FINNS POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Brett Franks

Finn’s Point Lighthouse is closed. Not thinking about closing, not planning to close, or even temporarily closed. Just plain closed. Our annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge can no longer boast that all eleven land based lights are open for climbing. Our efforts to promote preservation of the state’s lighthouses has run aground. How did this happen? The light became a federal budget victim.

Finn’s Point Rear Range Lighthouse is located in the Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge which is under the authority of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As relayed to us from Ms. Virginia Rettig, Deputy Refuge Manager, “The refuge has recently gone through some significant downsizing in both staff and funding. Essentially, both have been eliminated.” Unfortunately, many programs had to be cut. One of which is public access to the lighthouse. Ms. Rettig and the Refuge management were apologetic for this action, but it was beyond their control.

The lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was added on August 30th, 1978 for engineering significance from the late 19th Century. The cast iron components that make up this 115 foot, black, skeleton tower were constructed in Buffalo, NY by the Kellogg Bridge Company. Delivered by freight train on the West Jersey Railroad to Salem, it was hauled on the final leg of its journey by U.S. Army mule-drawn wagons from the adjacent Fort Mott. Erection of the tower began in 1876 onto a masonry base set at 39° 37’ 02” by 75° 32’ 03”. It may seem hard to believe, but all of this cost the U.S. taxpayers $1,200.00.

First lit in 1877, the tower originally featured a 24 inch diameter Fourth Order Fresnel lens on a focal plane of 105 feet. The light was produced by a kerosene vapor, double wick burner, similar to a modern Coleman camping lantern, but able to put out 150,000 candlepower. The keepers would climb 119 spiral steps up the tower and then up another 11 step ladder to service this lamp. Built at the same time as the Liston Rear Range Light at Port Penn, Delaware, Finn’s Point Front and Rear Range lights served as a point of entry and exit between the Delaware Bay and River for maritime traffic moving up and down the river. Over the years the ship channel shifted in the river as silt began to build and in 1895 the U.S. Lighthouse Establishment began planning to move Finn’s Point Range.

During 1901 when one channel dredging evolution took place, a light station at Taylor’s Bridge, Delaware was established. This station was first lit in 1904, using a locomotive-type reflector headlamp hoisted to the top of a 100-foot wooden pole. The intent was to replace this temporary light by moving the cast-iron tower from Finn’s Point Rear Range Light Station across the river. However, the United States Lighthouse Board decided not to abandon the Finn’s Point Station, so it had to erect a new iron tower. This tower was completed and first lighted on July 27, 1910 and became the Reed Island Rear Range. Today, the Reedy Island range lights mark the new channel.

Finn’s Point Light continued to burn steadily until 1933, when it was turned off. It went on again in 1939, but was automated. In 1950, after the Army Corps of Engineers dredged the river channel to 180 feet wide and 40 feet deep, the Finns Point range lights became obsolete and the light was permanently extinguished in 1951. The keeper’s house was demolished in 1977 after repeated arson and vandalism made it unsafe. Other than the lighthouse itself, the oil house is the only remaining original structure. In the 1970s, local citizens became concerned about the state of the lighthouse.

In 1981, Mrs. Betty Husarik--a local businesswomen, lead the formation of a "Save the Lighthouse Committee" and

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From the Editor…

I know, I know…you’re all wondering “what happened to this issue?”... I want to apologize for such a short version of The Beam. Due to technical difficulties, and 5 members of The Beam Team being on vacation at the same time, I was unable to produce the quality newsletter you’ve been receiving the past two issues. I promise that the December Beam will more than make-up for this short version.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mary Beth Doherty, Temporary Editor

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Betty Husarik passed away in 1999, and since then Finn’s Point has become part of the Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. I won’t strike platitudes about rolling in the grave or lights extinguished. I just want the membership to understand what a few dedicated people can accomplish. Betty Husarik went to our elected representatives of the day and restored a national treasure. Now, three years before the silver anniversary of that restoration, Finn’s Point is again being taken away from us. Who knows if this time it will be permanent?

