A Tale of Two Photos

By Judy Swiencki

Having visited and photographed some 700 lighthouses during the last 16 years, Steve and I have accumulated an abundance of pictures—some of excellent quality, some that we save only because we can't bear to throw away anything with the image of a lighthouse on it. Among our massive collection are two photographs of the same lighthouse; I took one of them and the other was given to us by a stranger.

For as long as we've been seekin' beacons, we've spent Columbus Day weekend in our RV on Cape Cod. On our 1997 visit, a long-awaited dream came true when we got to go to the island of Nantucket and visit all of its lighthouses. Our adventure began when we rented a Suzuki Sidekick for our trek out to Great Point. A real rookie at four-wheeling, Steve tried to stay on the "trail" as we bumped and bounced over the soft sand, afraid to stop until we "landed" on more solid ground by the lighthouse.

The newly painted bright white tower gave us a magnificent welcome, but we were somewhat disappointed that workmen were on the lantern painting the black roof. (We like our lighthouse pictures people-free.) I took some photos anyway and was pleased with the interesting results. Apparently, many NJLHS members agreed, for one of them won a blue ribbon in the close-up category in the 1998 "people's choice" photo contest.

The name painted on the truck at Great Point told us that the painters worked for the American Steeple and Tower Company in Salem. We had two enlargements made and mailed them to the company to be given to the unidentified men in the picture. And that was the end of it. Or so we thought.

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From the Editor’s desk........

The Editorial Staff thanks those who send feature stories as well as those who send in quarterly reports and information articles. Keep The Beam in mind on your next Lighthouse searching vacation. Our next edition will be September, 2002 with a article submission deadline of August 10., 2002.

Have an enjoyable, safe summer

Editorial Staff
Joe & Carol Guchek

(Continued Two Photos from page 1)

In December 2000, we received a letter from Robert G. Levesque Jr. of American Steeple. He and his coworker had wanted to thank us for the photographs but our letter didn’t contain our address. “It wasn’t until I moved my office and started hanging pictures on the wall that I discovered your address on the back of the photo, which is framed above my desk,” he wrote. “Since you never got to see the lighthouse finished, I have enclosed a couple of photos I had taken upon completion.”

Now we have two wonderful photos of Great Point Lighthouse. One is special to us because of the memories associated with our visit the bright autumn day, the challenging expedition over the sand to reach the tower, and getting to see lighthouse work up close and personal. The other is a superb image given to us by one of the subjects of our own picture. To tell the truth, we can’t decide which one we like better.

Photo By ROBERT G. LEVESQUE JR.
PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE
REOPENED MAY 11, 2002

Story and photos by Al Smith

Piney Point Lighthouse, 'once a guiding beacon for sailors on the Potomac River' in St. Mary's County reopened to the public at the annual celebration staged by the St. Clements Island-Potomac River Museum.

Due to neglect, (the light was 'darkened' in 1964) weather, age and well-intentioned but inadequate or improper repairs, the wooden stairs deteriorated rapidly and it was unsafe to climb to the top for the beautiful views up and down the river.

Thanks to the expertise of John Greenwalt Lee who is a fine furniture and cabinetmaker, the stairs are now able to allow folks that opportunity. Mr. Lee used his vast store of knowledge to not only preserve the center pole and steps that, as one speaker noted, 'were only being held together by the termites holding hands' but to strengthen them using an epoxy resin that, pumped in under some pressure, filled the voids in the post and treads allowing for their continued use. Where necessary due to parts being missing, castings were made and those parts replaced with the cast parts.

The lighthouse is still in need of other repairs that will not allow it to be open full time; for the present it will only be open on festival days although the museum and store are open year round.

The Outreach done there by Betty and I was very successful primarily due to the lighthouse being open thereby drawing an audience more interested in lighthouses in general than was previously the case. Many people were very interested in the 2002 Challenge and we met several people who did the 2001 Challenge and made favorable comments about it. Numerous copies of the 2002 brochure were given out and a number of people were very interested in doing this year's Challenge. We hope to see many of these 'new friends' as they circle New Jersey.

