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30TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL August 20-21

by *Elfriede Lambut*

As some of you may know this is the 30th Festival for the MCFC. The festival committee is already hard at work. We need to make this year very special, but this can only be accomplished with a lot of help. We are in need of leaders and members of several key committees, such as T-shirt sales and peacekeepers. If you have some time now, in the near future, or at the days of the festival please call the hotline or send in the volunteer form as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

We will have a guest presenter at our April 3, 2005 General Meeting. Ms Melissa DeFelice, Museum/Educational Assistant of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center of Brigantine, NJ will provide a slide show that discusses MMSC mission and achievements. Ms DeFelice will also discuss the stress that MMSC is under to care for the record number of stranded animals—seals, sea lions, and dolphins. MMSC info can be accessed at: <http://www.marinemammalstrandingcenter.org/main.htm>.

MERCURY SWITCH REMOVAL BILL APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE!

by *Jack Charlton*

On February 14th the New Jersey State Senate provided a special Valentines Day gift to the people of our state. A bill to require the removal of mercury switches from junked automobiles, which mandates that the auto manufacturers pay the bulk of the cost, received final legislative approval. It now awaits the signature of the governor which, we have been assured, will be forthcoming.

Monmouth County Clearwater publicized the mercury switch pollution problem in our newsletter of August of 2002 and have been campaigning for this legislation for the two and one half years since then. Ours were not the only voices calling for this legislation, but we contributed to achieving success. The automobile manufacturers have been bitterly opposed to this bill and it is reasonable to assume that a strong show of public concern was vital to achieving passage. Many thanks and congratulations to all of you who wrote letters and helped collect petition signatures.

While this victory is a significant step in the fight to curb mercury pollution, it is important to keep in mind that it is only the smaller half of the overall problem. In New Jersey junked autos are the principal in-state source of mercury pollution. Nation-wide this source is dwarfed by the pollution which come from the smoke stacks of coal burning power plants and New Jersey is down wind from many of these plants. That clearly is a national problem and requires a solution at the federal level which has generally proven to be much more difficult to achieve.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Bush administration is scheduled to have released new regulations governing mercury emissions. Environmentalists are fearful that these new regulations will be biased in favor of the ones who played a major role in writing them - the big corporations who own the power plants.

NJCCC Conference to be held locally.

by *Ed Dlugosz*

The NJ Clean Communities Council Conference (NJCCC) Conference will be held on 25-26 May 2005, at the Oyster Point Hotel, Red Bank. Ed Dlugosz, MCFC, participated in the NJCCC planning session held 18 March. Representatives from the NJ/NY Baykeeper, RB Charter School, COA, and NJDEP were other participants. The conference will have a wonderful 2-day program. The first day is primarily kids day-- the morning will be a general session while the afternoon will be a series of environmental stations--4 inside and 4 outside--to handle up to 200 kids. Among the stations will be a Enviroscape watershed models; water testing using our Adam Hyler, if available; oyster anatomy & shucking exhibit; scuba diving exhibit; still another will be a live, hands-on storm drain stenciling activity; and others TBD.

Parallel to those kids' activities will be an educators' conference and panel discussions with topics including stormwater management and industry initiatives. The second educators' day will have more conference activities including MCFC's Ocean Dumping and CO2 presentation. There will be an afternoon tour of the Navesink aboard the Captain Ed tour boat and onshore activities. An Expo with activist and industry tabling will be available both days. The conference will end with a reception and banquet to honor educators, exceptional kids, and kids poster contest

It is the aim of Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater, that each member in his or her own way touch the people in our community and by word or deed convey the importance of conservation and reparation of the earth. ~

Garvey Workparties

by Irene Gibson

We will be working on the Garvey every Sat. (except March 26) at 11:00 am at Jim Franchi's home, 82 E. Main St. (Rt. 520) in Holmdel. These parties will continue until the boat is ready to go in the water. We have been challenged by our president, Ed Dlugosz, to put the garvey in the water by May 20th in time for the NJ Clean Communities Council Conference at the Oyster Point Inn. Come and join in the work, the challenge, and the fun!

