

Fish Feast To Highlight Heritage on St. Ignace Waterfront Saturday

The St. Ignace Fish Feast will pay tribute to the city's commercial fishing heritage at the St. Ignace Public Marina Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28.

The event will begin with a musical performance by the St. Ignace Steel Drum Band at 6 p.m. Friday.

A memorial for commercial fishermen who lost their lives in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron will be dedicated as the highlight of the Fish Feast at 5 p.m. Saturday. The memorial is next to the marina near the boardwalk.

Games, live music, food, a beer and wine tent, and entertainment will be offered at the marina Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

State Ferries Historian Bagley Will Visit Library Wednesday To Sign New Pictorial History Book at St. Ignace

A newly published photograph collection of the Michigan State ferries by author and historian Les Bagley will be the subject of a program at the St. Ignace Public Library Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Bagley, who has written a series of articles entitled "Autos Across Mackinac" published in weekly installments in *The St. Ignace News* this year, will visit St. Ignace during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge. He will speak about his historical research on the Michigan state ferry fleet, and Kim Nowack of the Mackinac Bridge staff will present a program

about the building of the bridge. The program is free of charge.

"Michigan State Ferries," a collection of vintage photographs, has been published by Arcadia Publishing in its "Images of America" series. More than 225 photographs will be presented about the history of the ferry fleet. Mr. Bagley will sign copies of his photograph book at the library, and copies will be available for sale.

The pictorial history volume does not include Mr. Bagley's historical articles about the ferry service. Installments of this manuscript will continue to be printed in *The St. Ignace News* weekly through 2007.

Kiwanis Club To Host Walk

The St. Ignace Kiwanis Club and *A Woman's Perspective* magazine are sponsoring the Isabelle Hagen 5k walk Sunday, July 29, at 8 a.m. The walk begins at the Kiwanis Park in St. Ignace as part of the celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge.

The walk is named in honor of Isabelle Hagen of St. Ignace, who was one of three registered nurses serving the medical needs of

the Mackinac Bridge construction crew.

Early registration to participate in the walk is \$20. Registration the day of the event is \$25, and a family registration fee is \$40. Registration fee includes a T-shirt, fruit, beverages, and prizes.

For registration or more information, call 643-7434 or 643-8717. Proceeds will benefit programs of the Kiwanis Club.

MDOT Will Post Photographs

Photographs of the Mackinac Bridge 50th anniversary celebration this weekend will be available for viewing online at the Web site of Michigan Department of Transportation as early as Saturday evening, July 28.

gov/mackinacbridge, will have photographs of the bridge during past events and, by Saturday evening, the site will include up-to-date photographs of the many anniversary events, available for news media and the general public.

Brief Bridge Closures Planned During Weekend Celebrations

A U.S. Air Force fly-over above the Mackinac Bridge will result in a brief closure of the bridge to traffic Saturday, July 28, during the ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the structure. The bridge will close briefly two additional times that day.

The first closure will be for a parade crossing. Northbound lanes will be closed from approximately 11:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Southbound lanes will be closed from approximately 11:50 a.m. until noon.

approximately 15 minutes, during the fly over from 4:50 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

The third closure will occur during the fireworks display in the evening. The fireworks will be shot over the Straits from both Mackinaw City and St. Ignace on the east side of the bridge. All lanes will be closed on the bridge from 10:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Closure times for the bridge are tentative and could vary depending on events schedules. Emergency vehicles will be able to cross during the closures.

Bridge Booster Ned Fenlon Marking Celebration Events



Ned Fenlon at the Mackinac Bridge April 9, 2003, at the age of 100. (St. Ignace News file photograph)

One early Mackinac Bridge booster who may not be able to attend this week's 50th anniversary celebration at St. Ignace is the Honorable Ned Fenlon, 103 years old and observing the celebration from California.

Mackinac County native Mr. Fenlon was a state representative in 1934 when Mackinac Bridge designer David Steinman ap-

proached him about support for the Mackinac Bridge. Mr. Fenlon subsequently introduced legislation paving the way for construction of the bridge.

He was also a Mackinac County prosecutor and circuit court judge.

Mr. Fenlon is looking forward to a visit to his Petoskey home in November, said his longtime friend, Meryl Hankey.



The St. Ignace Fish Feast at the public marina Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, will highlight the area's fishing industry. It was once a thriving business in St. Ignace, as seen by the fish tugs in this 1948 postcard photograph. A crane can be seen at the end of the Favorite dock, where the salvage ship *Favorite* tied up. Blurred in the background is the two-story elevator building on the old state ferry dock. (Photograph courtesy of Shirley Bentgen)

Fifty Vintage Convertibles To Participate in Parade Saturday

Fifty vintage convertibles will participate in a parade honoring the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge Saturday, July 28. Ed Reavie of Nostalgia Productions in St. Ignace, organizer of the car and truck shows in the city, agreed to find 50 convertibles for the Mackinac Bridge anniversary celebration, one from each year dating to 1957, as a tribute to a 1958 parade marking the opening of the bridge, when 103 white, 1953 Oldsmobile convertibles paraded across the bridge. Mr. Reavie's goal was to find one of those cars for the parade this year, but none are thought to have survived the years.

The cars in the 1958 parade had a specialized license plate, said Mr. Reavie, and the participants in the parade this year will be awarded a similar special plate. A story about Mr. Reavie's quest to find the parade cars is published in this week's newspaper supplement commemorating the Mackinac Bridge anniversary.