The 'diorama' caught everyone's eye and the curator told us she may 'steal' the idea.

We certainly congratulate Lydia Wood, Site Director, and the many volunteers who worked very hard to put this event on. We would declare it a success!

President's Corner
June 2002

By Tom Laverty

NJLHS keeps moving ahead with projects, activities, and donations in the New Jersey Lighthouse community. Several of those efforts have recently been recognized on a National level through articles about the organization. In the spring 2002 issue of The Keeper’s Log, published by the United States Lighthouse Society in San Francisco, there is an article about the assistance we gave to the Tuckerton Seaport Museum in the restoration of the Brandywine Shoal Lighthouse lens (see NJLHS Beam December 2001 for the story). The lens is now being displayed at the museum and NJLHS members will have a chance to see it at our Christmas Social in December (more on that in future issues). Lighthouse Digest, from Wells Maine ran a photograph of our March Atlantic City meeting in their May issue. Harbour Lights ran a short story with photos in issues of their collector’s newsletter about the collector’s event we hosted in April (See Yvonne Miller’s article in this issue of the Beam).

I want to thank all the members of NJLHS for their efforts in making this organization what it is. Because all of you sold raffle tickets, gave donations, and pay your dues, we were able to give Tuckerton Seaport the $3900.00 it took to hire the professionals who could restore that lens. Because so many of you now volunteer for NJLHS sponsored events we were able to host the Harbour Lights collectors and made a favorable impression on Lighthouse people from around the country. Because you gave Tim Harrison, Lighthouse Digest editor, a warm reception at our Atlantic City meeting, he knows what a great group of people NJLHS members are.

The District Inspectors of the modern lighthouse service have seen what a fine job everyone is doing. "Keep up the good work".
EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE
2002 OPEN DATES

July 21—(Sunday)—1 to 4pm
August 3—(Annual Open House)—10 to 4pm
Sept. 15—(Sunday)—1 to 4pm
Oct. 19 & 20—Challenge Weekend—10 to 5pm

East Point Lighthouse is on East Point Road, Heislerville, NJ. The lighthouse sits at the mouth of the Maurice River on the Delaware Bay in southern Cumberland County. Signs direct you to the Lighthouse from State Route 47 (Delsea Drive) south of Route 55. Contact: Maurice River Historical Society, 210 N. High St., Millville, New Jersey 08332. 856-327-3714

PHILADELPHIA ARCHIVES TO HOST LIGHTHOUSE EXHIBIT

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Mid-Atlantic Region announces the opening of its new exhibit, Beacons on the Shore: Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Visitors will take a symbolic voyage along the eastern seaboard of the United States from Cape Fear in North Carolina to Long Beach Island in New Jersey with visits to the Outer Banks, Cape Henry, the James, Potomac and Delaware Rivers, the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, and the Delmarva Peninsula.

The exhibit will be open to the public through January 11, 2003. The National Archives exhibit gallery is located in the Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building on Chestnut Street between 9th and 10th Streets in Philadelphia. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM, and the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 8:00AM-4:00PM. Admission is free.

For more information please contact Matthew DiBiase at 215-597-5694

In Memory..................

By BJ Smith

As you may or may not know, Pat Brooks left us on Wednesday, April 10, 2002. As someone said to me right after hearing about her passing, "we lost a shining light", those words were never truer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, especially Dixie, her sister. She was there with a smile and a helping hand and she will truly be missed. Here are a few memories that I would like to share about Pat which were sent to me from her friends and family. To them she was:

