



April Luncheon Honors the CCC

Ninety years ago the CCC was formed. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a voluntary government work relief program that ran from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men ages 18–25 as a major part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal". In those years preceding WWII, it supplied manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state, and local governments.

We will be joined this month by Steve Larson, who has been studying and participating in the legacy of the CCC, starting with the old CCC site his daughter bought near State College PA.

Steve is the brother of Ken Larson, and he has presented to us before. In 2008, he spoke on his work on GPS satellites.

Make your reservations early, bring a friend and enjoy the day.



In Illinois, Camp Charleston barracks housed the men that constructed the various pavilions and shelters at Fox Ridge State Park. (Photo courtesy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources)

March Luncheon

The March father/son/daughter day was one of the best attended of this season, and for that we were sad to have learned that our speaker, Brad Seaton, retired from the NFL, was quarantined out east with his family due to Covid. He sent his apologies and regards and hopes to join us in the future as a guest.

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 8, 2023—Reserve today!

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847)824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation **by the evening of Sunday April 2** for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations. **Please indicate Fish or Beef for each**

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: **38, 51, 55, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 135, 149.**—Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel *or add guest to the count*. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to **reservations@torskeklub.com** (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2022/2023 season, excluding December, father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841



Boating Strandfjord in Norway

We have only two luncheons until our summer break, and we think of our summer travel plans. It appears that Scandinavia may be a good choice this year. Exchange rates are good. The Vasa Boat of Stockholm, the Tivoli Gardens & castles of Copenhagen and the fjords of Norway seem to be distant and expensive, but with a little planning it may be as easy and affordable as a trip to California or Florida.

Flights: The best round-trip flight price to Norway from United States in the last March is \$241 (New York John F Kennedy Intl to Oslo Gardermoen). That will increase during peak months of June/July, but September may be a seasonable compromise. Typical fares are \$700 and up in peak season.

Local Transport: Planes, trains, busses, ferries and “fast boats” are the best value transport, but must be reserved in advance. Auto rental will run several hundred since insurance is required. Don’t assume automatic transmission.

Prep: One is tempted to acquire kroners and euros in the US or at the airport exchange, but frankly that is just expensive. Use the credit card and ATMs in Europe. In March 2023 the exchange is 10.67 Kroner (NOK) to the dollar (USD) and 1.09€=\$1. It’s actually a good time to travel now; in July 2011 it was 6 nok = \$1. \$200 expense in 2011 would cost you about \$120 today.

Verify that health insurance is sufficient for emergency treatments. One thing to consider in foreign travel is emergency transportation insurance. If you are critically injured in Norway and wanted to travel back to the US for extended treatment, could you afford the private ambulatory jet? Other insurances like trip cancelation or auto insurance are worth reviewing.

In meal planning, the hotels provided a substantial breakfast, usually included in the room price. This is typical in Europe. The wonderful varieties of fresh breads and rolls, gravlax, herring, eggs, meats, sweets and even salads made every breakfast a smorgasbord and our lunch needs were minimal or nil. A *polsa* sausage wrapped in *lefse* was fast food at a local mart. Enjoy local cuisine.

Structured tours can be good, but just touring/discovering/walking around Stockholm, Oslo, Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger, Copenhagen and other places are memorable.

Member Birthdays

This month we recognize the April birthdays of our good members:

Lars Ohrstrom, Bob Fisk, Karl Pearson, Carl Graf, Jr., David Hardy, Doug Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., Sgt. Chris Gruener, and our Aquavit Chairman Fred Olk.

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal remains at \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to “Chicago Torske Klub”



Cruising the canals of Copenhagen



Walking the medieval streets of Stockholm's old city - Gamla Stan

Future Events

- Apr. 8**—Civilian Conservation Corps
May 6 (not 13!) - Luncheon Date change so to not coincide with May 17 events
May 22—NNL Parade— Park Ridge

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