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President's Letter

Once again we have all survived another hurricane! Hopefully most of you suffered just minor inconveniences. I do know of others that have huge problems with trees of great circumference down on your property. This cleanup and rebuilding may go on for months and especially AIA road to the north of our City.

Our Society is a great team and 18 of them were out cleaning up the Three Chimney's site. One large cedar tree fell and blocked the entrance but otherwise we escaped relatively unscathed in there. We have had to rearrange a few meetings and cancel one Loop Tour but as a whole, we are carrying on with our mission of education and preservation of our history.



President Pat Sample inspecting fallen tree in OBHS member Ann Kashmer's yard.

Our impudence in the upcoming month will be the "kick off" fund raising party to support the preservation of the MacDonald House. Bill Jones and his wife, Jan will be sponsoring this event at their Club 31 restaurant on

November 14th, 2016. We are grateful for their support of this historic building and the museum we hope that it will house in the future. There have been underground rumblings to have it torn down. The city owns this building and as was the effort to save the Casements, we are trying to convince the City Fathers to save it. Bill Jones has made great strides preserving a major part of Granada Boulevard and we are grateful for his support. This building is one of three remaining Queen Anne structures in Ormond Beach, and one of the few original structures that have seen our history pass by its windows. Even in its very rough condition today, it survived hurricane Mathew! Mother Nature and OBHS will not see it die. In our future efforts, we may put out a call to our members and citizens to support its survival through fundraisers and meetings with City Hall. When we do, I hope that you will see the importance of preserving our history and answer our call!

Pat Sample



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Member Notice...

OBHS members, we're sorry to announce that this will be the last issue of our quarterly newsletter. The main reasons for this change are time required by OBHS volunteers and duplication of effort - The History Happenings website publication tells of upcoming events; historical stories and pictures are included on our Facebook page and our website.

If you don't get History Happenings, contact our MacDonald House office, 386-677-7005. To see our Facebook page, type "Ormond Beach Historical Society" in the Facebook Search block. And if you haven't checked out our website recently, go to OrmondHistory.org.

We're also planning an *OBHS Update* email letter, probably twice a year, which would include a "What's happening" letter from the OBHS president and some history articles. Although sent out by email in color, it will be mailed to OBHS members without email addresses.

More on the History of our Newsletter...

The first issue was in 1998 with Don Bostrom and Jennifer & Stephen Funk as co-editors. Gordon Kipp, an old newspaper man himself, wrote countless historical articles over the years, and became editor around 2000. Linda Lampman and Tom Massfeller took over as co-editors beginning in the winter, 2005 issue; the newsletter was enlarged to eight pages, with more room for committee activities. Candy Mount became co-editor with Massfeller for the fall 2014 issue. Candy also had years of experience in newspaper publishing and gave the newsletter a more professional look.

Of course we must also thank Kim Barker, our setup expert at Wright Printery. She's the one that designed the beautiful layout of the newsletter.

Over the years we've provided a balance of event information, both past and future – and we've included at least one history story in each issue. We plan to save some of these stories of our past on our website.

For now, take a look at the "History" section of our website... a lot of research was done on topics from the Timucua Indian Burial Site to The Birthplace of Speed. And check out the Historical Pictures section!

Keeping History Alive...



Associated Dermatologists, located at 125 W. Granada, will display 14 area historic pictures donated to the business by Editor Tom Massfeller. If you would like pictures for your business, contact Tom Massfeller at 386-615-1635.



What's Happening at the MacDonald House?



Suzanne Heddy, our Executive Director at the MacDonald House, is retiring – she leaves us a week before Christmas. Let's all wish her the best!

Suzanne has worked with us since 2009 and is quite knowledgeable regarding historical facts in Daytona and Ormond Beach. She worked at the Halifax Historical Museum and the Museum of Arts and Sciences before OBHS.

Suzanne is a third generation Floridian, and the last person born to a family living at the Ponce de Leon Inlet lighthouse where her father was the lighthouse keeper. She and her husband, Ron, live in Ormond Beach.

She has decided to retire to spend more time with her husband, who retired earlier in the year.

In Search of a Ship's Figurehead

The Historical Society was contacted several years ago by Mr. Richard Hunter of South Yorkshire, England. Mr. Hunter has been a figurehead historian for more than 30 years; see his website at www.figureheads.co.uk.

His request to us was to help locate a figurehead from the Greek vessel "Helene". He tells us that the figurehead belonged to a Mr. George A. Zabriskie, who lived in a home called "the Doldrums" in Ormond Beach in the 1940s. The figurehead stood in the garden of Mr. Zabriskie's home.

The home is beachfront on Ocean Shore Boulevard, a couple blocks North of Granada, and now belongs to Ron Rice. Rice, of Hawaiian Tropic fame, lives in the house just to the south of the Doldrums, at 175 Ocean Shore Blvd.

Mr. Zabriskie died in the '50s, and household items, possibly including the ship's figurehead, may have been auctioned off before the house was sold.

