

DINNER MEETING
Saturday Evening
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THE LIGHTSHIP



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Morrell Comes Alive In New Coplin Sound Production

DINNER MEETING WILL FEATURE THE COMING OF A NEW ERA
S. H. I. P. S. ADVENTURE INTO USE OF SOUND FOR PRESERVATION

Like the migration of the wild geese and ducks in the Spring, Larry Coplin comes to Lake Huron Lore. This year with an entirely new concept for his Shipwreck History Interpretation and Preservation Society. For the benefit of the many new members of Lake Huron Lore, Larry founded this non-profit society in 1979. Larry and his diving crew taking the underwater pictures that would record for history these wrecks and artist Bob McGruevy preparing sketches of the underwater condition of the ships that were found.

They located the bow section of the DANIEL J. MORRELL in mid-May of 1979 and shortly after this Larry came in with his happy grin and a dripping wet nameboard from the ship for his friends at Lake Huron Lore. To the left is the nameboard as it is today hanging from the mantle in the Lee M. Cooper Gallery of the Museum of Arts and History.

This first sound film of S. H. I. P. S. will be shown at the annual dinner of Lake Huron Lore on April 17. It will be a real surprise and all that I can say about it is that the script provides for the film to be narrated by three characters: a newscaster, a lone survivor and an actress personifying the ship. Larry said in a telephone interview recently that over twenty people had taken part in the production.

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Dinner Meeting Apr. 17 +Marine Show Opens
Ho-Sai-Kai, M'sville. +Recpt. Jul. 10
Ship Launch... Apr. 28 +Programs: Museum
Whistle Blow, Jun25-26 +Sept. 18 & Nov. 6
27 at Cleveland.

M/V ALGOWEST LAUNCH APRIL 28

FLASH! FLASH! NOTE CHANGE IN LAUNCH DATE FOR COLLINGWOOD THE LATEST WORD FROM THE SHIPYARD IS THAT THE LAUNCH HAS BEEN SET AT THE REQUEST OF OWNERS, YET ANOTHER SHIP WILL BE SIDESHIP LAUNCHED. FIRM ORDER FOR HULL 224 IS ESTABLISHED AND KEEL WILL BE LAID THE DAY FOLLOWING LAUNCHING.

All kinds of things happen at Collingwood. . . this time it is the launch of M/V ALGOWEST, scheduled for the 28th of April. This time it will be a whole ship instead of a por-

tion. The accompanying photographs were received recently from Lake Huron Lore member, Mr. John Post, of Kitchener, Ont.

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BE SURE THAT YOU VISIT THE MUSEUM PIONEER DAY, AUG. 22

SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE

JOHN STEELE

John Steele, of Waukegan, Illinois, will narrate the underwater picture of the wreck of the VERNON, at the dinner meeting on the 17th of April. When you hear this unassuming person tell the story. you will be listening to the man who has done more for putting the Great Lakes on the map than any other person. The exhibit is in the Smithsonian, of an original Great Lakes propellor engine, pure and unadulterated, with its wooden frame and iron cylinder is due to the discovery of the INDIANA by none other than John Steele. John I hope can be persuaded to tell us a little bit about some of his underwater exploration trips. I call them trips rather than adventures, for his preparedness and his equipment keeps them from being adventures. John is the master of the art and has taught well his students. Larry Coplin being one of them.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

You will find enclosed in this edition of "LIGHTSHIP" a letter from the Director of the Museum of Arts and History and an application for membership. In the event that you are already a member, please excuse us as we have missed in the cross check because many of Lake Huron Lore's members are already members of the museum. This was prompted by an aptly put statement of one of the wives. "There may be wives who do not have the deep interest in things marine that their husbands do. A family membership in the Museum of Arts and History can open new avenues of interest for them, as well as helping to maintain the home of Lake Huron Lore and the Marine Collection. "

PILOT HOUSE CONTRIBUTIONS

It is very pleasant to have both Lake Huron Lore members and especially those who are not members that are making contributions both monetary and of their time and expertise to this undertaking. While it is scheduled for completion before that date, it is planned to have the formal dedication on July 10, the evening of the opening of the annual marine exhibit in the main gallery. We are now in possession of the lumber for the interior of the house, the library is being designed while being built depending upon the materials received. The bookcases are being designed around a grand old standup desk that is of unknown age. it was in the office of the McLouth Shipyards, Marine City, and perhaps dates back to the Lester & Roberts ownership. It was presented to the project by Lake Huron Lore Member Peirce Mc Louth.

ANNUAL MARINE SHOW

"SHIPYARDS---THEN AND NOW" is the subject of the 1982 annual marine show in the main gallery of the Museum sponsored each year by the members of Lake Huron Lore. The central section of the show is an exhibit prepared by Collingwood Shipyards and will have its first showing in the United States here in Port Huron. The title of the show is, "THE SHIPBUILDERS OF COLLINGWOOD", a remarkable photodocumentation by Ursula Heller, a Swiss photographer. Surrounding this exhibit will be the "SHIPYARDS OF THE DISTRICT OF HURON". This is the area that is covered in our archives, when Port Huron was its central office. The exhibit will be pictures of these old yards, and many artifacts that are owned by Lake Huron Lore and others from these yards centered by a big brass capstain head of W. LE BARRON JENNY, built in Bay City, before the turn of the century. Announcement of this show will be mailed to members and friends prior to its opening. Canadian members please mark this date on calendar, Saturday evening, July 10th. See other article for dates of fall meetings.