• The smiling lady sitting next to Harry at the raffle table at our meetings who tried to sell you that extra ticket.
• The lady who greeted everyone at Sandy Hook Lighthouse and would talk as long as you wanted her to about Sandy Hook and other lighthouses.
• The lady who encouraged you to go up Sandy Hook even though she couldn't.
• The lady who encouraged you to join the New Jersey Lighthouse Society and to VOLUNTEER as we needed volunteers.
• The lady who was so thrilled about getting her top 10 Sandy Hook volunteer shirt (she took it with her).
• The lady who was willing to share her lunch with you at a meeting because you forgot yours.
• The lady who always had her family and lighthouse pictures with her and was willing to show them to you.
• The lady who kidded you about doing something wrong or silly, but then went and did the same thing herself and made sure you saw her do it.
• The lady who was a special friend to many and was so upbeat even though she wasn’t feeling well.
• The lady who always had a hug for you when she hadn’t seen you in awhile.
• The lady who always wanted to drive when she and her sister went on “lighthouse” trips?

I sure hope that you have one of these or some other memory of Pat Brooks because she was truly that LADY. We will miss you Pat!

Keep the light shining!!!
Welcome to another edition of Light Bytes. In this edition I review the site, The Lighthouse Directory, created by Russ Rowlett. The address is: http://www.unf.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/. All I can say is wow! This site will become my new “first point for doing research site”, i.e., as I do research on a particular light, or if I know I will be traveling in a new area, I will now check this site first. This site has everything.

A lot of times, the opening page gives me my first impression and sets both the mood and the tone for the rest of my visit to the particular lighthouse site. A lot of sites have long introductions, heavy with graphics, sounds and animations. Russ’ site, refreshingly, does not. The site gives a “just the facts ma’am” presentation with plenty of links to all kinds of information, and not just pictures. But don’t despair; there are still a lot of pictures.

Two things immediately jump out at me from the main page. First, there is an archive of lighthouse related news stories running along the left side of the page. The list is updated to keep up with current events, and the last date the list was updated is displayed at the top. Second, on the right side, a little ways down is a link to Russ’ Rating Guide. This is not just a subjective rating of the lighthouse with regards to scenery, etc. this rating tells you how you can interact with the light. For example, you can get near it, you can walk around it, it is inaccessible, you can climb it, etc. In my opinion, this is one of the best features of the site. While researching a particular light, I can immediately know, in Russ’ opinion, what my contact with the light will be.

Of course, there are plenty of pictures of lights on the site. The lighthouses are listed geographically, by state and region, and include the Caribbean. One great format of this site is that any new pictures are listed in a “What’s Hot” section for each region of the country. Of course, I surfed over to check out the NJ lights page. There are a lot of links to NJ lights listed! There are plenty of links for all of your old favorites and links to some “lost lights.” Also included are some links to searchable news archives and links for other information.

Each state’s page starts with a little introduction and is followed by the new editions. Following that is a list of links for further information. Next, the lights are listed for the particular state. Within each light’s description, there are links to specific photos and links to a group that maintains or has adopted the light. Following the list of lights are the links to lost lighthouses and the searchable news archives.

I could spend another article describing all that Russ’ site has to offer, and as it is, I’m sure I’m pushing space limitations. For my final words, I will say that this is a great site, one that has a lot of information and resources along with the pictures. The rating guide alone makes this site one of the most useful. Don’t blame me if you are up all night perusing this great web site. Feel free to send your comments and requests to me at greg_jansky@yahoo.com.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Your overwhelming generosity with cookies and cakes for our March meeting was greatly appreciated. Everyone at the meeting enjoyed all the goodies. Again, I ask that you PLEASE let me know if you are going to bring something so that I can plan accordingly. If anyone would like to bring a baked good to our June meeting, which is our picnic meeting (maybe some cookies), please let me know. My phone number is 856-546-0514 or my e-mail is bjks313@juno.com. Again, thank you to all those who generously brought baked goods in the past.

I am also looking for individuals who, if they live around where a meeting is going to be held, can get to the meeting place by 9:30 a.m. and set up the 100 cup coffee pot. You just have to let me know at the prior meeting and I will give you the coffee pot.

HOSPITALITY

NOW, FOR THE B-I-G FAVOR.

