

Fair History...

Saint Lucie County Fair and Midway Rd.

What started out as a dream on July 23, 1964, is now a must-see event. On October 18th is when they had their first meeting, and the certificates for their charter to start a Fair. The first Fair was held February 25, 1966. Chuck Padrick was the Chairman. Along with John King, President, W. G. Padrick, Vice President, Jerry Smith, Secretary, and Hugh Whelchel, Treasurer.

Members back then included LR Becker, Marguertie Brock, Rueben Carlton, Warren Clausen, Phillip Gates, Marcus Giger, Walter Hebb, OR Minton, JR Peeler, J Max O'Neill, Edger Resister, Marjorie Silver Alder, Thomas Sloan, John Wetmoore, Peter White and Vernon Williams.

The first fair was held at the airport off Saint Lucie Blvd.

This event turned out so spectacular, that they outgrew at the airport. In 1996, the Fair Committee purchased 250 acres at its present site, 15601 West Midway Rd, Fort Pierce, FL. In 2001, the St Lucie County Commission voted to partner with the Fair Committee and help build a new Fair. Year 2003 is when they held the first Fair at this location.

Most of the original officers, members, and members afterwards were good friends, or people that I knew, and respected dearly. All the originals are no longer with us. Truly missed.

Now going to Midway Road. White City got its name from the World's Fair in Chicago. The road leading to the Fair there was called Midway Road. It's amazing almost two hundred years later Midway Road would lead to the Saint Lucie County Fair. Photo property of St Lucie County Fair Association.

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