
Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building**

See Inside for More info



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Summer Sizzler

*It's our annual
Member Appreciation Party!*

Stop by, bring a friend – or two

Enjoy a drink and light refreshments and find out what's happening at the Society.

**And join us to celebrate the
40th anniversary of OBHS.
We'll have a 40-year OBHS timeline,
historic pictures and more!**

You may even find a volunteer opportunity just right for you to get involved.

**It's FREE - but call 386-677-7005 or email
office@OrmondHistory.org if you are coming.**

**See you at the historic
Anderson-Price Memorial Building
42 N. Beach Street
Friday, August 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**



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Come on, OBHS! Let's all party at
the
Third Annual
Key West Party

Jimmy Buffett Music by Harryoke!
Saturday, September 10, 6-10 pm



Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building
42 North Beach Street - Ormond Beach

Tickets - \$40 per person
One Free Drink ~ Island Fare Buffet
Seating is Limited!!! Call 386-677-7005
For your reservations
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And Remember...
It's Five O'Clock Somewhere

A Taste of Ormond: Treasured Family Recipes and Restaurant Fare

Looking for new recipes for summer?

Visiting friends this summer? It makes a wonderful "thank you" gift too!

This beautiful and unique cookbook, full of **800 delectable** recipes compiled by the Ormond Beach Historical Society in honor of our local traditions and the Centennial of the Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building (1916-2016).

\$22 plus tax (members get 10% discount)



Stop by our Gift Shoppe at the historic MacDonald House for the cookbook and other wonderful gift ideas as well.

Here's a sample of a delicious summer recipe from Abbe Letendre (page 96):

Quinoa Kale Salad

5 c. fresh kale, finely chopped 1/2 c. Caesar dressing, divided
 1 c. quinoa 1/3 tsp. each: kosher salt, freshly ground pepper
 2 1/4 c. chicken stock or broth 1/2 c. feta cheese, crumbled

Place stock and quinoa in large stockpot. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to low; simmer 15 mins. Meanwhile, remove stems from kale; chop leaves. Stir kale into quinoa and cover; cook 8 more minutes. Transfer mixture to a large serving bowl; fluff with fork and let stand to cool slightly. Stir in 1/4 cup dressing, salt and pepper. Drizzle remaining 1/4 cup dressing over top; sprinkle with cheese, and it's ready to serve.

Volunteers

The OBHS runs on volunteers. So, we need you!

Almost any skill or interest is welcome and helps make the OBHS diverse and interesting. Food preparation, administrative and computer skills, building the float for the holiday parade, landscaping and gardening, photography, cupola docent, and so much more. You don't have to join a committee or be a member of OBHS. You can volunteer when needed, maybe just once or twice a year. Or you can become a regular monthly or even weekly volunteer. Volunteering is a great way to meet other OBHS members and to learn what's going on in OBHS.



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What's the latest from our Preservation Committee, which oversees the Three Chimneys, and other historic sites around Ormond Beach?

Summertime is here and the Preservation Committee is undertaking its monthly Three Chimneys clean-up to keep this historic site well-maintained and preserved along state archaeological standards. The Three Chimneys is a state archaeological site that is on the National Register of Historic Places. As an educational resource in the heart of our community, the Ormond Beach Historical Society is proud to maintain and promote the site and to keep it presentable year-round for tours.

Summertime is an ideal time to visit the Three Chimneys, along with the other historic sites on the Historical Society's bus tour. Contact the Historical Society's office at (386) 677-7005. Our tour guides give a first-class presentation about our community's history, and the Three Chimneys tour presents itself as a visit back into Florida's colonial history. There's quite a story to tell.

Our recently constructed boiling house canopy is receiving a bronze dedication plaque as a gift from the Lohman family. There will be more on that in the next Newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the Preservation Committee or serving on the monthly Three Chimneys service crew, please contact Dr. Shapiro at pjsdpm@yahoo.com.

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Lines on the Old Tom Cat



William F. Fagen wrote a lot of poems about early Ormond. One of his best known is called "Lines on the old Tom Cat" which he dedicated to John Halifax (whose real name was John Anderson).

The "Tom Cat", built by Samuel Dow, was the first sailboat built in the Ormond region and was widely used by the early settlers of the colony called New Britain.

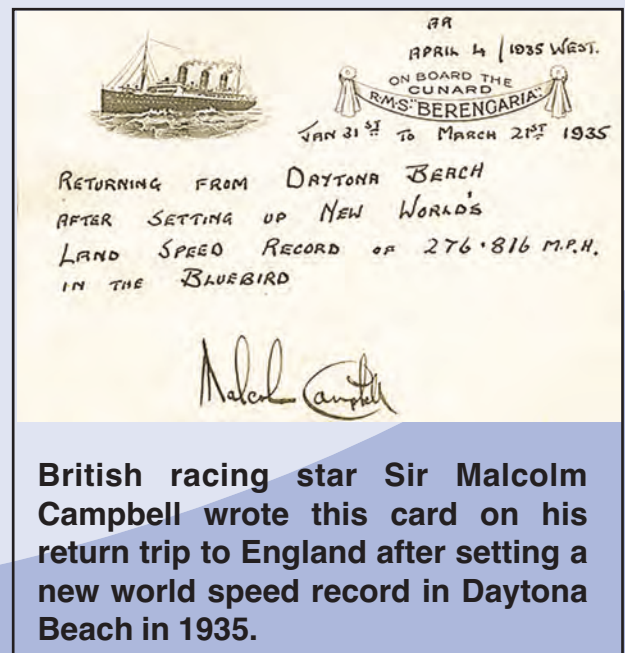
It was capsized twice, dismasted twice, sunk once and was once struck by lightning.

