

Rollin' on the Rancocas: A History of Navigation on the Creek



**Sunday, October 22; 3 – 5 PM; The public is invited to this free event
Delanco Municipal Complex Auditorium; 770 Coopertown Rd, Delanco NJ**

Historian Paul W. Schopp will discuss the historical ebb and flow of commerce and transportation, illustrated by fascinating historic photos, maps and art.

Dugout canoes, wooden dinghies, barges, paddlewheel steamboats, speedboats, tugboats, skiffs and sailboats are some of the means human beings have found to ply the waters of the Rancocas Creek over the years.

Native Americans and European settlers relied on the waterway as their primary means of transportation, and settlements and towns sprang up alongside, with names like Riverside, Centerton, Bridgeboro and Delanco.

Now the Assistant Director of the South Jersey Center for Culture & History, Paul W. Schopp has been a student of history for 43 years and a professional historian in Cultural Resources for the past 30 years. He specializes in regional history, transportation history, and the history of technology. Paul has a special affinity for steamboats of the Delaware River and the Rancocas Creek.

In addition, John Anderson, Director of Rancocas Pathways will present an update on the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail. Delanco Township is one of fifteen communities that has officially endorsed the project to date.

Questions and light refreshments will follow.

The event is sponsored by the Delanco Historic Preservation Advisory Board and registration is not required.

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