Our Preservation Committee is looking into the matter, trying to see if its status on the National Historic Register ensures public access cannot be denied. And our Challenge Committee is working on contingency plans if we fail to reopen her before October 14th. However, the true power to reopen this light lies with you. NJLHS, as a non-profit Society, cannot lobby. It’s against the law. But as a concerned citizen, nothing is stopping you from notifying your elected officials that you care about lighthouses, that you want Finn’s Point open and preserved, and that you vote. Before you think your voice doesn’t matter, remember Betty Husarik and consider writing for her.

***PLEASE NOTE***

Although the Finn’s Point Lighthouse will be closed for climbing during the Challenge, it will still be included on the Challenge route—volunteers will be giving out the Finn’s point Challenge souvenirs at a table set up in Fort Mott State Park. Signs will be posted, directing participants to the Challenge table.

The entrance way to Finns Point Lighthouse
Plans for the 7th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge are underway! Much has been done behind the scenes to prepare for this year’s Challenge, to be held October 14th and 15th, 2006.

You may have seen our brochures and posters in a Welcome Center on the Turnpike or in a Lighthouse throughout the state. “Thanks” to Greg DiNapoli for designing the brochures and posters, Laura Portée for organizing their distribution and the many NJLHS members who helped distribute them throughout the state—and the country—and the world! Members have been taking them to their vacation destinations to help spread the word about the Challenge. As a result, we’ve had participants from many states each year and from several foreign countries. We’ve been receiving email inquiries from people throughout the country, who are making plans to visit New Jersey during that week so they can take the Challenge that weekend.

Everything this year—brochures, posters, souvenirs, T-shirts and pins—are being designed around the “Night Climb” theme. As you may already know, 4 lighthouses—Sandy Hook, Absecon, Cape May and Tinicum—will be open an additional 2 hours on Saturday—from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm—for Night Climbs. We hope you schedule your Challenge “tour” so that you will finish your day on Saturday at one of these lighthouses.

The souvenirs this year are being designed by Greg DiNapoli and Brett Franks and are currently in production. They will be puzzle pieces. Brett has also designed the T-Shirts and pins that will be for sale the weekend of the Challenge.

We hope you enjoy the Challenge and if you have any questions, visit our page on the NJLHS web site (www.njlhs.org) or contact us (dor0102@monmouth.com or mlportee@comcast.net).

2006 New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge Volunteers
Brett Franks
2006 NJLHS Challenge Volunteer Coordinator

We’re coming up fast on the annual Lighthouse Challenge event and, as you know, it takes a lot of dedicated people to make it run smoothly and keep it the number one lighthouse challenge event. Fortunately, we have a good base of seasoned volunteers who coordinate efforts at each of our eleven land-based lights—but they can’t handle the job alone. We’re still looking for Society volunteers to help out at some of the locations. Our event this year will be held on the weekend of October 14th and 15th, and we still could fill about 20 time slots with volunteers. So please consider helping out!

Sign-up online at the Society’s web site by completing a Challenge Volunteer form. Forms will also be available at our Membership Meeting at East Point on September 30th. Also, you may always contact me directly with any question about by phone or e-mail. On the sign-up form you can indicate your preferences for the location at which you wish to volunteer, as well as your availability. As always NJLHS members who donate 5 or more hours to the Challenge operations that weekend will receive a free 2006 Challenge T-Shirt as a token of appreciation. Volunteer locations will be assigned on a “first come, first served” basis—so I would suggest you sign up as soon as possible.

Thanks and let’s all make this our best Challenge yet!

East Coast Lighthouses Shine at New Jersey’s Premier Photo Gallery
Len Cipkins
(edited version)

Unshredded Nostalgia announces its next photo gallery exhibit, “East Coast Lighthouses,” featuring the work of New Jersey photographer David Biggy, which will run from October 1 thru November 30, 2006. Among some of the lighthouses displayed will be Barnegat and Cape May (NJ), Bodie Island (NC), Cape Neddick “Nubble” and Marshall Point (ME), New London Ledge (CT), Chatham (MA) and Thomas Point (MD).

