

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

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Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report

By Robert Lundegard, Vice President

Our Chapter met on March 8, 2008 at the Morris County Visitors Center at the Cooper Mill in northwestern New Jersey. The meeting was hosted by Ivins Smith and his wife Joanne. The Smiths were marvelous hosts and the meeting was great fun. SPOOM-MA expressed its appreciation to the Smiths for doing an outstanding job.

This report is oriented to other SPOOM Chapters. SPOOM-MA members are kept well informed about Chapter activity by Susan Langley's excellent newsletter. By writing for other Chapters we hope to encourage cross chapter coordination and to learn from other Chapter programs.

The business meeting of SPOOM-MA was held on March 8, at 9:00 am in the Morris County Visitors Center at the Cooper Mill site. The agenda, prepared by our president Chuck Ives, included: 1. Chapter participation in the SPOOM national meeting in September, 2. A Strategy for attracting new members. 3. Celebrating the Bi-centennial of Mid Atlantic Milling, and 4. Hosting the next Chapter meeting in August, 2008.

A new Chapter letterhead, with a logo prepared by Steve Spring, was passed out to open the discussion of the need for publicity materials. A SPOOM-MA brochure needs to be prepared using the logo, the bylaws, and the Chapter program goals.

After discussion, it was decided to have a SPOOM-MA information table at the next SPOOM national meeting in Grantsville, MD at Stantons Mill. Marge Lundegard agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

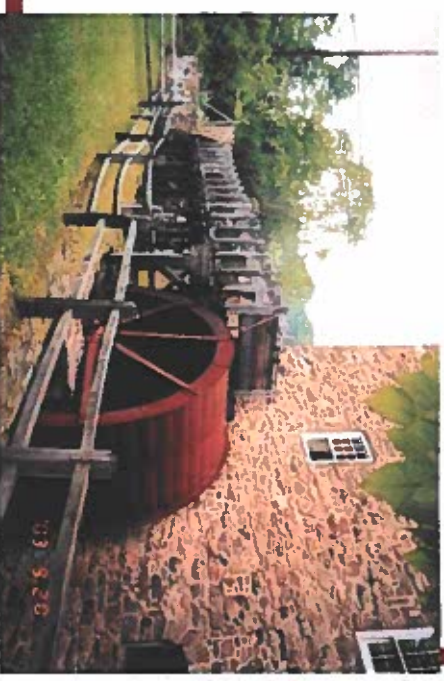
The Nominating committee distributed a proposed slate of officers for the 2009-2011 term. After discussion, the slate was approved and will be voted on at the August meeting. The new officers will take up their duties in January, 2009. There was substantial discussion of what SPOOM Chapters can do to attract new members by getting our message to

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outsiders. There is an urgent need to attract new members and reverse the losses of recent years. Membership is now about 1200 members down from a high of over 2000. It is recognized that our most important asset in attracting the public interest is the Old Mill News (OMN). Discussion followed on: making use of the extra issues of OMN to introduce our society to outsiders; establishing working links with related societies, like TIMS, the Tide Mills Conference, and the National Barn Alliance to attract new members; establishing out-reach programs at high schools, vo-tech schools, history groups and colleges as other communities; using all Chapter members in contacting possible new members in their communities. The discussion concluded by Chuck Ives appointing a Membership Committee and asking that a statements of duties and responsibilities be prepared as a basis for further discussion at the next meeting.

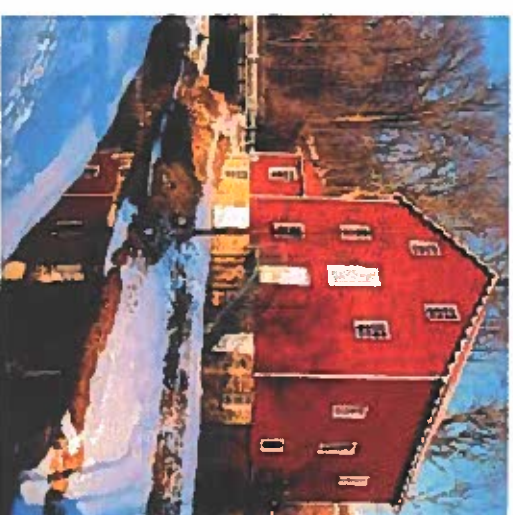
The members present from the Colvin Run Mill (CRM) announced the plans to celebrate the CRM bicentennial in 2011. These plans include the CRM proposal to the SPOOM Board to host the 2011 SPOOM annual meeting. This meeting will focus on the history of milling in early America. Several Chapter members proposed Chapter participation in the celebration of early American mills in coordination with SPOOM and the Colvin Run Mill. Those present responded favorably to this suggestion and Chuck Ives appointed a committee, to be chaired by Judy Groves, to develop an approach and proposal for such a Mid-Atlantic celebration. Committee members include: Mason Maddox, Bob Anderson, Chuck Ives, Ivan & Marlene Lufriu, Richard Abbot, and Bob Lundegard. A proposal is to be prepared for discussion in August.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on August 9, 2008 at the Wallace Cross Mill in York, Pennsylvania. The business meeting will be on Saturday and will be a part of a larger program of tours and visits to local museums and mills. There will be presentations on the restoration and interpretation of the Wallace Cross Mill.



