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SEPTEMBER 24th MEETING

Henry Hudson Regional School
1 Grand Tour
Highlands, NJ 07732

Please see page 3
(& the NJLHS website)
for details, directions, and a map.

Next Meeting: December 10th
Mastoris Diner
Bordentown, NJ

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello again! Autumn is upon us - a terrific season to visit lighthouses!

The Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey will be taking place October 15 & 16 this year. More information and the Challenge website can be found on the back of this issue. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Doreen Berson (page 6). It’s a great experience. Please consider doing some!

If a lighthouse trip is up your alley, see page 7 for all the details of the NJLHS 2017 trip to the southwest. It looks like it’s going to be a blast.

Special thanks to MIKE MCGOWAN for taking the photos on the front of this issue. We wanted to commemorate the first lighthouse that the society as a whole visited back in 1990.

I hope to see you at the meeting on September 24! We’d like to take another great group shot in front of Twin Lights.

Note: Photo Contest March 18
(more info later – check the website).

Preliminary Info - Categories the same as last year but no cover category: integrated lights, tall towers, water-bound, & skeletal.

Lighthouses from anywhere (not just NJ). Landscape or portrait, 8 x 10 matted original.

ADDRESS CHANGE

To change your address please go to:
http://www.njlhs.org/join/AddrCng.pdf

download the form and mail to:
NJLHS Membership
631B Yale Way, Monroe Township, NJ 08831
SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 24, 2016  (BRING MEMBERSHIP CARD)

Our tentative agenda is as follows:
10:00 AM  Hospitality/Ways & Means
    * Audit Committee Meeting
    * Nominating Committee Meeting
11:15 AM  Meeting
12:10 PM  Lunch-bring your own
12:50 PM  Program-ELINOR DEWIRE, author
           Speaking about Haunted Lighthouses
           Discussion
2:00 PM  Visit Twin Lights (Navesink)
         We want to take a picture in front of
         Navesink for the Beam

Twin Lights have made a special request that we
carpool due to parking restrictions. They also have
a wedding that day.

Meeting Location:
Henry Hudson Regional School
1 Grand Tour, Highlands, NJ 07732

Directions from the Southbound GSP:
1 - Take exit 117 and follow signs for RT 36 East.
2 - Follow RT 36 for about 12 miles until
    approaching the Highlands Bridge.
3 - Directly before the bridge, make a right turn onto
    Portland Road.
4 - Follow Portland Road for about 1 mile until you
    see a green water tank, in front of you, on the right.
5 - Right before the water tank, make a hard right
    turn onto Grand Tour.
6 - The school will be just down the road on your right.

Directions from the Northbound GSP
1 - Take exit 105 and follow signs for RT 36 East.
2 - Follow RT 36 for about 6 miles until it makes a
    left turn onto Ocean Blvd.
3 - Make the left turn and continue on RT 36 until
    you go over the Highlands Bridge, about 6 miles.
4 - Stay to the far right going over the bridge and
    immediately make a right turn and loop under
    the bridge like you were making a U turn.
5 - The first intersection after going under the bridge
    will be Portland Road. Make a left here.
6 - Follow directions 4, 5 and 6 from above.

Those people coming from South Jersey via the
Turnpike or RT 295, should exit at RT 195 East to
the GSP North.
-Follow the GSP northbound directions above.

December 10th Meeting Info:

Money for luncheon at Mastoris (Dec. 10)
Reservation donation is $10 per person will start to
be collected at the September 24th meeting.
Remember MEMBERS ONLY.

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A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Carol Naill and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

We had sixty-one members and two guests turn our for the June meeting at the Uptown School Complex in Atlantic City, NJ. We had a great meeting with a chance to visit and climb Absecon Lighthouse. Absecon was the first lighthouse officially visited by the New Jersey Lighthouse Society twenty-six years ago and it is still a beautiful structure. It was a great day!
We look forward to seeing all our members, old and new, at our General Membership meetings. Guests are always welcome! Hope to see you at the September 24th meeting at Henry Hudson Regional School. Twin Lights is only a short walk away and the view is amazing. Please join us!

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the 2016 membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 117
Family Memberships: 145 x 2 = 290
Total Members = 407

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? You can find an application on the NJLHS web site and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next membership meeting. The membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a personal note saying that their membership to the Society is a gift from you. Let’s get our numbers up!

