

Danube Historical Society Newsletter

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Danube Celebrates the Fun Days 30th Anniversary 1980 -2010

(The following excerpts are from the first brochure
telling all about the plans for Fun Day- 1980!)

“COME TO DANUBE FOR FUN DAYS !!!

Here are the details you need, to come and enjoy DANUBE FUN DAYS. This started out to begin in 1981, but as we planned it sounded like so much fun we wanted to begin RIGHT NOW! So we're rushing and planning and doing and hope to include you all in a day of varied activities and good times. We hope this will become an ANNUAL EVENT.

This day is sponsored by the Danube Area Action Club (DAAC). DAAC is not just a commercial club-it is open to anyone who would like to see Danube stay progressive and active and enjoys being a part of that type of group. For more information about DAAC talk to Darrell Knight, Pres. Or Al Strunc, Treas. Or Bruce Schendel, V.P.
Help us make this first year SUCCESSFUL!”

The founding group set rules: FUN-all ages:
BENEFIT- Danube area (defined that year as our #648 school district) businesses, individuals, clubs, organizations; FAMILY APPROPRIATE.

“SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – JULY 12, 1980

9:00-3:00 – YARD SALES. All over town.
9:00 – 5:00 – CAR DEMOLITION at Custom Motors
Three SWINGS for a \$1.00.
Proceeds to new Christmas Decorations for Main Street.
10:00 – HORSESHOE PRELIMINARIES – City Park.
\$2.00 entry fee.
10:00— SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT. Churches – mixed teams. 4 women playing at all times - Both Ball Fields.
10:00 – LOG CUTTING CONTEST – 2 person teams
at Alex's Danube Oil \$3.00 per team
10:00 – 3:00 WATER DUNK – New Athletic Field
3:30 – FREE THROW CONTEST – New Athletic Field.
Elementary, High School and Adult Divisions. No fee.
4:00 – 6:00 – HOG ROAST – Community Hall, in the Aquarius Area
6:00 – CHAMPIONSHIP SOFTBALL GAME – New Athletic Field
8:00 – SQUARE DANCE – MAIN SQUARE. The streets are big enough for lots of squares to join the festivities!”

Through the years many fun, silly, interesting, wonderful & even ridiculous events were tried and some good ones are still used. Here's a few:

- Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
- Chicken Flying Contest
- Egg & Spoon Wheelbarrow Race
- Micro-Mini Tractor Pull
- Antique & Street Rod Car Show
- 1st Street Dance with the “Happy Rangers”
- Treasure Hunt
- Miss Danube Queen Pageant began 1983 and became affiliated with:
 - Junior Miss in 1986
 - Parade
 - Lip Sync & Talent Contest
 - MD Carnival
 - More?

Many events seemed too ambitious to accomplish, (such as, Junior Miss , a Parade & the '84 All-School Reunion) but the right volunteers came forward and they not only made it happen, but carried it off splendidly.

Oh, the FUN we've had through the years! And many thanks to today's DAAC who picked up the slack and are continuing this great tradition.

DHS is compiling a FUN DAYS booklet for The Depot Museum. We'd appreciate your memories & **PHOTOS!** Please & Thank You!

FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 2, 2010. Join us if you can. Contact Treasurer, Dorothy Kleinhuizen, at PO Box 463 to purchase Raffle Tickets for Cash Drawing.

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Membership.)

All dues are \$10 per individual. Please list all.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payments as follows:

Contribution: \$ _____

Membership(s): \$ _____

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Bye. See you this Summer? At Fun Days?