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Dear Shipmate:

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Most people don't realize how far north we live. When I go out on my front porch in the morning I can hear a train whistle which is not unusual. Except it is in Canada not the US!

We held the 2023 reunion in Mackinaw City, Mich. June 4-6, 2023. We had a small group of 16 people but had a great time. Attending were: Barry Rice & Clemmie; Fred & Diana Eichenberger; Curtis & Tricia Swain; Dave & Mary Lou Jurgenson; Jim & Cathy Bennett; Bob & Pat Kulhanek; Vilnis & Elie Pakalns and Ron & Sheila Day. Mackinaw Island was very interesting, no vehicles (only ambulance and fire truck) all horse power. The island was covered with lilacs. We had a campfire at Bob & Pat's campsite with smores. We visited a light house at Old Mackinaw Point. Sheila and I hope to go back again.

Shipmates that have passed:

Dean Bullock 70 ETCS

John Conover 63-66 RM1

Next reunion – July 16-19, 2024 in Albany, New York. This will be close to the USS Slater and Frank Perrella said he would be there. Details to follow.

Talked to Frank and his daughter Jeanne a few days ago. He sounded great and they are in New York but soon heading to Florida.

I expect this will be the last newsletter on paper. The expense has gotten too great and it is much easier for me by email. So those on paper please send me an email address.

Be safe. Happy Holidays. Yours for the Gary. Ron Day