David is a professional sports journalist, writer, and photographer who resides in Barnegat, NJ with his wife, Melissa, and stepson, Herbert. Growing up in North Jersey, David’s passion for photography developed during his teen years and grew along with his interest in journalism and writing during college. Since moving to the Jersey Shore, David’s desire to get to know lighthouses both historically and photographically increased, and he has been shooting photos of such historical beacons ever since.

During the 7th annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge, October 14 and 15, the gallery will serve light refreshments so that those participating in the Challenge can stop by have a snack and enjoy the Exhibit, admission is free.

Unshredded Nostalgia is located at 323 S. Main Street, Route 9, Barnegat, NJ, 08005. Gallery hours are 10AM-5PM, seven days a week. For more information and directions call 1-800-872-9990 or log on to www.unshreddednostalgia.com.
For this issue of the Light Links we will look at Terry Pepper’s site: Seeing the Light, Lighthouses of the western Great Lakes at http://www.terrypepper.com/lights. The western Great Lakes site deals with all the lights along Lakes Michigan, Superior and Huron. The site is divided by each lake and also by each of the five states; Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan that border the three lakes.

Clicking on any of the above headings will lead you into a wealth of information on each of the 170 plus lighthouses around these three Great Lakes. Each lighthouse has several thumbnail photos of the lighthouse at the top of the page that can be enlarged. The rest of the page is divided into; historical information (quite extensive historical background on the light station with old photos), keepers of the lighthouse, seeing this light, finding this light, and reference sources.

Underneath this section on the left side are the Technical items dealing with lighthouses, while the right side is Miscellaneous information about the site. The Technical side has information on illumination, fog signals, vessels, a database and miscellaneous items. The Illumination button, once clicked, lists the different type of lamps and lenses that were used on the Great Lakes. By clicking on each type, it explains how the apparatus worked and has pictures and technical drawings. The Fog Signal Technology section has the different types of fog signaling devices such as bell strikers, steam whistles, diaphones and the electric diaphragm signal. The next section, Vessels has each lighthouse tender used on the Great Lakes along with history of the boat. This section, not finished yet, also has all the crew members that served on each tender. The Databases section includes a listing the different Great Lakes lighthouse by categories: Fresnel lens distributions, lightship assignments, tower heights, design, year established, illumination year, and lighthouses open to the public. The last section, Miscellaneous include things that Terry has learned while setting up this website.

On the right side column of the Home Page, the Miscellaneous Column has six sections. The first section is the Newsletter which notifies subscribers of any updates to the website and is a free service. Next is Net Resources that has many links to different Great Lakes sites. Lighthouses Contacts list lighthouse addresses, phone numbers and likes. He also has a section on the awards that he has received for the website and a link to GLLKA (Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association) website.

I have used Terry’s site several times when planning trips to that part of the country and found it be most helpful. On the technical information given I have learned a lot about the workings of lighthouses in general. All in all, this is very good site to use for the Great Lakes.

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**RECAP, FORT WADSWORTH MEETING**

*Renard Petronzio*

On June 24, 2006, NJLHS held its annual picnic meeting at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY. The day was pretty soggy, but close to seventy members and guests attended the meeting. We enjoyed the hospitality at the Carriage House Restaurant, and the Visitors Center at the Gateway National Recreation Area at Fort Wadsworth.

Steve Salgo, Park Ranger and Interpreter for the National Park Service, welcomed us before the general meeting (which, thankfully, was held under a large tent). President Tom Laverty presented a framed picture of the Fort Wadsworth Light as our “thank you” to Steve for all his work in setting up our program for the day. The picture was an award winner from the NJLHS photo contest, photographed by Judy Boucher. We thank Judy Boucher for donating the picture and frame.

After the meeting, we all gathered in the Carriage House for lunch. Those who purchased lunch were treated to exceptional meals. Thank you to Rick and his staff at the Carriage House Inn for their hospitality.