I need someone to act as hospitality chairperson at the September 21 meeting as I will not be attending that meeting. If anyone is interested (now don’t all clamor at one time), please call me at the above telephone number or e-mail as above. I will let you know in the Beam if we are NOT going to have hospitality at the September meeting, just in case I do not get a volunteer.

On behalf of the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who purchased your lunch from us over the past year. The proceeds from the lunch will help us with our town 4th of July celebration this year. We will NOT be selling food at the June meeting as one of the Paulsboro youth organizations will be selling it to support their cause. Please be as generous with them as you have been with us. Again, thank you for your support.

Betty Smith

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NJLHS
Calendar of Events
2002

6/1 Outreach—Bay Day, East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ
6/15 Harbour Lights signing event with Bill Younger. Introduction of Harbour Lights latest piece. 10:00 am - 4 pm. Door prizes etc.
6/21 Absecon Lighthouse: 12:00 to 4:00 pm Community Day with art contest
6/29 General Membership Meeting
Tinicum Lighthouse Ball Field
12th Anniversary Picnic
Preservation raffle
8/3 Outreach—Open House, East Point Lighthouse, Heislerville, NJ
8/17 Tentative: Delaware Bay Boat Trip
9/21 General Membership Meeting
Hereford or Cape May Area*
Annual T-shirt/sweatshirt contest
9/28 & 9/29 Outreach
Tuckerton NJ, Baymen’s Decoy Show,
10/19-20 Lighthouse Challenge 2002 NJ land-based lighthouses open to public
11/11 Absecon Light:
Veterans’ Day Event with U.S. Coast Guard
12/7 General Membership Meeting*

2003

1/02 Membership Renewal Time!

* Location to be determined
** Information/Details to Follow
(856) 546-0514 NJLHS “Hotline”
A Message from Membership...
(Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair)

Meeting Attendees: There were 192 people signed-in at the Absecon meeting in March. Reminder: Please sign the book—we like to keep track of how many people are coming to the meetings to ensure enough chairs.

Membership Numbers: At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:

Single Memberships = 368
Family Memberships = 334 x 2 = 668
Total = 1,036 members

A Few Reminders:

- **Society Nametags:** Stop by the Membership Table to order. The tags are $4.00 each, paid for when ordering, and will be mailed to you. *(Orders are taken at meetings only.)*

- **Changes:** If you’re moving, changing your membership status, phone number, or e-mail address, please let me know so I can have your most current information. I like to keep the database up-to-date!

- **Gift memberships:** A membership to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything!

New Members:

Since the March issue of The Beam, the following members have joined our Society. If you happen to meet them at a future meeting, please welcome them.

- Anthony J. Albence
- Sharon A. Allen
- Allen Andreatch
- Maria Aviles
- Greg Baer
- Janet Balliet
- Robert J. Bednarz
- Anna (Kathy) Bell
- Micheal L. Boucher
- Mary Ann & Walter Boyler
- Karen Carlomano
- Philip Cheney, Jr.
- Carol Ann & Michael Cook
- Jeanne M. Cramer
- Cynthia Criste
- Paul & Gail Dougherty
- Fred & Betty Dudek
- Ann Marie Flacke
- Mark Fletcher
- Linda & Peter Flihan
- Alan Fredericks
- Arlene & Ron Henion
- Carolyn L. Hoff
- Seath Hurbanek
- Robert N. Jefferson, Jr.
- Yvette Johnson
- Mary & Ronald Joseph
- Catherine Julian
- Peggy Anderson & Dimitrios Katsoulis
- Crystal Lantzy
- Nancy Lobiondo
- Margaret Maier
- Ronald McCloskey
- Patricia Murgo
- Joan Nolan
- Mitchell Spcet & Elizabeth & Matthew Perez
- Mildred B. Plant
- Caroline E. Plover
- Cherie & Jeff Reid
- Peter Remsing
- Ruth Robertson
- Linda Sackson
- Skip & Lorie Schneider
- Bob & Sandra Shanklin
- Alan & Louise Siegel
- Thomas & Barbara Silvert
- Judy, Frank & Michael Sullivan
- Donna Tavaglione
- Joan M. Tone
- Charles, Rae, Carrie & Charlie Walzer