ENJOY A SPRING TRIP TO COLLINGWOOD--CALL 982-0891 NOW!

Whistle Division Born During Long Bleak Winter

PLANS UNDER WAY TO MAKE A BIG SPLASH WITH A BIG BLAST ON THE LAKE ERIE WATERFRONT AT CLEVELAND IN JUNE



Photo by Dixie

The pride of the whistle fleet, the three part chime of the BUCKEYE along with. to r. Capt. Ted Richardson, Frank Crevier, Walter Smith, Gareth McNabb and Bill Luke. Richardson, Smith and McNabb are the instigators. Crevier and Luke are included to add some dignity to the occasion!


from as far away as Ripley, New York. A dedicated group from the Great Lakes Historical Society, Vermilion, Ohio, came each year to participate and learn. What they learned was used to found their own whistle blowing "extravaganza" along the Cleveland waterfront

Last Labor Day, Tom Meakin extended an invitation to our local whistle buffs to attend the Cleveland event which is to take place on June 25, 26, and 27. So, at the last Lake Huron Lore meeting, with snow nearly waist high, whistle owners, Walter Smith, Gareth McNabb, and Paul Schmitt began a jovial discussion about a summer trip to Cleveland. After a few minutes of pure fantasy, the idea of having "T-Shirts" for identification emerged as realistic. With no intention of forming a cumbersome independent "whistle club", various ways were briefly discussed to indicate visually to the Vermilion people that a group of Lake Huron Lore folks were interested in a reciprocal exchange on nostalgic "noise".

While journeys of this type are never finalized until the van loaded with whistles actually leaves the area for Cleveland, it appears that our organization will be represented by at least five persons. The T-shirts, which have to be hand silk-screened with the insignia should serve to provide identification and foster good relations with the Vermilion whistle buffs.

Anyone interested in taking a whistle to Cleveland for the event and wanting further information about having a "Whistle Division T-Shirt" imprinted for them, should contact Gareth McNabb at 765-8891 days, or 359-8730 evenings, before 8:00p. m. . . . This should be done within the next two weeks.

SPRING IS NEAR WE HOPE!!! THE STOCK OF LAKE HURON LORE FLAGS IS NOW DOWN TO THREE. . . . IF ANY OF THE MEMBERS WISH TO ORDER FLAGS FOR THEIR BOAT THIS YEAR CONTACT FRANK CREVIER AT THE DINNER MEETING

 **LAKE HURON LORE**

These are well made flags with sewed on emblem on both sides, dakron material with brass grommets, reinforced corners. PRICE \$15.00

Collingwood Events of 69 Years Past (Cont. from page 1)

showing an unscheduled landing of a plane at the shipyard, thought to be in 1913.



The Great Lakes Society for the preservation of Side Ship Launching will make their landing in Collingwood on the 27th of April for the launch eve meeting of the society. It will be held as usual in the dining room of the Heidelberg Inn, on Hume Street. The buffet supper will be the same as last year which is always delightfully prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Brown of the Heidelberg. The cost is \$9.00, Canadian, tax and tip included. This year the Master at Arms will assess each diner



\$1.00 to cover the expenses of these meetings. In the past it has been included in the meal but due to bookkeeping problems with the hotel, we will collect this fee.

At this writing there are a limited number of reservations still available on the museum bus that will be making the delightful spring trip to Collingwood. Call 982-0891 for your

reservations now. It is a package deal that is hard to beat, with transportation and lodging, all inclusive.



JAMES C. CARRUTHERS

The launch day Picture was taken on May 24, 1913, Queen Victoria's Birth Day, of one of the shortest lived ships on the Great Lakes. She was put in commission in September 1913 and was lost Nov. 9, 1913 on Lake Huron.

MORRILL COMES ALIVE (contd. from page one)

RESERVATIONS: IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS PRODUCTION AVAILABLE TO MORE OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WE WILL HAVE IT AT A DINNER MEETING AT THE HO-SAI-KAI, 100 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville. on April 17. SEE RESERVATION FORM ENCLOSED AND GET YOUR CHECK TO DOROTHY WALLIN NOW! THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR A MATTED HAND COLORED PRINT OF M/V ALGWOOD DRAWN FROM THE FIRST 100 TICKETS RESERVED.

We decided that more people could appreciate the films if we had them at the annual dinner meeting.

John Steele, the founder of the group that includes Larry and others, will present a film that he made of the VERNON. (See p. 2 for related article.)

THE COUNTRY IS TURNED AROUND
A one line marine item seen recently, "the documentation office at Port Huron is Closed." . . . Visit the Museum at 7:30 p. m. on July 10 and see what it looked like at the turn of the century