We assembled at the conference room of the Visitors Center to hear from the various presenters that Steve had brought together. First was Maria Burks, Commissioner of National Parks of New York. Second was LCDR Dimitri Delgado, U.S. Coast Guard MSST 91106 from the New York Harbor Area stationed at Fort Wadsworth. Next was Martha J. Laguardia-Kotile, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York, author of the book *So Others May Live: Saving Lives, Defying Death with the Coast Guard’s Rescue Swimmers*.

We also heard from Jerry Roberts, Director, National Lighthouse Museum. Gerry was able to bring the membership up to date on the status of the museum. Steve closed by addressing us on the history of the Fort Wadsworth light and how it was rescued by volunteers, especially the late Mr. Joe Esposito.

A surprise guest was Mr. William Wright. This gentleman was the grandson of the last keeper of the Fort Tompkins light, which preceded the light at Fort Wadsworth.

After the presentation, Tom Laverty presented a check from NJLHS to Steve Salgo in the amount of $250.00 to be used by the volunteers at Fort Wadsworth for maintenance of the light.

**Winter Meeting:** The December 2, 2006 general membership meeting will be held at the West Cape May Fire Hall with a visit to the Cape May Lighthouse. Arrangements for the Holiday Social are still in the works. Details in the next BEAM.
IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, CHECK THE WEB SITE: (www.NJLHS.org) OR THE SOCIETY PHONE LINE: (856) 546-0514

MEETING: FALL 2006 Meeting
PLACE: Maurice River Twp. Elementary School, Rt. 47, Maurice River Twp., NJ

ITINERARY:
10:00 - 11:00AM Hospitality served in the cafeteria; no food in any other part of the school
Meeting and social interaction with members and guests in the gymnasium

11:00AM Introductions of Gail Robinson and other Maurice River Historical Society members

11:15AM Meeting called to order (gymnasium)

12:15PM Break for lunch—Lunch available through the East Point Lighthouse members in the cafeteria*

1:15PM Presentation—Sally Van de Water, folklore specialist of the Bayshore Discovery Project, will give a presentation on the people of the Delaware Bay

2:00PM Tours of the East Point Lighthouse

3:30PM Boat Trip on the A.J. Meerwald out of Bivalve, NJ for those signed up for the boat trip

(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.)

*The East Point Lighthouse group will be selling the following for lunch: Hot roast beef sandwich; kielbasa & sauerkraut sandwich; sausage & peppers sandwich; hot dog; pasta salad; chips; soda

Please support East Point Lighthouse by purchasing lunch from them. If anyone wants to preorder a sandwich, please e-mail Betty Smith at: bjks313@juno.com. This way we will not run out of the sandwich you want.

DIRECTIONS:
From Atlantic City/Jersey Shore Area: Atlantic City Expressway towards Philadelphia. Expressway turns into Rt. 42. Take Rt. 42 to exit 12 (Runnemede/Woodbury). Left at exit onto Rt. 41 South. Stay on Rt. 41 for a quarter mile to the first light (Friendly’s). Right at light onto Deptford Center Rd. Three lights. Pass third light and stay left onto Rt. 55 South. (continue below)

From NJ Turnpike: NJ Turnpike South to exit 3. After toll stay right onto Rt. 168--Black Horse Pike. Go North towards Bellmawr. Rt. 168 for one mile to Rt. 295 South. Rt. 295 South past exit 28, to split. Follow right split onto Rt. 42 towards Atlantic City, left lane. Rt. 42 to exit 13 Rt. 55 South. (continue below)

From Rt. 295 South: Rt. 295 South past exit 28 to split. Follow right split onto Rt. 42 towards Atlantic City, left lane. Rt. 42 to exit 13 to Rt. 55 South. (continue below)

From Philadelphia: Cross Walt Whitman or Ben Franklin Bridge to Rt. 76. Continue onto Rt. 42 to exit 13, Rt. 55 South. (continue below)

All above—continue Rt. 55 South for approximately 27 miles to end of Rt. 55 Expressway. Rt. 55 merges into Rt. 47 South. About one mile on Rt. 47 South (mile marker 33.4), immediately after Port Elizabeth Fire Station on left look for gateway to Maurice River Township Elementary School, 3593 Delsea Dr., Port Elizabeth.

