10th Anniversary Issue

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NJLHS Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

by Kim M. Ruth

This issue marks the 10th Anniversary of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society and The Beam. We had our humble beginnings in 1990, when Jack Granger, through an announcement in the Keeper’s Log Bulletin, solicited USLHS members interested in forming a chapter of the USLHS. Among the responses Jack received to that invitation were ones from Jim Gowdy and Kim Ruth. Jim and Kim sent out 90 surveys asking about people’s interest in lighthouses and if they would be interested in forming a group in New Jersey.

Of the 35 responses returned, 31 people said they would be interested in joining; there were 3 maybes or conditional yes’s and 1 no. Sixteen people responded they would come to an organizational meeting and 19 actually came to the organizational meeting held at the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing on June 24, 1990.

Since the surveys only went out to USLHS members in what was then the 609 area code, the consensus of the group was that we would concentrate on getting the group going in South Jersey first, but from the very beginning we knew we did not want to exclude anyone from membership. After the meeting, the founding members broke for lunch, followed by a trip to the Absecon Lighthouse, to which Jim Gowdy had arranged access.

For the next three or so meetings, every time we met the group doubled in size. At our third meeting, held in the Sea Girt Lighthouse in December, 1990, we had 65 people at the meeting. Our fourth meeting at Twin Lights was attended by over 100 people and it was standing room only. It was a good thing attendance tapered off to between 100-150 at each meeting or by now Giant Stadium wouldn’t be big enough to hold all of us! By the end of 1991 we had 270 members. We had a four-person board of directors and three committees.
NJLHS 10th Anniversary

NJLHS Members at East Point Lighthouse, September, 1993.
Photo by John Siegel.

Harold Worner with his painting "Inlet of the Breakers"—1994. Harold donated the painting for our preservation raffle.

E.J. Rockette Horan and Virginia Rockette Gowers, daughters of Navesink Keeper Murphy Rockette—May 18, 1996.
Photo contributed by E.J. Rockette Horan.

Current VP Yvonne Miller and Pres. Tom Laverty at Twin Lights.

Photo by Carole DiNapoli.

Francis Ross Holland, our guest speaker at the October 3, 1992 meeting of NJLHS at Sandy Hook.
Photo by Carl Nelson.
December 11, 1993—The NJLHS members at the Sea Girt Lighthouse.

Photo by John Siegel.

Ken Black, Curator of the Shore Village Museum in Rockland, Maine, was our guest speaker at the December 5, 1992 and December 4, 1999 meetings.

Photo by Bill Geilfuss.

One of the most unusual lighthouses we’ve ever seen—Punta Lantailla Lighthouse, on Fuerteventura, a part of the Canary Islands.

Photo by Jurgen Troncke.

NJLHS Photo Contest Winners—1996—General category, (l-r), Lilian Fulce, Roland Fuide & Patricia Salazar.

Photo by Joan Walton.

Tom Laverty, George Feirer and Jack Granger at the East Point Lighthouse’s new bulletin board paid for by NJLHS.

Photo by Carole DiNapoli.

Who could forget Bill Geilfuss and Katie Moser dressed as Mr. & Mrs. Lighthouse, at the December 7, 1991 meeting at Hereford Inlet.


Photo by Bill Geilfuss.

WLV-189’s last journey. She was sunk as part of an artificial reef program—1994.

Photo by Nancy Hackney.
It took the new chapter nine months to develop a logo, which was originally designed by Rich Hellenbrecht. With modest changes throughout the years, it still serves us today.

We ran our first lighthouse boat trips—On May 25 and June 1, 1991, NJLHS members were aboard the North Star out of Atlantic Highlands for a cruise of lighthouses in the New York and Sandy Hook Bay areas.

In 1991, the Board was expanded to 9 positions, a President, 2 VP’s, Secretary, Treasurer, and 4 board members. The number of committees was expanded to 4; Historian, Editor, Activities chair and Membership chair.

Founder Jim Gowdy stepped down as Vice-President in September, 1992 to become the Vice-President of the Maurice River Historical Society and devote his time and energies to restoring the East Point Lighthouse.

Over the years NJLHS has attracted some notable lighthouse speakers, including Ken Black of the Shore Village Museum (who even came back for more!), F. Ross Holland, Elinor DeWire, and Harold Koslow.

By March, 1993, the photo contest had become an annual event at the March meetings. I see that I promised the winners of the 1st Photo Contest in December, 1993, that I’d publish the winning entries. They are still awaiting.

