

PROGRAM MEETING
SATURDAY EVENING
JAN. 16, 1982 at Museum

Vol. 3, No. 3
January 1982

THE LIGHTSHIP



Editor: F. R. Crevier, Algonac, 794-3466

Bus. Off. 97 Gratiot, Marysville, EM4-6362

Notice to Mariners... & Members



AFTER JAN. 16, 1982 A PIERHEAD LIGHT WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LEE M. COOPER GALLERY, AT THE MUSEUM OF ARTS & HISTORY, 1115 SIXTH ST., PORT HURON, APPROXIMATE LATITUDE 43°-00' N. LONG. 82°-25'W. THIS LIGHT WAS FORMERLY... ST. CLAIR FLATS CANAL LOWER, A FIXED RED LIGHT, ON THE SOUTH END THE PIER, 45 FEET ABOVE THE WATER AND WAS VISIBLE FOR 14 MI. IT WAS A 4TH ORDER LIGHT, OIL

IN REGULAR SERVICE LAMP IN RED OCTAGONAL TOWER BUILT IN 1871. (Note: Were using 1st original color, red, which in later years after the second pier was built was made a white light.)

The lamp came into the possession of Lake Huron Lore Member Peter Henkel, owner of St. Clair Flats Marina. It sat in Peter's engine shop for several years, always a thing of admiration to your editor, albeit there were missing prisms and it had seen better days... its next home was Capt. Ted Richardson's basement, where he and your editor were going to clean it up. Peter had given the Light to Lake Huron Lore and I guess that we were just waiting for some lighthouse historians to grow up. And grow up they did. I think that I have the story straight. Darla Van Hoey fell in love with the light and Mike, her husband, and I don't know which first... but we had the Great Lakes greatest light house buffs in love with our light and about to restore it to its former glory. This re-birth will be told by them on the evening of the sixteenth... its past history. and incidentally the history of the aids to navigation... on what for years was the controlling depth of the lake navigation system.

THE TREASURER REPORTS THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE MEMBERSHIP RESPONDED TO THE DECEMBER BILLING FOR 1982 DUES, HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME STILL OUTSTANDING. IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON THE 16TH SHE WILL HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD MADE OUT AND YOU CAN PAY THEM BEFORE THE MEETING. CARDS WILL BE MAILED WITH THIS LIGHTSHIP TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID. AS WE HAVE SEVERAL ACTIVITIES WE CARRY OUT WITH THE DUES MONEY IT IS MUCH EASIER TO PLAN THESE WHEN MEMBERSHIP FEES DO NOT DRAG OUT ALL YEAR.

Projects Report

THE PILOT HOUSE

When the generous bequest of our late member Oswald Emig of St. Clair was received last year it was decided by your board of trustees to establish the Lake Huron Lore Memorial Fund that would be used for the purpose of furthering marine historical projects of the society. The principal project to date was to restore within the museum a Great Lakes steamer pilothouse. The actual project started last spring with the gathering of materials for the job. The past summer and fall were spent mostly in the planning stages of the project and securing volunteers to do the work. I am happy to report that the following NON-PAY contracts have been negotiated to date: The carpentry contract to member Bob Lester of marine City. I mention this first as this is where the work has shown up first. The entire pilot house has been framed in, windows, doors, etc, have been roughed in and are in . The mural of the head of the river and the foot of Lake Huron has been awarded to member Bob McGreevy, whom many of you know, a contemporary marine artist from Grosse Pointe. The mural lighting has been awarded to Ed Peterson, member of the board of trustees of the museum, not a member of Lake Huron Lore, but I think soon to be. The electrical control contract has been let to Frank Tabor, St. Clair (and as soon as he gets back from a three weeks vacation in Hawaii we expect to put him to work.) And the last but not least contract for painting and the high varnish finish that the old houses always had, to Gene Buel of Marine City. **THOSE WHOSE WORK KEEP THEM FROM VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME. . . WE KNOW THAT IT IS HARD TO CO-ORDINATE VOLUNTEER TIME. . . MAY MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEMORIAL FUND OR DIRECTLY TO THE PILOT HOUSE PROJECT.** We have been able to make arrangements to use part time help of the museum crew and reimburse them rather than get into payroll problems of our own and any monetary contribution by the members or friends of the pilothouse project will be appreciated. Several have been made recently and they will all be recognized for permanent display in the pilothouse.

A real shot in the arm came this winter in making our pilot house authentic in the person of Mr. William Neal, president of the Port Huron Terminal Company. Mr. Neal gave Lake Huron Lore the equipment and materials from the pilot house and the officers quarters of the KINSMAN ENTERPRISE. These materials are being removed, those from the pilothouse will be immediately re-installed in our museum pilot house. Those from the officers quarters will be stored and used when more space becomes available. This will give the marine buffs of the future an excellent idea of the craftsmanship that went into the building of a ship at the turn of the century.

