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### SEPTEMBER 15th MEETING

Surf City Volunteer Fire Co #1 (Fire Hall)  
713 Long Beach Blvd.  
Surf City, NJ 08008

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

Next Meeting: December 8th - See page 3

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello! I am excited that the NJLHS Instagram account has surpassed 100 followers! The more "friends" and "likes" the society’s social media accounts have, the better. It’s another way for us to promote society meetings, events around the state, and of course, the lights!

If you’re participating in the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey this year (October 20-21), snap a few pictures and send them to the Beam email address! I’d love to feature photos on Facebook, Instagram, or even the Beam itself. And if you’re really web savvy, post some yourself and add a hashtag or two so other can find and enjoy them. Try these for the Challenge:  
#lighthousechallengeofnj #njlhs  
And tag the lighthouse you’re at!

See more Challenge info on page 6, and don’t forget to check out the September AND December meeting details on page 3!

### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

**FACEBOOK**  
Current #: of Likes - 1,122  
[www.facebook.com/njlhs](http://www.facebook.com/njlhs)

**INSTAGRAM**  
Current #: Followers - 108  
[@njlhs](https://www.instagram.com/njlhs)

**ADDRESS CHANGE**  
To change your address please go to:  
Download the form and mail to:  
NJLHS Membership  
631B Yale Way, Monroe Township, NJ 08831

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The Beam
SEPTEMBER 15th MEETING

PROGRAM

09:30 AM  Setup
10:30 AM  Membership Sign In / Hospitality / Ways & Means
11:30 AM  General Membership Meeting
12:15 PM  Lunch - BRING YOUR OWN
1:00 PM  Program: Charlotte Banks, President of Friend of Barnegat Lighthouse, showing her PowerPoint program about Barnegat Light, its “Friends”, and some interesting lighthouse facts. Question/Answer period to follow.
3:00 PM  Departure

Meeting Location: Surf City Volunteer Fire Co #1 (Fire Hall)
713 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, NJ 08008
We visited there in 2016.
See below for directions.

From Parkway North or Southbound:
1 - Take exit 63 and follow signs for route 72 east.
2 - Go about 7 1/2 miles onto Long Beach Island.
3 - When entering the island, you will be on W. 9th St.
4 - Follow W.9th street to almost the end and make a left turn onto Long Beach Blvd towards Barnegat Light
5 - Go about 3/4 of a mile to North 7th Street.
6 - The fire house will be on your left just past North 7th Street.

Those coming from the West Jersey, Camden area:
1 - Pick up route 70, following it east to route 72 east.
2 - Follow route 72 east, going under the Parkway, then follow the directions above.

Those coming from the West Jersey, Trenton area.
1 - Pick up route 195 east to the parkway.
2 - Take the Parkway south to exit 63 and follow the directions above.

When parking, please make sure that you follow parking restrictions and do not block access for emergency vehicles. There is more parking across the street from the fire house.


Visit: WWW.NJLHS.ORG for an interactive map

DECEMBER 8th LUNCHEON MEETING
MEMBERS ONLY

MASTORIS DINER-RESTAURANT
144 US ROUTE 130, BORDENTOWN, NJ • INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 130 & 206

DONATION OF $15 FOR EACH RESERVATION
DONATION FOR CHILD (12 & UNDER) $10

MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

FAITH GIAMBOI, NJLHS TREASURER, WILL START COLLECTING DURING OUR LUNCH TIME AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING.
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Bob and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

Beautiful Climbing Weather: On June 16th we had the opportunity to visit Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse and picnic under the tent at Riverview Beach Park in Pennsville, NJ. Forty-five members were in attendance. In September we will be meeting at the Surf City Volunteer Fire Department on Long Beach Island. Meeting date is September 15th.

Membership Numbers:
As of mid-July, there are 98 individual memberships and 127 family memberships (counted as 2 each) for a total of 352 NJLHS 2018 Members.

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 (www.njlhs.org) 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. If you happen to meet any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Michael & Pamela Unruh York, SC
Joan Helwig Clifton, NJ

Note: To conserve funds for lighthouse preservation, membership cards will no longer be automatically mailed out. 2018 cards can be picked up at the Membership Table during quarterly meetings or requested by e-mailing: membership@njlhs.org.