To East Point Lighthouse: Continue on Rt. 47 South, past Bayside State Prison and past Station Hardware. After mile marker 28, make a right turn onto Glade Rd. Glade Rd. becomes East Point Rd. Continue another 3 miles to end and Lighthouse Rd. on the right.

To A.J. Meerwald Bivalve dock: (2800 High St. Bivalve, Port Norris) Return on Rt. 47 North back to light at Mauriceometown Rd. between WAWA and Citgo gas station. Turn left onto Mauriceatown Rd. Follow Mauriceatown Rd. thru two blinkers to “T.” Make left at “T” onto North Ave. Follow North Ave. to stop sign. At stop sign, make right onto Rt. 553 North (East Main St.) On East Main just past Newcomb’s Market, make left onto High St., Rt. 631. Follow to Long Beach Marina and Bayshore Discovery Project on left. Meerwald is docked behind the Shipping Sheds Museum.

For overnight stay: Country Inns, 125 Village Dr., Millville at the entrance to Wheaton Village has been suggested. Call the Country Inn at (856) 825-3100 for reservations. Going South on Rt. 55, Country Inn at Wheaton Village is at Exit 26.
In his opening remarks Park Superintendent Richard Wells, thanked all those who cooperated in pulling this project together, especially The Foundation, the National Park Service’s Maintenance Department, and NJLHS.

Tom Laverty, NJLHS President, praised the work of all involved and also thanked the volunteers who participated by providing tours at the light- house. He introduced Al Smith, who coordinates the tours and thanked him for all his work. Al, in turn, praised the volunteers and asked those volunteers present to stand for a round of applau- se.

The ribbon was “officially” cut by Betsy Barrett and Richard Wells and “the party was on”! Refreshments included hot dogs, cotton candy and cake for all to enjoy. The celebration also featured music, outdoor exhibits and fire engine rides.

Everyone who entered the Keeper’s House agreed that it was worth the wait and the exhibits were very well received. The volunteers all say they will hate leaving the firehouse— but the air conditioning and heat, in sea- son, will soon change their minds.

Come see our NEW house at Sandy Hook when you can! You’re always welcome!

We take our bearings from here and head off to understand the roles these lights played. Tied to family history, they guided boatloads of immigrants into safe harbors. Critical to commerce they reduced delivery time and loss. Advancing engineer- ing and architecture, technology, secu- rity, communication and entertainment, all these paths share the lighthouse as a destination.

So I stand by my original thought, “Time claims what we chose to ignore”, but I have a different emphasis to it now. I think the better way to convey my thought is “Ignorance allows time to erode our history”. You are the best preservation tool this Society has. Educate. Tell people why lighthouses are worthy of marking in our ascension as a society. Time does not honor these. Recreate, reenact, interpret, preserve; these are feeble attempts to bend time to our will. It never works. The present always slips in. Day by day it changes everything. Time is a current you can’t swim against. So why do we make the attempt? Because the truth is that pres- ervation isn’t about time, it’s about re- moving ignorance.

History is a path. It is a record of how we got from there to here. It is the un- derstanding of why we are the people of today. Our values, our technology, our entertainment and communication trace pathways back. Preservation cele- brates a destination on those paths, not a time. It’s like a family photo. It’s not the date on the back we want to remember. That’s just a label. It’s who we were and how we felt that makes the picture special. We recreate, re- enact, interpret and preserve not in an attempt to halt time, but in an attempt to educate.

Preserving New Jersey’s lighthouses allows us to educate our society. It gives us a physical presence we can relate to while understanding why it’s there. It is the focal point to begin re- tracing our paths through history. It is the crossroads on our map.

