8 DAYS = 30 LIGHTS!

The Maine Trip

By Al Smith

On Saturday, June 18th, 54 lighthouse lovers set out to 'explore' Maine. It was the ONLY day they DIDN'T stop to see a Lighthouse!

We started Sunday with breakfast at 8:00 and THAT was our LATE day. Most days we were on the bus by 7:30 and Boy, did we see LIGHTHOUSES! Cape Elizabeth Twin Lights (1), Portland Head (2), Ram Island Ledge (3), Portland 'Bug' Light (4) and Spring Point Ledge (5) and that was just Portland. We headed north at that point with a final destination of Ellsworth in mind. But first, a stop at Pemaquid (6) was in order. We had a box lunch there while the 'explorers' took the opportunity to climb the tower and take in the museum (not to mention the gift shop next door).

Monday, it was ON THE BUS at 7:00 A.M. for a boat trip out of Bar Harbor that morning that took us to Egg Rock (7), where we had the additional treat of seeing several bald eagles, Bear Island (8) and Winter Harbor/Mark Island (9) off of Schoodic Point. The balance of the day was 'free' but most people chose to take the tour of Acadia national Park with the bus. We stopped at Thunder Hole, Cadillac Mountain and the Jordan Pond House where we had a light lunch topped with their famous popovers. After a great dinner at the West Street Café we took the bus to Bass Harbor Lighthouse (10), a very picturesque lighthouse with a great view then back to the hotel for some much needed rest.

Tuesday morning we were off at 7:30 and drove to West Quoddy Lighthouse (11) where Betty had arranged for the group to CLIMB the lighthouse. While it doesn't sound like much, this lighthouse is ONLY open ONE time a year and THAT was the

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Saturday before we arrived! We also took the opportunity to take pictures of the Lubec Channel Light (12) from this area. And we attempted to take a group picture; unfortunately it wasn’t very successful (blame the photographer?).

Then it was off to Canada and Campobello Island and a stop at the Campobello Visitor Center to have our box lunch which was provided by Helen’s Restaurant in Machias, a place we later found out has been ‘an institution’ in the area for many, many years. We then traveled to East Quoddy Lighthouse (13) for what we thought would be a view across the island. The tide was just about out and some of our more intrepid members decided to go across for close up pictures.

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Fortunately, everyone got back safely and we headed back down to Mullholland Lighthouse (14). We had another opportunity to take pictures of the Lubec Channel Light from Mullholland Light.

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After clearing customs—again—we stopped at Helen’s for a great dinner and headed for ‘home’, Ellsworth. Before we got back, however, Betty had a side trip in mind. We went through a very beautiful area called Schoodic Point where we were able to get some long distance shore shots of Winter Harbor Lighthouse. That led to an opportunity to see Prospect Harbor Lighthouse (15). Juan found a parking lot that he could get us all off for our ‘photo op’. Unfortunately, it was a fish processing plant (sardines) and quite smelly. Some people had to wash their sneakers because they got the smell on them, but, Hey, when you can get a picture of a lighthouse ........

Wednesday morning found us on the bus at 7:00 A.M. for a trip to the Rockland area. Our first stop was at the Lincolnville ferry in Lincolnville for a quick trip across the bay to Isleboro to see the Grindle Point Lighthouse (16). Unfortunately, the folks there were not able to open the lighthouse as the scheduled opening date was still a week away.

We decided that since the ferry docks were right next to the lighthouse, we would take our pictures from the ferry. It was the ONLY time on the WHOLE trip that it RAINED and BOY, did it rain! We took most of our pictures through some windows we managed to open. A few of the braver members went ‘topside’ for their pictures. And, as you might have guessed, it STOPPED raining on the return trip!

Then it was off to Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse (17) where we were supposed to be met by the Panayotofs. Ted wrote a very good book on Rockland Breakwater’s history. Unfortunately, there was some missed communication and they arrived late. While some people did get an opportunity to climb the lighthouse, I’m sure many more would have liked to climb also.

Then it was off to Owl’s Head Lighthouse (17) where we had our picnic lunch. Workmen were replacing the steps to the lighthouse but fortunately for us it was completed enough that we could climb to the lighthouse. Then it was off to Fort Point Lighthouse (19) where Betty had gotten the group another opportunity to climb. This is a very nice, complete ‘station’ right down to the bell tower.

After a very nice dinner at the hotel, Betty held her ‘Chinese’ auction. It seems the most coveted prize was a ‘lady’ bunny rabbit in a lighthouse frock made and donated by Marion Hudspeth. Marie Vincent stuffed the box (legally) on that one and won it. Our thanks to everyone who donated a gift and to everyone who participated.

On Wednesday, Betty had us on the bus again at 7 A.M. (When someone grumbled about the early hour at the beginning of the trip, Betty offered to allow them an extra hour of ‘sack time’ but that they would have to miss a light or two and the grumbling quickly stopped!) We were off to yet another ‘gift shop’, the Thomaston Prison Shop, where there were many beautiful wood items to be had at very low prices. Once again the belly of the bus groaned under the additional weight of souvenirs.

