

FRANK JAMES BUNKER

It is with great regret that we inform our readers of the passing, at Etobicoke, Ontario, on June 12, 2004, of Frank Bunker, member number 55 of the Toronto Marine Historical Society. Frank "crossed the bar" as a result of heart failure following several bouts of surgery in recent years.

Frank was a steam railroader above all and for years worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. That said, his very first job, in 1941, was aboard the McColl-Frontenac lake tanker CYCLO BRAVE and, during World War Two, he went to Europe aboard the AQUITANIA and returned in the ILE DE FRANCE before heading to the Pacific. He returned to the C.P.R. after the war and, in latter years, railroaded in H.O. gauge as well as operating steam excursion trains on the South Simcoe Railway. He also loved steam ships, being a member of T.M.H.S. almost from its founding, and he seldom missed one of our meetings as long as his health permitted. Photos from his collection appeared in "Scanner" and were seen at our meetings. Frank was a living bridge to an earlier age of steamboating and steam railroading, and he never failed to share his experience and knowledge with all of us.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to Frank's widow, Mary, and to his son, Phil. Ave atque Vale, old friend.

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We extend our thanks to longtime T.M.H.S. member Don McCartney who provided us with pertinent details of Frank's passing, as reported in "Branchline", the news magazine of the Bytown Railway Society Inc.

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LIBERTIES ON THE LAKES

The latest book by member Skip Gillham deals with the 183 ships of the "Liberty" type that ventured into the lakes in the years following the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, 39 of those appearing on fresh water bearing more than one name. The 80-page softcover provides thumbnail histories of all of the lake-visiting Liberties, and some 80 black-and-white photos are shown. The front and back covers feature colour photos of JOHN W. BROWN on her 2000 visit to the lakes for re-rivetting at Toledo. Ye Ed. recalls almost all of these Liberties, and anyone hanging around the Welland Canal in the early-to-mid 1960s will do likewise. For the rest of you, it will be an education.

To order send \$21.00 including packing and postage (U.S. funds to U.S. addresses) to Glenaden Press, P.O. Box 443, Vineland, Ontario LOR 2C0.

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McKeil, continued:

- On July 10, when the master left the pilothouse for a washroom break, EVANS McKEIL, pushing OCEAN HAULER, grounded in the St. Clair River near Roberts Landing. The barge soon was freed but the tug was aground until the 12th.
- On July 27, when a towing cable failed, SALVOR's barge KTC 115 grounded on Frontenac Shoal in the American Narrows of the St. Lawrence, spilling 12,000 gallons of calcium chloride. It took three days to release the barge.

The former Shell Montreal bunkering ship HORIZON MONTREAL, (a) TYEE SHELL (69), (b) ARCTIC TRADER (83), (c) RIVERSHELL (iv)(95), has been sold to Panamanian buyers and on July 28 sailed for Panama under the new name ALYCIA S1.

We'll catch up on additional marine news in the October issue.

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