

JUNE 2009

President's Message

Voters at Chatham's May Town meeting unanimously approved the warrant article to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate a lease with CMMC for the Operations Building. The Article becomes effective on July 1, the start of FY 2010 for the Town. We expect to sign the lease in July.

Meanwhile, there are a number of initiatives underway to prepare for our opening of the Center in the summer of 2010. The Building Committee under Frank Messina has issued a Request for Proposals for architectural services to help us with plans for the interior space that will minimize the changes we need to make to the building. The Exhibits Committee, under Read Moffett's guidance, has mailed out a Request for Proposals for a design firm to help us design our exhibition space and visitor experience. The Education Committee, under Barbara Waters' leadership, is organizing a project this summer with teachers at the Chatham schools to create material for CMMC's educational outreach.

More on these initiatives in the weeks ahead.

Chuck Bartlett, President
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center

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Chatham Radio WCC: The Untold Story [Click here](#) to view a 3-minute preview of the award winning film produced by the CMMC and narrated by Walter Cronkite.

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In Memory of William E. Pyne W1SCD



1965 WCC was running full force with Morse code keys and teletype machines providing ship to shore radio communication. My family moved here from Dorchester when my father, William Pyne, took a job as a radio operator at WCC. The job was perfect for him since he had been an amateur radio operator from the age of 15 and a radio operator in the Coast Guard in the 50's. The family first stayed in the Hotel for a

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Leonard Magnusson,
Treasurer

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week and later lived at 579 Old Comers Road, a company residence where I was born in 1970. I have many precious memories of WCC. A particular memory that stands out is the great camaraderie among the men at the station. This was very important since they worked so closely for such long hours.

Today, Morse code keys, teletype machines, and the men who operated them have been replaced by the computers of new age technology. Sad as it may seem and hard as it may be to adjust, computer technology is here to stay. As I attend college with a major in Information Technology, I constantly study and learn, but in the back of my mind and on my coffee table is my father's Morse code key. It is a great conversation piece that provides an awesome opportunity to tell my story of WCC and of my father.

Written by **Lynda Pyne Minaya**.



CMMC Exhibit of the Marconi - RCA Campus was hit of the Maritime Festival in Chatham.

The Wives of Fishing Families (WOFF) May 9th Chatham Maritime Festival kicked off the May Cape Cod Maritime Days sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. The usual cold and blustery spring day was not a problem at the Chatham Community Center. Thomas The Tank Engine pulled happy kids and their parents and grandparents around the parking lot, passed the tents where maritime skills were on display, and music and song filled the air.

The CMMC featured exhibit was the diorama of the Marconi - RCA Radio Station with Lewis Masson describing it to a fascinated audience of children. The exhibit attracted attention and conversation amid the cheerful blend of arts and crafts booths.