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Plans for AUGUST 2008 Meeting
By Judith Grove, Chairperson of Wallace Cross Mill Friends Group

Our next chapter meeting will be held in York County on Friday and Saturday, August 8 & 9. The historic Wallace Cross and Muddy Creek Forks Mills in southern York County and the reconstructed Bahn Mill located within the Agricultural and Industrial Museum in downtown York will all be featured. Knowledgeable experts will be available at all three sites to describe the restoration and interpretation process. Presentations are planned to assist groups and individuals who own a mill or other historic site in three areas: branding and marketing the site, preparing educational displays to tell the story, and developing funding sources and strategies to ensure future preservation. The SPOOM-MA business meeting will be held on Saturday. Possible sites for touring on Thursday or Sunday will also be suggested. More detailed information, including registration information will be posted by June 1.



The Guiding Vision for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter
By Robert Lundegard

The SPOOM-MA Chapter is focusing its future activities in two areas. First, we want to be a helpful middleman between mill owners and preservation experts. Second, we want to encourage the public mills in the Mid-Atlantic region to host chapter meetings that reach out to the public and tell them about the SPOOM mission and the fascination of historic mills. We have initiatives under way in both areas.

For registration information or forms, contact Judy Grove at JudyGrove@Verizon.net, 717 741-4366, or 613 Green Valley Road, York PA 17403.



****ANNOUNCEMENT****

During our last Chapter meeting at Coopers Mill, it was decided to have a SPOOM-MA Chapter information table at the SEPTEMBER SPOOM meeting at the Stanton's Mill in Grantsville, MD.

I agreed to organize the table preparations and manning. The table is to have brochures, flyers, and articles describing the mills of the Mid-Atlantic region. I would like to begin assembling these materials during our next Chapter meeting on August 9, 2008. I need your help.

I have contacted John Childers at Stanton's Mill and reserved space for the SPOOM-MA table. If you are coming to the Wallace Cross Mill on August 9 and represent a mill open to the public, please bring 50-100 copies of the information or mill brochure you would like to display on our table. I will put your stuff in my car and bring it to the SPOOM meeting.

Those who miss this initial gathering and want to be represented can bring their materials to the SPOOM meeting on September 25/26, 2008

Thanks for your help; I look forward to seeing you on August 9.



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STANTONS MILL AT GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

By Marge Lundegard

On October 22, 2007, I visited the Stanton Mill to check out the site for the SPOOM 2008 meeting. When we arrived, the mill was open and operating, grinding buckwheat to make the very tasty pancake mix that we received at the SPOOM meeting at the Hanford Mill in New York. The miller, John Childers, described the interesting history of the mill and provided an overview of some of the events for the up-coming 2008 SPOOM meeting.

The original mill was built in 1797 by Jesse Thormlinson. The Youghiogeny River, now called the Casselman River, furnished water power to the mill.

There is a historic bridge over the river. The bridge is a fifty foot long single arch stone bridge that was completed in 1813 and is said to be the longest single arch stone bridge in the United States. The current mill is a three storied frame structure that produces stone ground products that are sold in the mill. The mill used water from the river to power the machinery inside the mill from 1811 to 1944. During this period, the mill had used a water wheel, a turbine, steam power and is currently using electrical power to operate the machinery inside the mill.

In the 1860's the Stanton family bought the mill and three hundred and fifty acres of land. Five generations of Stanton's have owned and operated the mill. In 1976, during the construction of I-68, a large viaduct was built under the old road to provide water to the mill. This saved the head race so the mill does have the option of using water to power the machinery inside the mill. There is a red metal water wheel attached to the end of the mill but due to the uncertainty of the water supply electrical power is used today. The mill produces a wide variety of products that can also be purchased at the restaurant in the Penn Alps complex.

So, make plans to attend the next SPOOM annual meeting which is again in the region of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. There will be interesting talks and mills to visit. The Stanton mill has a Midget Marvel that may be operating during the SPOOM meeting. John Childers is an experienced miller and has done a marvelous job in restoring this mill to an operating condition. Make your reservations soon at the local Casselman Motor Inn as space is limited there. The nearby Comfort Inn is the alternative. The nearby historic Casselman Inn, built in 1824, has only a few B&B type rooms. These rooms are quite attractive and all have a private bath. This is a lovely historic area. The convention is making final arrangements for trips and events to attend. This will be an interesting meeting and is located almost in our back yard. Please plan to attend.



****NOTICE****

SPOOM has new persons as OMN Editor and as Circulation Manager. At the beginning, mistakes may be made such as an OMN mailing label being misplaced or a misprint or typo in the OMN. If you do not receive your Spring OMN by May 1 or your Summer OMN by August 1 contact spoomcms@verizon.net.