Founder Jack Granger stepped down as the first president of the group in December, 1994, to be replaced by Tom Laverty.

In December, 1994, Harold Worrer donated his painting, “Inlet of the Breakers”, featuring Barnegat Lighthouse, to the NJLHS for our preservation efforts. It raised a substantial amount towards our efforts. The Preservation Raffle has since become an annual event.

NJLHS made it into the digital age on February 10, 1997, when our website went public. It’s proven to be a valuable resource for members and researchers alike. The address is “njlhsurlco.org” but “www.njlhs.burlco.org” will work also.

We’ve run boat trips to the lighthouses in the Delaware Bay, New York Harbor, Long Island Sound, Hudson River, and this year, to Prince Edward Island. Carole DiNapoli has been involved in these activities almost since the beginning and certainly deserves a medal for her efforts.

NJLHS has donated funds to various lighthouse organizations to aid them in their preservation efforts, and many NJLHS members volunteer as docents at Absecon and Sandy Hook. The planning of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse for tours has been already possible through the efforts of NJLHS volunteers.

The first issue of our newsletter, The Beam, was published August, 1990, and was actually called The Flashlight. The membership of the newly formed New Jersey Chapter of United States Lighthouse Society voted to begin a newsletter to keep our far-flung members informed about the meetings and other topics of general interest. In our haste to get the organization moving ahead we forgot to decide on a name for the newsletter. Our second meeting was scheduled for September but the next issue of the newsletter would be printed and mailed before the membership met again, so your editor was in a jam on his very first issue. Needing a name for the masthead, knowing that the GLILKA had The Beacon, Trinity House had The Flash, tentatively named it The Flashlight, which was both a name on old nautical charts for a flashing lighthouse and a somewhat modest name for what I thought would probably be a very modest little rag. In a fit of both prophecy and perverse humor, I added, almost as an afterthought, “Journal of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society” beneath the name of the newsletter. In the 10 years it has been published no one ever seemed to get the joke but me. I thought that “Journal” gave the newsletter a more scholarly air, but I never thought of it as being a scholarly tome. Somehow I still think it’s funny. I guess you had to be there. The “Journal of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society” was prophetic because a few years later, in September, 1994, by a vote of 212 to 10, we became the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

By our second meeting, held in Pennsville and featuring a visit to the Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse, the membership voted on the name for the newsletter, so The Flashlight became The Beam. Lots of other names were suggested, including the lofty Illuminations, the unladylike Light Happenings, the scholarly Lumen, the humorous Winky Inky, the illiterate Fresnel Follies, Coastal Lights, and Keeper’s Comments. The overwhelming favorite was The Beam. I really didn’t like the name “The Beam” (but wasn’t married to The Flashlight either) but it was the overwhelming favorite of the membership and after a while, it grew on me such that I can’t conceive that we ever thought of calling it anything else. (ed. note: wife is still miffed Winky Inky didn’t get the nod).

Our first issue of the newsletter had a press run of 325 copies of a 4-page newsletter. The average press run today is 1,200 of an 8-page newsletter. We’ve had a few 12-pagers and one 14-pager. It takes about 100 man-hours to produce, stuff and mail.

In our 10 years, we’ve run stories on lighthouses just about everywhere: Iceland, Nova Scotia, The Canary Islands, Germany, Ireland, England, California, Texas, Maine, Michigan, Florida, North Carolina—just about everywhere but New Jersey! I was well aware that if we only covered New Jersey (forget the fact that we are the NJLHS) we’d soon run out of material. Truthfully—we are a group that loves to read about lighthouses, and we aren’t real particular about where there are located. That was evident even from the very first meeting.

Over the years our stories have run the gamut from humorous (evidenced by “Pointers on Navigating for a Lighthouse Driver”, by Ruth Bales, (Number 20, June 1995), to serious (“A
Heinous Act of Cowardice”, Number 6, December 1991), from Triumph (“NJLHS Volunteers Open Historic Sandy Hook Lighthouse to Public”, Number 26, December, 1996) to tragedy (“Devastating Fire Destroys Nearly Completed Abscon Keeper’s House”, Number 33, September, 1998). One of the more famous (infamous?) articles was by George Feier called “The Language of Lighthouses” in which he listed the word “lighthouse” and other related terms in languages ranging from Arabic to Vietnamese. In the article, George wrote, “Let’s consider it a fun list, with useful overtones.” Useful or not, your editor just about hung himself trying to find the correct computer diacritical marks for the text and had to cheat and paste a few in.

