The second annual Patuxent River Appreciation Days festival was the most successful event ever attempted in the history of Calvert County. The two-day event attracted an estimated 50,000 visitors, most of whom came on Sunday for the parade featuring the Budweiser Clydesdales.

The real success, however, was bringing to the attention of the crowd the present problems faced by Maryland’s largest intra-state river. Free boat rides took visitors to the Chesapeake Biological Lab for tours, lectures and movies. At the Museum, a 120 x 60 foot tent was filled with educational exhibits on estuarine biology.

The Department of Natural Resources took up nearly one-half of the tent space with displays ranging from oysters, crabs, fish, erosion, oil spill control, pollution, water quality control, etc. The Estuarine Center at Charles County Community College had live aquaria depicting the animals living in the river.

Education, however, was not the only concern of visitors, over two tons of beef and bushels of oysters were eaten. Good music, pony rides, arts and crafts, and other such fun was available.

Culminating three years of research, planning and construction, our newest exhibit, FOSSILS OF CALVERT CLIFFS, was officially dedicated on September 22. During the ceremonies CMM director, Ralph Eshelman, commented that this exhibit marked a new plateau in professionalism of the museum.

Original research and unpublished data were incorporated, making it the most up-to-date, scientific display of its kind ever done on the world-renowned Miocene fossils of Calvert Cliffs.

Eshelman continued; the interpretative and educational value of our new exhibit should make the Museum Board of Governors, its members, friends, and staff most proud. This exhibit is informative to the casual observer and scholar alike.
Wm. B. Tennison Visits Crisfield

HURRICANE DAVID was just crossing from the Caribbean Sea into the Atlantic Ocean when the WM. B. TENNISON left Solomons for Crisfield. In addition to her regular crew — Bill Hall, Captain, and Chuck Schertle, Mate — her volunteer crew included Ralph Eshelman, Director of CMM, Dave Bohaska, Register, and the McGilvery family from Long Beach. Evelyne Eshelman joined the crew at Crisfield. The TENNISON's cargo was brochures about the museum, Patuxent River Appreciation Days, and — perhaps a little immodestly — about the TENNISON; herself. Her mission was goodwill.

Crisfield sits on Maryland's southernmost tip, on the Bay side of the Eastern Shore. As the crow flies it is about 40 miles southeast of Solomons. The TENNISON made the trip in 4½ hours, arriving about 4:45 p.m. Friday, August 31, in time to participate in Crisfield's "32nd Annual National Hard Crab Derby and Fair" over the Labor Day weekend. This was the TENNISON's first trip across the Bay since being acquired by the museum in April 1979.

When we docked at Somers Cove Marina, it looked as if you could walk across the harbor in any direction on the decks of anchored boats. As many as a dozen sailboats could be seen rafted together; flotillas of dingies and rubber boats shuttled their parties ashore.

Friday night the weather was inviting; sleeping bags were unfurled on the TENNISON's deck. A heavy dew dampened everything but our spirits, and we were up by 6 a.m. Saturday. Museum displays and literature were arranged on deck, and visitors started arriving shortly after 9 a.m. The University of Maryland research vessel ORION arrived about 1 p.m. and tied up to the TENNISON. The MISS PAT, also from Solomons, tied to the ORION. The ORION set up her displays, and visitors were welcomed aboard both the TENNISON and ORION. An estimated 500 people visited the two vessels before dusk, including Dr. John S. Toll, President of the University of Maryland, and his family.

Most of the TENNISON's visitors dropped by just because they saw her sitting there and she was unusual. They paced her deck, peeked into her wheelhouse, studied the museum display, and carried away brochures. Many seemed genuinely interested in visiting Solomons for the same reasons that had brought them — often much farther — to Crisfield. We suggested they might want to come for Patuxent River Appreciation Days on October 6 and 7.

Other visitors were interested in the TENNISON because she is a "bugeye." They inspected her carefully. Some even asked permission to crawl below and examine her hull and running gear. One man said he had worked with the crew of the TENNISON years ago. He stood for a long time near her mast, just looking out over her bow. Another man stood on the dock looking her over critically. When he was invited aboard, he said, "I've spent enough time aboard her." He had been her skipper during her oyster-buying days. He swapped stories over the gunnel with Captain Bill Hall, but he stayed on the dock.

Andy Anderson of Great Bridge, Virginia, who sailed his WANDERLUST to the festival, brought along a slide show on bugeyes, log canoes, skipjacks, and tall ships. Shown aboard the TENNISON Saturday night, it played to an appreciative standing-room-only audience.

