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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., followed by a regular business meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

### Speakers



Our speaker for the March meeting was Lance Smith, current City Councilman and lifelong resident. He shared with us a work-in-progress about the Smith family in our area. He took us all the way back to the 1840s and took us to his parents and their siblings. It was a fascinating journey, and well worth our while. Lance has roots that go deeply into our community, and it was a real pleasure to have him come share some of this information with us. I feel proud just to know him, and I know many others in our organization feel the same.

Our speaker for the April meeting will be William Poe, Jr. who currently works with Steve Spina in the City Manager's Office. He was formerly the city manager for Dade City, but has returned to his hometown to be groomed to take over Steve's position upon his retirement. I know Billy quite well. He was on my track team at the middle school. His wife was my student. His parents were my classmates. His dad and uncle were team mates of mine in football, coached by the late, great John Clements. I've asked him to talk about his family. We will have him return after he takes over Steve's job!

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser**  
at **Sergio's Italian Restaurant** on Hwy. 54 West in **Zephyrhills**. We are meeting at 4 p.m.  
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#### ZHA Mission Statement

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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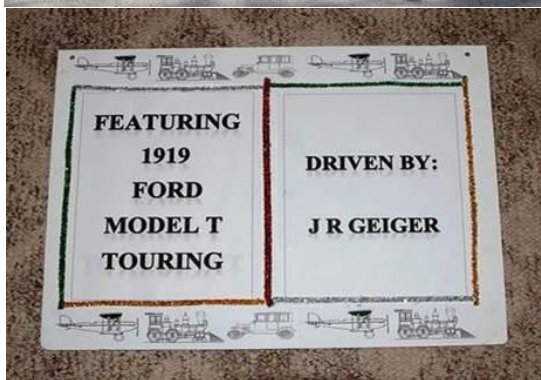
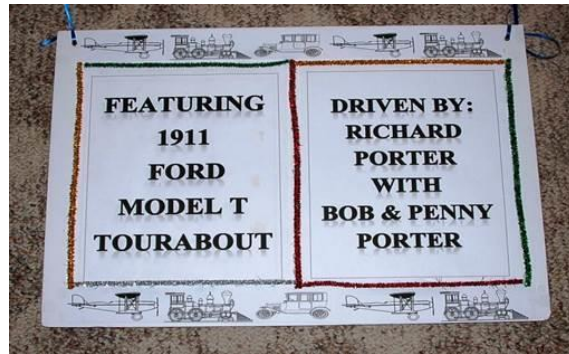
ZHA Members

Front: Anna Boone, Clereen Brunty – ZHS Class of 1973, Beverly Holmes, Jerry Pricher – ZHS Class of 1969, George Boone Back: Ray Alvarez, Bob Porter, Penny Porter (sitting inside the car), Andrew Nagy riding with American Legion and Patty Thompson riding with Ladies Shriners



Fun T Car Club

Drivers: Richard Porter, ZHS Class of 1976, Ferman Geiger Jr, ZHS Class of 1999, C. W. Hemingway, Charlie Volkening, Tom Graham, Marcelo Nobrega, Mark Morrison, Juan Chanquin, Allan Woodlee



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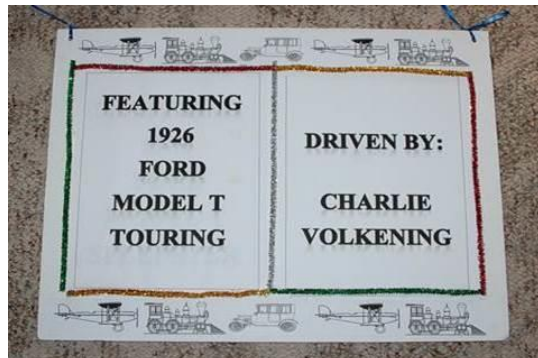
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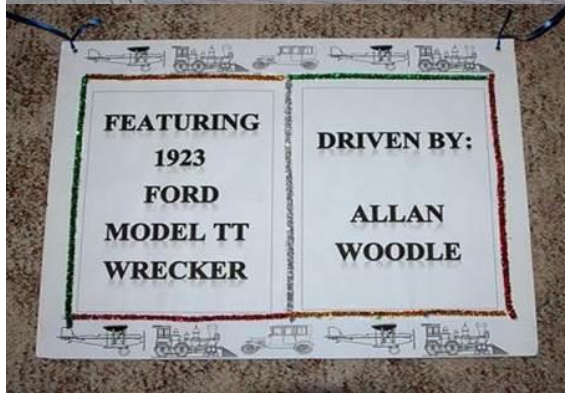
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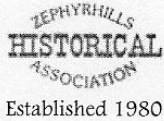
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## ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

The Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Jerry Pricher, who gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the February meeting were read by the Secretary and amended, as Beverly Holmes pointed out that participation in the Golf Tournament should read "\$40 to sponsor a hole" rather than \$45. Rod Rehrig made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Clereen Brunty and agreed to by the group.

The Treasurer's Report for February was given by Andrew Nagy. A motion to accept the Report was made by Beverly, seconded by Clereen and agreed to by all.

New member, Joe Radecki, introduced himself. He lives here 6 months and in Minneapolis the other 6 months.

Old Business: Fundraisers - Patty Thompson brought in flyers for the March 19, Rosemary Trotman Scholarship Fundraiser at Sergio's. We will meet at 4 P.M. but the flyers are honored the whole day from 11 A.M until 9 P.M. Patty suggested asking Leah if she wants to donate a Sergio's gift certificate to be presented to the Scholarship recipient with mention of Sergio's.

Patty has brought in tickets for a \$5 donation each toward a \$50 Olive Garden gift card. This will support the Scholarship Fund with the drawing to be held on May 7.

Regarding Founders Day, Patty has brought in placards with the trains and airplanes motif, as well as two safety vests for the walkers to wear. Bob Porter says there will definitely be 8 vintage vehicles and 2 probable ones. We are reminded to wear our ZHA t-shirts. Main Street will be notifying Patty tomorrow regarding the parade line-up.

Louie Holt is not present to talk about the Scholarship Committee. Andy and I agreed to be on the Committee and Clereen will ask Judy Gibson as well.

New Business: Andy asked when we will be doing the audit of the books. Clereen suggested some time after Founders Day and before our next business meeting. Clereen will set up a time and we will meet at her house.

Other New Business: Andy announced that on March 11 at 4:30 P.M. there will be a flag dedication in the new courtyard behind City Hall with the Zephyrhills Jr. ROTC participating.

Andy announced the St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner at the American Legion Post on March 16 from 5-9 P.M. The dinners are \$12.

Rod Rehrig reported that the 16th. Annual Marine Corps League Golf Tournament will be at Scotland Yard on March 30. It costs \$40 to sponsor a hole. The Association is sponsoring one.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Rod, seconded by Terry Lindsey and agreed to by the group. The business meeting concluded at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Anna V. Boone, Secretary, Zephyrhills Historical Association

Our guest speaker tonight is Lance Smith, a 6th Generation Zephyrhills native, telling of growing up here as well as family history.