- Manahawkin, NJ
- Edison, NJ
- Hamilton, NJ
- Wayne, NJ
- E. Brunswick, NJ
- Richardson, TX
- Ridley Park, PA
- Bridgewater, NJ
- Denville, NJ
- Southampton, NJ
- Mantoloking, NJ
- N. Wales, PA
- W. Milford, NJ
- Pine Brook, NJ
- Newburgh, NY
- Tabernacle, NJ
- Edison, NJ
- Linwood, NJ
- Myrtle Grove, NJ
- Edison, NJ
- Red Lion, PA
- Drexel Hill, PA
- Hanover, MD
- Roseto, PA
- Holmdel, NJ
- Mt. Laurel, NJ
- Berkeley Heights, NJ
- Manahawkin, NJ
- Barnegat Light, NJ
- Toms River, NJ
- Highland Park, NJ
- Oakhurst, NJ
- Birdsboro, PA
- Clarks Summit, PA
- Ft. Walton Bch., FL
- Watchung, NJ
- Allentown, PA
- Basking Ridge, NJ
- Summit, NJ
- York, PA
- Pedricktown, NJ
March Meeting
With Tim Harrison and Kathleen Finnegan

At the March membership meeting our speaker was Tim Harrison accompanied by Kathleen Finnegan from the Lighthouse Digest. (top left) During the meeting was our Annual Photo contest and Arianna Henry, a seven year old, second grade student from Willingboro, NJ (Top Center) posed with Tim. She has been visiting Lighthouses for the past three years and loves taking pictures. Tim was presented with a framed New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge card and a check (top right) for the American Lighthouse Foundation. (Top photos by Elinor Veit)

Joe Guchek (photo by Bill Volpe) The Beam editor and Tim Harrison, Editor of Lost Lighthouse take a moment during signing of Tim’s books. And no visit to New Jersey would be complete without a visit to Absecon Light (above right). Tim (left to right) accompanied by Yvonne Miller, 1st Vice President, Tom Laverty President and Elinor Veit Publicity co-chairperson. (photo by Kathleen Finnegan)
Flames damage lighthouse

Lightning blamed for Mispillion fire

By CHIP GUY AND MOLLY MURRAY, Sussex Bureau reporter, 05/03/2002

The Mispillion Lighthouse, a Delaware Bay landmark, was heavily damaged Thursday morning in a fire officials said was sparked by lightning. Much of the historic tower was destroyed. The adjoining two-story keeper’s house was saved but badly damaged. The steel cap, which once held the lens and beacon on top of the tower, fell to the ground. Firefighters said they found it charred and smoldering. "This will be a tremendous loss for the state," said Brian Page, Sussex County’s historic preservation planner.

Deanna Adams, who lives off Del. 36 about a mile from the lighthouse, felt the strike at 9:25 a.m. "I knew it was close, but I didn't figure it was that," she said. As she talked on the phone, her 6-year-old son, Christopher, looked out the window. "It's going down," he said. "It's really going down."

Lightning from a thunderstorm apparently struck the top of the building, and the fire moved down through the walls, said Deputy State Fire Marshal Randy Lee. After firefighters brought the blaze under control shortly after 10 a.m., they saw the top of the tower was gone. Memorial Fire Company Chief Robert Wechtenhiser said flames shot from the windows and smoke was seen from Milford, about five miles to the west.

Bobby Wright, 17, a fisherman, said he saw the bolt hit the top of the lighthouse, and fire spread within a minute or two. "It was so dark, all you could see was the street lights and the fire, that was it," Wright said. The building was vacant and had no electricity or other utilities, Lee said.