ABOVE: Meeting setup at Riverview Park from June
LEFT: Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse - Taken by Marion Howarth, Friends of Supawna Meadows
FALL EVENTS

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE

“By the Light of the Moon”
Monday, September 24
Open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 8:00 PM
$10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

“Luscious Libations” BEER TASTING
Thursday, October 11, 5:30 PM
At the brand-new Tennessee Ave. Beer Garden
Nibbles. Live Music & Silent Auction. $50 pp

Haunted Lighthouse Tours
Saturday, October 27
5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 8:00 PM
$20 per person, includes snacks & beverages

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE

Campfire, Storyteller, & Lighthouse Night Climb
Saturday, October 27
7:00 to 9:00 PM

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
Monday, September 24
8:00pm-10:00pm

Ghosts of the Lighthouse Trolley Tour
Saturdays in September and October
Take an evening tour down the ghostly path that
leads to the Cape May Lighthouse, as you hear
about psychic medium Craig McManus’ paranormal findings. At the Lighthouse, you might even
feel the presence of long-ago keepers. Do you have what it takes to climb 199 spirited stairs to
the top? Whether you choose to climb or stay below, you’ll surely enjoy an awesome experience.
$22 for adults; $14 for children (ages 3-12)
Visit www.capemaymac.org for details.

TUCKER’S ISLAND LH @ TUCKERTON SEAPORT

36th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show
September 29 & 30: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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.
Admission: Free

Haunted Seaport
October 18, 19, 20, 21: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. $10
Pirates and Sea Captains long lost at sea will stroll the
Seaport’s boardwalk for a night of screams. Climb
aboard a hayride for a ghostly howling good time
through the Haunted Woods. Be on the lookout for
the Jersey Devil. We will also have a non-scary Family
Fun Activity Area with PUMPKIN SLIME, crafts, stories,
games, and not so scary fall activities. You will not
want to miss any of the fantastic phenomenal
hauntings of the evening. Frightful food by Cajun Jax!

EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Fall/Winter Schedule
Resumes October 6th/7th. Open 1st and 3rd weekend of
each month: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Light the Night (Halloween Parade & Night Climb)
Saturday, October 27, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

TINICUM REAR RANGE LIGHTHOUSE

Grand Re-Opening
Sunday, September 16th, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Join us as we celebrate the re-opening of our historic
lighthouse, after two years or repairs and painting.
Climb the 112 steps to the top and enjoy a fantastic
view of the Philly skyline, airport, and the Delaware
River.
The souvenir for 2018 is a full deck of playing cards. The cards feature a beautiful picture of the different lighthouses and sites that are part of the Challenge. You will receive the box and all suits of cards except for the hearts when you register. You'll collect the hearts as you visit each site. You have to complete the Challenge to complete your deck!

**Challenge Dedication**

After decades of countless hours of work by a dedicated group of volunteers to restore and preserve the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, and to interpret it as the home of a Lighthouse Keeper and as a museum dedicated to the lighthouse and the US Lifesaving Service, the City of North Wildwood decided not to renew their agreement with the Friends of Hereford Inlet Lighthouse. As of December, 2017, the City is running the Lighthouse as a Welcome Center and city museum. This year’s Lighthouse Challenge is dedicated to those who worked tirelessly for so many years to make the Lighthouse what it is or was. This year's Challenge pin is a reflection of this year's dedication. The pin will be available at most Challenge sites.

Thanks to much support, Tinicum will be once again open for climbing! They will also be proudly participating in a Night Climb this year. Your participation in The Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey is a large part of what fuels interest in our state's history for maintaining our lighthouses for future generations. Thank you for your continued support!

**Lighthouses with Night Climbs:**
6 PM to 8 PM Saturday
Absecon
Cape May
Tinicum

*Photo Credit: Carol Winkie*
TOPLESS IN CALIFORNIA

Article and Photos by Mike McGowan

There are several places in California where it is acceptable to go topless. There is, however, according to this observer, one place that it is not okay. That location is the Piedras Blancas Light Station located on the central California coast near San Simeon.

Construction of Piedras Blancas Light Station began in 1874 and was first illuminated ten months later in 1875. The lighthouse was originally 100 feet tall and had a Fresnel lens. Over the years, earthquakes caused damage to the lighthouse. An earthquake in late 1948 resulted in the upper part of the lighthouse being declared structurally unsound. In 1949, the upper three levels were removed which lowered the height of the tower to 70 feet. Under an agreement with the United States Coast Guard, the Fresnel lens was loaned to the town of Cambria where it is currently on display. The Piedras Blancas Light Station is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The public has asked the Bureau to restore the light station to its original appearance. The topless tower and supporting structures are on the National Register of Historic Places. Reconstructing the missing three levels of the lighthouse (fourth floor landing, the watch room, and lantern) is a priority but will be costly. Funds are currently being raised and when enough donations have been received, construction will begin.

The lighthouse continues to serve as an aid to navigation. A special light was installed that produces a flash every 10 seconds. We learned on the tour that the main purpose of the California lighthouses was not to warn and protect boats from shipwreck, but was to inform captains how far their vessels were up or down the coast.

The Piedras Blancas Light Station, as it now stands in its unique flat top appearance, is still missing something. It doesn’t look quite right. My wish and hope for this topless wonder is that it will soon be restored to its original 100 feet picturesque beauty and enjoyed for years to come.
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