

We have a good series of programmes lined up for you in the coming year so please watch the front page of "Scanner" for programmes, together with dates, times and locations of meetings. We plan to continue our Saturday afternoon meeting times during the winter months.

In the New Member Department, we extend a very hearty welcome to Howard Mateff, of Port McNicoll. He worked as mate aboard the C.P.R. passenger steamers KEEWATIN and ASSINIBOIA for many years and we are pleased to have him with us in T.M.H.S. We have had many C.P.R. alumni with us over the years, and a great many of our members fondly remember those beautiful ships and the crews that worked in them.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All members, except those who have joined recently and have been advised specifically to the contrary, are reminded that our membership year begins in October, and that MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE 2000-2001 SEASON ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE. You will find a renewal form included with this issue, and we would ask that you send the coupon, along with your cheque, to our Chief Purser at your earliest convenience. The October issue is the last that will be mailed to those who do not renew.

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THE SILENT AUCTION

Our Third Annual Silent Auction of marine memorabilia, etc., took place in the spring and elicited much interest amongst the members. Many of you will have been wondering how well the auction did, and we can assure you that it did very well indeed! In fact, net proceeds amounted to \$2,814.24, a figure more than adequate to head off any reconsideration of our membership fee structure. Our sincere thanks to all who donated and/or purchased, and a special word of gratitude to Gordon Turner who ran the auction for us.

And yes, we have lots more donations for another silent auction next spring!

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BOOKS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Skip Gillham has produced a 44-page softcover, Imperial Oil Tankers of the Great Lakes. It features a brief history of each ship I.O.L. ran on the lakes, and there are lots of photos, many of which are very rare. The price is \$16.00. Contact Skip at P.O. Box 443, Vineland, Ontario LOR 2C0.

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Norman Eakins' 92-page softcover Lakers and Salties 1999-2000 is now available. It is a valuable directory, expanded in format from last year's version. Canadian orders, \$19.00, to 13 Alfred Street, Point Edward, Ontario N7V 1S4. U.S. orders, U.S.\$17.00, to P.O. Box 595792, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059-5972.

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John O. Greenwood's NAMESAKES 2000, "a photographic collegium of current Great Lakes vessels" and the 13th volume in the "Namesakes" series, has arrived from the printer. The format of this 182-page hardcover should be familiar to all collectors of books on lake shipping. U.S.\$23.00 plus P. & P. from Freshwater Press Inc., 1700 East 13th Street, Suite 3-R-E, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3213. Phone (216) 241-0373. Fax (216) 781-6344. Or order on-line from <http://www.lakeboats.com>

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Our members are a talented group, and we are pleased to acquaint our readers with their works.

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