Saturday also brought the Plastic Bottle Boat Regatta, the parade on Main Street, the crab picking contest, and the crab races including the Governor's Cup Race and the National Hard Crab Derby.

Sunday it rained and threatened until dark. A stiff breeze came up in the south, and the launch site for the fireworks was just upwind of the marina where hundreds of sailboats stored acres of nylon sail. A few nervous sailors shifted their position a little farther from the launch site.

We left Crisfield early Monday morning to see the skipjack race near the town of Chance. As we approached the north end of Deal Island, we could see that the race was already under way. The CALEB W. JONES was in the lead, with the IDA MAY bringing up the rear. If her position bothered anyone aboard the IDA MAY, you couldn't tell it. She was loaded to the gunnels with family and friends waving happily at the TENNISON as we passed her stern and turned west through Hooper Straight to return to Solomons.

Bill McGilvery

Hartge Memorial Fund

Thanks to the friends and family of the late Capt. Ernest (Dick) Hartge, a memorial fund to the Museum on his behalf has now passed the $1,000 mark.

Capt. Dick was descended from a family of Bay area craftsmen, farmers, schooner captains, and boatbuilders. While running the family boatbuilding business in Galesville, he became well known, especially for his racing boats.

Capt. Dick visited CMM only once, but he was so impressed with our facilities he requested donations to us for flowers on his death. The Museum has been fortunate to have good friends such as Capt. Dick.

1980 Ladie Katie Schedule

For the fourth summer in a row, the Museum will charter the skipjack LADY KATIE. Below is the tentative cruise schedule for those who wish to make early reservations:

Three-Day Cruise: June 21 - 23 July 11 - 13 Aug. 8 - 10
June 24 - 26 July 14 - 16
June 28 - 30 July 18 - 20
July 25 - 27
Two-Day Cruise: June 27 - 28 July 21 - 22 Aug. 11 - 12
July 23 - 24 Aug. 13 - 14
Aug. 16 - 17
Moonlight Cruise: July 27

 Unscheduled Cruises: September 5 through September 14.

For further information call Dot Ordwein, 301-326-4162. Better yet, attend the program at the Museum on April 22 (see Calendar of Events) which will take you on a cruise via slides.
CMM Forms New Ties

The Board of Calvert County Commissioners adopted a resolution this past October submitted by the Calvert County Historical Society designating the Calvert Marine Museum as a new County department.

The Museum was created by the Historical Society in 1970. Over the years the Museum grew to a point where new and larger facilities were needed. In 1973, the Society pushed for, and obtained, a lease from the County for the use of the old Solomons School property as the new CMM home. The Society then persuaded the County to hire a director and provide an operating budget which was accomplished in 1974. The Museum opened in its new home in 1975 and over the years became more dependent upon the County for its operation. This new governance provided by the resolution was a logical outgrowth of the phenomenal success of the Museum.

Through the efforts of the Calvert County Historical Society a very successful marine museum has been created and through the Society's continued efforts this museum now has a secure future in the hands of Calvert County.

The Society is not, however, resting on its laurels. A new museum, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, is now under their wing. If the Society's past record is any key to the future, this new museum will also be a success.

To the Society, and Calvert County, the Museum, its friends, members and staff, we owe our thanks.

DOCENT PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS

The rapid and gratifying increase in attendance at the Calvert Marine Museum has placed increased responsibility on those who have scheduled volunteers, Joe Lore, Dot Ordwein, and particularly Clara Dixon, who has done a super job of marshalling help to "stand duty" this past year. We have, therefore, decided to relieve her of this chore in order that she may devote full time to the BUGEYE TIMES.

Capt. Pepper Langley ready to board CMM's steam launch POCAHONTAS for the annual Christmas Parade in Prince Frederick. The steam engine for the POCAHONTAS is presently being restored by volunteer Dr. Paul Lemkau.

Photo by Dave Bohaska

WINTER CALENDAR AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All programs begin at the Museum at 7:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Programs are free to members; $1.00 to non-members unless otherwise noted. For additional information call Dorothy Ordwein, 326-4162.

Jan. 25 IMPORTANCE OF CANALS IN U.S. DEVELOPMENT. Russell Harding, whose hobby is collecting slides and memorabilia about canals, will present an illustrated lecture and share a recording of songs. Construction of canals and stories of life along them will be highlighted.

