

The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People
Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925

September 12, 1994

Dear Sloopers and Interested Norwegians:

You are invited to attend the 69th Annual Sloopers Society of America meeting, Sunday, October 9, 1994 at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:30 p.m. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

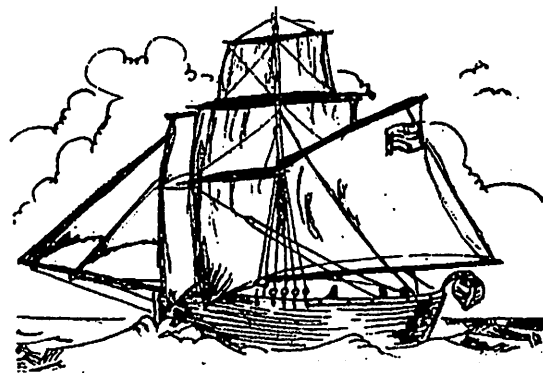
The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store has many Norwegian items and will be open for your convenience.

Marvin Platten, Associate Professor at Texas Tech. University, will be the presenter at our meeting. Marvin and his wife, Marian, were invited as "Honored Guests" to the 1993 Norwegian Emigration Festival held in Stavanger, Norway. Marvin will show a video of one of the main events: The "Sluppefolket", which is the reenactment of the July 4, 1825 boarding of "The Restauration" performed by a Norwegian theatre group. Also, Marvin will tell us about Mr. Hans Storhaug, the director of the Norwegian Immigration Center in Stavanger and is in charge of the Festival. Mr. Storhaug is interested in making further contact with our Sloopers Society to encourage our attending the Festival in 1995 for the 170th anniversary of the voyage of the Restauration. In addition, Marvin will show some video of his visit to Ombo Island in the Stavanger Fjord where his great great grandfather, Ole Olsen Hetlevelt, was born and farmed until he came to America on the Restauration.

Come and spend the day with us Sunday, October 9, 1994. I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable time.

Sincerely,

Dan Hougas, Secretary
Sloopers Society of America



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restauration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloopers Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"

March 12, 1994

Dan

This is the records I have referring to the book expense and sales.

Expenses

George M. Thue	-	286.46
Kinko's	-	1110.65
Phil's Custom Bindery	-	97.50
George Thue (Shipping charges)	-	92.00
		<u>\$1586.61</u>

Sales

~~1992~~-1993-1994 \$ 2207.75

We now have a balance in the checking account of \$1135.93

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69TH ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 9, 1994

THE 69TH ANNUAL SHOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH, 1994 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH 66 SHOOPERS AND FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE. DINNER WAS SERVED AT 1:30 PM WITH REV. WESLEY HOUGHTSTED GIVING GRACE. AS USUAL WE ALL ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL.

FOR OUR PROGRAM PAT HAYES INTRODUCED OUR SPEAKER MARVIN PHATTEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY. MARVIN GAVE US A DETAILED DESCRIPTION ALONG WITH SLIDES OF HIS TRIP TO NORWAY. HE ATTENDED THE "SKUPPEFOLKET" WHICH WAS THE REENACTMENT OF THE JULY 4, 1825 BOARDING OF THE RESTORATION.

PAT THANKED MARVIN FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

OUR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER - PAT THANKED THE KITCHEN CREW FOR ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE. INVITING THEM BACK FOR 1995.

SECRETARIES REPORT WAS READ AND APPROVED
TREASURERS REPORT WAS READ AND APPROVED.

WHICH SHOWED A BALANCE ON HAND OF \$1016.26,
APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO PURCHASE 20-25 SHOOPER BOOKS DEPENDING ON THE PRICING BREAK.

DOROTHY CHINE HAD SHOOPER MAPS ETC. AND INVITED PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

DOOR PRIZES WENT TO DAN DECAP, ARLENE LUDWIG, HAROLD HOWARD, JIM ROSDAIL, ROSE ANDRICH AND ESTHER BAGE.
SHOOPER ATTENDANCE - ROSDAIL 23, HOWARD 11, ~~ROSE~~ 13, VERSON 2, OLSON 4 - TOTAL 53 SHOOPERS.