Here are the words Billy Fagen wrote:

"Lines on the Old Tom Cat"

Near the orange grove on the knoll's broad rim
 Stands Trapper's Lodge like a sentry grim;
 With low wide roof and rain washed eaves
 That are kissed all night by sweet bay leaves.
 And the vines cling close to each old log side
 And peep through the chinks at the glow inside
 Where the theme of many a laugh and chat
 Was the sailing points of the old "Tom Cat."
 Now the night is fine and the breezes mute -
 From Hammock House sounds forth a flute -
 The waves afar from the ocean roar
 And the lamps shine bright on the Ormond shore.
 So I take a stroll on the winding bank
 Where the reeds are tall and the flags grow rank,
 Where the heron stands and the water rat
 Hides near the wreck of the old "Tom Cat."
 The frayed out ropes on the boom slow wave
 Like deadened vines o'er a lonely grave.
 On its rusty pins the rudder shifts
 And the tiller close to the sedges drifts,
 And when nights are dark and the winds are still,
 When the songbirds nest (save the whippoorwill).
 The hooting owl and the darksome bat
 Hover close to the hulk of the old "Tom Cat."

On the Halifax coast both far and near
 Amongst the boats 'tis the pioneer.
 Like its namesake, too, its lives are nine -
 Ah, it has a record of auld lang syne!
 Let lightnings shiver and northers rave
 Like a sprite it comes from a seeming grave.
 From Tomoka fair to the Hillsboro flat
 All know at a distance the old "Tom Cat."
 Its moldering bow is seamed and checked
 Like a forehead old with wrinkles decked.
 And its rakish mast, like a ghostly hand
 Points far above to the starry land
 As if to tell, if tell it could,
 When its sides were stout and its timbers good,
 Of some who oft on its rails have sat
 Who have gone from life and the old "Tom Cat."
 And now as I gaze at its old worn side
 And the stern half sunk by the sluggish tide
 At each stay and halyard one by one
 It seems like a man when his work is done.
 Then I think of the days of the olden time
 When the leech ropes sang to the wind's wild
 rhyme,
 When with pennant floating the sails trimmed fat
 A goodly sight was the old "Tom Cat."
 Let me drink a toast to the old "T. C.",
 To her skipper's health and prosperity.
 I fill up a beaker - a cocoanut shell -
 And drink to both from the flowing well.
 Here's a health to the town, old Ormond fair,
 Its lads and lasses, no matter where,
 And a good deep draught to the toiler that
 Are a little used up like the old "Tom Cat."



British racing star Sir Malcolm Campbell wrote this card on his return trip to England after setting a new world speed record in Daytona Beach in 1935.

Open the Doors to Ormond Beach's Historic Treasures!

The Ormond Beach Historical Society invites you to take a tour, hear a lecture, see the sights of the "Birthplace of Speed," where early 20th century race cars competed on the beach, 18th and 19th century sugar mills turned sugar cane into molasses and rum, and 17th century Native Americans lived amid the natural splendor of east central Florida.

Visit Us!

At the MacDonald House, Ormond Beach's Welcome Center and Museum

Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop

38 East Granada Boulevard

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Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

See historical photographs and literature, visit our Merchandise Shoppe offering a selection of DVDs and books on local and Florida history, postcards, Birthplace of Speed T-shirts, caps, and more for purchase.

Don't miss our 20-minute local history video, Ormond Discovery

Scenic Bus Tours

Ride in an air-conditioned bus to discover the hidden historical gems of Ormond Beach. Our tour includes 30 sites on the route – the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the way, and lasts about two hours, guided by a friendly, knowledgeable Historical Society volunteer tour guide.

Tours are offered 2-3 times per month.

Adults \$20; OBHS members \$18; Children (5-12) \$7

Reservations required, space is limited;

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for dates and times.

Hotel Ormond Cupola

Visit the remaining portion of the Hotel Ormond in Fortunato Park (northeast corner of the Granada Bridge) to see pictures and memorabilia about the hotel. No charge. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4 pm, September through May.

Anderson-Price Memorial Building

This historic building at 42 N. Beach Street is owned by OBHS and can be rented for weddings, receptions, luncheons, business meetings, etc.

Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for reservations or questions.



The MacDonald House
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Mark Your Calendars – EVENTS TO ATTEND

The Florida Humanities Speaker Series presentations are at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach. Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, with questions, or check our website, www.OrmondHistory.org.

Saturdays – Scenic Historical Bus Tours, August 13, September 17, November 5, December 17;

Thursdays, October 20, November 17, December 1, 9:45 a.m. – Leaves from The Casements. Reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20.

Friday, August 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m. – Summer Sizzler, Our Membership Appreciation Celebration...and OBHS's 40th Birthday Celebration – Come help us celebrate! RSVP to 386-677-7005.

Saturday, September 10, 6 – 10 p.m. – Key West Party – Jimmy Buffett music by Harryoke, with great food and drinks! Come party with us!!!

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. – The Florida Humanities Speaker Series begins, Refreshments at 9:30 – Topic is "The Battle Over the Apalachicola Flint Water Basin" presented by Tom Berson.

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. – Florida Humanities Speaker Series, "How Florida Contracted Manatee Insanity" presented by Craig Pittman.

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. – Florida Humanities Speaker Series, "Florida at War: A Living History Presentation", presented by Betty Jean Steinshouer.

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 10th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes – See spectacularly decorated homes in the historic New Britain area.