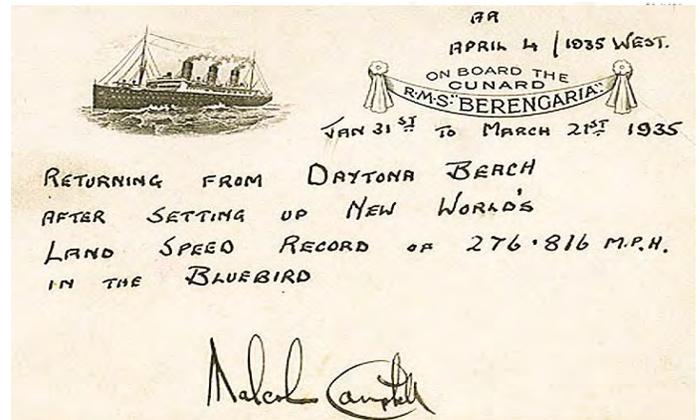
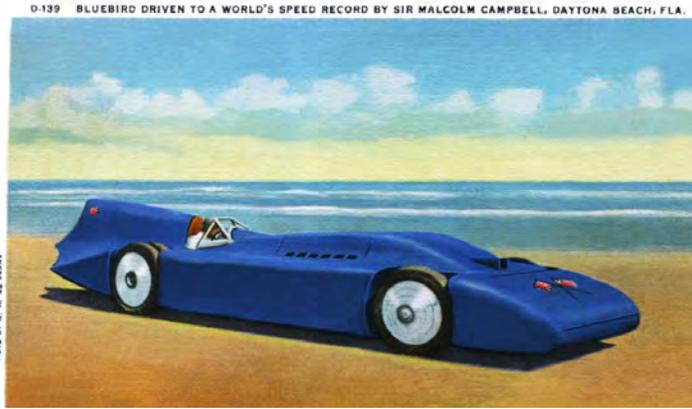
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1935 Postcard, Front and Back



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.

The photo on the postcard is by Richard H. LeSesne, a well-known local racing photographer for more than 40 years, beginning in the early 1900s. He became famous for his beach racing photos and was the town's official photographer for those events. Two of his assistants, Max Ansorge and Max Massfeller, emigrated from Germany in the 1920s; both had previous photographic experience. They were great uncle and grandfather, respectively, of OBHS newsletter Editor Tom Massfeller.

After LeSesne's death in 1946, a number of his racing photos were purchased and displayed in the Smithsonian Institute. Bill France, Sr. purchased much of his collection in October 1951.

Note that the photo has been upgraded to bring back color and eliminate scratches.

Much of this information is based on an article by Dick Punnett in the Halifax Herald Magazine, winter 2006 issue.

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Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

Following is a list of the historical society's standing committees, those that are always active. Others such as the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, or the Bylaws Committee are appointed occasionally to cover one specific task.

If any readers are interested in joining any of our committees, contact our office at the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, or email www.OrmondHistory.Org.

The **Budget & Finance Committee** prepares the annual budget, monthly financial reports and grant applications.

The **Education Committee** is responsible for creating and directing programs related to area history.

The **Fundraising and Special Events Committee** recommends and coordinates fundraising activities including the annual meeting and merchandise sales.

The **Museum Committee** is responsible for overseeing the mission and operation of the MacDonald House, the Cupola, the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, and any other OBHS museum sites.

The **Preservation Committee** has been busy this week cleaning up around the Three Chimneys. They cleaned up Saturday morning; professional tree trimmers will come in soon for the big cuts. In addition to the Three Chimneys the committee advises the Board of activities of other historic sites.

The **Publicity & Public Relations Committee** oversees all printed and electronic marketing materials to ensure proper and consistent use of name and logo, and issues news publications.

Hotel Ormond News Flash

An area history buff has found a picture of the Hotel Ormond under construction in 1887.

A framed print of this picture may be seen at the MacDonald House.



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.

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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.

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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.

Scenic Historical Bus Tours - Saturdays – November 5, 19, December 17; **Thursdays**, November 17, December 1, 9:45 a.m. – Leaves from The Casements, reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20.

Saturday, November 19, Florida Humanities Speaker Series - 10 a.m., Refreshments at 9:30 — *“Florida at War: A Living History Presentation”*, Presented by Betty Jean Steinshouer.

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 10th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – See spectacularly decorated homes in the historic New Britain area.

Saturday, January 28, 2017, Florida Humanities Speaker Series, 10 a.m., Refreshments at 9:30 – *“The Way We Worked”*, a history of labor in Florida, by Dr. Steve Noll

Sunday, February 5, 2017, Old Florida Plantation Tour, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Start at Bulow Plantation, \$10 – OBHS Members, \$12 – non-members

Saturday, February 18, 2017, Florida Humanities Speaker Series, 10 a.m., Refreshments at 9:30 – *“Women of the American Revolution: Lost Voices of America’s First Generation”*, by Dr. Roger Smith

Saturday, March 25, 2017, Florida Humanities Speaker Series, 10 a.m., Refreshments at 9:30 – *“Cassadaga: Speaking of the Dead”*, by Gary Monroe

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Three Chimneys Open House – Come to this free family event for the rededication of the Boiling House Canopy and hear our plans for further expansion of the site.