We’ve gotten a lot of mail over the years, but the articles that, to date, have generated the most mail have been the series of articles the Panayotoff’s did on lighthouse cup plates (I had no idea cup plate collectors had such a lobby!), my article of “Collecting and Dating Lighthouse Postcards” and Katharine House’s article on “Little Red.”

Since Beam #19, we’ve printed Program Signals on the back page and some of you have stayed up late at night wondering why. It was my wife’s suggestion and the answer is since the column contains meeting information and more importantly, directions, we thought it would be easier to follow if you didn’t have to turn pages while driving.

I don’t know if it’s been The Beam or the kids, but going through the archives in preparation for this issue, I noticed in the early photo’s of the group that my hair wasn’t gray in the least. In the ten years of doing The Beam, it’s become my custom to announce the birth of my children in The Beam, (desperate for copy!) and so I too have grown older (but not more mature) with The Beam. In fact, my wife Sharon was very pregnant with son Mike during the preparation of Volume 1 Number 1 (the first issue of the newsletter). His birth was announced in Beam Number 2. Yeah, we changed our numbering too. The first issue of the newsletter was labeled Volume 1, Number 1, but later we thought just Number 2, Number 3 was simpler. (I’ve never quite figured out how many numbers go in a volume anyway). Mike will be 10 on September 12, Kevin is 8, Eamonn is 6 1/2 and Sean is almost 4, so they have grown up just as the group has.

We’ve come a long way in 10 years. Having been a part of the group since its conception, I’ve been amazed at the growth of the group and the dedication of the officers, board members, and volunteers. NJLHS is such a dynamic group. I little thought that the 19 people who met in Mays Landing on June 24, 1990 would evolve and grow into an active group of over 750 lighthouse lovers known as the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

SPRING ON LONG ISLAND SOUND
by Yvonne Miller

On Saturday, May 20th, 132 members and guests of the NJLHS arrived at Captain John's Sport Fishing Center in Waterford, CT, to embark on the Sunbeam Express for a cruise of the Eastern Long Island Sound. When we left at 10:25 a.m., the sun was trying to break through but that was the closest we got to sunshine all day.

Heading toward the Connecticut River, we approached the Saybrook Breakwater Lighthouse and just beyond the breakwater the Linde Point Light. Between the two lights we could see the home of Katherine Hepburn on shore. After a period of frenzied picture taking, we headed across the sound toward Plum Island and Orient Point Lights.

As we followed the shoreline of Fisher Island, NY, we passed Little Gull and Race Rock Lights—all four in New York waters. On our way back to the Connecticut side of the sound we passed Latimer Reef and North Dumpling Lights. Latimer Reef was recently painted so even on this dreary day, it was a bright spot in the middle of the sound. As we passed North Dumpling Island Light, I was reminded of Marie Heckemeyer, who spoke to us at our Tarrytown, NY, meeting a few years ago. Marie was the daughter of a keeper of both of those lights and she told us the story of when her family was stationed at North Dumpling and her little brother fell and seriously hurt his head. He was bleeding and her parents were trying to stop the bleeding. They couldn’t talk on the radios at that time because it was during WWII, so they had to put up distress flags and hope that they were seen in time. When asked what they did while they waited, Marie said she, her parents and, her other brother knelt down and prayed. They held vigil all night and the next morning the doctor arrived. Her brother survived but sustained a permanent injury which he still lives with today. Seeing the island, I could finally comprehend the isolation and loneliness of being a child growing up on that island and the dangers involved. Now it is a multi-million dollar home self-sustained by a windmill and with a caretaker’s residence!

Back into Connecticut waters, we arrived at Morgan Point, another privately owned light. There Captain John tooted the horn and the owner of the light came out to give us a welcoming wave. Captain John told us that the owners will allow visitors to go on the property to take pictures but you do have to ask for permission. We then began our return, passing North Dumpling again and headed for New London Harbor. As we approached New London Ledge and the New London Harbor Light (Pequot Light), we experienced the first rain drops of the day. As we took our final pictures, Captain John headed back to the Niantic Bay and the Sunbeam's dock. We disembarked and a happy group of pharologists headed home after a very satisfying day.
Lighthouses of Eastern

(Clockwise this page from upper left)
Latimer Reef (1834), New York; Lynde Point Lighthouse (1838, 1863), Old Saybrook Connecticut; New London Ledge, Lighthouse (1910) Connecticut; Morgan Point Lighthouse (1868), Connecticut, a private residence.

