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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Monday June 16, 2008 at the Hart House, 522 Belle St., Alton, IL 62002 at 7:30 pm. John Dunphy, owner of The Second Reading Book Shop, will speak on his latest book "It Happened At The River Bend." The book covers such topics as Lovejoy, the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, the old Confederate prison, the Underground Railroad, Shurtleff College, Western Military Academy and much more. Come prepared to learn many new facts about Alton history. The public is invited.

HOUSE TOUR:

The tour will be Sunday October 12th this year. We have several fabulous houses committed to the tour already, but we are always looking for new houses, new volunteers and new ideas. Do you know an organization which would like to make barbeque as a fund raiser the day of the Tour? Call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

BOOKLETS:

The AALA's Historic Alton Driving Tour booklet has been such a success that another printing is necessary. If you would like to make a special contribution to help defray our printing cost, send a check to the AALA. Thank you.

ENDANGERED:

The AALA has never put out its own list of endangered buildings in Alton. Some of the likely candidates might be the Haskell House, the Bruch-Guertler House, the old Post Office, the Grand Theater and the Snyder Building. What other structures would you think should be on the list?

FACELIFT:

Drive down West Third Street and check out the renovations of 208 West Third Street and Catdaddies. It has been a long time since we have seen the original front of these buildings.

RENOVATING:

We were worried about the fate of the building at 210 William Street where the Urban League offices were. The latest word is that Con-Agra, the building owner, will renovate it for more office space. More about this interesting building known as the "Blaske House" in next month's newsletter.

DUES:

Dues for 2008 can be mailed to the AALA, Box 232, Alton, IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00 a year. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Remember the AALA in your will. Thank you for your support.