

2017 Ontario County Fair

The Town of Canandaigua's "Special Events Committee" and the Ontario County Historical Society will join again this year, in a display at the Ontario County Fair. Utilizing a part of the Mercantile Building, the new display will be entitled "Planes, Trains and Automobiles: 20th Century Transportation in Ontario County".

"With the first successful flight of the Wright Brothers in 1903, the era of modern aviation began. Within ten years, flying grew in popularity in the Finger Lakes beginning with Glenn Curtiss' flight of his "June Bug", to local barnstormers, to pilots in the world wars and other military conflicts, to the growth of local airstrips and the establishment of the Canandaigua Airport."

"At the beginning of the 20th century, railroads were one of the primary modes of transportation throughout the country, connecting the smallest towns with the largest cities. In 1916 there were over 250,000 miles of rails. Railroads hauled 98 percent of the intercity passenger traffic and 77 percent of intercity freight traffic. With the start of World War I, railroads met with overwhelming increases in demand for freight and passenger service."

"During the 20th century Ontario County roads were transformed from rutted dirt tracks to paved highways and secondary roads connecting its cities, towns, and villages with the rest of the state and nation. The Good Roads Movement of the early 1900s successfully advocated for better roadways using political change to increase state and local funding."

(Ontario County Historical Society's internet quotes -
www.ochs.org)

Photographs and exhibits of many of these types of transportation as well as old and new agricultural equipment will be presented by the Town of Canandaigua, the Ontario County Historical Society as well as the Ontario County Fair Committee, on Thursday, July 27th, 2017. We have been told that the Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum will also join us in displays in the Mercantile Building with agricultural implements and historic carriage.

Please come, view and celebrate the history with the Town of Canandaigua, Ontario County Historical Society, City of Canandaigua Fire Department, Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum.

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