



Moosehead Marine Museum Looks Forward to 40th Year



Model T's at the museum

Fall in Greenville is a quiet time. The leaves have fallen, boats have been taken out of the water and passengers no longer line up to board the Katahdin. Here at the museum, however, we are busy wrapping up another year of cruising.

The brilliant weather this past summer brought people in droves to cruise aboard the Katahdin. We had 6,777 guests—an average of 77 per cruise—from as far away as South Africa.

For the first time we invited stakeholders to join us on our annual Shakedown Cruise. Guests got a behind-the-scenes look at the operation of the vessel, participating in safety drills and enjoying lunch from the galley. The crew found it helpful to have passengers aboard making

each scenario more realistic as they ran the Kate through her paces.

MMM will be forty years old in 2017. As I turn my attention to planning for the season, my thoughts are occupied by that small group of local citizens who, determined not to lose this treasure of Moosehead Lake, marshalled their resources and set about to save the Katahdin, founding a museum in the process.

Among them was my father, Duke McKeil. I clearly remember him twisting his friends' arms to buy "planks". My own first experience aboard the Kate involved several days of forced volunteerism at his insistence after complaining of boredom.

Eliot Levy, the first Director, was tireless in his efforts. Original board members John Morrell and Tony Bartley have remained staunch supporters throughout. Duane Lander and John Richards put time and energy toward the effort. Lou Hilton was a

devoted board member and our primary benefactor.

There are many who have made an impact throughout the years. Some are still with us and some have passed on.

How do we preserve their legacy? By shifting our business model from membership-based to an annual giving strategy and encouraging supporters to consider planned giving we hope to build sustainability and further strengthen the legacy of the museum's founders.

The museum's fortieth year will involve celebration, innovation and continued educational outreach. Among the things we have planned are new theme cruises, expanded educational programming including a monthly speaker series, and a gala 40th Anniversary event scheduled around our annual Donors Cruise. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the 40th!

Liz McKeil, Executive Director

Did you know?

A SEXTANT IS AN ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENT USED TO DETERMINE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE AT SEA BY MEASURING ANGULAR DISTANCES, ESPECIALLY THE ALTITUDES OF SUN, MOON, AND STARS.

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MMM Elects New Board President



Board President George Edmondson

At its January 2016 Annual Meeting the MMM Board of Directors approved the nomination of George Edmondson to succeed Luke Muzzy as President.

Employed since 1983 by Maine Eye Care as Director of the Moosehead Region, George took on an additional role as innkeeper buying Kineo View Motel in 1993 with his wife Diane. The

same year the couple started Moosehead Balsam Fir, making and selling balsam filled pillows.

George has been a board member since 2013, serving on the Finance Committee and assisting in development of a finance policy handbook. A skilled negotiator, he has helped secure favorable rates from vendors, lowering operational costs and ensuring the

most responsible stewardship of donor contributions.

In May 2016 MMM began a project to upgrade its catalog of artifacts (see article p. 3) relying on George's expertise to identify, purchase and install the needed computer hardware.

We hope you will Join us in welcoming George to his new leadership role.

WHY IS A VESSEL'S SPEED MEASURED IN "KNOTS"?

UNTIL THE MID-1800's, VESSEL SPEED WAS MEASURED USING A "CHIP LOG" - A WOODEN PANEL, ATTACHED BY LINE TO A REEL, AND WEIGHTED TO FLOAT PERPENDICULARLY. THE CHIP LOG WAS CAST OVER THE STERN OF THE MOVING VESSEL AND THE LINE PAID OUT. KNOTS PLACED 8 FATHOMS - 47' 3" - APART PASSED THROUGH A SAILOR'S FINGERS, WHILE ANOTHER SAILOR USED A 30-SECOND SAND-GLASS TO TIME THE OPERATION.

MMM Seeks Volunteers

MMM is fortunate to have volunteers engaged in activities from tending our gardens to running the Katahdin gift shop.

As we approach the museum's 40th anniversary season, we are recruiting volunteers for a number of projects and activities:

- Katahdin gift shop (up to 4 hours per week)—our loyal volunteers sometimes need a day off—we'd love to have several

"on call" people to step in.

- Special events (time commitment varies)—we will be developing a list of speaking presentations and celebratory events and volunteer assistance will be critical to successful implementation.
- YMCA outreach (4 hours per month)—we will be working with the director of the new day care center on Indian Hill to develop a series of activities designed

to share area history with kids age 2– 10.

- Clerical (time commitment varies)—running the museum involves oodles of data. If you love spreadsheets we could use assistance tracking ridership, donors and all manner of information!

For more information or to volunteer contact Liz McKeil at 207.695.2716 or email at lmckeil@mmmk8.org.

MLYC Extends Membership to MMM Executive Director



Since its inception MMM has had a close reciprocal relationship with the Moosehead Lake Yacht Club. MLYC hosts its annual Commodore's Cruise aboard the Katahdin and many of MLYC's mem-

bers support MMM's annual giving program.

