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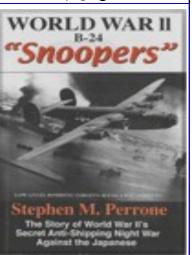
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We meet on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October - at 7:30pm

OUR NEXT MEETING – Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 17th at 7:30pm in the Air Conditioned Haddon Heights Library- Lower Level. Our presenter is the author of the book pictured to the right of this article. Stephen M. Perrone was one of the World War II B-24 "Snoopers". He served in the Pacific Theater, flying in a black-painted night bomber B-24 Snooper Squadron on low level, anti-shipping combat missions. His flight time totaled 495 hours, 10 minutes; representing 37 separate missions.

The final product of his three years of intensive research is a 296 page book which pulls together recollections, diaries, documents and hundreds of stories described by the crew members of these planes; most of whom were in their twenties at the time. It is hard to believe, but there were actually three Snooper crews scouring the Pacific under the direction of 19-year old Plane Commanders!! Please make plans to join us for this first hand account of the secret night missions of the B-24 "Snoopers". Autographed copies of the book will be available for sale.



<u>Uncle Sam Wanted YOU.....</u>— Despite an early morning shower, a few intrepid members of our Historical Society Board ventured forth to represent your Society in the Independence Day Parade. This year, my car "Florence" and I were joined by my niece Melody who rode in the Rumble seat. We fielded three classic cars and four Society



members... Not a very good showing by this Editor's account; when the cars nearly outnumber the marchers. However, the Board members who came out to represent your Historical Society were quite enthusiastic and had a great time!

In addition to my 1929 Model A Ford Sport Coupe decorated with 27 American Flags, we also featured a 1931Four Door Model A Sedan driven by Mark Zimmerman of Mt. Laurel, and a 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda driven by Jim Mercurio of Haddon Heights. Please see page 2 for more photos from this year's celebration!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT— 2007 Annual Membership dues are still only \$8.00, and should now be paid. Membership includes free attendance at Quarterly meetings as well as the Historical Society newsletter. DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND... Make sure your membership is current. You benefit from our effort... let the Historical Society benefit from yours! A "Household" membership, which includes all members of the family within the household, is only \$12.00 per calendar year. Single Membership is still available for only \$8.00.

(Chateau Chenonceaux-left and the Eiffel Tower- right)



<u>HOUSE PORTRAITS</u>—Create your own piece of history and a future family heirloom with a painting of your home. Original watercolor painting is 16" X 20" double-matted & framed with your choice of natural wood frames, at the reasonable price of \$130. "Picture" your historic home or the home of someone you love!

"YOU'VE GOT E-MAIL......" We continue to build our e-mail address book. Please let us know your e-mail address so we can add it to our list. Our future plans include e-mailing important messages, upcoming events, and even this newsletter to our members. Please contact us with your preferred e-mail address through the Historical Society web site: IACK@HHHISTORICAL.ORG We hope to hear from you!

More July Fourth Festivities...



<u>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE</u> As we bask in the glow of the 4th of July parade, I'd like to thank Ken Funkhouser for continuing to support the Historical Society

with his 1929 Ford antique auto, "Florence" and his timely choice of a popular Beatles tune from the 1966 Revolver album (Tax Man), for parade music. I was fortunate enough to be able to see the joy on small children's faces along the parade route as they exclaimed "Wow...look at the neat old car!" and then hear them laughing as Ken went by and "AAH..OOOO..GAAHHHHH"d them with his horn. (contin. on pg. 3)

President's Message-Continued

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Fred Missimer for laying out and producing our flyer which was handed out by Joan Rossler and Jan Ewing to approximately 500 parade-watchers. The handout features our speaker for July 17, Stephen Perrone; The Ideal Suburb and our other merchandise items; awareness of our Local History Award; as well as the Haddon Heights rendition of the famous "I Want You" Uncle Sam poster (See pg.1) to bring attention to our ongoing membership campaign. The remaining flyers will be placed at John's Friendly Market and the Library, along with a few other local establishments.

Speaking of membership, I'd like to confirm the relationship between membership and receiving the Quarterly newsletter. Your membership expiration date is shown on your newsletter address label. If your current year dues are not paid, the expiration is highlighted by the newsletter editor as a reminder that your dues are in arrears. If you have not paid your dues by the 2nd newsletter of the year (April), your address label will not print due to the way the list is prepared. The intent is not to upset folks, just to provide a little motivation to stay active and write your membership check. The cost of copying and mailing newsletters to each member is currently \$5.79/year, which represents about 72% of the \$8.00 dues.

You can see that if we continue to mail newsletters to inactive members whose dues are in arrears, it creates a drain on the Society's budget and our ability to move forward on other projects. Since I too, have been the recipient of a highlighted address label, I understand how easy it is to forget to write the check or to carry out the mental note to handle it in the near future. However, before automatically dropping names from the mailing list, one of our members should probably make a phone call to the members in arrears. So I have a request – would someone please volunteer to contact the handful of "members" that have recently been dropped from the mailing list? Jan Ewing can provide you with the list, and you can call her before the meeting at 546.0391 or talk to me on the 17th.

Remember, without you...we're history! Marshall Hatfield

GREAT HADDON HEIGHTS MERCHANDISE!!- We still



have a good supply of several nice and useful items featuring artist and architectural renderings of historic buildings in Haddon Heights. The "Wine Carrier" bag is \$12, and the handy "Tote Bag" is \$15. Buy Both... for \$25.00. The Tea Towel is only \$8.00. Purchase them at the meeting, or look for them also at the following local stores: Chocolate Heaven, April Robin Florist, and at the Library. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.



IDEAL SUBURB: HADDON HEIGHTS REMEMBERED- This long anticipated update of our



original publication contains information and reminiscences about growing up in Haddon Heights during the first half of the twentieth century. The new edition of this great keepsake book contains over 200 photos, including recent ones from the town's centennial celebration, as well as a look back at business and civic ads from the past. "The Ideal Suburb" will be available for purchase at the meeting on July 17th for the low price of \$24.95. I encourage you to buy your copies of this award winning book now! This great collection of local history would make a wonderful gift for anyone interested in Haddon Heights history!!

Coming Events Calendar

7/17- Next General Membership Meeting

10/6 Annual Fall Festival & Antique Discovery Day- Station Ave.

10/16 Fall General Membership Meeting Election of Officers

Ongoing Projects Needing Volunteers

H.H Town & Business Directories Data entry, verifying & collating—we have three H.H. Business Directories (1950, 1953, and 1960) looking for someone to input them into our database.

Marketing of H.H. Historical Society Items-Elena Hill- Develop merchandise to sell. Fall Festival Volunteers needed- Help us sell our merchandise or assist with the Antique Discovery Day

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* Welcome to New Board Members / Assistants!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Bob Hunter

and Peter Hill are looking for members interested in

serving on the Historical Society Board as full members or Assistants to the Board for 2008. Nominations are still open and will be discussed at our summer meeting. Please get involved with YOUR Society! Contact Bob Hunter at the Library (547-7132) to be considered.

WHAT'S ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEB SITE? - Our Society website, at

WWW.HHHISTORICAL.ORG is vibrant and growing!! There are new features, recent and historical photographs, past newsletter issues, as well as items of historical interest. So, go online and take a look! See how your Society and our town are represented to the world on the Internet.

!!!! THANKS for listening ... Drop me a line. Share some history! Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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