The phone number, 301-895-4415, on the Registration Form in the last OMN is the number for John Childers at Stantons Mill.

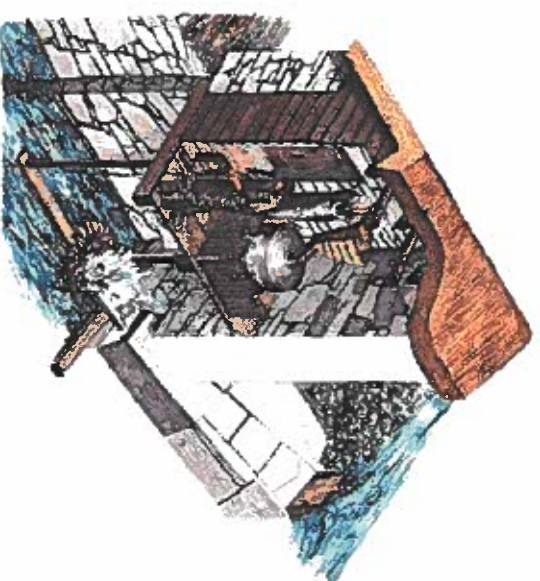
The SPOOM Application Form on page 5 has the wrong Box Number; the correct number is 422 not 433.

If you're Traveling....

We have the pleasure to announce that the touring exhibition "Tide Mills of Western Europe", supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Programme, has its first venue in Northern Ireland and is now visiting the Down County Museum, nearby of the most ancient tide mill known in the world, built on the 7th century at Nendrum monastery (Mahee Island, Strangford Lough), where it can be seen until the next 29 June. At Down County Museum visitors may also see for the first time in the history of this exhibition, which is being presented since October 2005, a number of finds from the Nendrum excavations, studied by the Centre for Maritime Archaeology, University of Ulster, one of the partners of the project coordinated by the Ecomuseu Municipal do Seixal.

The exhibition is available for those interested between mid October 2008 until mid December 2008 and from April 2009 onwards.

More information is available at the website www.moinhosdemare-europa.org.



****I've been to Nendrum and it is astounding...a Neolithic tide mill!! –S. Langley****



TMSA America Workshop II

Friday & Saturday, June 27 & 28, 2008

At

Locke's Mill, Berryville, VA
And
Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood, VA

Millstone Repair

Jim Knicker will be teaching a hands-on workshop on Millstone banding. Students will learn how to measure, cut and heat shrink metal bands onto French burr bed stone and its runners using 18th century techniques and tools.

Millstone Dressing

Wims Smith will be teaching another section of the SPMOM Miller Training Curriculum, this time, on stone dressing. Students will learn the best of the traditional mill – the millstone. Using traditional tools and techniques, participants will conduct hands-on dressing on a working millstone face with straight quarter dress and varying draft bands and furrows.

The registration fee is \$35.00/person/day, or \$60.00/person 3-day days.
Fees include breakfast, snack and lunch.

Make check payable to TMSA America and mail to
Elizabeth Harp, TMSA America Treasurer, 889 Ebenezer Rd., Dieramon, VA, 20135
(see reverse side for registration form)

This workshop will fill up quickly, so don't wait to sign up!

Give me a call at (540) 955-4489 for any additional information. Jon Joyce, TMSA AMERICA President

TMSA America Workshop II

26 - 27 June 2008
At the Burwell-Morgan Mill, Millwood, VA and Locke Mill, Berryville, VA

Registration Information:

The Holiday Inn Express, 142 Fox Ridge Lane, Winchester, VA, 22603
Call (540) 667-7160 to reserve a room under the "TMSA America" group name before June 15th to get our group rate. It's about 30% off from Locke's Mill & north of Winchester, off Rt. 51 in northern Shenandoah of 120-37 & 522. It's a fairly new hotel & our group rate per 2-adults, bed room is \$99 + tax, and includes breakfast, indoor heated pool & Jacuzzi.

There are also B&B's in Berryville (only 2-4 miles away):

Land Dog, 218 S. Charles St., Berryville, VA, 22611 - (540) 955-1181 or
The Hutcherson Inn, 102 W. Main St., Berryville, VA 22611 - (540) 955-4180 (also has a wonderful restaurant).
Travel Information: Check Airports are Dulles International Airport.

Registration

(Copy this form for other registrants)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

If you are a non-member of TMSA America and would like to join, simply add an additional amount for \$7.29 for first time members (regular membership dues are \$15.00).

Send check payable to TMSA America and this registration form to:

Elizabeth Harp, TMSA America Treasurer, 889 Ebenezer Rd., Dieramon, VA, 20135

All Proceeds benefit TMSA America

Release of Liability: I hereby release TMSA America and its Board of Directors, and the owners, agents, employees and volunteers of the mill sites to be visited from any and all liability of whatever nature or kind arising from my participation in this event.

Signed _____

Date _____