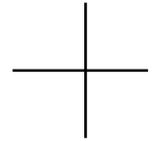
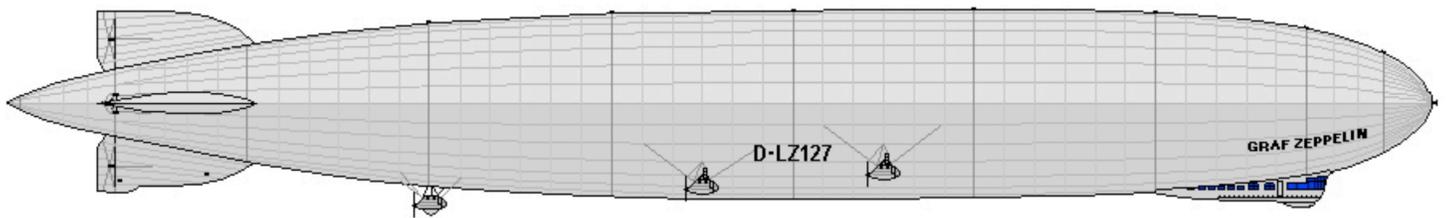


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Summer Concert Schedule Inside



Dr. Hugo Eckener
Promoter & Pilot

80th Anniversary of The Fly-Over of Davenport by “The Graf Zeppelin”

In August of 1929, the “Titanic of the Skies” the “Graf Zeppelin” flew over Davenport as a sign of respect for our community’s large German population. Piloted by Dr. Hugo Eckener, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, this airship, also known as the LZ 127, went on to circumnavigate the Earth and was the most successful commercial airship to ever fly. On August 29, an event to commemorate this historic occasion will be held at Schuetzen Park. A special postal cancellation has also been approved for this event by the U.S. Postal Service. More information about the event can be found inside this newsletter and on the Park’s website: www.Schuetzenpark.info.

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Quick-Shots

As was the case from the beginning, Schuetzen Park is not supported by tax dollars. Other than the occasional Neighborhood Beautification grant from the City of Davenport, the maintenance of this Park depends entirely upon donations, grants and gifts of in-kind labour and materials. We recognize the difficult nature of our economy at this point in history, however, we will strive to continue with the improvements, special projects and cultural events that you have come to expect. Should you wish to support the Park with a tax-deductible donation, you may do so by sending it in the envelope provided, or to the return address on this newsletter.

Park Benches Given in Memory or Honor of:

Erhard Kormann
Michael Blaine Welzenbach
Velma & Gordon Flynn
John Henry Martens
Ursula Penix
August Ernst Steffen
Dale & Jan Hute

From the Davenport Democrat and Leader, Thursday, April 4, 1918

Adieu! Adieu! **Schuetzen Park Loses Its Name** Davenport's Pleasure Resort Is Rechristened "Forrest Park"

One by one the German names are disappearing from Davenport's institutions, as well as elsewhere over the country.

The latest to lose its identity is Schuetzen Park. It has been rechristened Forrest Park.

The unpopularity of German names since the advent of the United States entering the world war, is responsible for the change in title of Schuetzen Park by manager Tobias Watkins.

A number of Davenport banks have lately removed the inscription "Spar Bank" from their display signs and advertising matter. "Spar" is German for "savings".

Organized in 1864

The Davenport Schuetzen Verein, owners of Schuetzen Park, was organized in 1864. The grounds were purchased in 1868 through a committee consisting of Henry Berg, Julius Koch and Jens Lorenzen. The sum of \$1,500 was paid for the 25 acre tract. The buildings were erected and the grounds thrown open to the public on June 12, 1870.

At that time and during the intervening 48 years little, did those interested in the affairs of the Park realize that the day would come when its name would be changed by reason of international complications.

Board of Directors Named for Schuetzen Park

Members of the 2009-2011 Board of Directors have been announced. The Board is responsible for the management of the Schuetzen Park Historic Site and for carrying out its mission to: "restore and maintain the historical, cultural and natural vestiges of Schuetzen Park". Members are as follows: President - Kory Darnall, Secretary - Noreen Steenbock, Treasurer - Virginia Ott, Directors - Jim Stelk, Leo Ruth, Ferenc Beiwel, Christine Murcia and Brian Ritter. The Board meets monthly and is always seeking interested individuals and organizations who may be interested in assisting with the projects within the Park. If you are interested in learning more, you may e-mail the Board at: SchuetzenPark@aol.com.

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