Eighty-three of the 1958 cars carried queens representing each of Michigan's 83 counties, and the other 20 carried dignitaries. Nine of the queens will return for this year's parade, including Miss St. Ignace Lenore Allen Kalbfleisch, Miss Mackinac County Shirley Ferris Kelly, Miss Mackinaw City Diane Krueger Harvey, Miss Cheboygan County Charlyn Levernier Stratton, Miss Chippewa County Adella Blain, Miss Luce County Blanche Clark Larson, Miss Grand Traverse County Kay Lahyn Jerome, Miss Roscommon County Judy Coulter Webber, and Miss Presque Isle County Sharon Davis Hyde.

The following vehicles will be

Amateur Radio Operators Will Broadcast Around the World

To Show Skills at Bridge View Park

The Eastern U.P. and Lake Effect Amateur Radio Clubs are sponsoring a live ham radio demonstration as part of the Mackinac Bridge 50th anniversary celebration at Bridge View Park in St. Ignace Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28. Radio operators will be demonstrating emergency communication skills.

"We'll be setting up under 'field conditions' using portable equipment and running off emergency power, as was the case during the Katrina hurricane. As we contact other ham operators around the world, we will simulate emergency message handling by telling our contacts a little about the Mackinac Bridge and the local culture," said John Forslin, special event coordinator



Gordon Buehrig, designer of this 1935 Auburn 851 Boattail Speedster, nicknamed the car "Rolling Sculpture." The vehicle will be in the Parade of Convertibles Saturday, July 28. While the body design is from 1935, the mechanics are a 1978 Ford chassis and drive train. The vehicle now is owned by Kay Buehrig, Mr. Buehrig's widow. (Photograph courtesy of Irv Fishman)

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| 1957 Thunderbird
Doc Watson | 1965 Mustang
David Tupper | 1986 Corvette
Greg Cheeseman |
| 1958 Oldsmobile
Warren Danz | 1966 Ford Fairlane GT
Fred Mann | 1987 Cadillac Allante
General Motors' Historic and Show Vehicles |
| 1958 Oldsmobile
Mrs. Hughes | 1967 4-4-2
Ken Brochu | 1988 Olds Cutlass
Richard Balsley - GM |
| 1959 Ford Retractable (proto type)
Curtis Fishbach | 1968 Cutlass
Wayne May (original owner) | Historic and Show Vehicles
1989 Saleen Mustang
Dan Yeakey |
| 1960 Corvette
Bob Stevens | 1969 Shelby Mustang
1970 Oldsmobile Pace Car
Steve Zaban | 1990 Buick Reatta
Ron Verhey |
| 1961 Dynamic 88
Tom Hummer | 1971 Ford LTD
Elly Tupper (original owner) | 1991 Chrysler
Jim Smith |
| 1962 Chevy Impala SS
Paul King | 1972 Hurst Olds/Indy Pace Car
Doc Watson | 1992 Corvette
Jack Cooper |
| 1963 Chevy Impala SS
Tom West | 1973 Mercury Cougar
Bill Klage | 1993 Corvette
John Torreano |
| 1964 Pontiac 421
Kirk Brandt (original owner) | 1974 Delta 88
Calvin Badgley | 1994 Cutlass
Ken Lovell |
| | 1975 Chevrolet Caprice
Pinky Randall | 1995 Mustang GT
Wes Myrick |
| | 1976 Cadillac
Bernadine Wagner | 1996 Jaguar
Art Lewis |
| | 1977 Corvette
Mike Stowe (the only 1977 Vette convertible made) | 1997 Mustang
Robert Stevens |
| | 1978 Auburn 851 Speedster (1935 body/1978 mechanics)
Kay Buehrig (original owner) | 1998 Chrysler
Mel Fulcher |
| | 1979 MG
Ron Hartung | 1999 Camaro
Mike Lamb |
| | 1980 MGA
Jerry Neimi | 2000 Prowler
Jim Plouffe |
| | 1981 Cadillac
Curtis Fishbach | 2001 Chrysler
Jerry Blouvin |
| | 1982 Excaliber
Doc Watson | 2002 Avanti
Curtis Fishbach |
| | 1983 Buick Riviera
General Motors' Historic and Show Vehicles | 2003 Thunderbird
Carolyn Dodson |
| | 1984 Chevy
Richard Hutchinson | 2004 Corvette
Tom West |
| | 1985 Eldorado Biarritz
Jason Watson | 2005 PT Cruiser
Eric Dodson |
| | | 2006 Porsche Boxster
Julie Gonzalez |
| | | 2007 Shelby Mustang
Paul Krause |

Bayside Live!

Crazy Moose, Pub Runners Will Perform This Week at Marina

Crazy Moose will be featured in a Locals on the Bay concert Wednesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the St. Ignace Marina. The band features three St. Ignace performers, Mike Pieron, Mark Halvorsen, and Sarah Halvorsen. Their music is a combination of American traditional, old time gospel, country, and original numbers. Mr. Pieron plays acoustic and electric guitar and comes from a broad musical background. Mr. Halvorsen plays acoustic six string guitar, harmoni-

ca, and is the lead singer and songwriter. Ms. Halvorsen plays flute and percussion.

Also at the marina, Pub Runners will perform for Bayside Live! Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Pub Runners are made up of Jerry Belanger and Doug Berkshire. Together they form the folk duo with a blend of Irish and American folk music. Intertwined in their music is an ongoing reference to Irish humor and history of their songs.

Blues Cruiser To Visit Bridge View, Offer Health Information

Among many visitors to St. Ignace to mark the Mackinac Bridge's anniversary will be the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Blues Cruiser, a mobile health and wellness information center, which will visit St. Ignace Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cruiser will be available at Bridge View Park.

The vehicle will be staffed with professionals to answer questions about health care coverage, wellness programs, and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.