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LOST MOTION PICTURES OF BRANDYWINE SPRINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD!!

Tom Gears and **Ray Harrington** have finished editing the Edison films, and they're now available on DVD. These are the oldest existing motion pictures filmed in Delaware and show the park in its heyday. You can see the rides, trolley, the Baby Day parade when throngs of people jammed the park, and many other things. There are also some comedic short films probably produced by N. DuShane Cloward. The DVD is available in the **Wilmington & Western Railroad Gift Shop** for \$20. (Check the web site www.wvrr.com for the dates the Railroad is running.) If you can't get to the gift shop, you can order by mail. Send your name, address, phone number, and email address to: Wilmington & Western Railroad, Attention: DVD Sales, P.O. Box 5787, Wilmington, DE 19808, along with a check for \$25 (includes postage and handling) for each DVD ordered. Copies are limited, so order now!



We didn't know this Razzle Dazzle ride was in the park until we saw the Edison films.

2018 MEETING DATES

7:00 p.m., The Cedars Methodist Church

March 11	August 12
April 8	September 9
May 6	October 14
June 10	November 11
July 8	December 9

MARCH 11 - "Get Acquainted Night"

APRIL 8 - "Vignettes of Marshallton - Part 2" - Scott Palmer will continue his trip down Memory Lane with more vintage photos and recollections about the Marshallton area.

MAY 6 - Mike Ciosek will take us through the refurbishing and restoration of the **Red Clay Valley Visitors Center & Museum**.

Welcome New Member!
Elaine M. Clark

BRANDYWINE SPRINGS ON DATELINE NBC

Over Thanksgiving weekend **Mike Ciosek** received a phone call from a producer of Dateline NBC. She grew up in The Cedars and knew all about the amusement park. She was going to be in Wilmington to film something else and wanted to do a segment on the park. Mike met with the crew and toured the park for about 90 minutes, knowing the piece probably would be edited to about five minutes. We were told it would air on December 9. Unfortunately it never made the show but played on their Facebook page. In the first two days it had over 70,000 views! The link to see it is: <https://www.facebook.com/datelinenbc/videos/10155814475991420/>.

2018 ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG DATES

We plan to continue looking for the site of the Razzle Dazzle ride in 2018. We've come across some new information (*thanks to Angela Evans*) that has changed our thinking as to the location. Dig dates are: **April 7, May 5, June 9, July 7, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 17**. Meet us in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. or wander down at your convenience. We'll be working until about 3:00 p.m. Be sure to bring gloves because you're probably going to get your hands dirty!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again —time to renew your membership in FOBS! A renewal form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return it with your check by **March 31**. In the past some of you have elected to make a donation to FOBS in addition to your dues. Space has been provided on the form if you choose to do so. Remember FOBS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax deductible. Thanks in advance to those of you who donate a little extra!

IN MEMORIAM
Bill Newton
January 11, 2018

Our most sincere
condolences to
the Newton Family

This & That.... Mark your calendar for this year's picnic — **Saturday, September 29**. It will be in the Rudy Williams Pavilion with food at noon. Please let us know of any requests or suggestions for the day... Our Christmas party on December 3 was lots of fun. Of course, there was good food and lots of door prizes. Our thanks to **Bonnie Ardis, Ed Lipka, Irene Lipka, Lonzy Seymour, Sarah Dougherty, and Richard Gillis** for donating the door prizes. There were so many that everybody got at least one!... Election of 2018 officers and board members was held at the December meeting. Reelected were **Mike Ciosek**, President; **Ed Lipka**, Vice President; **Sandi Ciosek**, Secretary; **Diane Franklin**, Treasurer. Reelected to the Board for three-year terms were **Sarah Dougherty** and **Mel Schoenbeck**... The remodeling of the Red Clay Valley Visitors Center is still in progress. **Mike Ciosek** will show "before", "during", and "after" photos at our May 6 meeting. Stop by and take a look! We could use your help in staffing the Visitors Center. To volunteer, contact **Mary Simons** at **(610) 274-8949** or **mhsimons21@comcast.net** or **Sarah Dougherty** at **(302) 397-4476** or **doughertysarah@comcast.net**....

The Visitors Center was open for 52 days in 2017, with attendance of 1,560 folks, and donations of \$196.91... We lost long-time member **Bill Newton** in January. Our thanks to his daughter, new member **Elaine Clark**, for requesting in the obituary that donations be made to FOBS... Our 2018 work permit has been approved by NCC Special Services Department. If you plan to work in the park, get a copy from **Sandi**... **Mike Ciosek** will be giving park tours to a group from the University of Delaware Osher Center on April 20 and to a group from the Smithsonian on April 21... Don't forget to try the new audio tour of the park put together by **Leone Cahill-Krout**. Take your phone to the park and go to **izi.travel/en**. Choose **EXPLORE** and type **Brandywine Springs Park** in the search bar... **Wilmington & Western Railroad** has Engine #58 back in service after extensive repairs... An interesting article appeared in the January 18, 2018, issue of The News Journal about The White House on Newport Gap Pike. Built by **Richard Crook** in 1902, the 4,675-square-foot house and 2.55 acres are for sale for \$625,000.... If you're in need of a place to hold a family gathering, shower, meeting, etc., the hall at **The Cedars Methodist Church** is available for rental. Contact **Susan Bessel** at **(302) 593-5698**.... *Questions, comments, suggestions, contact Sandi at (302) 994-0536 or MikeCiosek@comcast.net.*

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2018 DUES ARE DUE!

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