(clockwise from upper left right page) - North Dumpling Lighthouse (1871), New York; Saybrook Breakwater Lighthouse (1886), Connecticut; Plum Island Lighthouse (1827, 1870), New York; Orient Point Lighthouse (1899), New York.
Long Island Sound
Y2K Photo Contest—Big Success

by Al Smith

When I first agreed to take over the Photo Contest I never believed it would grow as much as it has. Would you believe 144 photos from 74 different people and about 180 people at the meeting! And we had 15 NEW winners this year. Congratulations to everyone, the pictures were GREAT.

Special Congratulations to Carole Reily, a new winner who not only got a 1st place in Other Lighthouses—larger than 5X7—but also won Best of Show for A Beautiful Summer Day @ Brandywine L/H! Way to go Carole!

Here are the winners and please hold your applause until the end:

Other Lighthouses – 5X7 & Smaller
1st – Steve Casler – Portland Head
2nd – Barry Wood – Reflections (Pemaquid L/H)
3rd – Cindy Mitzen – Ocracoke w/fence
Honorable Mention –
Steve Swiencki – Mississagi Straits, Ontario, Canada

Other Lighthouses – Larger than 5X7
1st – Carol Rodriguez – Here Comes the Storm
2nd – Pat Muench – Jeffery's Hook
3rd – Bill Robbins – Christmas @ Nauset Light
Honorable Mentions –
Bill Geiffuss – Thomas Point
Al Smith – Leard's Front Range, PEI, Canada

New Jersey Lighthouses - 5X7 & Smaller
1st – Anthony Vitulli – East Point Light
2nd – Joseph Solaqui – Twin Lights
3rd – Al Smith – Ghost Light – East Point
Honorable Mentions –
Steve Swiencki – Hereford Inlet
Katie Moser – Tuckerton

New Jersey Lighthouses – Larger than 5X7
1st – Carole Reily – English Garden @ Hereford Inlet L/H
2nd – Carol A. Nall – Miah Mauel @ Sunset
3rd – Stephen Hewitt – Hereford “Night”
Honorable Mention –
Ed Downs – Cape May Lighthouse
Jim Curry – Brandt Point Light

Master’s Category
1st – Roland Fulde – Michigan City Light
2nd – Jim Welfrum, Jr. – North Light, Block Island

3rd – Bill Volpe – Harbor Light Cove
Honorable Mentions:
Roland Fulde – Sandy Hook Light
Carole DiNapoli – Hilton Head Light, S.C.

Wild applause would be appropriate considering the number and quality of this year’s entry.

How about those Kodak Ambassadors? Edd Mathisen and Ted Skeen did a fantastic job. I hate to think how great NEXT YEAR’S entries will be if you absorbed the tips that they showed you. Don’t forget to stick those handy little Kodak ‘reference’ books in your camera bag in case you forget a particular point. I hope everyone who wanted to talk to them got their chance. I know I heard them answering all kinds of questions, from those about processing to those about picture composition.

The slide show sure was a good one with some good laughs to help drive home the points. And wasn’t it nice of them to provide film to the contest winners as well as for door prizes! Thank You Edd & Ted and thanks to Kodak for providing such a service.

Want to ‘up’ your chances of winning next year? We had 55 entries in Other Lighthouses, 5X7 & Smaller and 49 in Other Lighthouses, Larger than 5X7. Think about where everyone is going, then plan accordingly. The categories and rules will be the same for next year. I doubt we could top this year what with Kodak’s help by supplying Edd & Ted.

I would also like a round of applause for those who helped make this work. To everyone who pitched in to help, whether by putting up pictures or doing sign ups, there were so many of you and I thank you so much. Especially for my wife Betty, she makes the ballots and signs and keeps me straight. I couldn’t do any of this without her.

Society News

Prince Edward Island Bus Trip

There are still a few seats available for the “Lighthouses of Prince Edward Island” bus trip on August 20-26, 2000.

The itinerary includes: Circling Prince Edward Island, visiting 12 lighthouses, a trip to the Potato Museum, Elephant Rock, and the Anne of Green Gables house.