MCFC is sponsoring a clean-up of Deal Lake Park in Asbury Park

**on Saturday, April
16th, at 9:00 AM.**

**We will be meeting at the
corner of Main St. and 7th
Ave. (west side of Main St.).**

Tim Johnson

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FEE SCHEDULE

September is the new anniversary month for ALL members. If you happen to join throughout the year please use the chart for your payment

	Individual	Family	LI/SC/S
Sept	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00
Oct	\$22.90	\$32.08	\$9.16
Nov	\$20.80	\$29.16	\$8.32
Dec	\$18.70	\$26.24	\$7.48
Jan	\$16.60	\$23.32	\$6.64
Feb	\$14.50	\$20.40	\$5.80
Mar	\$12.40	\$17.48	\$4.96
Apr	\$10.30	\$14.56	\$4.12
May	\$8.20	\$11.64	\$3.28
Jun	\$6.10	\$8.72	\$2.44
Jul	\$4.00	\$5.80	\$1.60
Aug	\$2.10	\$2.92	\$.84

Follow the chart to the right to figure out your membership dues amount. Find the month you are paying your membership and this is the pro-rated membership fee that will then renew in September.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

UUCM MEETING HOUSE ~ 1475 West Front St, Lincroft

Sundays - April 3, 2005 and May 1, 2005

2:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish for our potluck before & after the meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING:

Directions to Unitarian Church, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft, N.J.:

From center of Red Bank - Take West Front Street west 4.9 miles to Unitarian Church on your left.

From GS Parkway north or south - Parkway to exit 109. Follow signs for Lincroft or Route 520 west, Continue 1.3 miles to the center of the village of Lincroft then turn right on Middletown-Lincroft Rd.

Proceed 1.4 miles then left at the light at West Front Street. The Unitarian Church is 0.6 miles on your left.

For information call (732) 872-9644.

VISIT TO THE MANASQUAN RESERVOIR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Have you ever wondered what the world looks like to a muskrat? Ten Clearwater members and friends found out for themselves through a visit to the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Howell Township.

The Center features an imaginative collection of interactive displays and is a fun way to learn about the environment of our county. The architecturally impressive building also features a beautiful view of the reservoir and an opportunity to view the nest of a pair of eagles who make the reservoir their home (unfortunately Mr. And Mrs. Eagle weren't at home while we were there).

For those who missed the trip a visit to the Center is highly recommended. Learn more, including directions for finding it, at www.monmouthcountyparks.com/parks/manasquan_envctr.asp.

The group also took advantage of the clear, crisp, winter day to hike along part of the trail which circles the reservoir, and followed that with a visit to the "Ivy League" for lunch.

MCFC is Share-the-Plate Beneficiary

by Irene Gibson

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Monmouth County instituted a new program last year, in which a designated non-profit organization receives half of the proceeds of the Sunday collections for one month. MCFC was the recipient for the month of December and received a check for over \$400.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

A P R I L

NJEF Conference Sat 2nd. Jackson High School
 Membership Mtg Sun 3rd 2:00 pm UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft
 Environmental Ed Forum. Sat 16th 9:30 am Stockton College, Pomona, NJ
 Environmental Committee Mtg Sun. 17th, 8:30 AM Cobblestone Restaurant, Eatontown
 Environmental Extravaganza Sun 17th 12 noon-4pm Camp Sacajawea, Howell
 Festival Meeting Wed 20th 7:30 pm UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft
 Earth Day Event Sat. 23rd Atlantic Highlands
 Earth Festival Sun 24th St. Mary's, Colts Neck
 Board Mtg. Wed 27th 7:30 pm UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft

M A Y

Membership Mtg Sun 1st 2:00 pm UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft
 Hazlet Awareness Day Wed 11th 8:30 am Cove Street School, Hazlet
 Environmental Committee Mtg Sun. 15th TBA
 Festival Meeting Wed 18th UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft
 Board Mtg. Wed 25th 7:30 pm UUCM Meeting House, Lincroft
 NJCCC Conference. Wed-Thu 25-26th, 8:30am-4pm. Oyster Point Inn Red Bank

2005 CLEARWATER FESTIVAL AT ASBURY PARK – VOLUNTEER FORM

NameAgePhone (H).....(B).....
AddressCityState Zip

email address
Have you worked the Festival before?Skills you have useful for the Fest.

T-SHIRT SIZET-SHIRT QUANTITY.....

Time available before and after the Fest: Weekends prior to Fest Thurs Aug 16TH Fri Aug 19TH Mon Aug 22nd

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE LIST – Mark in order of your preference (1 most – 10 least) which areas you would like to volunteer for.

ACCESS CHILDREN'S AREA CONCESSIONS CONSTRUCTION ROADIES
 HOSPITALITY PEACEKEEPING RECYCLING ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAYS

Please Check: I am willing to hang 15 posters in my area. Please send me Clearwater membership information.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: 29th Annual Festival, M.C. Clearwater, P.O. Box 303, Red Bank, N.J. 07701

Clearwater Festival
1975-2005
30 years:
singing together
renewing our energy
restoring mother earth

THEME SELECTED FOR OUR 30TH FESTIVAL

From a lengthy list of submitted ideas, members voted and selected the following as the Clearwater theme for our thirtieth festival:

**CLEARWATER FESTIVAL
1975-2005**

**30 YEARS-SINGING TOGETHER
RENEWING OUR ENERGY**

RESTORING MOTHER EARTH

Thanks and congratulations to Tom Mahedy for suggesting the winning theme. Thanks also to all who took the time to submit ideas and/or vote.

