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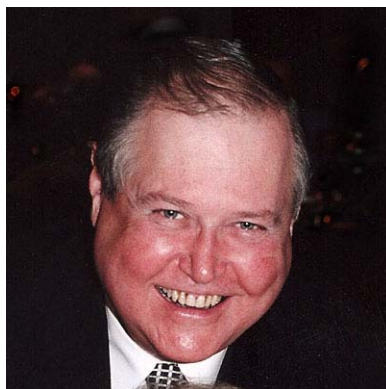
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring and another year of milling around! Your board of Directors will be meeting on 7 March to plan this year's TIMS America activities. The board meetings are open to all mem-

bers and we would love to have you participate and provide us with your great ideas. Elizabeth Harp, our treasurer, offered to host this meeting at her house, 889 Ebenezer Rd., Bluemont, Virginia. I'm sure the board will be working hard to come up with a program as good as the one we enjoyed last year.

We'll be conducting our TIMS America annual general membership meeting 21 March 2009 at Anselma Mill, Chester Springs, PA. I strongly encourage all members to attend so the board can hear from the membership how their organization should be run. We need your input and I promise you this will not be a boring business meeting! Additionally, we will be conducting an "Ask the Miller & Millwright" question and answer program by three of the best millers and millwright in the country. Following the meeting, we'll be touring three beautiful

mills. More details are covered elsewhere in this publication.

I noticed that some of you folks have not renewed your 2009 membership yet.... Last year our membership grew to nearly twice what it was the previous year and I would love to see that happen again in 2009. In order to maintain a healthy and prosperous organization, we have to keep growing our membership. If you have not renewed your 2009 TIMS America membership yet please do so! And, for those folks that have renewed, please find another person with an interest in milling and have them send a membership application to Elizabeth Harp. Remember, new members dues are only \$7.50!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the 21 March TIMS America annual general membership meeting.

Don't hurt yourself,
Jon Joyce
TIMS America, President

***Dues Are Due: Reminder
Don't forget to send in those
dues for your continued
TIMS America & TIMS 2009
memberships.***

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The International Molinological Society of America (TIMS-America)

The purpose of the Society is to encourage and support the collection of historical technical and economic information with regard to the early milling industry and to develop and provide this information for educational purposes for the benefit of members and the public, through publications, newsletters, lectures, and meetings. The Society will host and conduct meetings in support of the International Molinological Society (T.I.M.S.) and other national and local Mill Societies in the United States of America.

TIMS America is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Donations and gifts to the society are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

Our annual membership remains at \$15.00 per person. For first-time members and students the board approved a special 2009 membership price at \$7.50.

Please make checks payable to "T.I.M.S. America" and sent to:

Elizabeth Harp
TIMS America Treasurer
889 Ebenezer Rd.,
Bluemont, VA 20135

Members are encouraged to submit articles, book reviews, letters, etc. for publication in The Mill Monitor. All submissions may be sent to the address below. Please send SASE for return of manuscripts, photographs and pictures. **Deadlines: February, May, August and November.**

Steve Spring, Editor
120 Harvest Lane
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T.I.M.S. 2009

The International Molinological Society

(T.I.M.S.) is the society that fosters worldwide interest and understanding of wind, water and animal-driven mills. The society encourages research and promotes all aspects of molinology including the restoration of mills.

Members receive two 40-page journals each year, plus a copy of new volumes of *Bibliotheca Molinologica*.

\$35.00 Annual membership Jan-Dec
Payable to T.I.M.S. c/o Lisa Steen Riggs
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P.O. Box 245
Elk Horn, IA 51531

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712-764-7472, or visit <http://tims.geo.tudelft.nl>

Mill Related Icons

The following was received from David G. Haines, one of our new members and has given permission to use in the Mill Monitor.

“To Marilyn Shields and Steve Spring : I am sending this in hopes of helping you and your respective mills, and me. Essentially, what you have is a packet of copies of bread wrappers and other baked goods I have collected for several years from all around this country and Canada. I haven’t checked the super-market aisles recently, but there might me more. They all have some relationship to old gristmills, a throwback to earlier times. *(Editor’s note: these copies have been passed on to the TIMSA America Archives. Several photos are contained in this article.)*



The wrappers all use some form of mill or mill-related imagery and/or sets of terms designed to attract customers. I call it cashing in on the very positive aura or the old mill. People who name old mill restaurants and eateries, residential sites, inns, B&Bs, motels, malls and shopping centers, golf courses and country clubs, playhouses, theaters and movies, antique shops, and seasonal recreational/commercial facilities (Halloween Haunted Mills, haunted hay rides and haunted corn mazes) also trade heavily on the old mill image, both in icons and terms. I

don’t object to the practice at all. I find it all quite interesting and it’s probably very good advertising practice, linking their products to a magical old time in our history, and the romance of the old gristmill. And, it’s your



old mill to which they refer.

