

TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8th Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the program is at 7 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

Speakers



Greg Mathis, who teaches and coaches at Zephyrhills High School, and who is also an alumni of that fine institution, was our speaker for the March meeting. His kindergarten teacher, Harriett Morton Weicht, was in attendance, and Greg began by giving her a shout-out for having been such a help to him in his first days away from his mother. His parents also attended our meeting, as well as his lovely wife, Carlotta. He spoke fondly of his formative years in our fine community, about his years working at The Pentagon, and about his return to the community he loves so much. Those who attended were truly blessed by Greg's presentation.

Our speaker for the April meeting is certainly no stranger to us. It seems we've been spending a good bit of time lately at the Abbott Station Restaurant. Jeff Meserve is owner and operator of this fine establishment, and he's also a member of our association. He's bound to speak a bit about himself and the restaurant, but he will also be talking about a dream he has of securing another caboose for our fair city. Given what an important role the railroads have played in the history of Zephyrhills, it's certainly a noble undertaking. We hope you'll come join us.



Thursday, April 23rd, is our next Ruby Tuesday Scholarship Fundraiser

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The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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FOUNDERS DAY PARADE 2015

Perhaps this year's parade should have been named The Clereen Morrill Brunty Extravaganza since she not only was the Grand Marshal but also marched with two other groups along the way. All kidding aside, it was a pretty good day for Clereen, and we're duly proud of her. We once again got an award, thanks in large part to Bob Porter and the FunT Car Club. Bob and Penny drove Clereen in the lead car, but others in the Porter family were among the club members who drove the vintage cars in the Zephyrhills Historical Association entry.



The award winners for this year's Founders Day Parade were:

Best Business Organization: Goin' Postal Zephyrhills

Best Youth Organization: Zephyrhills Little League

Best Marching Unit: Zephyrhills High School Bulldog Band

Best Mobile Home / RV Park: Bakers Acres

Best Car / Truck Unit: Zephyrhills Historical Association

Best Club Entry: Zephyr Zombies

Best Religious Organization: First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills

Best Display of Theme: Sundance 55+ Community

Best Overall: Sundance 55+ Community

People's Choice: Sundance 55+ Community

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ZHS Band



Zephyr Zombies

Here’s our entry for this year’s parade, according to Clereen and Main Street Zephyrhills:

Zephyrhills Historical Association

Proud to recognize ZHA Member and Grand Marshal

– Clereen Morrill Brunty –

Riding in a 1911 Ford Model T Tourabout

Driven by Bob Porter

 ZHA HONORS ROSEMARY TROTTMAN,
 FOUNDER OF THE ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION IN 1980.
 THIS YEAR THE SOCIETY IS CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF
 “PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF ZEPHYRHILLS”

Banner Carriers - Historical Members

Gail Geiger & Jo White

Walkers & Riders

President Jerry Pricher, Maryhelen Claque, Carolyn Dean, Polly Gill, Bill Kustes, Margie Partain, Penny Porter, Leo Wagner, Bob Most, Faye & Patrick Geiger, Marquesia, Marcelo Nobrega, Jr. & Mikaela Nobrega, Dolly Anderson, Kathy Graham, Alan King.

Car #1 1910 Ford Model T Roadster
 Driven by John Gallerani

Car #3 1924 Ford Model T Depot Hack
 Driven by Marcelo Nobrega

Car #5 1926 Ford Model T 4-Door Sedan
 Driven by Taila Nobrega

Car #7 1926 Ford Model T Speedster
 Driven by Alan King

Car #2 1919 Ford Model T Touring
 Driven by Ferman “JR” Geiger

Car #4 1925 Ford Model T Roadster
 Driven by Fran Newsome

Car #6 1926 Ford Model T Speedster
 Driven by Tom Graham

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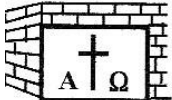


Vintage Founders Day

This article appeared in the Tampa Tribune on Mar. 9, 1960.

Miss Lynn Nichols was crowned Miss Zephyrhills tonight after winning the contest staged at the Municipal Auditorium to climax the two-day, golden anniversary Founder’s Day Festival. The new queen is the daughter of Mrs. R.R. Nichols and the late Mr. Nichols, and won the title over nine other girls competing in the finals of the contest, one of the features of the 11th annual Founder’s Day event. Chosen first maid was Miss Delores Jones, whose guardian is Mrs. Elizabeth Flemming, Miss Linda Freeburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeburg, was named second maid. More than 8,000 spectators jammed the city’s main street this morning to watch the longest parade in Zephyrhills history. Music of three bands—Pasco High School of Dade City, Gulf High School of New Port Richey and the hometown pride, Zephyrhills High School—enlivened the line of march.

Parade Officials: J. Robert Hinds was parade marshal; Freddy Peterson, famed Danish-born artist was the master of ceremonies for the fun and frolic event. He was joined on the reviewing stand by R.L. Bryan, Bartow, first secretary of the Zephyrhills Colony Company, the initial developer of the town; Mrs. Harry L. Rice, Mayor of Zephyrhills, and Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger. F. Earl Hart and C.A. (Biff) Hough were co-chairmen of the annual event sponsored by the Lions Club.

