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Without a past, there is no future

December Meeting, Social Event & Member- ship Drive —

The ACHGS December meeting was an open house social event and membership drive at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Liberty on Saturday, December 3, 2005, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The Little Red Schoolhouse "Music Room" was used for greeting attendees and registering visitors and new members. A wide assortment of excellent refreshments were available in the Conference / Meeting Room at the Library. A "living history" of Confederate re-enactors and equipment was displayed. Musical performance of patriotic and folk songs was attempted but the high winds that day put an early end to that. This proved to be a popular event with well over a hundred people attending. About 25 new members signed up at that time.

ACHGS Forum now online —

A forum, sometimes called a discussion board or message board, has been operative now for about three months. This was created to encourage exchange of information on Amite County history, genealogy, and culture. Unfortunately, we've had only twelve registrants join the forum thus far. We know there are far more members than this with internet access considering the number of e-mail addresses we have on file.

I would like to again encourage all internet-active ACHGS members to register for membership on the forum and contribute to it. Membership in the ACHGS is not required to join so pass the word to non-members that you might know with an interest in Amite County.

New Members: Welcome to the 4th issue of the ACHGS newsletter —

Welcome to the fourth issue of the ACHGS newsletter. This will be issued once per quarter as currently planned, but special, abbreviated editions may be issued as needed. Please feel free to send any comments to this editor at the address shown on the second page or to the ACHGS return address on the back.

Anyone with internet access to the World Wide Web can visit the site. Those who register as members of the board may also post messages in most of the subject-specific boards once registration is accepted by the forum and the registrant has responded to the activation e-mail. Only minimal information is required to register for the forum:

- a user name by which the forum will recognize you
- a password of your own choosing to sign on to the forum
- a valid e-mail address to which the activation e-mail can be sent.

ACHGS web mail still available —

If you are a member of ACHGS with internet capability but did not have it or did not provide an e-mail address at the time you joined the society, you may use the ACHGS web mail feature to be given a web mail address associated with the

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main web site. This web mail address can be used to also register for the forum if you do not have another e-mail account or don't wish to reveal it on the forum. If you want to be activated for the web site mail feature, contact Wayne Anderson at

- 1737 Bridgers Drive, Raymond, MS 39154, or
- (601) 857-8272, or
- at sitemanager@achgs.org by e-mail.

Signing up for the web site mail feature is a little more complicated than just registering for the forum but it effectively gives you a separate (and free) e-mail service should you choose to use it.

A reminder about your taxes...

The ACHGS is now a tax-exempt organization status fully approved by the IRS as we reported in the last newsletter. As a result, any member dues paid as well as any contributions to the society in 2005 are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

Members: Help recruit new members —

Although membership in the society has well surpassed 100 individuals, members are urged to continue recruiting interested individuals for membership. Extend personal invitations to acquaintances or bring them to a meeting. If you would like to pass on a copy of the newsletter to someone and don't have the capability to make photocopies or send an electronic copy, send me the name and address and I'll send them a complimentary copy of the most recent issue. (My contact information is shown in a preceding item and above right).

In this vein, don't forget President Joey Wall's challenge to current members: recruit at least two new members in the coming year. Although it is preferable for recruits to join on their own volition, members can consider giving a one-year personal membership as a gift. The one-year dues are only \$15.00 per individual (or \$10.00 per person for students and seniors over 65) so a gift of membership is not a significant economic burden.

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Reminder on major web site enhancements —

As reported originally in volume 1 number 2, web site pages have been created for publication of history articles and genealogy. In addition, the criteria by which submissions will be judged for acceptability have been posted to the site.

All members are encouraged to submit information of reasonable length for posting. To date only one member has submitted anything.

The submissions criteria are designed to assure that contributors have legal rights to the information they contribute so that copyright infringement lawsuits against the ACHGS organizationally and/or the site manager personally can be prevented.

With the forum now available for registrants to post their own materials to boards therein, the forum rules have considered the web site publication criteria. Lengthy posts to the forum may be moved to the appropriate web site page to more efficiently use the forum space that is available. Any materials moved by the site manager will be reproduced exactly as entered to the forum (but without the breaks between topics) and will be replaced by a hyperlink to take a reader to the web site page containing the relocated material.