The cost is $940 per person double occupancy and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, tour director service, 6
nights lodging, 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, all room and meal taxes and gratuities, and all lighthouse and museum admissions.

A deposit of $450 is required. The final payment is due on or before July 10, 2000. Make your check payable to "Campus Travel, Inc." and mail it with your name, address, phone and number of persons to: Mrs. Carole DiNapoli, 1150 Kearney Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Y2K Raffle: LAST CHANCE

This year’s raffle has been going pretty well. If you haven’t sent back your tickets—or gotten the extras you need—NOW is the time to do so. The meeting is June 24th so time is SHORT. Please don’t mail any chances back the last week. I’m just afraid they won’t get here in time and will be left out with no chance to win. You may bring your tickets to the meeting; we will have a table set up to take them.

Remember, we have 3 GREAT Bed & Breakfast prizes and that chance to do some shopping in the Lighthouse Depot catalog (or at their store in Wells, Maine) as prizes this year. And the framed, matted picture of Sandy Hook (circa 1866) came out very nice.

So get those chances back and I HOPE to see YOU in the winner’s circle this year!

Calling All Hands!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good men AND women. A few? How about AS MANY AS POSSIBLE?

How would you like to volunteer at the newly restored Sandy Hook Lighthouse or the recently restored Absecon Lighthouse? Or, how about the brand, spanking new replica lighthouse at Tuckerton? Each of these locations NEEDS volunteers.

While Absecon and Tuckerton have groups that they can rely on for some of their volunteers, Sandy Hook relies PRIMARILY on our members due to the National Park Service’s problem of attracting volunteers for their many attractions.

Won’t you please join the members who are already helping out at the various locations? Contact Rich or Elinor Viet (609-652-1876) to help at Absecon, Harry or Debbie Megenigal (609-268-0779) for Tuckerton and Tom Laverty (732-872-2966) or Al Smith (856-546-7810) to help at Sandy Hook.

October 14th and 15th seem to be a long way off but we are making plans for the New Jersey Lighthouse 2000 weekend and YOU are a BIG part of it. We need volunteers to cover 11 lighthouses to do Outreach, that is, pass out information about the society and lighthouses in general. You will also issue the stamp for that particular lighthouse as well as the ‘certificate’ that the stamps will be placed on. Interested? I HOPE SO!

Please contact Mike Grant at 973-635-7361 before ALL the Lighthouses are SPOKEN FOR! His home address is:

Mike Grant
31 Van Doren Ave.
Chatham, N.J. 07928

REMEMBER, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING! Join us.

Joe and Donna Kelly Speak to Local Organizations

As part of the NJLHS outreach program, members Joe & Donna Kelly of Manahawkin gave four presentations on New Jersey lighthouses from January through April, 2000. The organizations they spoke to include the Kiwanis Club of Stafford Township, the Village Harbor Civic Association, the Long Beach Island Kiwanis Club and the Republican Club of Ship Bottom. These presentations, attended by more than a total of 125 people, were very well received. Joe Kelly, a Van Dyk Group realtor associate, and his wife Donna are well known throughout the Manahawkin and Long Beach Island communities.


Elinor A. Veit Receives NJ Division of Parks & Forestry 1999 Volunteer Award

On April 29, 2000 at the Parvin State Park in Pittsgrove, NJ, the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry awarded Elinor A. Veit a 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award. The Inlet Public/Private Association nominated Elinor for this award in recognition of the literally thousand of hours she has dedicated over the past four years to the project of the restoration and reopening of the Absecon Lighthouse.

The many projects undertaken by Elinor on behalf of the lighthouse are historical research on the lighthouse and its
grounds, photographing the restoration process from start to end, helped with the development of a volunteer corps to staff the lighthouse when opened, publicity for the project, and many hours of duty at the lighthouse as a volunteer keeper giving tours and interpreting the history of the lighthouse to the visitors.

Elinor also serves as Co-Chairman of Publicity for the NJLHS and has been a frequent contributor to The Beam.

4th Graders Learn about Life in Lighthouses

Kim Ruth presented a multimedia presentation about lighthouses and life in lighthouses for about 100 4th grade students at the Tabernacle Elementary School on May 10th. The presentation included slides, pictures, charts, drawings and memorabilia. The students were studying lighthouses and building models of their favorites. They asked some good questions and were very attentive. Despite having never done a program for such a young age group, I had a great time doing the program.