JOHN MORANO WILL BE OUR GUEST AT THE MAY 1ST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY FRIEND OF CLEARWATER.

**MR MORANO WILL GIVE A READING OF SELECTIONS FROM
HIS BOOKS AND INSIGHT TO MOTIVATION AND CREATION.**

John Morano is a professor of Journalism at Monmouth University. He is the author of the Morano Eco-Adventure Book Series (Blue Works, Port Orchard, WA). Mr. Morano writes novels about endangered species and imperiled habitats. He tell the stories of the creatures from their point of view. The Introductions in his books have been written by the Presidents of Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund and The Ocean Conservancy. It's kind of like Disney for the environment. (for more on Mr. Morano you can visit: www.monmouth.edu/jmorano)

AN EFFORT TO REPEAL "FAST TRACK" NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

by Jack Charlton

In an effort to round up the votes needed to pass protection for the Highlands area of North Jersey, politicians in Trenton made a deal which permitted the builders lobby to draw up a bill which would run rough shod over most current means for limiting sprawl in about 40% of the state.

This building area includes most of the Monmouth/Ocean shore. This bill was rammed through the legislature in a few days with no public input and apparently little serious thought about long term ramifications. In recognition of the many flaws in "Fast Track" Governor McGreevy, just before leaving office, issued a seven month moratorium on its implementation. Environmentalists are united in their belief that the bill is so flawed that it should be repealed and legislature should start over to address the issue.

Identical bills have been introduced in the state Senate and Assembly (S2157/A3650) to repeal Fast Track and over 50 legislators from both parties have signed on as sponsors or cosponsors. Conspicuously absent from the list of sponsors is the name of Governor Codey. As both governor and president of the senate, his support is crucial. Please call the governor to urge his support for the repeal of Fast Track. Governor Richard Cody (609) 292-6000

If you would like to refresh your memory with regard to the many faults of Fast Track please see your copy of Solutions from September 2004, or log on to www.savenj.net.

FREecycle

by Irene Gibson

Do you have items you don't want to throw out, but no longer need? Are you looking for something for free? Try Freecycle! The only stipulation is that everything offered must be free. You can get information about it on the web site before you decide to sign on. Go to www.freecycle.org. Click on US Northeast, then on New Jersey, then on Middletown area. You will get an e-mail addressed to FreecycleMiddletown-NJ-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Put :please subscribe: in the subject line, then follow the instructions. Once you're a "subscriber" you will receive daily "offered" and "wanted" notices. You might find something you need or get rid of some old "treasure"! Irene Gibson

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
 "Bush can present his Clear Skies bill as an improvement over current law for only one reason: His appointees have gutted the Clean Air Act standards and enforcement"
 Bradley Campbell,
 Commissioner of NJ's Department of Environmental Protection.

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CLEARWATER, Inc.
 Monmouth County Friends of

We include a membership application to our "mother" organization: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater (on the right). We welcome readers of "Solutions" to not only join Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater (below) - but to also sign-up to be a member of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater!

Yes, I want to help Clearwater in its efforts to reclaim and protect the Hudson River.

I am joining Clearwater I am renewing

<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/> MARINER	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> SAILING MASTER	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTOR	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> BENEFACTOR	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT/LIMITED INCOME	\$15

I am enclosing a check or money order payable to Clearwater.

Please charge my Visa, MC, Discover, or Amex.

Please charge my credit card at \$_____ for 12 months for a total of \$_____.

Acct. # _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____

All membership contributions re tax-deductible with the exception of \$3.00 for a year's subscription to the Clearwater Navigator.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Send me more information about:

- Volunteering Revival 2000
- Member Sails Education Programs
- Advocacy Sloop Clubs

**Send the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Application (ABOVE) to:
 HRSC, 112 Little Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please accept my membership application, so that I can help Clearwater in its efforts to clean up our environment and spread the important message of environmental health and protection.

- Individual \$25 Family \$35 Low Income/Senior Citizen/Student \$10
- Lifetime-Family \$400 Sponsor \$100
- Lifetime-Individual \$250 Contributing \$50
- I am not yet a member, but would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

My tax-deductible donation is \$

Please tell us your areas of interest/expertise and why you are joining:

..... your e-mail address

Name Phone Date

Address City State Zip

Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater

Check items you would like to get involved with:

- Environment Grant writing
- Boats Publicity
- Field Trips Membership
- Festival Newsletter
- Finance other _____
- Computers
- Fund-raisers

