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We would like to hear from readers who may have additional information on any of the various incidents involving the MINER. We also would like to find a photo of the ship as CONVEYOR, something that so far has managed to elude us.

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DONALD J. DUBE

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden passing, on July 25, 2007, of longtime T.M.H.S. member Donald J. Dube, of Windsor. Don Dube was a strong supporter of the Society, and carried membership card number 170. He was 59 and had recently retired from business. At the time of his death, he was pursuing his favourite thing - ship-watching. Don apparently fell into the Detroit River and drowned, his bicycle and camera on shore nearby.

To the family, and particularly to his brother, we express our most sincere sympathy. We hope that where Don has gone, there are lots of steamboats to watch.

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TWO BOOKS FROM SKIP GILLHAM

Skip Gillham has produced two more books for the enjoyment of lake shipping enthusiasts. The first of these, The Ships of Kingston, is co-authored by Capt. Gerry Ouderkerk. This volume features the many ships built at Kingston in the years when that city had a vibrant port. It is a 114-page softcover, liberally illustrated and fully indexed.

The second book, solely by Skip, is Hindman Transportation. A 104-page softcover tracing the fleet founded by Captain George Hindman, of Owen Sound, the vessels with which he and his family were associated, and the various companies that owned them. As usual, there are many photographs.

Each of the books is available at a price of \$25.00. To order or request information, contact Skip Gillham, 3750 King Street, Vineland, Ontario L0R 2C0.

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ADDITIONAL MARINE NEWS

Under the ownership of Upper Lakes Group, the shipyard at Port Weller is getting back into business as Seaway Marine & Industrial Inc., while the Thunder Bay yard (formerly Pascol Engineering), now is Lakehead Marine & Industrial. They are independent companies, each part of Great Lakes Marine & Industrial.

Meanwhile, Davie Quebec, the rebirth of the long-bankrupt Davie shipyard at Lauzon, Quebec, is coming back to life after rescue by Teco Management, of Norway. Davie Quebec's first contract, with Cecon ASA, Norway, is to build three ships (with an option for three more) for deep-water pipe-laying for the oil industry. Davie will try to specialize in high-tech specialty vessels.

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