

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society

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Newsletter

Sept. /Oct. 2012

Continuing to celebrate our City's 125 years of exciting history, join us in September and October for these events:

*Join us on Thursday September 20th at 7:00 PM
At the Historic Train Depot
160 E. Tarpon Avenue*

*For a presentation by Harry Cunningham
"The History of Marine Lights"*

*His collection of restored historic marine lights is
extraordinary and many are on display at the
Train Depot.*



“Pre-history, Archaeology and the Early Years”

Presentation by Dr. Brent Weisman from USF

October 20 at 4:00 PM

Heritage Museum

Beekman Lane in Tarpon Springs

(West on Tarpon Avenue, left at Spring Bayou, first street right)

Refreshments will be served

Life on the Anclote River – 1,000 Years Ago

Exhibit on display at the Historic Train Depot

160 E. Tarpon Ave.

Starting October 13 through December 15, 2012

For many centuries, ancient people enjoyed life along the Anclote River. Recent excavations give a window in time of how they lived. On display will be artifacts and interpretive panels.

Collection Corner

In the March 18, 1948 issue of the St. Petersburg Times there was an article about the Tarpon Springs “Jitneys.” It stated, “These little jitneys are as much a part of Tarpon Springs as the sponge divers and their sponges.” The oldest of those is owned by Kevito Ypsilantis who has been running it for 22 years. He said, “I bought that old jitney in 1926 and she is still going strong. A lot of people have been waiting for her to break down any day, but I’ll bet she will still be running when a lot of the others

are finished.” Passengers would ride the jitney from the docks to town and vice versa. They would laugh and talk in both Greek and English, tourists and natives alike. Sometimes the driver would take a regular rider, right to his or her doorstep with packages.

This jitney still exists and is 90 years of age. The board of the TSAHS voted to accept the jitney, not only as a gift but to store and restore it. You will be hearing a lot more in the days to come about our “jitney” project.



One of the jitneys in Tarpon Springs

Pinellas County Centennial Celebration

In 1885, when land was \$.25 an acre, Peter Demens created a railroad called the Orange Belt Railroad. Mark your calendar October 19 -28 and call for tickets to:

The Orange Belt Railroad by Richard J. Budin

Music Director: Mary Anne Boos

Largo Community Center- Studio A

400 Alt. Keene Road.

Largo Fl

For reservations call (727) 518-3131

Other Events coming up in October and November

- Board Meeting October 4@ 6:30
- Board Meeting November 1@ 6:30
- Student Art Display and Reception November 3 ~ TBA
- Program on Architecture November 10 @4 PM

**The Tarpon Springs Area
Historical Society invites
you to visit or revisit the
Historic Train Depot located
at 160 E. Tarpon Avenue
this fall! 727-943-4624**