<p>CornerStone  Baptist Church 7th Street & 8th Avenue Come be our special guest Coffee & Donuts 10:30***** Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Dr. Neal Resue—Pastor *NealDoe1956@verizon.net</p>	<p>In Memory of Ryals Furniture Exchange And Great Parents Powell & Maude Ryals From son James God Bless America</p>
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Judges for the parade entries were Mrs. G.H. Whitman, Joe Collura and Pasco County Agricultural Agent, J.F. (Jimmy) Higgins, all of Dade City.

Prizes Awarded: Prizes were awarded by the Lions club in these categories: Best decorated out-of-town floats—Plant City Queen/Strawberry Festival, first; Dixie Lily Milling Company, second; and Culligan Soft Water Service, San Antonio, third. Hometown floats included: Bufferteria, Inc., first; Bank of Zephyrhills, second; and Joe Herrmann’s Inc, third.

Best decorated automobile—Gold Star Mothers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; oldest vehicle in the parade—PeniSaver stores oxen-driven rare schooner brought here by L.W. Wilson of Arodarko, Oklahoma; best decorated bicycle—David Guthrie; most typical mounted cowboy in the parade—Sandy Simons; most typical mounted cowgirl in the parade—Linda Reece.

Best pioneer costumed man in the parade—Owen Lefevre; best pioneer costumed woman in the parade—Mrs. Martha Windnagle.

Oldest in Residence: Woman living longest time in Zephyrhills was Mrs. Edwina Beaver, who came here as a baby from her native Hudson on March 10, 1910, eight days before Abbott changed its name to Zephyrhills. Man living longest time in Zephyrhills was G.R. (Bob Williams, who moved to Abbott from his native Delhi, Louisiana, on November 9, 1909.

Best matched horses and riders as a group were the Egypt Temple Shrine Patrol. Residents and visitors found themselves tossed into the “lions den” hoosegow and had to “fine” themselves out with coin of the realm, which went into the sponsoring group’s eyesight conservation fund. Everyone either watched or “joined” in as kiddies rode all manner of time-honored contraptions, ate cotton candy and popcorn and patronized food and drink booths manned by members of local organizations.

Talent Show: Miss Alice Zimmerman directed a talent show in the early afternoon and there was a pie-eating contest for youngsters. Mrs. Jody Evans pounded the ivories for the corn-huskers who furnished music for square dances and Virginia reels.

The festival got under way yesterday at the Zephyrhills West Elementary School in ceremonies in the new cafetorium at which County School Superintendent, Chester Taylor of Dade City officiated.

Street Dancing: Street dancing and community singing to lively music by Mrs. John Thompson on her electric organ played on the reviewing stand along with a 100-year old foot pedal reed organ played by Mrs. T.O. Mays who were also on the afternoon agenda. Mrs. Wynn Jones led the singing.

Preliminary judging of 27 beauty queen contestants took place at intermission time of “Scandals of ‘60,” a follies production by Zephyrhills Junior Woman’s Club with Mrs. Robert Ahrens as director in municipal auditorium last night.

Merle M. Bright, Mrs. A.J. Thompson, Mrs. Henry L. Kinnard, Jr. and Ralph Barefoot, served as judges and selected the finalists from whom the queens and maids were chosen. The ten finalists were: Karen Etter, Lynn Nichols, Linda Freeburg, Alice Faye Bemby, Sandra Pricher, Delores Jones, Margaret Ann Johnston, Ann Fazio, Carolyn Maddux and Janet Weicht.

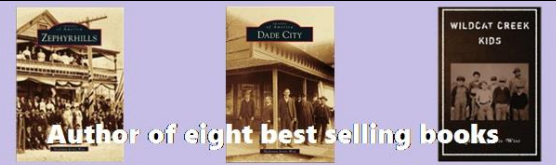

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Founders Day Parade Grand Marshals & Jr. Grand Marshals

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1914	Peter O. Bobb (Noted on Fivay.org website as "Parade Marshal")
1958	Robert Hinds
1960	J. Robert Hinds
1985	Rosemary Trottman
1987	Gloria Brown (City Council President)
1988	Freddy Peterson
2000	Gregg Hilferding
2002	Sam Surratt & Ryan Pickett (Jr Grand Marshal)
2003	Wayne & Buzzie Reutimann
2006	Trevor Gray
2007	Coach John Clements
2008	Helen Winters
2009	Madonna Jervis Wise
2010	CENTENNIAL YEAR - GRAND MARSHALS BY THE DECADES 1910 - George Neukom Jr. 1920 - Brantley and Buddy Smith 1930 - Nathan Geiger 1940 - Coach John Clements 1950 - Helen and Scott Winters 1960 - Clyde Bracknell and Bill McGavern 1970 - Sam Surratt 1980 - Nelson Ryman 1990 - Irene Dodson 2000 thru 2010 - Marcus and M.J. Price
2012	Greg First
2013	Dr. M.J. & Marcus Price
2014	Tyler "T.J." Jeffries
2015	Clereen Morrill Brunty & Brooke Thomas (Jr Grand Marshal)

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