Jan. 29 DOCENT PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS. Initial meeting of all persons interested in participating in a new volunteer program. No limits, no restriction. At the Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Feb. 8 EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHESAPEAKE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY. David Wallace, National Marine Fisheries, will speak on the history of the laboratory and its role in the continuing study of the Bay.

February WOODCARVING FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES. Regular attendance may qualify participants for membership in the Olsen Chapter of the American Shipcarvers Guild. Cost of the classes is $5.00 plus materials. Bring Exacto knife with blades to first session. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Paul Kraft, instructor.

March 7 THE BEAUTIFUL CHESAPEAKE. A slide show by Michael Reber, Assistant to the Director, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.

April 5 CANOE TRIP ON ST. LEONARD'S (or Parker's) CREEK. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost to cover rentals and leadership: $12.00 each for members; $15.00 each for non-members. Provide own lunch.

April 22 THE CHARLIE AND RALPH SHOW. A slide presentation of two adventures under sail; Charles Shinn on the LADY KATIE in the Chesapeake Bay and Ralph Eshelman on the GAZELA PRIMERO from Portland, Maine to New Bedford, Mass.

May 30 CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL CLIPPER TRIP. Take a trip back through time by riding on a canal barge. Leave Prince Frederick at 8:45 a.m. Trip includes a visit to the Canal Museum and picnic at Great Falls. Bring your own box lunch. Approximate cost: $10.00 to $12.00.

Barbara Wilson has assumed the responsibility for scheduling as of December 1. With this additional help we would like to introduce a "Docent Program" into our Museum. Barbara spent several years as a docent at the National Gallery of Art before making her home permanently in Southern Calvert County. We feel that this previous experience amply
ACQUISITIONS

COLUMBIA LNG CORP: electric stove
EUGENE CRONIN: Chesapeake Bay slide duplicates
FRANCIS O. MORGAN: fossil whale skull
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WELSH: electric heater
R. E. FRANKLIN: Bulleri pattern controlled carving machine w/ stand and parts; Marlin pattern controlled carving machine w/table and parts
RALPH ESHELMAN: John Frost print “Maryland Marsh” signed by the artist
MARGARETTE GOTT: Miocene rhinoceros tooth, peccary tooth, and turritella shell fossils
ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND PILOTS: print of Commerce of Baltimore
LAURENCE N. ALBEE: book, Chesapeake Affair of 1807
RUTH C. PRESS: Pleistocene canid tooth
SELMA PARKS: osprey for bird collection
JOHN FRYE: SKIPPER magazines
LES LANGLEY: oyster shells for road maintenance
HELEN B. DVORACHEK: photographs and negatives
ROBERT WARE STRAUS: photograph of Drum Point Lighthouse by artist Alice Ann Cole
LILLIAN ARMIGER: Fishing artifacts belonging to waterman Griff Armiger
GEORGE KRANTZ: oyster culling hammer
FRED HOPKINS: copy of his book Tom Boyle, Master Privateer and two articles
DR. AND MRS. E. M. FREEMAN: kerosene buoy light
FRANK DARE: Biology student notebook of Solomons High School, 1925
ANNE K. REIFSNEIDER: photographic equipment
MRS. LEE MINCHER: dropleaf table
MRS. THEO. M. PETERSON: outboard marine engines

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Calvert County Community Relations Team of C & P Telephone
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Solomons Fire and Rescue Squad
Lions Club of Calvert County
Galesville Area Senior Citizens
Southern Maryland Society of Colonial Dames

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Pick-up truck for fund raising effort provided by courtesy of KENNETH GERARD
SOLOMONS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI: speaker podium w/microphone
ANNA EWALT, ELLEN ZAHNISER, AND LINDA McGILVERY for decorating the Lighthouse and Museum for Christmas

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Friends and family of Capt. ERNEST H. (Dick) HARTGE

LIFE MEMBERS

Dorothy Ordwein
John Broome
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stevenson

MUSEUM NEEDS

c. 1900 chairs for Drum Point Lighthouse kitchen table
Oak timber, known to have been cut between 1880 - 1900, for dendrochronology study

DOCENT PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS

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qualifies her for initiating the Docent Program at the Museum.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of this new program is welcome to the Orientation Meeting, January 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Museum. Please join Barbara for what promises to be an interesting adventure in helping our Museum while learning more about it. For further information call Barbara at 326-3491.

Barbara Wilson

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