

New England Lighthouse Lovers - NELL

**NELL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
FAMILY PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

On Sept. 19, 2009, the New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL) held its 10th Anniversary Family Picnic at Lighthouse Point Park in Connecticut. The day started out with a ride on the antique carousel located opposite the lighthouse. After the carousel ride, most of the members walked across the road and climbed Five Mile Point (New Haven) Lighthouse.

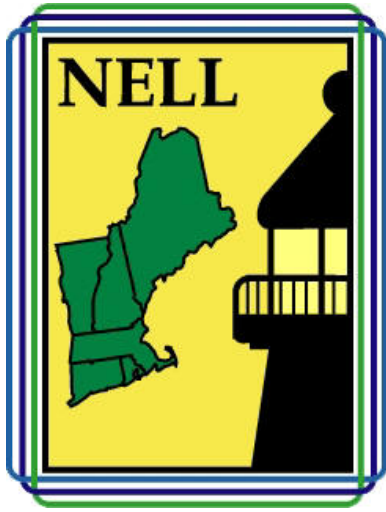
As we waited for our turn to climb, many of us took advantage of the beautiful day to walk the beach or take pictures of Southwest Ledge Light, which could be seen in the distance.

After climbing the tower, we returned to the pavilion where NELL member "Chef" Mike Boucher was busy grilling a selection of chicken in three different marinades. We dined on a variety of delicious foods made by the members and then had our anniversary cake. After the picnic clean up, some members went home while others stayed on the park grounds to soak up some rays and relax.

About 50 members attended with several bringing family members and a couple even brought their well behaved pets. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all. There were many requests to have another picnic soon.

I'd like to thank Linda Speece and the picnic committee (Kathy Santucci, Kevin Sullivan and Auggie Kurdt) for all their hard work in putting this picnic together for all to enjoy. Also, thanks to all the members that attended for helping to make our Anniversary Family picnic the success it was.

Tom



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Pavilion where the 10th Anniversary Picnic was held



Our NELL Banner



Five Mile Point Light



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Chef Mike



Rosealie and Eli



Bob and Sharon



Nell Anniversary Cakes



Group Picture - missing Kathy Sandsome family members



John Satkowski and our picnic coordinator Linda Speece



Southwest Ledge Light



Tom, Kaitlyn, Eileen and Harrison