COLLECTION TAKEN \$138.00 PLUS CHECK 60.00 TOTAL \$198.00

Balance at 1993 Meeting 173.19

Income

1993 Collection	133.25
Pin Sales	9.60
T Shirt Sales	13.00
Book Sales	<u>1336.95</u>
Total	1492.80

Expenses

Bill Myers	150.00
Dan Hougas - supplies	58.80
George Thue - shipping charges	92.00
Norway Improvement League	50.00
George Thue - Books + shipping charges	175.23
Dan Hougas - supplies	<u>123.70</u>
	649.73

Balance on Hand 10-9-94 1016.26

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Mr. Dan Hougas
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August 30, 1994

Dear Dan:

Enjoyed talking with you on the phone last Monday, albeit short and to the point! I'm glad to know that you will pick me up at O'Hare and that you'll be putting me up. Great!

To DALLAS 8:30 10:38 AM
with 400 6:21 1-800-433-7300
My flight, American Airlines # 2330M will land at O'Hare 10:50 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8, 1994.

I will take American Airlines # 2225M back to Lubbock (via DFW)
12:00 noon, Monday, Oct. 10.

I hope the following is somewhat near to what you wanted from me:

Marvin Platten will be the presenter at the annual meeting of the Norwegian Sloop Society of America Oct. 9, 1994. Platten, who, with his wife Marion, were invited as "honored guests" to the 1993 Norwegian Emigration Festival held in Stavanger, Norway, will show a video of one of the main events of this festival: the "Sluppefolket," which is the reenactment of the July 4th., 1825 boarding of the "Restauration" performed by a Norwegian Theatre group. Platten will also tell us about Mr. Hans Storhaug, the director of the Norwegian Emigration Center in Stavanger, Norway. Mr. Storhaug is in charge of this Emigration Festival in Stavanger that is held the second week in June every year. He is very interested in making further contact with our Sloop Society and would love to have as many Sloopers as possible attend this festival in 1995 for the 170th. anniversary of the voyage of the "Restauration."

In addition, Marvin will show some video of his visit to Ombo Island in the Stavanger Fjord where his great-great grandfather, Ole Olsen Hetletveit, an original Sloop, was born and farmed until he came to America on the "Restauration." He will share with us how hard it must have been to farm on such rocky and hilly land, which is probably one reason Ole and thousands of other Norwegians came to America .

Marvin Platten is a an Associate Professor at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. He is "partially retired."

Dan, please feel free to change anything concerning the above. After all, you are the editor and you know what is best for the publication and for the Sloop Society of America.

I am really looking forward to seeing you and the other Sloopers, Dan, You and Pat sure showed Marion and I a great time last summer! Unfortunately, Marion will not be able to accompany me on this trip in October as she will be heavily involved in planning for a celebrity auction for our classical music station at that time.

After we left Illinois last summer, we drove to Decorah, Iowa where we visited the Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum. Here, we learned that Cleng Peerson is buried in the Our Saviors Lutheran Church cemetery in Clifton, Texas, not to far from Waco. As you probably know, Cleng Peerson was responsible for bringing Norwegians to Texas in the early the 1800s. We plan to drive to Clifton, hopefully, in the near future.

Meanwhile, back to our summer trip, we then drove to Bloomington, Minnesota to see Marion's brother, and then to Big Lake, Minnesota to stay with my sister who, upon our arrival, was still in the hospital because her upper left femur cracked when the doctors attached an artificial hip to her leg on June 20th. She was finally able to come home while we were still there. We were able to get a ramp built so that sis could get into the house. As of this writing, she is finally able to walk without support of some kind. While in Minnesota we visited some of my cousins who farm in the northern part of the state. I went haying with them. Things sure have changed since I was a kid when we had to pitch-fork the hay into the wagon!

Another letter waiting for us when we finally arrived home was one from the Wiiks written before they left for the United States. You met them, I'm sure when they came to Ill. We are sorry that our schedules didn't mesh so that we could meet them. We also got a mailing from Wayne Borchsenius. He sent information about books about Cleng Peerson authored by Alfred Hauge that Wayne mentioned to us while we were all at the Norway Store. And what a store that is! I'm looking forward to seeing him as well.

See you in Chicago, Dan.


Marv. Platten