

MEETING DATE  
SATURDAY NITE  
SEPTEMBER 8TH

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# THE LIGHTSHIP



## From The Bridge of a Great Lakes Freighter ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Capt. J. H. Frumveller Will Tell Us What the Skipper Sees

LAKE HURON LORE OPENS ITS 1979-1980 PROGRAM SEASON AT THE MUSEUM  
OF ARTS AND HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTH AT 7:30 P.M.

"Around the Lakes With a Steamboat Skipper", will be the subject of the program for the next meeting of Lake Huron Lore. Capt. J.H. Frumveller of Port Huron, will present a selection of slides taken by himself and his brother, the late Walter Frumveller, over a period of years. We have seen slide shows presented by boat watchers, but this is one of those rare opportunities to see in pictures what the skipper sees from the bridge, and what he considers to be the interesting and important happenings along the route. This voyage, that we will accompany Captain Frumveller on, will go up the lakes, and down the lakes, into harbors, and out of harbors, including a trip below Welland which is not often seen in slide presentations in this section of the Lakes.

Another feature that is now off the beaten track of the Great Lakes freighters, is a passage of the Keweenaw Waterway. In the days of the smaller lake vessels and a booming copper industry in the Copper Country, many ships made their way through Portage Entry on the east with some of them taking the short cut and out of the weather route on their way to Superior and Duluth. Others brought coal into Hubbell and the lake towns of the Keweenaw to feed the copper refineries.

This trip originated in Florida two years ago.....when Capt. Howard and I discussed a program for Lake Huron Lore. The Captain's late brother Walter, was also an enthusiastic member of Lake Huron Lore and had planned to get his slides together for a show. Walt and your editor were college classmates many years back. We had discussed this many times but I guess that I did not realize how Walt was feeling physically when I would ask him to make the presentation....but his slides will be presented, appropriately by his brother, on Saturday evening, Sept. 8th in the Museum of Arts and History.

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## The Lightship

Here it is, Volume 1 Number 1, of "LIGHTSHIP." We have a contest winner in what is no doubt the shortest contest in the history of journalism. A while back your editor read several of the publications that were called Newsletters and decided that it was time for a more distinctive name for the publication of such an august organization.

While discussing that and other earth shaking problems with the director, Steve Williams, the matter was discussed. I said that a new name must be found but that I did

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# Lake Huron Lore Dinner At Wallaceburg, Ont. On September 29th.

EARLY DAY WATER COMMERCE ALONG THE ST. CLAIR RIVER AND THE  
CANADIAN INLAND WATERWAYS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THREE LOCAL  
HISTORIANS AT FIRST DINNER MEETING OF LAKE HURON LORE

The answer to the membership's many requests for a dinner meeting of Lake Huron Lore has finally come. On Saturday evening, September 29th it will happen.

We think that we have set a record for the entertainment for this meeting...for we shall hear from three historians in one evening. This probably is not unique until we can tell you that they are of the same name.....and represent three generations of the Mann family of Wallaceburg, Ontario. Frank, the senior member of the trio, who is the author of several books on the history of Wallaceburg and the Canadian side of the St. Clair River, and who was recently voted man of the year in his home town is a true historian.....collecting pictures of early waterfront activities....he does not hide them but shows them to a younger generation....he stirs up an interest in them....in fact to the point that one eating place on the waterfront has them as murals along two walls of their establishment.....and much to the astonishment of Frank, his portrait is included in the mural. Allen Mann, the second generation historian has an interest that runs to boats and shipping..he has been the author of several articles that have appeared in various marine periodicals including the Steamship Historical Society of America; and the third generation Mann, Blake seems to favor the boat side of history and right he should for it comes from both sides of his family...his maternal grandfather operated the Walpole Island Ferry since your editor was just out of high school and presently operates the Sombra-Marine City ferry, DAL-DEAN. Blake is recording history in sound.....the sound of the old steam whistle which is fast disappearing from the Lakes.

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TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE----SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$10.00 PER PERSON TO LEE COOPER, 97 GRATIOT AVE., MARYSVILLE, 48040---BE SURE TO ENCLOSE SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LAKE HURON LORE. YOU WILL RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM WITH DIRECTIONS WHEN YOUR TICKETS ARE RETURNED.

The subject of their program is "PORT AT THE FORKS", for it was that junction of the two branches, and the logging industry that established the town of Wallaceburg.....but they will tell you all about that on the 29th of September.

For this dinner meeting we have planned a trip to Wallaceburg. We have reserved one of the diningrooms at the OAK'S INN, located at 80 McNaughton Ave. for the dinner and the program.

