



Salem Area Historical Society

Presents

The Great Salem Train Wreck of 1907

ON

WEDNESDAY, May 24th -- 7:00 PM

AT

**South Salem Stone School
(7991 North Territorial Road)**



On May 24th, Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the South Salem Stone School (7991 N. Territorial Road) starting at 7:30 PM. The presentation will be the **“Great Salem Train Wreck of 1907;**

Michigan’s Worst Train Wreck” by Joe Oldenburg, historian and archivist. It was a warm summer day on July 20, 1907 as 600 workers, family and friends from the Pere Marquette Railroad shops in Ionia boarded a train at 6 AM for a day long excursion to Boblo Amusement Park on the Detroit River. By 9:14 AM the excursion had turned into a disaster when the excursion train crashed head-on with another Pere Marquette train near 5 Mile and Napier Roads.

**Admission: Free for SAHS members
\$2 for non-SAHS Members**