Back to bread... I find several mill and mill-related icons that appear frequently: mill logos, wheat stalks and sheaves, mill bags and grain sacks, brick ovens and farm scenes. There are also a number of enticing terms and phrases: stone ground (wheat, rye, grains), getting back to pure basics. 100% whole wheat, old fashioned, baked in Vermont (?), all natural



bread, in grain-goodness, hearty homestyle (wheat), nature’s recipe, original bread (?), stone buhr, whole grain, healthy, etc.

There’s a lot of good history here. Since the gristmill was an integral part of the movement West, and (for Marilyn) the decision of Brigham Young to direct the development of mills in specific new settlements, the early and current needs for bread (therefore meal and flour) is obvious and important. There is also opportunity to bring the history of hand-ground meal and flour (see the *EL HORNO* Homestyle Wheat Tortillas wrapper), a traditional image of South-west Americana, but not unheard of in the rest of the continent for those who used a variety of hand querns.

These copies may be of some help to your mills as display items in some form of educational program, especially for elementary school kids. Different sets of discussion items and questions can be generated for each level, and I strongly suggest that teachers and parents who accompany kids to your mills ought to take the same kids on a supermarket aisle tour just to confirm what is around now. For adults or more sophisticated older students, they are perfect examples of the use of emotional/cultural impact on purchasing.

How does this help me??? I may want to develop and publish a teaching unit on this subject. And while I have the resident expert 1st and 2nd grade teacher here at home, I’d be very interested in your experiences with these illustrations as you or the mill docents might use them in on-site educational activities. They should be easily converted to PowerPoint, and could also be used if mill people do an introductory pre-mill visit at the schools.

In any case, they are yours to use in any way you may wish, if at all. You decide. Feel free to make copies and set up displays, and add to the collection. If you do add new items, could you shoot me a copy of what you find. Several of what I have are purely regional. If you don’t want to use them, ship them back and I’ll send them out to another mill.”

As mentioned earlier, these copies are now present in the TIMS America Archives. They have been digitized and copies are available by request. Send a note to Steve Spring @ millfoto@aol.com or millpix@aol.com.

Photos from Workshop II



Ivins Smith and Eric Westergard inspecting mill bills.



Installing ribbets




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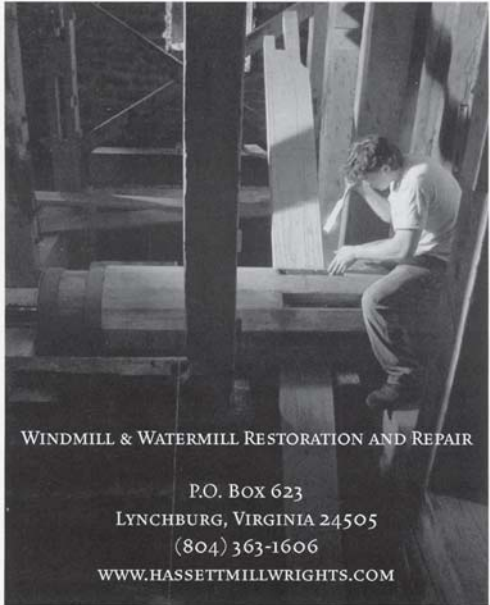


Installing ribbets



Millstone dressing by team at Burwell-Morgan Mill

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Exhibition “Tide Mills of Western Europe” at Vila do Conde (Portugal)

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, is now visiting the **Centro de Interpretação e Monitorização Ambiental de Vila do Conde (Portugal)** until next 18 April.

The exhibition is still available for those interested during 2009.

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

This site is at your disposal to spread information about other activities related with tide mills.