Firefighters stood on ladders to chip at the rust-colored shingles to reach hotspots inside the walls. Wechtenhiser, a Slaughter Beach resident since 1965, said he was heartbroken to see the severe damage. A local preservation group, Keepers of the Mispillion Light, was working with the property owners on a restoration plan. "It's a shame. They were trying to restore it. There's not too many of these old lighthouses left," Wechtenhiser said. "There was a lot of history in this lighthouse that you'll never recover."

During its heyday, the lighthouse marked the entrance to Cedar Creek and the Mispillion River near Slaughter Beach. It was the third lighthouse on the marshy site and was built in 1873 in "stick" Victorian style, Page said.

The Coast Guard sold the lighthouse and keeper’s cottage in 1932 as part of a Depression-era cost-saving measure. The beacon was a fixed white light. It was removed and probably sold at government auction. A lighted, black steel tower replaced the light as the local navigation marker.

The lighthouse has been privately owned since 1932 and was in disrepair, Page said. It was nominated, but never included, for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. In 1995, it was placed on the Lighthouse Digest Doomsday List because it was considered among the country’s most endangered lighthouses, Page said.

The last lighthouse along the Delaware Bay destroyed by fire was at Port Mahon in December 1984. The wood-framed lighthouse east of Dover had no windows. A Cape Henlopen lighthouse fell into the sea in 1926, Page said. Sites with standing lighthouses include Fenwick Island, Lewes and Harbor of Refuge.

Reach Chip Guy at 856-7373 or cguy@delawareonline.com or Molly Murray at 856-7372 or mmurray@delawareonline.com

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2002 PHOTO CONTEST

If there is anybody who doubts the worth of having Ted & Edd, The Kodak Ambassadors the last two years after this show, you weren’t there. There were 168 pictures and it was tough picking the winners. But the approximately 200 members present managed to do so and here they are.

And the WINNERS are:


The Winner’s Circle
1st - Roland Fulde, East Quoddy Lighthouse
2nd - Jim Wolfrum, Nightfall at Crescent City Light, Ca.
3rd - Carole Reily, Sunset at Miah Maull
Honorable Mentions —
Steve Casler, Sunset at Marshall Point
Jodi Kearns, Jupiter Inlet Reflecting at Dusk

New Jersey Lights- Larger than 5X7:
1st - Carol Naill, East Point Light
2nd - Karen Carmomano, Barnegat Lighthouse
3rd - Bill Volpe, Holiday at the Hook, Sandy Hook Lighthouse
Honorable Mentions —
Rosemary Dixon, Barnegat, New Years Day
Arianna Henry, The Sun goes down on Barney

New Jersey Lights – 5X7 & Smaller:
1st - John Bishop, Cape May Light
2nd - Joe Stefankiewicz, Standing Tall, Side by Side, Cape May Point
3rd - Walter B. Freas, Jr., Old Barney by Night
Honorable Mention — Katherine Von Ahnen, Just a Memory (Old Cape May Lighthouse base)
Other Lights — Larger than 5X7 -
1st — Al Smith, Winter at Drum Point
2nd — Karen Carlomano, Castle Hill Lighthouse, Newport R.I.
3rd — Carolyn Ortiz, The Wind, South Haven, Michigan; tied with:
3rd — Donna Bishop, Hilton Head Light, S.C.
Honorable Mention — Bill Geilfuss, Haig's Pont, S.C.

Other Lights — 5X7 & Smaller
1st — Howard Holsinger, Diamond Head, HI
2nd — Dennis Robbins, Whaleback, CT.
3rd — Maryann Doherty, Sentinel on the Hudson; tied with:
3rd — Susan Mazza, Drum Point Light, Solomons, MD
Honorable Mentions — Bill Geilfuss, Bodie Island Steps, NC
Teresa Margerum — God Bless America, Annisquaw Light, Gloucester MA.

