

The 73rd Annual Sloopers Meeting was held Sunday, October 11, 1998 at the Norway Community Building with 63 Sloopers and friends attending. Potluck was served at 1:30 p.m. with grace given by Rev. Wes Hougsted.

Matt Rosdail of Plymouth, Minnesota presented a very informative slide program on the history of Norway going back to the Viking period. He also gave a group lesson in speaking Norwegian phrases.

President Pat Hayes opened the business meeting at 3:45 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Treasurer's report showing \$1300.21 filed for audit.

Dan Hougas reported having 12 reprinted Sloopers Books available and for sale for \$70.00 each plus shipping.

Erma Fruland reported having 9 Sloopers pins available and for sale at \$9.00 each and \$313.50 in pin account.

New Business: Burt Severson and Gina Severson Ghant of Sons of Norway made announcements of upcoming events of interest.

Wayne Borchsenius announced Sons of Norway Kumla dinner to be held at the Norway Community Building on November 14, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. Contact Wayne for tickets.

Next years meeting date is Sunday, October 10, 1999.

Door prizes were given to: Witha Hougas, Evelyn McNeill, Jay Rosdail, and Don Jackson.

Families in attendance from hand count were as follows:

Nelson's	13
Rosdail's	24
Hougas'	14
guests	12

Collection \$133.00

Respectfully submitted,

*Lou Hougas Wise*

Lou Hougas Wise, Secretary

Approved 10-10-99

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# Town & Country

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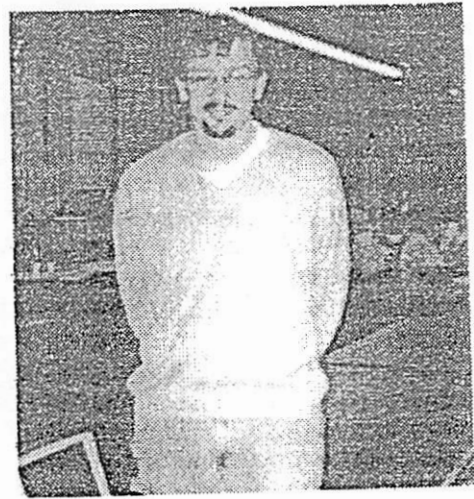
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## Slooper meeting



The 1998 Annual Slooper meeting was held at the Norway Community Building. Matt Rosdail from Plymouth, Minnesota was the guest speaker.

Sloopers are descendents of the first Norwegians to settle in Norway, Illinois in 1834. Matt is one of the members who has been in the study exchange program in Norway, Europe and speaks the language fluently.

Pat Ainsley Hayes of Dayton is president of the group and urges any interested historians to attend their annual meeting. Information is available by calling (815) 433-0061. Guests are always welcome.

Balance at "97" Meeting \$834.37

Income

1997 Collection	166.00
Book Sales	<u>1390.00</u>
	1556.00

Expenses

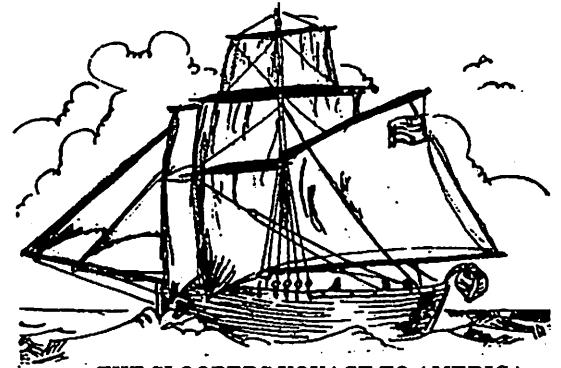
Lau Wise - Postage	25.60
Mary, Sekse - entertainment	75.00
Norway Impr. League	50.00
Don Hougas - 25 Books	891.48
Norway Store - Gifts	<u>48.08</u>
	1090.16

Balance on Hand  
10-11-98

\$1300.21

# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway — July 4, 1825 on the Sloop — Restoration 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 Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

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September 7, 1998

Dear Sloopers and Friends:

It is again time to make plans to spend the afternoon of Sunday, October 11th with the Sloopers at the Norway Community Building just off Route 71 in Norway, Illinois. We will have a potluck dinner and request each family bring two dishes to pass and their own table service. Drinks will be provided. Plans are to serve at 1:30 p.m.

The local Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store will also be open and has many Norwegian goodies, etc. should you care to stop there.

Our program will be provided by one of our own, Slooper Matt Rosdail from Plymouth, Minnesota. Matt has his bachelor's degree in Norwegian Language and speaks it fluently. He will be sharing his interest in the history of Norway starting with the Viking period. Matt also will attempt to teach us a lesson on Norwegian phrases to impress your friends and relatives!

The Sloopers, their Ancestry and Posterity books are again available through Dan Hougas, 1700 Parklane Drive, Morris, IL 60450. The cost for these books is \$75.00 plus shipping.

We hope you and your family will make plans now to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise, Secretary  
Slooper Society of America

*"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"*