Did you know...

The Liberty White railroad ran from 1904 until 1921 with its primary run connecting Liberty to McComb. Entrepreneur J.J. White built the line expressly for the purpose of hauling one type of freight. What was it?

(This one ought to be easy for most of you.) Answer in next issue.

Listing of cultural events in 2006 around Amite County —

Unfortunately, I cannot find a listing for events in Amite County itself. If any members have knowledge of cultural events (such as the Liberty Heritage Day) that are already scheduled, please notify me at the address or e-mail shown herein.

February 24 - 25

Magnolia annual Mardi Gras parade, Hwy 51 South and Downtown area, Magnolia
Mailing address: 230 N. Cherry St., Magnolia, MS 39652, Phone 601.783.6572, Contact Ms. B. J. Chaplain
Admission free

March 12 - 31

Pike County's Pathways of Beauty
Mailing address: 109 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, MS 39648, Phone 601.684.2128, Contact Donna Dickey
Admission free

March 16 - 17

Festival of Flowers, Community room, Pike Co. Nat'l Bank, 350 Rawls Drive, McComb
Mailing address: 1027 Golf Ln., Summit, MS 39666, Phone 601.684.7050, Contact Joan McDaniel
Admission free

March 20 - 25

Main Street Palette Party -- Local artist's display art work, Main Street, McComb
Mailing address: 1117 Virginia Avenue, McComb, MS 39648, Phone 601.684.3719, Contact Ms. Linda Wallace
Admission free

March 20 – April 1

Pike County Azalea Festival
Phone 601.684.2291, Fax 601.684.4899, Toll-free 1.800.399.4404, Contact Tammy Menard
Website: <http://www.pikeinfo.com> , Email: tmenard@pikeinfo.com
Admission charge for some events

March 31

Magnolia's Night of Lights, Location: N. Railroad Park, Magnolia
Mailing address: 180 S. Cherry Street, Magnolia,

MS 39652, Phone 601.783.6572, Contact Ms. B.J. Chaplain,
Website: <http://www.cityofmagnoliams.com>
Admission free

June 9 & 10

Iron Horse Festival, Location: Pavilion at the historic railroad depot, Railroad Blvd., McComb
Mailing address: P.O. Box 802, McComb, MS 39649, Phone 601.249.4555, Fax 601.249.4506, Contact Vickie Webb
Website: <http://www.ironhorsefestival.org>,
Email: vmwebb@telapex.com
Admission free but fee for some activities

September 30

Summit Fall Festival, Location: Robb St., Summit
Mailing address: P.O. Box 116, Summit, MS 39666, Phone 601.276.3272, Contact Ms. Deb Vinson
Admission free

October 1 - 31

Magnolia Scarecrow Display, Location: Magnolia
Mailing address: 180 S. Cherry Street, Magnolia, MS 39652, Phone 601.783.6572, Contact Ms. B.J. Chaplain
Website: <http://www.cityofmagnoliams.com>
Admission free

November 4

City Wide Garage Sale & Chili Cook-Off, Location: Magnolia
Mailing address: 180 S. Cherry Street, Magnolia, MS 39652
Phone 601.783.5211, Contact Ms. B.J. Chaplain
Website: <http://www.cityofmagnoliams.com>
Admission free

December 1 - 31

McComb's Trail of (Christmas) Lights, Location McComb and Pike County
Mailing address: P.O. Box 802, McComb, MS 39649, Phone 601.249.0116, Fax 601.250.0274, Contact Ms. Jean Martin
Admission free



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Check or circle choice

- \$15.00 – Individual \$25.00 – Family \$50.00 – Sponsor or Memorial
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Address: _____

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Telephone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Thank you for joining the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society. Your contribution helps us continue to collect and preserve historic treasures from Amite County's past, as well as to promote family history. Membership also provides an opportunity to attend programs and participate in special events.

I am interested in helping with:

- Archives Membership Programs Newsletter Other (specify):

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