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**MORRELL NAMEBOARD NOW  
HANGS UNDER MANTLE OF  
THE MARINE ROOM.....**

The pilothouse nameboard of the DANIEL J. MORRELL, that went down on 29 November, 1964, in Lake Huron, is now on display in the Marine Room.

The nameboard becomes a permanent part of the collection and was presented to the museum by Lake Huron Lore member Larry D. Coplin of Flint.



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**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO LAKE HURON LORE**

The following new members have joined the ranks of those who love the blue waters of the lake and river that we live on: Capt. Sherwood Anderson, Mrs. Viola Bell, Mr. Floyd Brown, Mr. Eugene Buel, Mr. Edward Cameron, Mr. Gary Clark, Mrs. Carol Eastman, Mr. John E. Foley, Mrs. Marcia M. Haynes, Mrs. Edith Hayer, Mr. Ron Locke, Mr. William J. Luke, Mr. G.L. McNab, Mr. Walter Pearson, Mr. John Philbin, Mr. R. K. Roberts, Mr. Brian Smith.

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**LAKE HURON LORE DINNER MEETING AT WALLACEBURG**

The management of the OAK'S INN will provide a complete Smorgasbord dinner that evening. The dinner will consist of crabmeat appetizers, ten kinds of salads, their very own corn fed beef, and desert and beverage. A cash bar will be available for those who wish a before dinner cocktail or and afterdinner drink. With the exception of drinks, the price of dinner tickets is \$10.00 each. They will be ready for advance sale at the meeting of Lake Huron Lore on September 8th.

Some of the members have indicated that they did not wish to drive home after dark, for them the management of the OAK'S has a special weekend package, beautiful twin-double bed, over sized, carpeted, colour T.V., absolutely georgous rooms. The Smorgasbord dinner, and a taste tempting brunch Sunday morning. The price of the package is \$23.95 each, double occupancy. The management says that due to an international plowing match that will take place that weekend, he would like reservations for the package ONLY telephoned to him at (519)627-1433 immediately and mention that you are with the Lake Huron Lore Group. We will get mote information to you with the mailing of the "LIGHTSHIP".

You should keep all Saturday afternoon open this weekend! The committee on entertainment is now working on a boat trip for the afternoon before the dinner. If these plans can be finalized successfully, all those who purchase tickets for dinner at the meeting on September 8th will be notified by mail where and at what time to meet for the river trip.

Your program committee has attempted to arrange a delightful afternoon and evening for the membership and we would like to see many of the members in Wallaceburg for our first dinner meeting.



## John Steele's Discovery of Str. INDIANA Leads to Salvage by Federal Agencies for History

What appears to be the largest operation on the Great Lakes in an effort to salvage underwater material for historic purposes was carried out in Lake Superior recently. The whole operation was made possible by the discovery of the passenger and freight boat hull of the INDIANA by Lake Huron Lore member John Steele, of Waukegan, Ill., in 1975.

The federal project is being sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, the Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Coast Guard to recover the ancient engine from the INDIANA. The Detroit Free Press stated that if the mission succeeds, the boiler, steam chest, cylinder drive mechanism, Ericsson propeller and steering quadrant will be raised. The boiler weighs about four tons and each of the other pieces about a ton.



The pieces will be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution; restored, studied and exhibited in the Museum of History and Technology.

We understand that John is with the salvage crews at the present time and that he is photographing the operation. There is a possibility that the members of Lake Huron Lore might get to see some of the pictures in the spring of 1980 when Larry Coplin, who is a member of the team will be the scheduled speaker for the April meeting. You will be kept posted in future editions of the "LIGHTSHIP" on this most interesting recovery attempt.

"LIGHTSHIP" (concluded from page one).....not want to lose the drawing of the HURON from our masthead. I did not see the woods for the trees!.....several names had been bandied about...several of which needed an explanation, which is not good.

Steve came up with the obvious, "THE LIGHTSHIP".

He was then declared the winner and will be presented with a suitable award at the meeting on September 8th.

THE LIGHTSHIP, long may she shine!

MEMBER BILL PATTERSON HAS PREPARED A NEW WRECK  
CHART OF THE HEAD OF THE ST. CLAIR RIVER

Who but Bill Patterson of Marysville is more capable of preparing a new wreck location chart of the upper St. Clair River?....

Bill has some extra copies of the chart and Lake Huron Lore members should contact him at 1 Gratiot Ave., Marysville, and I think that if you are not now a member and want one, get a paid up dues card and show it to him and he might dig up another copy.

DO NOT FORGET THE WALLACEBURG DINNER MEETING, SEPT. 29 TH