About an hour later we were at Port Clyde for a boat trip that took us past Marshall Point (20) and on to Tenants Harbor (aka Southern Island Light) (21) and White Head Light (22) which is owned by the Wyeths. The last light on the boat trip was Two Bush Island (23). We then visited the very pretty Marshall Point Lighthouse and their very nice museum from the land side.

On Friday we headed out at 8 A.M. and headed for the Lighthouse Depot in Wells. On arrival, Betty announced that those who wished to could stay on the bus and not shop or could go to the area of Wood Island Lighthouse (24). What a dilemma! Do we shop... or see another lighthouse? Being a considerable walk to the viewing area helped some make up their mind to shop but some visited the lighthouse and THEN shopped! (There WAS time for BOTH!) After lunch we headed for Portsmouth and The Isle of Shoal Steamship Company for our last boat trip. This trip took us past Portsmouth Harbor Light (aka Fort Constitution Light) (25), Jerry’s Life Saving Station, Whaleback Light (26), Nubble Light (Cape Neddick) (27), Boon Island Light (28) and Isles of Shoals Light (29). Unfortunately, what we thought was a dinner cruise turned out to be a luncheon cruise and most folks weren’t very hungry at that time.

Saturday brought our final lighthouse, when we ‘finished’ our trip by attending the NJLHS meeting at Tarrytown with an opportunity to climb the Tarrytown Lighthouse (30!)

I am quite sure that most people SLEPT IN on Sunday but had pleasant memories of their Maine trip.
A Message from Membership

(Mary Beth Doherty, Membership Chair; email address: NJLHSMember1@aol.com)

Just a Few Things:

Thank you to Bob and Linda Gleason, and Carol and George Naill for manning the membership table for the June meeting that I was unable to attend. I was looking forward to the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow meeting as that was my first meeting ten years ago!

I am happy to report that at the time of the deadline for this issue I only know of some good news... Congratulations are going out to Stephen Mooney of Brooklyn, NY and Susie Mack of Fords, NJ (both members of NJLHS). Steve proposed to Susie while on a cruise aboard the Norwegian Dawn and the wedding ceremony will be on May 20, 2006 at the Bradley Beach Gazebo. Best of luck to you both, and keep the light shining in your hearts!!

Meeting Attendees:

There were 141 members and guests that signed in at our June meeting in Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Reminder: Please sign the book. We like to keep track of how many people are coming to the meetings to ensure a facility large enough and plenty of chairs.

Membership Numbers:

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

Single Memberships = 314
Family Memberships = 286 x 2 = 572
Total Members = 886

Reminders:

Please direct all membership questions to me. I have all the information and will be able to answer you immediately. Please feel free to email or call me.

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

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

Gift Membership: A membership to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything! Please allow enough time for me to process the application!

New Members:

Since the deadline of the March issue of The Beam, the following members have joined our Society. (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 them at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Anfinsen, Joan L. Long Valley, NJ
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Program Signals:
By Yvonne Miller

MEETING: Fall 2005 - 125th Anniversary of Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse

Place: Tinicum R.R. Lighthouse, Paulsboro, NJ on the Little League Field

Date: September 24, 2005

Itinerary:
10:30 AM Hospitality Served
11:00 AM Meeting Call to Order
12:15 PM Break for lunch - Paulsboro Little League Refreshment Stand will be open. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, and Beverages will be on sale as in the past.

Great prices! Patronize the Little League Teams

1:00 PM Henry "Hank" Hess Captain, Delaware River Pilots Association
2:00 PM Visit and Climb the Lighthouse

The Tinicum RR Lighthouse Society has invited us to join them in celebrating their 125th Anniversary and we are delighted to do so. The TRLHS made several improvements around the lighthouse. One project is placing bricks outside the lighthouse area. Engraved bricks are being sold for this project and will be available the day of the meeting. They will also have items available from their gift shop.

If you are bringing goodies for hospitality, please notify Martha Brown at 609-877-0134. Also a reminder that since we are bringing the coffee prepared and ready to serve, donations towards the coffee would be helpful. If we don't get enough to cover the cost of the coffee, we will have to go back to the coffee urn system which takes much longer to serve.

Our speaker, Henry E. Hess, holds a First Class Pilot's License. He is a Senior Pilot with 47 years experience and over 8000 ship movements on the river. Hank will speak to us on his role as a River Pilot and the effect that the range lights have on piloting the ships to safe harbor up the river. Hank will also climb the light and point the areas where the range lights contribute movement of the ships in the channel.

Terry Webb, author of the children's book Manning the Light will be at the meeting with her new book, Weathering the Storms. Both books will be available for sale at our Ways and Means table and Terry will be signing both of them. If you already have her first book but do not have it signed, she will be happy to do so.

Preservation Raffle tickets will be distributed at this meeting.