THE HISTORICAL FILES

Member Nan Allen has the historical files and has started to index them from their present form on to card index by ship. These files are from the Port Huron Times and the Port Huron Herald and give the day to day marine happenings in the marine world, both along the St. Clair River and the entire Great Lakes. The need for this sort of information becomes more apparent each day when one reads some of the articles that are turned in by the modern writers. Whether their work is the product of careless research or no research at all is hard to determine. but the fact that they have a dangerous amount of knowledge of the subject being written about is very clear!

THE INCHES COLLECTION

Catherine Richardson has the file of pictures and we hope to be able to publish the list with the assistance of the Lake Huron Lore Memorial Fund in the near future.

WOULD THE MEMBERSHIP LIKE A MARINE DINNER? WE HAVE SOME EXCELLENT PROGRAM MATERIAL AVAILABLE AND A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON THE 16TH.

TRACK SURVEY
OF ST. CLAIR RIVER
AND LAKE ST. CLAIR AVAILABLE

An 1817 chart of Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the lower end of Lake Huron, by Lt. Bayfield of the Royal Navy has been published and a limited number of them are available to members of Lake Huron Lore and friends.

They are for sale at the museum store for \$3.00 on map or chart paper or \$6 on parchment. Either are suitable for framing and will make an attractive addition to the familyroom or den. Mail orders will be taken at \$2 additional for postage and packing.

TWO LAKE HURON LORE MEMBERS
PASS OVER THE BAR RECENTLY

We regret to report the deaths of two members of Lake Huron Lore Marine Society in recent weeks:

Eugene d'A Cote, former police judge and marine collector died after a short illness. His funeral Mass was conducted by Rev. P. VanderLinden, first president of Lake Huron Lore, and fellow marine collector.

This week, John Levin; former vice-president of the Port Huron & Detroit Railroad, a very delightful person, . . . with a quiet and extreme amount of wit passed away in Port Huron Hospital. John, who had been in rather poor health for some time, was always willing to do anything that he was asked for the good of the society. He will be missed.

We wish to offer the condolences of the society to their families.

PLANS ARE BEING FORMED FOR
SUMMER MARINE SHOW, OPENS JULY 10

"SHIPYARDS--THEN AND NOW" will be the name of the show that will open with a reception in the main gallery of the Museum of Arts and History on the evening of July 10, 1982.

We have been fortunate to secure, for its first showing in the United States, a show that was put together for the Canadian Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., known better to us as "Collingwood Shipyards". This show traces the growth of the company and will show the inner workings of a modern shipyard.

COLLINGWOOD LAUNCH DATE SET FOR APRIL 22

Collingwood Shipyards have announced a ship launching has been scheduled for the 22 of April.

This means that the Great Lakes Society for the Preservation of Side Ship Launching will be holding their conclave at the Heidelberg Inn on the 21 of April. For those members who attended the false launching of hull 222 the Grand Launch Master has authorized that a blue star shall be issued in that case. If you attend the next launching they will be available and will be presented either by the Grand Launch Master or the Grand Little Mermaid.

We have been informed that the Museum of Arts and History will again sponsor the bus trip to Collingwood for the launch. As in the past, it will be a package deal with the bus fare and room included. For rates and reservations, which it is suggested that they be made early for a spring launch, call 313-982-0891.

MARINE HISTORY

When going to Windsor to dance with the French girls on the ferry boat the boys always went over on the PROMISE and came back on the PLEASURE.

Along with that will be an exciting show of the tools used, the methods of the era when ships were built along the St. Clair River and in the old Customs district of Huron from Bay City to Mt. Clemens. It will have its usual form with an opportunity to chat with the experts on these lines.

PIERCE MC LOUTH PRESENTS FLAG OF HIS NAMESAKE TO MUSEUM

Pierce McLouth recently gave your editor the name flag, made in 1917 from that vessel. Formal presentation will be made on the 16th.

JOIN THE G. L. S. F. T. P. O. S. S. L.
APPLICATIONS IN THE MUSEUM
LOBBY---JOIN US ON APRIL 21 IN

M/V ALGOWEST

LAUNCH AT COLLINGWOOD.
As one member put it, "the greatest 7
second thrill of a lifetime!"

FORD MOTOR COMPANY TUG "BUTTERCUP" WITH BARGES UNDER THE AMBASSADOR BRIDGE IN THE DETROIT RIVER. THESE AND OTHER PICTURES OF THE ERA WERE THE GIFT OF MEMBER FLOYD OGDEN. THEY WILL BE ADDED TO THE SOCIETY COLLECTION AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERS.