This year the membership of MLYC voted to invite MMM's Executive Director to serve as an honorary member, affording MMM an opportunity to

participate in a number of social and community activities throughout the summer.

We value the opportunity to spend time learning from our supporters about their interests and opinions.

Business Donor Profile—Kelly’s Landing

One of the highlights of a cruise aboard the Katahdin is a swing through West Cove, where the staff of Kelly’s Landing greet the boat with bell ringing, shouted greetings and general hilarity.

Once a stop on the Katahdin’s route, Kelly’s Landing is an area landmark and sits just south of Steamboat Point on the site of the

former Hollingsworth Whitney storehouse.

Owner Kim Brady purchased the restaurant in January of 1998. Over the years she has modernized the building, most recently upgrading the outdoor seating space. The menu has also evolved over the years to reflect changes in visitors’ preferences and dietary needs, for example including a wide vari-

ety of gluten-free menu choices.

Asked what motivated her to contribute to MMM, Kim responds laughingly that our fathers (Fred Huber and Duke McKeil) persuaded her to donate long ago. She says that family connections are important to her, as is the Katahdin’s impact. “It’s an asset to the community and an important attraction.”



Kelly's Landing

MMM Receives Grant from Maine Community Foundation

In May Moosehead Marine Museum received a \$10,000 grant from the Piscataquis Fund of the Maine Community Foundation to upgrade its collections database.

The Maine Community Foundation is a statewide non-profit that works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. The community foundation is committed to serve all of Maine; demonstrate respect for people and places; achieve quality and integrity in everything it does; and remain nonpartisan.

The grant will fund MMM’s project to upgrade the catalog of over 1700 items using a software called PastPerfect. This software is used by over 9500 museums nationwide. Maine users include the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport and the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath.

We are fortunate that the expertise to advise MMM on the project is available locally from the Moosehead Historical Society (MHS), which has catalogued some 40,000 to 50,000 of its own items.

In a unique collaboration, MMM has hired Barbara Crossman from MHS to direct the project. We recently hired Suzanne Auclair of Rockwood to execute the catalog work and data entry.

Board President George Edmondson donated his time and expertise in procuring and setting up the computer hardware for the project. As a result we now have a server and two work stations devoted to this work.

The software package we purchased includes licenses for five computers. We have offered to share the two unused licenses with the Moosehead Historical Society. Should MHS choose to move

forward with the software, their staff would access the database by connecting remotely with the server from their location.

Barbara and Suzanne began work in September, poring over user manuals and tutorials and visiting the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society for an overview of their practices with the software.

For each item in the collection, they will consult the current record for information on the donor of the item, its age and description. In the first phase a comprehensive record of all items will be created. During phase II, if any information is missing, the ladies conduct research to acquire it. They will provide detailed descriptions of each item, including measurements, and photograph or scan items for inclusion into the digital record.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, MLYC VOLUNTEERS HAVE TENDED MMM’S GARDENS, ARRIVING FAITHFULLY EVERY FRIDAY MORNING TO MULCH, PRUNE AND WATER WATER WATER! THE SERVICE IS MUCH APPRECIATED!



Our new database will enable us to manage the collection and enhance our exhibits

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Our mission: *To preserve and operate the Katahdin as a “living museum” for the benefit of our community, region, and future generations.*

Targeted Giving

Did you know that you can specify how your donation should be used? Donors may choose to designate funds for a purpose such as a capital project or to purchase a specific item. Below is a suggested “wish list” of items that could be funded through targeted giving:

Katahdin Sound System—amplifier, microphone and speakers

Bench and/or Planter for museum garden

Museum display cabinet

32 inch round bistro tables for bar area of the Katahdin

Educational programming for area schools

Katahdin Upper Deck project

Museum Waterfront project

For more information and specific item costs, please contact Liz McKeil at 207-695-2716 or lmckeil@mmm8.org

MMM Job Shadow—Tyler Chasse



Tyler Chasse giving tours of the engine room

On September 19 Executive Director Liz McKeil participated in a career fair at Tri-County Technical Center in Dexter. MMM values education and community engagement. Liz’s goal was to recruit a student for a paid internship with our engineer for the summer of 2017.

A conversation with the automotive instructor revealed an interested candidate living very close to home!

Tyler Chasse is a junior at

Greenville Consolidated School. He takes classes every other day at TCTC and has a strong interest in diesel engines.

Tyler visited once to discuss his interest with engineer Pete Noyes, who invited him back for a day to job shadow. The job shadow serves as an overview of Katahdin operations. It gives a potential intern the opportunity to “try out” the position to see if it is a good fit.

Tyler cruised with us during our last week. He had the opportunity to try his hand at every job on board, from deck hand to engineer. He drove the boat and even gave engine room tours, impressing Pete with his courteous demeanor and willingness to pitch in wherever he was needed.

Moving forward we plan to host more job shadowing opportunities for students who are interested in careers in related industries.