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Tickets:

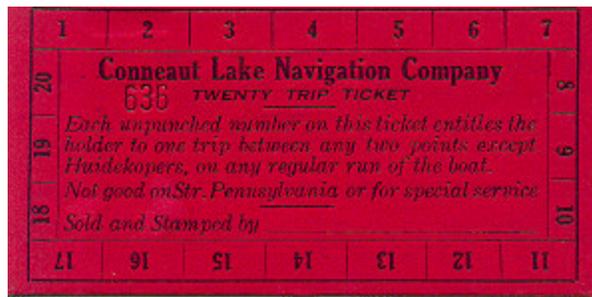


Late 1800s, early 1900s -

Ticket for the steamer [Swan](#).

Wow! Tickets sure have changed, haven't they? This beautiful shot of the Swan shows all three crew members just waiting for you to come aboard for a quick run down the Lake and back. I'm ready to go, how 'bout you? Funny thing - a 1902 advert names only two

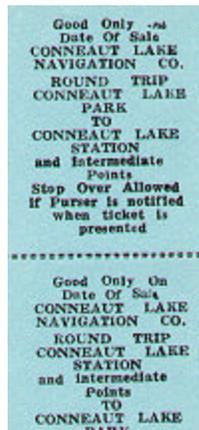
crew members - D.O. Dyer, Captain, and A.D. Cutchall, Engineer. Dyer's probably the guy lounging on the bow. I wonder which of the other two is Cutchall and what ever happened to the third guy? Image from the collection of William Hrusa and used with permission.



1920s Ferry Boat Ticket.

If there was ever a doubt that the ferries were heavily used as a form of transportation this ought to put it to rest. This 20-trip ticket was sold by the Navigation Company in the time after the steamer Pennsylvania was built but before it left the Lake - from

1918 to the 1930s. The rider presented it to the purser and one punch would be one ride between any two points regularly run by the boat. In real life, the ticket is about 2x4 inches (5x10cm) and is printed on heavy card stock. There was also a half fare blue ticket, for children, perhaps? Ticket in the collection of Jackie Elliott and used with permission.



Ferry Boat One-Way Round-Trip

Tickets. The "why fiddle with it if it works" department presents similar tickets printed by two companies nearly 20 year apart. The blue ticket, used by the Navigation company from around the 1950s on illustrates the solution it finally decided on for figuring a "fair price" between the various stops the ferry made: You're riding, you pay a flat rate for a round trip ticket and you decided where you're getting off. Note that it's still calling the Town end of the Lake "Conneaut Lake Station."