



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER



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Next Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Where . . . Pollo Rico Bistro, Centereach, NY ***** Companions Night *****

Topic: Steam Coffin

Speaker: John Laurence Busch

Social hour ... 6:00 pm Dinner ... 7:00 pm Meeting ... 8:00 pm

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(New and recently transferred-in members free)

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All new members, including those who have transferred in from another Chapter, are invited to dine free at a regular meeting of their choice. Please take us up on this offer - come along to the meeting and introduce yourself. This is an excellent way to meet with other Chapter members and to establish new business and social relationships in the area.

Our Speaker

John Laurence Busch is an independent historian who lives in Connecticut. He has scoured archives and libraries from Portland, Maine to Savannah, Georgia, and Europe, in search of new information on the life and career of Moses Rogers, one of the first steamboat captains in history, as well as the actors and events that resulted in the formation of the Savannah Steam Ship Company, and the construction of the steamship Savannah.

The Topic

For millennia, humans well-knew that there was a force far more powerful than they upon the Earth, and that was Nature itself. They could only dream of overcoming its power, or try to believe in the myths and fables of others who supposedly had done so.

Then, at the dawn of the 19th century, along came a brilliant, creative, controversial American by the name of Robert Fulton. In the late summer of 1807, he ran his experimental "steamboat" from New York City to Albany, not once, but repeatedly. But running these steamboats on rivers, lakes and bays was one thing. Taking such a vessel on a voyage across the ocean was a different proposition altogether. Experienced mariners didn't think it could be done. These early steamboats were just too flimsy and unwieldy to withstand the dangers of the deep.

Yet there was at least one man who believed otherwise. His name was Captain Moses Rogers. He set out to design a steam vessel that was capable of overcoming the vicissitudes of the sea. This craft would not be a steamboat, but a steamship, the first of its kind. Finding a crew for such a new-fangled contraption proved to be exceedingly difficult. Mariners, conditioned as they were to knowing the ropes of a sailing ship, looked upon this new vessel, and its unnatural means of propulsion, with the greatest suspicion. To them it was not a "Steam Ship". Instead, it was a "Steam Coffin".

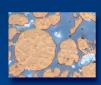
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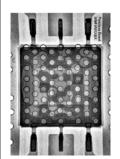
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Some Tributes to Cliff Shaver

Cliff, you were a cherished member of the ASM Long Island Chapter. You contributed not only your time and effort for so many years as the editor of the Metallagram newsletter, but also your unmatched wit. You always had a kind word and smile. I was reminded by your loving wife Pat, that whenever asked how you were doing, your stock reply was "Fabulous". I know you to always have been a gentleman. You will be missed but never forgotten. Peter Indrigo, Treasurer ASM Long Island Chapter

I remember Cliff particularly from the very first time in the late 1980's when I joined the Chapter. How could I forget a man who was so cheerful and inviting, who made me feel so welcome and at ease. He was a pleasure to be associated with!! Cy Marsden, Past Chairman, LIASM

Cliff Shaver was a wonderful man, friend, colleague, and fellow ASM member, and it was a pleasure to serve with him on the Executive Board back in the mid 1990's and early 2000's while I was Chapter Secretary. He truly did more than his share of making sure invitations were sent out to members, that 5-, 15-, 25-year and lifetime memo pins were mailed out to me, which I then forwarded to members receiving them. He contributed a great deal of lively information at the monthly ASM dinner meetings and we will miss his special style of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was a truly special person who lit up the room when he walked in. Lorraine Tawfik, Past Secretary, LIASM

I came upon Cliff's obituary in Newsday quite by accident. What a loss. As I remember, it not only took three people to replace Cliff, it also took R-Base. He was always a pleasure to deal with. Jim Hurst, Past Chairman, LIASM

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Jan. ??, 2013 Joint meeting with ANS

Place: tba

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Speaker: Suzanne Smith, BNL

Topic: Accelerator Production of

Radioisotopes

Feb. 20, 2013 Past Chairs Night

Place: Copper Wok, Hicksville

Speaker: Ben Emley, Watt Fuel Cell Corp.

Topic: Fuel-Cell Materials

Mar. 20, 2013 Sustaining Members Night

Place: Mauricio's, St. James

Speaker: tba

Topic: Solar Cell Materials

Metro NY-NJ Chapter

(website www.asminternational.org/portal/site/metronynj/) (contact: Rich Lynch @ 201-891-8399)

Feb. 13, 2013 Place: Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

Speaker: TBA Subject: TBA Students Night

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