

With the May issue now "to bed", your Editor begins his summer vacation from the keyboard. This past "Scanner" season has been a very difficult one in many ways, and we extend our most sincere thanks to all those who have been of so much assistance to us during this time, either in preparing or contributing to feature articles, or in helping us with the actual production and distribution of "Scanner". Your help has meant a great deal to us, and we look forward to the continued support of all of the members in the future.

Meanwhile, may we remind all members that there will be no issues of "Scanner" in June, July or September. Our Mid-Summer Issue, which will be No. 9 of Vol. XXIX, will appear in August, and the first issue of Vol. XXX will come your way next October. Even though you won't have "Scanner" to read each month, we wish all of our members a very happy summer of shipwatching around the lakes and wherever you may travel.

In the New Member Department, a hearty welcome goes out to Robert Adams, of Collingwood. We are pleased to have you with us as a member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

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HOME PORT ERIE

The Erie County Historical Society has published a 336-page, hardcover documentary of the history of the port of Erie, Pennsylvania, together with its ships, its industries and its people. Covering more than 200 years of history, the book contains more than 400 excellently-reproduced photographs, the majority of which will be of interest to marine historians and to those whose interest lies in Great Lakes fisheries. The subtitle of Home Port Erie is "Voices of Silent Images", which is an apt description of the book's purpose: to bring to life, for the enlightenment and enjoyment of all, this vast compilation of rare photographs of a major lake port.

Most of the photos in the book come from the collection of longtime T.M.H.S. member Robert J. MacDonald, who produced for us the feature on SEVONA which appeared in our January issue, and whose massive marine collection now is in the care of the Erie County Historical Society. Bob's co-author in Home Port Erie is Dr. David R. Frew, a professor of management at Gannon University.

The book may be ordered direct from the Erie County Historical Society, 419 State Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501, U.S.A., or contact the Society by phone at (814) 454-1813. Cost of the book is U.S. \$31.95, and there is a postage charge of U.S. \$3.50 per book unless you wish to pick it up yourself from the E.C.H.S. Pennsylvania residents must add 6% sales tax to the price.

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SEAWAY SHIPS 1996

The 1996 edition of Seaway Ships is now available from T.M.H.S. member Rene Beauchamp. This is the 14th year of publication for this annual directory of ships using the Seaway. Rene's work is always easy to use, and features many topics of interest to Seaway observers, but this year it features a new, user-friendly format, together with 26 colour photographs.

To obtain this 47-page softcover with spiral binding, contact Rene Beauchamp at 9041 Bellerive, Montreal, Quebec H1L 3S5, or telephone (514) 355-3891. Cost is \$17.95 in Canada or \$14.75 U.S., both including postage. For three or more copies, deduct \$1.00 for each. Overseas air mail is \$3.00 extra. If, in addition, you wish to receive the illustrated mid-season edition which will be released at the beginning of September, listing new salties only, please add \$3.95 to your remittance.

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