Couples marry at lighthouses

At the southern tip of New Jersey, we have two very pretty and different lighthouses within ten miles, and both are open to the public. The couple to the left are Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hays. The bride is the daughter of Caz & Maryjane Rupinski of Fishing Creek, New Jersey. The wedding took place November 20, 1999. In the background is the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse in North Wildwood.

Jill Bayless and Nick Santucci of Wilmington, Delaware chose the Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse as the site of their Valentine's Day wedding. Jill loves the beach and collects lighthouse knick knacks and thought it would be romantic to get married inside the real thing. They were married at the base of the steps.

NJLHS 2000 Outreach

by Al Smith

The NJLHS will be participating at the following events to inform and educate the public about lighthouses in New Jersey, lighthouses in general, and the NJLHS. Volunteers are needed for these events.

If you live near one of the events or are planning to attend, we would appreciate your help in representing the Society for an hour or whatever time you can spare.

June 5, 2000 Delaware Bayday, at the East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ. Contact Yvonne Miller at 609-654-51 or e-mail ymm615@aol.com.

June 10, 2000 Re-opening of Sandy Hook Lighthouse, Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Contact Yvonne Miller at 609-654-2451 or e-mail ymm615@aol.com.

August 5, 2000 Open house at the East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, New Jersey. Contact Steve Martorano at 856-456-3281.


NJLHS Goes South

by Al Smith

Betty and I went to visit our Southern neighbors on May 6th to spread the word of New Jersey Lighthouses. We participated in the annual Lighthouse Festival at Piney Point Lighthouse in St. Mary’s County, Maryland.

The festival featured songs by the Charlotte Elementary School singers and music by the school band. There were also life saving and dog handling demonstrations plus tours and lectures on the site. There were also plenty of crafts and marine/lighthouse wares for sale.

Unfortunately, the unseasonably hot weather and the St. Mary’s County Fair conspired to keep the crowd small. However, we passed out many copies of the New Jersey Tourism Guide to the New Jersey Lighthouses, as well as brochures from the individual lighthouses. We also passed out information concerning the Lighthouse Weekend October 14 & 15 of this year.

We met many transplanted New Yorkers there and many of the other people also seemed genuinely interested in the information we provided. We hope that we will see some of these people at various lighthouses in N.J.

New Jersey Lighthouse 2000

NJLHS, in cooperation with other lighthouse groups, is sponsoring New Jersey Lighthouse 2000 on October 14 & 15, 2000. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness and appreciation of these historic structures. During this weekend 11 of New Jersey's historic lighthouses will be open simultaneously for tours.

Each participating site will have its own collector stamp available to be placed on an event visitation card to track your
journey. These are complements of the NJLHS. You must visit each site to get all the stamps. In addition each guest who reaches either Sandy Hook or the Tinicum Rear Range Light with a complete set will receive a special token.

The society plans to have members at each of the sites to greet you. Admission charges and other limitations are decided by each of the participating organizations.

NJLHS Board member Rick Weber has been the coordinator of the event.

**Participants:**


**Navesink Twin Lights**-Only twin lighthouse in New Jersey. Present building erected in 1862. Hosts-State of New Jersey & Twin Lights Historical Society. Contact: 732-872-1814. Directions: GSP north or south to Exit 117. East on Route 36 to sign on right just before the drawbridge. Follow signs to the top of the hill.

**Sea Girt Lighthouse**-Last live-in style built in the United States, 1896. Hosts-Sea Girt Lighthouse Citizens Committee, Inc. Contact: 732-974-0514. Directions: GSP to Exit 98 to Rt. 138 East to Rt. 35 South, left onto Sea Girt Avenue (5th traffic light before Marasquan traffic circle), becomes Washington Blvd. (after crossing railroad tracks becomes First Avenue after sharp left bend), right onto Beacon Blvd.

**Barnegat Lighthouse**-Towering 172 ft., this lighthouse was erected in 1857-1858. Hosts-State of New Jersey. Contact: 609-494-2016. Directions: GSP north or south to Exit 63. Follow Rt. 72E onto Long Beach Island. Proceed through two traffic lights and make left onto Long Beach Blvd. Head to the north end of the island (approx 8 miles) and make a left onto Broadway.

**Absecon Lighthouse**-Erected in 1857, this 171 foot tall tower is the only tall tower lighthouse with its original 1st order Fresnel lens in place. Hosts-Inlet Public/Private Association. Contact: 609-441-9272. Directions: At the corner of Verment and Pacific Avenues in Atlantic City.

