

**Water Wonderland Chapter, ACBS, President's Tour
Saturday, April 24, 2010; Manistee, Michigan**

Please plan on joining Lynda and I on a tour of the United States Coast Guard Station at Manistee followed by lunch at the Boathouse Grill. The afternoon activity will be a tour of Danenberg Boatworks and a review of Don's current projects.

10:00 – 11:45 AM : Station Manistee
 United States Coast Guard
 523 5th Street
 Manistee, MI 49660

Directions: From US-31 turn west on Monroe St at the traffic circle; take the first exit on to N. Lakeshore Dr. Then turn right on 5th Ave.

Lunch: Noon Boathouse Grill
 440 River Street
 Manistee, MI 49660

Directions: Turn west off US-31 on River St. (just south of the bridge). Travel 4 blocks west.

1:30 – 3:30 PM Danenberg Boatworks
 2154 Stronach Road
 Manistee, MI 49660

Directions: South on US-31 approx. 3 mi to Stronach Rd. (BP gas station), left .9 mile to Filer City Rd. , follow Filer City Rd. around the bottom of the lake to Stronach Rd.. right 1.1 miles to 2154 on the left.

We hope to see you there to kick off the boating season. The only cost will be your lunch and fuel to Manistee. Please RSVP by April 10 to Gerry VandeVusse at 517-204-2234 or GerryWBoat@aol.com

Station Manistee

Station Manistee was established by the United States Life Saving Service in 1879 and has been serving the community with pride and professionalism ever since. The station has undergone many transformations since first opened; today's station was completed in 2003 and has 14,000 square feet of working space and living quarters. It enhances the efficiency and operational capability of the unit as well as improves the habitat for the crew.

Station Manistee has a 47 foot Motor Life Boat and a 25 foot Response Boat. This station has a crew complement of 18 active duty and 5 reservists. The local community is one of the best parts of being stationed at Manistee. Community support is welcomed especially when Station Manistee is challenged with covering 270 miles of shoreline and 4485 square miles of Lake Michigan. Since the primary duty is search and rescue, Manistee continually rises to the call of duty, handling as many as 75 Search and Rescue cases during the summer months. Station Manistee's mission is to continue to uphold the past century-plus tradition of lifesavers from the Manistee area with the United States Coast Guard's motto of "Semper Paratus".

Boathouse Grill

The Boathouse Grill is located across the channel from the original Century Plant when the company was moved to Manistee from Milwaukee. It is a popular area restaurant which features a boating theme and has a great view of boats passing from Lake Michigan to Manistee Lake.

Danenberg Boatworks

Don Danenberg has been repairing, restoring, and building boats for close to 40 years. He was a Licensed Captain on the Atlantic Seaboard during the late 1970's and early 80's. For the last 20 years he has concentrated his efforts in the restoration business. Don has written numerous articles for boating magazines and has authored two books on mahogany boat restoration. His current projects include a Chris-Craft 19 foot Barrel Back and a 25 foot Sportsman with twin engines which has been in the same family since 1961. (You knew that there had to be a reason that an old Chris-Craft employee would come to Manistee.)