Kind regards

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TIMS America Yahoo Group Site

Over a year ago, TIMS America joined the digital and internet society when a TIMS America Group Site was started at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TIMSAmerica/>

Please visit the site and join up. This is an easy way for us to communicate and stay informed in a fast, efficient manner. You will have to apply for a Yahoo email account and subscribe to the group website. It's free and easy. Presently on site is last years issues of the Mill Monitor. Hard copies of the Mill Monitor will continue to be mailed to those who don't have an internet connection, but the latest and most up-to-date information can be found on the Group Site. Comments and suggestions welcome. This is **YOUR** site. **Stay up-to-date on the latest and greatest TIMS America Yahoo! Groups news. This site depends on your support to keep it going.** And be sure to help out by sending your mill news and photos to Steve Spring, Editor, The Mill Monitor at millfoto@aol.com.

Call for Nominations

The staggered terms for two of our TIMS America positions: Treasurer and Board of Director #1 will expire this year. Elizabeth Harp is incumbent Treasurer and Charlie Yeske is incumbent Board of Director #1. Please submit your nominations to Carol Joyce, 1555 Locke's Mill Road, Berryville, VA 22611. Additional nominations for these positions will be accepted from the floor during the General Meeting, Saturday, March 21st.

Thank you for your inputs to our election process.



TIMS America
ANNUAL General Membership
MEETING & Mill Tour

8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 21, 2009

Anselma Mill
1737 Conestoga Rd.
Chester Springs, PA.

“ASK THE MILLWRIGHT”

09:00 – 9:45 AM Jim Kricker of Rondout Woodworking, Inc., Saugerties, NY will conduct a question and answer period to answer technical questions on Mill Repair, Maintenance, and Restoration.

“ASK THE MILLER”

9:45- 10:30 AM Mason Maddox JR. of Colvin Run Mill, Va. and Ivins Smith of Cooper’s Mill Chester Township, NJ, will conduct a question and answer period to answer milling operation questions from grain input to flour output.

10:30- 12:00 AM TIMS America Annual General Membership Meeting.

1:00 - 4:30 PM Mill Tour visits to three local mills:

The Mill at Anselma in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, the Mill at Anselma is an extraordinary artifact of 250 years of Chester County’s industrial heritage. Constructed in c. 1747 by Samuel Lightfoot, the Mill retains its original Colonial-Era power train, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment ranging from the late 1700s to the mid 1900s.

Nolts Mill in Bird-in Hand, PA was built in 1770 by James Gibbons, and records indicate his brand mark was registered in 1772. The mill passed through a succession of owners and in 1949, was purchased by Clarence Nolt, and it has remained in the Nolt family since.

Ressler’s Mill: The Mascot Roller Mills and Ressler family house are preserved and operated by the Ressler Mill Foundation. The historic site, located at Stumptown Road and Newport Road (Route 772) southeast of Leola. It was purchased by William Ressler in 1865, beginning three generations of Ressler family ownership.

There is no cost to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting.



TIMS America
Mill Tour
Registration Form

The Mill Tour registration is \$20.00 includes lunch, Mill tour transportation, and entrance fees.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Mill Affiliation: _____

Mail this registration form and a check payable to TIMS America to:
Elizabeth Harp, TIMS America Treasurer, 889 Ebenezer Rd., Bluemont, VA 20135.

TIMS America is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. All Proceeds benefit TIMS America, a non-profit organization, supporting historical milling technology

Release of Liability: I hereby release TIMS America and it's 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 arising from my participation in this event.

Signed _____ Date _____

Hotels (attendees must make their own direct lodging and meal arrangements):

Comfort Suites (PA540)

700 West Uwchlan Avenue, Exton, PA, US, 19341 | Phone: (610) 594-4770
Ask for ANSELMA MILL RATE \$79.00

The Inn at Chester Springs (formerly the Best Western)

815 North Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100 and Gordon Drive), Exton, PA 19341-1597
(610) 363-1100

Hampton Inn Great Valley

635 Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 30 at I-76), Frazer, PA 19460
(610) 699-1313

Contact: Jon Joyce JonPJoyce@msn.com (540) 955-4489 or
Ivins Smith, gristmiller@comcast.net (908)852-0027.

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Have you sent your dues in yet? If not, please use the form below to continue your membership.

TIMS America (Dues \$15.00)

Please send your dues for TIMS America to:

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889 Ebenezer Road
Bluemont, VA 20135

T.I.M.S. (Dues \$35.00)

Please send your dues for T.I.M.S. to:

Lisa Riggs, T.I.M.S. Council Member
Danish Windmill Corporation
4038 Main Street, Box 245
Elk Horn, IA 51531

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