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Thank You to Schuetzen Park

We would like to thank the keepers of Schuetzen Park for being gracious hosts to us last month during our annual picnic. They have been kind enough to allow us to use their facilities for a while now, and we'd just like to thank them again for hosting us this year!

July Trip: The Round Barn



The Round Barn is located between Davenport and Blue Grass, Iowa, on Knoll Crest Farm.

In 1914, the owner of Knoll Crest was a man named Charles Nebergall, and he contracted an architect named Benton Steele to build the structure. Steele was a specialist who had built barns throughout the Midwest. The Nebergall Barn is the last remaining example of his work in the state of Iowa.

The barn itself is about 56 feet in diameter, with the bottom half made up of clay tiles, with square windows set in. The upper half is covered in red siding and is set with rectangular windows. The structure is topped by a cupola at the apex of a double-pitched, conical roof.

Horse stalls are situated on one side of the structure with cattle stalls on the other, separated by a driveway through the center. Grain bins and feedways are located on either side. Hay chutes were on either side of the barn, one to serve the horses and the other the cattle. This was done so that the different feed for the animals could be stored separately and more efficiently. The interior also featured a manure track system.

In 1986, the barn was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Channel Cat

Summer is here again, and with it some wonderful historical summertime tours on the iconic QC Channel Cat!

Channel Cat Talks: Meet at the Riverbend Commons, 2951 E. River Drive, Moline, Illinois from 9 - 10:45 am. Call 563 322 2969 to reserve a seat. \$14.00 per tour.

7/6/17: The Government Bridge - *Bill Ashton, Ashton Engineering*

Learn about the six-foot channel around the rapids, the lateral lock and dam, and discuss the 1894 Government Bridge and unique maintenance projects.

7/18/17 & 7/20/17: Beiderbecke and Bellson - The Musical Connection - *Josh Duffee, Bix Society*

Learn about the lives of Bix Beiderbecke and Louie Bellson through recorded music, recently discovered historical information and anecdotes, and their connections to the Quad City area.

7/25/17 & 7/27/17: Historic Bridges of the Quad Cities - *Curtis Roseman, Geographer*

The Quad Cities has been home to numerous historic bridges. On this tour, we will discuss the history of several local bridges, including their types and how and why their sites were chosen. As background for the discussion, our boat will take us to the sites of these historic bridges.

Riverine Walks

Riverine Walks are on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:30 am. If you are curious about the terrain or difficulty of a walk, please call River Action for more information at 563-322-2969. \$6.00 per walk.

7/12/17 & 7/15/17: River Confluence: Historical Importance, Recreation Potentials - *Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana*

College Confluences - where rivers meet- are special places in natural and historical contexts. Learn about the confluence of the Mississippi and Rock Rivers and adjacent Hennepin Canal. Meet at: The parking lot on Big Island Road, Hennepin Lock 31, Milan, IL

7/26/17 & 7/29/17: Where Does It All Go? Recycling 101 - *Martin and Mitch Davis, Midland Davis*

Explore one of the oldest full-service recycling facilities in the Midwest and learn where all the recyclables go. Meet at: Midland Davis, 331 4 Ave, Moline, IL

A Call for Preservation at Oakdale Memorial Gardens

A conservator of one of the private mausoleums at Oakdale has challenged the twelve other private mausoleum owners there to contribute to the restoration of the Nott Mausoleum, which has fallen into disrepair. It needs extensive renovation that requires the building to be completely torn down and rebuilt. The conservatorship will match up to \$10,000 to help restore it.

The building is in desperate need of help, and there are no family members left alive to manage the mausoleum's upkeep. Please consider contributing to this need. For more information, please contact Oakdale Memorial Gardens at 563-324-5121, or at oakdaleomg@aol.com.

The Round Barn is located at 9478 145th St, Blue Grass, Iowa. When travelling, do NOT use GPS, as you will end up on a partially washed out road. Directions are as follows: Take River Drive (Rt. 61) west toward Blue Grass. After you pass the I-280 interchange, you will see a large American flag on the right side of Rt. 61 for the Camping World RV Sales. Turn north (right), on to 110 Avenue, just before the trailer sales itself. This is a stoplight intersection. Here, take the first left (West again), which should place you on 145th Street. Go straight to our meeting from here. The last mile is gravel, but it is well-packed and straight. As usual, the meeting and tour will start at 6:30 pm. See you there!