Directions: Take Rt. 295 either form the North or South to Exit 19A or B. 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.

Next Meeting: The Winter 2006 Meeting will be held at Sandy Hook, bring your Lighthouse Christmas Tree Ornaments for the new Christmas Tree which will eventually be used in the Lighthouse Keepers house. This is the meeting of the Holiday Social. The Annual Preservation Fund Raffle will be drawn at this meeting.

2006 Meetings: Possible sites are Barnegat, East Point, National Lighthouse Museum. Watch for further announcements

RECAP: June 25, 2005 Meeting
Sleepy Hollow, New York

On a warm and beautiful June day, NJLHS held its Anniversary Picnic meeting and outing at Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow, NY. The park is the home of the Sleepy Hollow (Tarrytown) Lighthouse. This picture perfect location on the banks of the Hudson river was an ideal setting for our picnic get-together. Close to 170 members and guests attended the meeting including 55 “captive” members who arrived by bus from the Maine Lighthouse Trip successfully arranged by Betty Smith with the able assistance of AI. Great trip culminating at a great meeting. After opening the meeting, we were welcomed by Sleepy Hollow's Mayor, Phil Zegarelli, who arrived in the previously dominated General Motors country in his vintage Ford convertible. Mayor Zegarelli revealed a number of details regarding the future plans for this area and historical facts including the possibility of buried treasure and Captain Kidd's rock located within the park. Also on hand was Richard Miller, the Village's historian who later would be our guide when touring the lighthouse.

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6th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge
October 15 & 16, 2005

For the sixth year in a row, the New Jersey Lighthouse Society will be sponsoring the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge, held during the third weekend in October (October 15 & 16). In previous years, thousands of visitors have enjoyed visiting some, or even all, of the eleven land-based lighthouses in New Jersey during this weekend.

On these two days, all eleven participating lighthouses will be open for visitation. Each participating site will have its own souvenir – laser-engraved wooden nickels – to commemorate your visit. These are compliments of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. You must visit each lighthouse to collect them all. In addition, each visitor who presents a complete set of souvenirs will receive a special Completion souvenir. Coin display cards will be available for purchase at a nominal fee. A limited supply of commemorative T-Shirts and pins will be available for purchase at Sandy Hook, Barnegat, Hereford Inlet, Cape May and Tincicum lighthouses.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit important and historic places that are part of our coastal heritage. Participating lighthouses are Sandy Hook, Twin Lights, Sea Girt, Barnegat, Tuckerton, Absecon, Hereford Inlet, Cape May, East Point, Finns Point, and Tincicum. Participants may begin at any of the lighthouses and follow the shoreline in either direction. For directions, visit our website at www.njlhs.bulco.org. Or call 856-546-0514 or email njlhs@juno.com for a brochure and more information.

Those who complete both the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge 2005 (to be held September 17 & 18) and the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge 2005 will receive a “Dual Challenge Certificate”. Those who complete those two Challenges, PLUS the Long Island Lighthouse Challenge (previously held on May 14 & 15 of this year) will receive a “Triple Challenge Certificate”.

Admission charges and other limitations are decided by the participating organizations at each lighthouse. New Jersey Lighthouse Society volunteers will be at each site to greet you.

Follow us to the “Original” Lighthouse Challenge!

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After our lunch break, we heard from our guest speaker, Joseph Heller. Mr. Heller is the program coordinator for USDA and USDA/Lower Hudson/Long Island and a member of the Hudson River Lighthouse Coalition. The HRLC is a consortium of nonprofit organizations that preserve and protect the Hudson River lighthouses including the 1883 Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse. The Village of Sleepy Hollow is also a member of the consortium. At the conclusion of the meeting, small groups of members and guests toured the lighthouse from the base to the lantern room.

Our Ways and Means Committee realized over $800 in sales and the door prizes and 50/50 table did well. Special thanks to Dave & Gloria Rosner, our unofficial hosts who guided us in the right places for a successful meeting. Thanks also to Carole DiNapoli for our picnic watermelons, our hospitality hosts Martha and Alvin Brown and all of the volunteers who helped them with the set up and clean up and those who donated homemade goodies. To Marie Petronzio, for her patience with and assistance to Renard while doing all of this research and preparation. All of you made this year’s picnic meeting a great success.
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Photo Contest

The next annual photo contest is slated to be held at the March 2006 meeting.

The Winner's Circle will stay the same, but the other categories have a slight change. They are:

1) International Lighthouses
2) National Lighthouses
3) New Jersey Lighthouses
4) Lighthouses in the Fall

The fourth category will be open to all members, even those in the Winners Circle and can be of any Lighthouse. But do remember the Challenge is that time of year, so hopefully the weather will be wonderful and the fall foliage at its best. I'm looking forward to all the excellent photos that we have every year, so keep those shutters clicking. Any questions, I can be reached at (908) 281-6879 or at cindymitzen@patmedia.net