New Members:
The following members have joined our Society since the last issue of THE BEAM in June. Please note that if you become a member after the deadline for The Beam, you will be listed in the following issue. If you happen to meet any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Marie Zeto Manahawkin, NJ
Catherine Feeser Toms River, NJ
Martin Kelley Hammonton, NJ
Susan M. Parisi Staten Island, NJ
Julie Heiland Hammonton, NJ

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE
The NJLHS has two active social media accounts - Facebook and Instagram
If you use these social media devices, please check us out online.

FACEBOOK
Society meeting updates, interesting lighthouse news from other lighthouses in New Jersey (and nationwide)
Current # of Likes - 853
www.facebook.com/njlhs

INSTAGRAM
Photos of New Jersey lighthouses, and regrammed (reposted) photos from other lighthouse lovers
Current # Followers - 24
@njlhs
FALL EVENTS

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE

“Lucious Libations” for the Lighthouse
Thursday, October 20
A special evening of tasting spirits, live music & Silent Auction . 5:30pm, $60 pp, Chart House, Golden Nugget

Haunted Lighthouse Tours
Saturday, October 29
5:00pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00pm, & 8:00pm
$20 per person, includes snacks & beverages

“Santa & his Lighthouse Elves”
Saturday, December 10
Pizza Party, Holiday Crafts & Climb to meet Santa
$15 per person

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE

Campfire and Night Climb
Saturday, October 22
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  Sponsors: Ocean County Dept. of Parks and Recreation and Friends of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
September 16
Let the light of the full moon guide you up the 199 stairs to the starry top. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. $8 for adults, $5 for children (ages 3-12).

Ghosts of the Lighthouse Trolley Tour
A trolley tour through parts of West Cape May to the Lighthouse, with tales of ghostly activity throughout. Participants will be met at the Lighthouse by a costumed Keeper who will relate a ghostly tale inside the Lighthouse with time available to climb. Begins and ends at the Ocean Street trolley stop. $22 for adults and $15 for children (ages 3-12).

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE (cont.)

Unless otherwise specified, all events are sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit www.capemaymac.org.

TUCKERTON SEAPORT

34th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show
September 24 & 25, 7:00am to 5:00pm
Two-day event highlighting the culture of the Barnegat Bay region. Demonstrations, contests, seminars, crafters, carvers, vendors, food and music. Includes the Dock Dog competition as featured on ESPN! Visit the Tuckerton Seaport Heritage Tent at the lake. Two great locations: Tip Seaman Park and Tuckerton Seaport. Free off-site parking and shuttle bus.

Haunted Seaport
October 20, 21, 22 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
General Admission is $8 for all ages. Hayrides of the Haunted Woods are $5 with paid admission and free for Seaport Members. Pirates and Sea Captains long lost at sea will stroll the Seaport’s boardwalk for a night of screams. Try to find your way out of our phragmites maze and climb aboard a hayride for a ghostly howling good time through the Haunted Woods. Meet and greet with the Jersey Devil while dancing to music sure to bring even zombies back life. You will not want to miss any of the fantastic phenomenal hauntings of the evening. We will also have a non-scary Pumpkin Patch with crafts, stories, games, and not so scary fall activities.

ALL LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey
October 15 & 16
Visit the website for all the details: www.lighthousechallengenj.org
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Lighthouse Challenge of NJ
October 15-16

If you are interested in volunteering at this year’s Challenge, please contact the lighthouse manager of the lighthouse you wish to volunteer at. Most lighthouses can be found on the Internet.

Or contact Doreen Berson and she'll give you the contact information: dor0102@comcast.net
We thank you in advance for volunteering!

RECIPE CORNER
Marty Hudspeth

Coconut Sweet Potatoes
By Mike Boucher

2 lbs sweet potatoes
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 stick butter
½ cup coconut milk
¼ tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp coconut extract
¼ tsp vanilla

Boil and mash the sweet potatoes. Mix all the ingredients together and serve.
2017 NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY TRIP

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society trip for 2017 is going be a little different than previous trips. For one thing it will be March 24 thru April 1. The reason for this change is because of the location we are going to, Nevada, California, Arizona, and Utah. Yes, the desert southwest and March is the perfect time to go, where as in July it will be 120 plus degrees out and no fun. You ask what lighthouses are in the southwest part of this country? Well Arizona has 26 miniature lighthouses along Lake Havasu and the Colorado River. These lighthouses ARE used to navigate the lake. The lighthouses along the east side of the lake are ¾ scale size of an east coast lighthouse, while ones on the west side of the lake are west coast lighthouses. A man made island that is connected to the main land has lighthouses from the Great Lakes. Besides seeing these lighthouses we will visit 4 National Parks.

