

South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.

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PLEASE JOIN US

Saturday, June 9th

3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

For a presentation by Frank Perkins:

“How Radiation Inc. Changed the World and South Brevard and Had a Good Time Doing It”

Founded in 1950, Radiation, Inc. by Homer Denius and George Shaw. The engineers of Radiation developed high tech tracking and telemetry systems for America’s fledgling space program. Radiation products were used on the first weather and communication satellites and defense missile programs. The company’s success attracted the attention of large national corporations and on July 12, 1967, Radiation, Inc. was officially merged with Harris-Intertype Corporation. The legacy of Radiation, Inc. and it’s founders lay in the success and global reputation of today’s Harris Corporation in communication and technology markets.



Radiation Inc. located in Palm Bay

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ?

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Dear Members and Friends

During the past - more than five years - some people - with great enthusiasm - have suggested that we open a *MUSEUM*. I usually respond with a positive “hmmmm” and try to evade the topic during the rest of the conversation. I love museums but because I love museums, I am well aware of the time, talent, “things”, money, personnel (mostly volunteer) that are required to set up and run a quality institution.

Currently, we hope to satisfy our urges for museum-like efforts by developing exhibits for our local libraries and revamping our exhibit at the MRC Lagoon House. If you have a “museum urge” we will welcome your help. (Call Ed Vosatka: 259-2133)

If you have a “museum urge” to volunteer in a formal museum-like setting, volunteers are greatly needed at the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum (727-1776) and the Rossetter House (254-9855).

I hope you’ll choose us but whatever you decide - we all benefit. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.....See you in September.!

Carol Andren
President, SBHS
725-4115

Kellersberger Fund Publications

The following books published by the SBHS Kellersberger Fund are available for sale by the SBHS: ***Rooted in Florida Soil***, by Julia Lake Kellersberger; ***Historic Florida: A Closer Look at the Photographs of a Century Ago in Three Dimension***, by Clement Slade and ***Pineapples are Never Black or White***, by Harry Goode, Sr. Only a very few copies of ***Tales of Old Brevard*** by Georgiana Kjerulff remain available for sale.

SBHS CALENDAR

JULY/AUGUST Summer Break

OUR FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE OVER THE SUMMER.
GO TO: southbrevardhistory.org

Over the Summer

Melbourne Beach

The Old Town Hall History Center

History of Melbourne Beach from the Ais Indians to the present.

2373 Oak Street (across from Spaceward Holland Golf Course)

Open Saturdays 11-3

If you plan to visit call 536-3336

free to the public/donations welcomed

Melbourne

Liberty Bell Memorial Museum

1601 Oak Street just south of Hibiscus Blvd.

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 am until 4 pm

Saturday 10 am until 2 pm

free to the public/donations welcomed

for more information: 727-1776

The museum has recently been reorganized and features a replica of the Liberty Bell, an area of American and Florida general history, a children’s area and a room of American military history. The museum is located in a park honoring all branches of the U.S. military, a civil war monument and ten monuments describing the ten major wars.

Melbourne/Eau Gallie

Historic Rossetter House Museum & Gardens

1320 Highland Avenue in the Eau Gallie Arts District of Melbourne

Open for Tours: Wed - Fri - Sat: 11 am until 4 pm

1908 ROSSETTER HOUSE and GARDEN

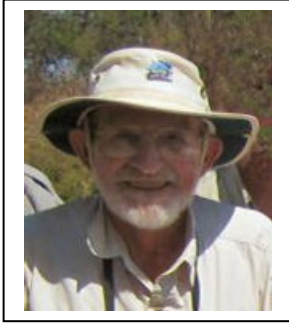
1901 ROESCH HOUSE

1865 HOUSTON CEMETERY

for more information: 254-9855

Tour Price: \$10 per person

The SBHS thanks **AAA Malabar Mini-Storage**, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society’s collections .



FRANK PERKINS

is a retired 30 year veteran of Radiation/Harris. He was born and grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While serving his ROTC time in the Army, he was introduced to the wonders of electronics and never looked back. After the army, he worked briefly outside Washington, DC, but soon moved to Florida and, again, never looked back. He received a number of patents and awards for his engineering achievements.

Frank is an avid fly fisherman and photographer. He has traveled abroad as a volunteer on scientific field research expeditions. His published books about his travels and experiences are available through smashwords.com

(Information and photo courtesy of Frank Perkins)

To learn more about the history of Radiation, Inc:

[.www.Radiwiki.](http://www.Radiwiki)

For more about Frank:

frankperkins.com



January 1958 - Laboratory at
Radiation, Inc. in Melbourne



1950's 28 ' antenna built by
Radiation, Inc.

Photos of Radiation courtesy of
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