



CHITTENDEN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WINTER 2010

SUMMER and FALL MEETINGS

July

An Ice Cream Social, award presentation and membership drive created an interesting evening. The winner of the 2010 Barstow Muzzy Davenport Award, Dermot Hughes, presented his project on the Baird rifle. A member rushed home to return with a honest-to-goodness Baird rifle. 15 new members joined.

August

Bill Powers gave an exciting program of the 1957 crash of an Army L-20 plane in the mountains of North Chittenden and the site's rediscovery in 2008. He shared information on the pilot's family as well as a surprise guest.

September

Remember When Night inspired some pleasant reminiscing about local history: the iron mines on the eastern side of town, roads. Recent donations of photos and books to the society were shared.

October

Our annual potluck supper and speaker was held at the Grange Hall. Michael Tougias was the VT Humanities Council speaker with "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River" accompanied by beautiful slides

November

Annual business meeting and election of officers: president, Bob Webster; vice-president, Bob Muzzy; Treasurer, Martha Welch; secretary, Karen Webster, trustees, Bob Muzzy (2011), Reggi Dubin (2012) and Newt Wetmore (2012). We were very saddened to lose trustee Elmer Wheeler this past summer. At this moment his position (2011) remains open



Dermot Hughes with project



Everyone crowds around to see the Baird rifle

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www.chittendenshistory.org

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT NEWS

Cataloguing

The mission of the Historical Society is preservation of town history and also sharing of that history. The cataloguing function continues in arranging the collection into easily recognized and retrievable areas. Genealogical information and other references are being incorporated into family files for those doing family research. Photos are being digitized for preservation. Some of the Society's photos are more than 100 years old. These older ones will be placed in the archives, and the newer copies will be available for viewing. Also, with the digitation, the Society will be able to offer copies of these old prints to interested individuals.

A new initiative is collecting pictures from along each road in town. Newer pictures are placed alongside vintage ones to show the changes in the town's landscapes and buildings over time. If you have any photos to share, please let us know. We can scan them in and return your original while you wait.

Cemetery

Our interest in preserving the town's old cemeteries continues after completion of the mapping of Wetmore Cemetery, begun as a Boy Scout Troop 105 in Rutland as an Eagle Scout's project. Next, we will start a mapping project in the Bump Cemetery. The mapping projects will be directed by George Butts, surveyor and Chittenden Cemetery Commissioner.

We would like to sponsor some appropriate plantings, also, with plants that do not outgrow their bounds. If anyone would like to help with these projects, please contact the Society.

Grange Hall

Will this ever be finished? That is what we ask ourselves as we enter another year of restoration. This year we plan to repair the roof, insulate the upper floor, and install a Vermont Park and Ride parking lot. We have a grant from the Vermont Department of Transportation for the parking lot, and a stimulus grant Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Vermont Department of Energy to insulate the walls and weatherize the windows. There is no insulation in the upper floor now, so this will make a huge difference. The Vermont Community Foundation has also contributed towards this year's projects.

We thank the Select board, Preservation Trust, The Vermont Cultural Coalition, The Windham Foundation, the Vermont Community Foundation and Chittenden residents for their help in renovation

The lower level of the Grange Hall is available for private rental for a very reasonable cost. Contact Karen Webster 483-6471 to schedule an event.

We wish to thank all who contributed by baking and/or purchasing items at the Election Day Bake Sale!

*The Chittenden Historical Society meets on the second Thursday of the month,
March through December at 7:30 pm in Town Hall.
Visitors and new members are welcome!*

Boiling Spring

In late June, several members of the historical society joined Walk Rutland for a hike from Mountain Top Inn to find the fabled Boiling Spring, the headwaters of Kiln Brook and the Proctor water supply. The search was long and arduous, but successful. There, water bubbles through sand and trickles out into a continuous stream. Boiling Spring is one of Chittenden's natural resources. According to oldtimers, two such springs are said to have once existed, but one is now under Chittenden Reservoir.



Boiling Spring surrounded by hikers in late June



MEMBERSHIP

We would love to have you join the Chittenden Historical Society. Pick the level where you feel most comfortable and fill out the form below and mail it with your payment to the Chittenden Historical Society, PO Box 89, Chittenden, VT 05737. Our thanks to all of you who have already answered.

Membership Levels

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| Student | \$ 3 |
| Senior | \$ 6 |
| Regular | \$ 10 |
| Contributing | \$ 20 |
| Supporting | \$ 60 |
| Life | \$150 |

Name

Address

Town

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail

Membership Amount Enclosed

Thank you for your generous support.

Watch for coming activities: Visitors are welcome and encouraged to come.

March 10, 2011 -- organizational meeting. 7:30 pm Town Hall

April 14 -- 7:30pm in Town Hall. George Butts, "President Eisenhower and the Spirit of Pittsford Mills"

May 12 -- program to be announced.

May 14 -- Spring hike: Repeat of last year's hike to the Green Tavern, New Boston

May 30 -- Memorial Day Observance at the Grange Hall at 11:00 am.

June 16 -- business meeting 7:30 pm Town Hall.

July 14 -- Ice Cream Social 7:30 pm at Town Hall, Muzzy-Davneport Award given

August 11 -- program to be announced

September 8 -- 7:30 pm in Town Hall. "Remember When" and business meeting

September 10 -- Fall hike: Iron Mines on Pittsfield border.

October 13 -- Vermont Humanities Speaker and potluck supper, Grange Hall. Vince Feeney, "Mad Matt the Democrat"

November 10 -- Annual Meeting and dinner. Place to be announced.

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