Articles on your lighthouse adventures. If you were interested, your fellow lighthouse lovers might be as well! Recap your vaca- tions, weekend excursions, boat trips, etc. in NJLHS’s newsletter, The Beam. Submit articles with pictures to beam@njlh.org
We are planning a 9 day, 8 night trip to Nova Scotia. We have decided to go over to Nova Scotia by way of the “CAT” from Portland. This means we have to extend the trip 1 more day to 9 days. We will be leaving on Saturday, September 1 and staying overnight in the Portland area before boarding the “CAT” for our trip to Nova Scotia. We will be leaving Nova Scotia on a Saturday, September 8 for Portland and coming home on Sunday. This will give us 5 full days to explore Nova Scotia and some time to explore the lights of Portland (or other lighthouses). We should see approximately 25-30 lighthouses in Nova Scotia. The cost of the trip will be approximately $2,950 for 2 people and $2,200 for one person. Price includes transportation, 8 nights lodging, breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, admissions to lighthouses, all tips (except maid tips) and possibly 2 boat trips in Nova Scotia. The bus will be leaving from Newark Airport long term parking (which is about $11 per day—so you might want to double up). We did not include the cost of parking in case anyone wanted to double up.

NJLHS members will get priority sign-up until October 20, 2006 and then non-members can get on the list. We need 50 people to make the trip “a go” at this price. Once we get that amount, you will be notified that the trip is “a go”.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please send $100 deposit per person (non-NJLHS members, add $25 for each person) as soon as possible to New Jersey Lighthouse Society, c/o: Betty Smith, 7 Goldfinch Rd., Audubon Park, NJ 08016. You will have to give me all the following information in order for me to make the reservations on the “CAT”.

NAME: __________________________________________________________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________
DATE OF BIRTH: __________ PLACE OF BIRTH: _______________________
PASSPORT #: ______________________________________________________
YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____________________________________
A CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR DAY OF THE TRIP: _______________________
SINGLE: __________________ DOUBLE: __________________
MEMBER: _______________ NON-MEMBER: __________________________
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MAILED TO ME. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MEETING OR BUS TRIP.

LIGHTHOUSE VOLUNTEERS TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS
Al Smith
The Sandy Hook Lighthouse Volunteers are sponsoring a 10-year reunion on October 28, 2006 at 5:00pm at the Sandy Hook Keeper’s House. All past and present volunteers are invited to attend!

Bring along your memories, your pictures—and whatever you think others may enjoy hearing or seeing from the ‘good old days’. Remember scrubbing ‘everything’ to get the house ready? Remember selling outside... Yes? Remember the lighthouse ‘restoration’? Yes? Tell us about it!

If you see any Sandy Hook volunteers in your travels, please let them know of the reunion. Please call Betty at (856) 546-7810 or e-mail either cmagsmith@juno.com or bjs313@comcast.net and indicate if you will attend and how many people will be in your party. ‘Heavy hors d’oeuvres’ will be served.

PRESEvation Looking for helping hands
Brett Franks
Preservation Committee Chair
Do you know one end of a paintbrush from the other? Do you like to garden and care for plants? Are you a frustrated carpenter at heart or, better yet, a “real” one? The NJLHS Preservation Committee is looking to find volunteers that want a “hands on” preservation experience. Maintenance is the biggest drain on the funding for our eleven land-based lights. We want to see if we can’t help them stretch those dollars. We are compiling a list of volunteers willing to give a day or even a few hours to a lighthouse to help do some of the keeper’s chores around the place. These duties might include painting some windows or fixing a door hinge, or any small odd jobs that a handyman would be hired do. Our plan is to set up specific volunteer workdays at the various lights and provide some free labor. Possible events might include a spring clean-up day or even a Tom Sawyer Painting Party. And for those carpenters in the mix--do we have some old houses for you! So if you have considered volunteering at one of our lights but felt you couldn’t make the long-term commitment, this could be for you.

Sign-ups will be on the web site at the Preservation page. We’re just looking for skill and interest at this point so don’t feel we will be asking you to work right away. You will tell us when you can help out, and what you would be willing to do. Remember, this is in the very early stages of development. It’s our attempt to have the members interact at a more direct level with these lights and to give something of themselves in addition to (or instead of) monetary donations. Please consider helping out!
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