Our trip will start with your arrival in Las Vegas on March 24 and our usual Welcome To dinner. The next morning we will head out to California and visit the lowest spot in the United States, Death Valley National Park. That night we will over night in Kingman, AZ. March 26 we head south to Lake Havasu City to board our jet boat to travel Lake Havasu to photograph the lighthouses. The lake is 35 miles long and several miles wide. When we return back at the dock we’ll cross the London Bridge that connects Havasu Island with the City where we will be able to walk up to the lighthouses for some great shots. That night we return back to Kingman.

The next day we will travel “The Mother Road”, Route 66, the country’s first “highway”. Arizona has the largest section still maintained by the State DOT. We will stop at several museums along the way and tour the Grand Canyon Caverns. That night we overnight in Williams, AZ. The next morning we will board the Grand Canyon Railroad for a half day trip to Grand Canyon National Park. Once at the Park you will have the afternoon and night free to explore the Grand Canyon on your own. The Park has shuttle buses that will take you throughout the park. That night we will overnight in the park.

The next morning is also free to do whatever you would like to do. We will board our coach and head north to Page AZ for our overnight accommodations. Before we arrive at the hotel we will stop at Antelope Canyon, a reverse canyon, narrow at the top and wide at the bottom. Inside are many different shades of sandstone rocks, a photographer’s paradise.

In Page we start our day by visiting the Glen Canyon Dam and then head to the bottom of the dam for a float trip down the Colorado River. This 3 hour trip is in calm water through the Marble Canyon with cliffs towering around 700 to 1000 feet above your head. Our coach will pick us up at Lees Ferry at the end of the float trip. There we will tour the Lees Ferry Fort and Homestead from the late 1870’s. That night we will stay in Kanab, Utah. Kanab was used for hundreds of Western movies and TV shows. That night we will have a chuckwagon cookout dinner. Downtown has many plaques along the street telling about the western shows and the stars who performed in them.

The next morning we head out to one of the most beautiful National Park, Bryce Canyons with its multi-colored “Hoodoo” spires. If the sky is clear that night, we will head to the end of the Park to do some star gazing. If you never have been in total darkness to witness the Milky Way, it is one of the most spectacular sights you will ever see. The last day of the trip we will stop for pictures at Utah’s only real looking lighthouse in Cedar City. The red and white granite Providence Lighthouse stands 88 feet tall with a light, but is not near any water. Then we will stop at a small section of Zion National Park before we head back to Las Vegas and our Going Away dinner.

The price of the tour for a couple or 2 sharing a room is $3500 and a single is $2300. This will include everything except souvenirs and alcoholic beverages: transportation, entrance fees to the National Parks, boats, all meals and hotels. The only added cost is your transportation to and from Las Vegas. We will need 30 people for this trip to run. The max number of people will be 43, due to the space on the boat.

To sign up for the trip send a deposit of $200 per person and the registration form to Mike Boucher, 15 Starrow Dr., Newburgh, NY 12550. Make your check payable to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. The final payment must be received by March 1st. You can make monthly payments or 4 payments if you like. A waiting list will be in place in case of cancellations. You must be a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to sign up and go on the trip.
OTHER LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

The gazebo outside Barnegat Lighthouse is complete! A beautiful spot to catch some shade and see the lighthouse. Check out the panoramic view below!

Photo Credit: Lauren Ward

Scenes of Abby from the *Do Atlantic City* Boardwalk. New boards will connect the beachfront to Gardener’s Basin. (Photos courtesy of Absecon Lighthouse)
Volunteers Susan LaFaso (left) and Doreen Berson (right), handed out Junior Lighthouse Keeper Certificates to participants who answered several lighthouse questions.

From left to right is David Howarth of the Friends of Supawna Meadows (Finns Point) and Michael McGowan (NJLHS).
LIGHTHOUSES IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

By Robert J. Rodgers

This is a follow-up to last year’s article “Lighthouses in the Desert” that appeared in the June 2015 issue of the BEAM.