**Hereford Inlet Lighthouse**-Built in 1874 and designed by Paul Pelz, designer of the Library of Congress, it is a wooden structure of Victorian Gothic. Hosts-City of North Wildwood. Contact: 609-522-4520. Directions: GSP North to Exit 6 to Rt. 147E, make left onto Chestnut Avenue to Central Avenue or GSP South to Exit 4 to Rt. 47E make left onto South Jersey Avenue, make right onto Chestnut Avenue to Central Avenue.

**Tuckers Island Lighthouse**-A reconstruction of the original live-in lighthouse that once stood on Tucker’s Island. Officially known as the Little Egg Harbor Lighthouse. Hosts—Barneget Bay Decoy & Baymen’s Museum, Inc. Contact: 609-296-8868. Directions: Exit 58 of GSP to Rt. 539, to Rt. 9S.

**Cape May Lighthouse**-The third lighthouse to mark the cape, the present structure was built in 1859. Hosts-Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts. Contact: 609-884-5404. Directions: GSP South to Cape May. Follow signs to Cape May Point State Park.

**East Point Lighthouse**-Erected in 1848 to guide fishermen and oystermen into the Maurice River. Hosts-Maurice River Historical Society. Contact: 856-327-3714. Directions: In Cumberland County, take Rt. 47 North or South to the Heislerville turnout. Follow signs to East Point Lighthouse.

**Finns Point Rear Range Lighthouse**-Constructed in 1876 of iron, it stands 115 feet tall. Hosts-US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Save the Lighthouse Committee. Contact: 856-935-1487. Directions: 197 Lighthouse Road, Pennsville, New Jersey.

**Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse**-First lit in 1880, its fixed red light still guides ships along the Delaware River to Philadelphia. Hosts-Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse Society at Paulsboro, Inc. Contact: 856-423-1505. Directions: Lighthouse is at the corner of Mantua and Second Street in Paulsboro, New Jersey.
Program Signals

by Yvonne Miller

Summer Meeting:
The June 24, 2000 meeting will be held at The Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum on Route 9 in Tuckerton, New Jersey. NJLHS members and guests are being admitted to the Seaport free of charge as a courtesy to our society. This is a very generous gesture since their adult admittance charge is normally $8.00.

The NJLHS Board encourages that members patronize Skeeter's Seafood Cafe & Snack Bar. A menu is included in The Beam for your convenience. As in the past, please bring your lawn chairs to set up in the tent. This is our 10th Anniversary picnic meeting and the drawing for our Annual Preservation Raffle. Special arrangements for admittance to the site are being made for NJLHS. It is extremely important that you wear your society name tag or special ones that will be issued at our membership table. We will have our anniversary cake and watermelon after lunch. Lemonade and ice tea will also be available.

Our schedule for the day:
Hospitality............................................ 10:30am
General Membership Meeting .................... 11:00am
Introduction and Welcome of the Tuckerton Seaport Staff
Preservation Raffle Drawing.......................... 12:00 Noon
Break for lunch ...................................... 1:00 pm
Tours of the Seaport and Tucker Island Lighthouse

Look for signs for the "NJLHS Meeting" at the Seaport. We will be holding the meeting near the cafe and parking lot.

Upcoming Meetings:
Fall Meeting—September 16, 2000 at Sandy Hook
Winter Meeting—December 2, 2000 at Cape May

Recap: March 2000 Meeting
The meeting was well attended; we counted 192 people although there were 200 chairs and it was standing room only. Our annual Photo Contest meeting went very well with lots of participants. The Kodak Ambassadors, Edd Mathisen and Ted Skeen, were absolutely wonderful! (See Al Smith's article this issue for more information and a list of the winners).

The NJLHS would like to thank the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Committee, Paul DeFilippo, Betty Mungier, Steve Murray, and all the volunteers, for their hospitality and for making arrangements for us to use the North Wildwood Fire Hall. In addition, Hereford Inlet Lighthouse has extended free admittance to all members of NJLHS as long as they present their current membership card. This is for NJLHS members only; it does not include their guests.

Standing Notices
Hospitality is served from 10:30 a.m.
Business meetings start promptly at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch break is between adjournment of meeting and speaker/presentation. Bring your lunch as we only take a short break.
Lighthouse openings and tours will be announced in each Program Signals.
Vendors should make prior arrangements with the Ways & Means chairperson to set up their tables at each meeting.

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