Congratulations to all the winners! Competition was tough this year, right across the board. A BIG round of applause for the volunteers who helped with registrations, photo set up, ballot counting, etc. They were: Katie Moser, Carol Nail, Mike Smith, Faith Giamboni, Judith Patterson, Steve Casier, Dennis Whalen, Barbara Pepe, Shirin Pagels, Steve and Judy Swiencki and Jan Koennecke. If I missed anyone, please let me know and I will make up for it. I was soooo happy to have you; it allowed me to keep most of what little hair I have! Thanks again.

By Al Smith

NJLHS HOSTS HARBOUR LIGHTS COLLECTORS EVENT

Bill Younger signs Harbour Lights replicas for collectors

Bill Younger and Shirin Pagel, NJLHS member chatting by the Ft. Tompkins print.

Bill Volpe, Bill Younger & Yvonne Miller, with the framed event card from the NJLHS Challenge 2001. Presented to Bill Younger in appreciation for his generosity to NJLHS
Program Signals:  By Yvonne Miller

PROGRAM SIGNALS
Summer Meeting:

The June 29, 2002 meeting will be held at Tinicum Rear Range Light at Second Street, Billingsport, Paulsboro, NJ. As we did the last time we held a meeting at Paulsboro, we will be outdoors under a tent on the Little League Field right in front of the lighthouse. Since this is the Anniversary Picnic Meeting there will not be a speaker. Members of the Tinicum group will have their ways and means items for sale as well as NJLHS Ways & Means Items. Other vendors are welcome but you must bring your own table for this meeting. This is our annual anniversary picnic meeting as well as our annual Preservation Fund Raising Raffle. We will have our anniversary cake and lemonade, watermelon will be donated by Carole DiNapoli. Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries will be available for purchase from the Little League organization. Bring whatever additional lunch you may want and any goodies you may want to share.

Time schedule for the day will be:
Hospitality 10:30 am
Meeting 11:00 am
Introduction of the Tinicum Light Officers Immediately after the Business Meeting.
Break for Lunch 12:30 pm
Raffle drawing 1:00 pm
Tours of the Lighthouse 1:30 pm

DIRECTIONS TO TINICUM REAR RANGE LIGHT: Take Rt 295 either from the North or South to Exit 19A or B. Traveling South take the exit to Rt 656 turn right at traffic light and continue to next light, turn left on to Rt. 44. Go over bridge to the next light N. Commerce Street. Turn right and stay on N. Commerce to RR tracks then bear right onto Mantua Ave. Follow Mantua to Second St turn left. You will see the lighthouse and parking lot for the Little League fields.

FALL MEETING: Will be September 21, 2002 at the West Cape May Fire House. Our speaker for that meeting will be Cullen Chamber, Curator of the Tybee Island Lighthouse. We are trying something new at this meeting. There will be a Lighthouse Memorabilia Flea Market at the meeting. Anyone wishing to pass on some of their lighthouse treasures can plan on setting up a table at the event. You must bring your own card table to participate. I could use a volunteer(s) to coordinate the flea market at the meeting. Please see me at the meeting or call me at 609 634 4973 and leave a message.

WINTER MEETING: DECEMBER 7, 2002, TUCKERTON SEAPORT, HOLIDAY SOCIAL AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING. PLAN TO BRING A CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT TO DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

SPRING MEETING RECAP:
Approximately 194 members attended the March 17, 2002 meeting at the Uptown School Complex in Atlantic City. I would say it was a huge success. Tim Harrison, author of Endangered Lighthouse and Lost Lighthouse signed his books for all who attended and gave a great presentation on the work being done around the U.S. to preserve lighthouses by various groups and in particular the American Lighthouse Foundation. Tim made comment on the accomplishments that NJLHS has made and emphasized the importance of the educational programs that NJLHS and Absecon Lighthouse particular are involved. Teaching the future generations about the importance of our lighthouses and keeping “the kids” interested in “keeping the lights shining” is so important for the future of lighthouses. The photo contest was outstanding from Al Smith’s organized committee to the talented entrants. Judging gets harder every year. Congratulations to Al and all of his co-workers on this event. THANKS TO THE AUDUBON PARK 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE for their wonderful food.