Historically, lighthouses were built to identify specific locations, such as entrances to busy harbors, dangerous shoals and reefs, and heavily traveled maritime channels. Most were built when goods and people were transported by ships and boats, not by trucks and airplanes as they are in today’s world. Many were built by government funds – as for the good of the general public. In times of darkness the lighthouses projected a light that could be seen for a distance to assist/warn the ship captains. Each lighthouse had a distinctive “signal” – a color and flash pattern to identify that particular lighthouse.

Equally important, lighthouses served as landmarks, or “daymarks,” during the daytime. This is why lighthouses have distinctive colors, patterns, and shapes to distinguish one lighthouse from another. However, as technology evolved, many of these historic/real lighthouses are being rendered unnecessary because of the increased use of GPS. Every issue of Lighthouse Digest contains “The Doomsday List” of lighthouses that are “Endangered Lighthouses.”

More recently, since the construction of most of the “historic” lighthouses, there has been a new wave of “lighthouses” emerging. Although they certainly serve as landmarks (daymarks), they sometimes serve other functions as well. The lighthouses on Lake Havasu, replicas (built to one third/one half scale) of historic/real lighthouses, have replaced “lights on top of poles” to serve as daytime and nighttime navigational aids to boaters on the Lake. There appears to be an increase of smaller “lighthouses” being built in unexpected places. These new “lighthouses” often serve as real navigational aids (on a smaller scale), as memorials, or just as distinctive landmarks. One of the lighthouses on Lake Havasu is the Robert Manning Memorial Lighthouse. The original “Manning Light” was built both as a memorial and as a functional lighthouse on Lake Michigan (Empire, Michigan) (Coast Guard’s Light List: “private aid to navigation”).

This year I have visited three of these new wave of lighthouses in “unexpected” places. In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there is a lighthouse on the eastern shore of Lake Hefner. It is named East Wharf Lighthouse, a replica of the Brant Point Light – Nantucket [MA] Harbor. It flashes red, two second off-on pattern from dusk to dawn and serves both as a daymark/recognizable landmark and as a “lighthouse” identifying the location of the entrance to a marina and a cluster of restaurants and other commercial buildings.

Another unexpected place was on Lake Tahoe, Nevada, at the Thunderbird Lodge. Actually, the estate was home to two lighthouses – one in a building overlooking the lake and one on the lake at the entrance to the boathouse that housed George Whittel Jr’s 55 foot mahogany speedboat. Because Lake Tahoe is 6,225 feet above sea level, these lighthouses are the two highest lighthouses in North America. The larger lighthouse is no longer functional. The one located on the lake (Thunderbird Cove Beacon Lighthouse) was functional (as a private aid to navigation) until 2008, when it was damaged in a storm. The preservation group in charge of the estate is in the process of securing funds to repair and restore the functioning of the light.
In Pennsylvania, 60 miles from Lake Erie is the 75 feet tall Tionesta Light. It displays a rotating light from dusk to dawn, serves as a daymark (and unofficially as a lighthouse) denoting the confluence of Tionesta Creek and the Allegheny River, and is a museum for the family heritage of a longtime Tionesta resident, Jack Sanford, and his collection of lighthouse memorabilia.

So, depending on your personal definition of a “lighthouse,” maybe all “real” US lighthouses are only on the coastlines of the Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, and major rivers. Or maybe they are just about everywhere. Even if you don’t consider these new structures as “real” lighthouses, it’s heartening to see the structure of a lighthouse being used as landmarks, memorials, and small time navigational aids. And they call attention to the beacons of the past and help educate people who may never see a real/historic lighthouse or know the background of these historic structures that guided shipping around the world and helped in the development of our country.

Here’s an additional thought. At the June NJLHS meeting, it was announced that the focus of the 2016 National Lighthouse Day in August (in New Jersey) was featuring free lighthouse climbs for children – to promote the awareness and appreciation of lighthouses. I wonder about the perception of the relevance of National Lighthouse Day for children in places like North Dakota and Wyoming and other places that are hundreds or thousands of miles from a real/historic lighthouse. While I was climbing the Tionesta Light, I observed a very, very excited girl (“Katie,” about the age of six) climbing the lighthouse with her mother and grandmother. She was so thrilled about the view from the top and kept explaining how great it was to climb a lighthouse. Could this new wave of “lighthouses”, while not quite like the real/historic ones, contribute to the awareness and appreciation of lighthouses in our county’s history and development? In Katie’s mind, it was a real lighthouse and it was g-r-e-a-t!
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