



THE WET EDGE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY



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A New Chapter Begins

Guest Editor - Steve Franchini

"Alright, smart guy, you sold the house?! With each retelling the story is embellished but the short tale is that when Diane left town for a three-day garden club convention I contacted a realtor. I'd been threatening to do this for months but Diane kept saying we weren't ready to have a realtor look at it yet. When she returned from the convention the realtor met us with papers to sign and a camera in hand. Three weeks later Diane left for another convention and I got the call that someone wanted to see the house. By that afternoon we had sold our house of 28 years. (Note: I think Diane's afraid to attend the garden club conventions this summer.)

Then the fun began. I have three boats (beautiful treasures for sure), two boat trailers, and two pick-ups (not running and belonging to Brian and Cole) that needed to be moved and more importantly stored for up to a year while we build our new home in Ellensburg. Since we left a 3800 sq. ft. home to move into a small rental home with 1100 sq. ft. and a single car garage, some negotiations were in order. The single car garage is now filled with boxes of extra household items that didn't go into any of the three storage units we had rented.

It became a full time job trying to share all of my fine stuff. It was like I had a box full of kittens to give away to deserving friends and family. People would see me coming and turn out lights and pull down the blinds.

Thanks to our great kids I was able to share the wealth and dole out my prized possessions. Brian took in two pick-up trucks (I did mention they belonged to Brian and Cole) and the one



The Franchini Boat Shop

running boat, Rumpus. Our daughter, Laurie and her husband, Scott, graciously agreed to park the family minivan out in the winter elements so we could store the two Centuries, in various stages of restoration, along with all the extra miscellaneous parts that go with them, in their two car garage.

Thank God my wife still likes me. She actually pushed to get me to build my shop first. It is now completely done and I'm like a kid in a candy store. It is 24 ft. by 36 ft., all enclosed and insulated, with 12 ft. by 36 ft. open carport wings on each side. I can now reclaim all my treasures and put them inside the shop.

Of course there is a downside to all of this. Diane agreed to have the shop built first so we could empty all the storage units and the rental house garage – handily filling my beautiful spacious shop. That means a bit more money in our pocket for the house building but very little room for me to actually work on my boats in the shop. That's a small price to pay because by the first of September we hope to have the house completed (ready for guests) and I can spend hours in my new shop.

News from the Boat Show

Thanks to our displayers, Curt Erickson, Brian Franchini, Ike Kielgass, Brian Flaherty, Rick Means, Ingvar Carlson; and a BIG "atta boy" to Frank Gonzales for getting us the booth!

Many stories; talked to one of the attorneys who helped win the case to determine that the Miss America 8 was indeed owned by Ken Muscatel and was brought to Seattle. He remembers Craig Magnusson, and a message to Craig confirmed he still had the files from the case in 1989.

Because of the Hispano-Suiza display engine, Curt talked to a guy whose both grandfathers flew in World War on both sides, and while the average life span was 10 hours flying, made it through war on to careers in aviation.

One guy was interested in the Skeeto, grew up in the same town where it was built.

Ike has plans in hand for building the Slo Mo III, with the Lycoming engine he has.

Brian is almost done with plans for the Skeeto.

Met the grandson of Art Norveldt of Bell Buoy of Bellingham on the same day the Bell Buoy story ran on Woodyboater.com

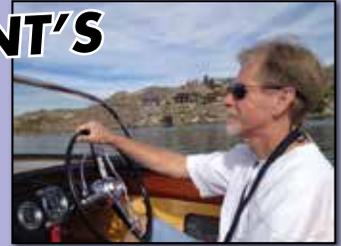
Plus we got coverage on WoodyBoater.com.

Thanks to the people staffing our booth, one recovering from bronchitis, one in a back brace, one recovering from back surgery, one with an almost broken toe, one who came three times, one working the day before a three week vacation, two unemployed, many retired, two new members, one is the son-in-law of Chris Smith, Jr (yes, THAT Chris Smith), one from Eastern Washington, (longest distance driven award), some drove more than two hours each way more than once, another came by ferry, and those who offered to show up three times or more.

Jerry Campbell, Ken Monaghan, Ingvar Carlson, Dick Dow, Steve Snider, Greg Price, Bob Braaf, Tom Cathcart, Kirk Knapp, Ike Kielgass, Brenda Chrystie, Brian Flaherty and Dad John, Karl Hoffman, Roger Cox, Rob DaPron, Curt Erickson, Scott Mason, Bob & Jytte Wheeler, Steve and Diane Franchinci and Son Brian, (Cole even showed up!), Warren Olson, George Corly, Alan Thomle, Rick Means, Jim Giesy, and Tim and BryAnna Dies and Randy Mueller. Sorry if I forgot anyone!

Ron

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



February is now upon us. Have you been working on the Pride and Joy? Are you stumped or need an answer on how to do something? It's not too late to get your questions in. The Round Table of Experts and not so Expert will be gathering at the February 11th meeting to discuss these questions. If you're not able to be at the meeting you can still get your answer. After the meeting I'll send out the answers to the membership.

We've been asked by ACBS International if we are interested in hosting the spring 2016 Quarterly meeting. Seems like a great opportunity to highlight our slice of heaven to the rest of ACBS. Your Board will vote on this soon. If you have an opinion on this matter please let me know.

Save the Date! Saturday March 21st. The Center for Wooden Boats is having their Auction and Dinner Celebration, "Steer by the Stars". CWB provides us with a wonderful place to hold our monthly meetings. We will have a table to show our appreciation. Let's blow them away and fill up several tables. See details in Newsletter.

Also want to acknowledge Ike Kielgass for his herculean efforts raising \$25,000.00 for the CWB Building Fund. The Board voted overwhelmingly to let Ike have the honor of the naming rights for the \$25,000.00. Way to go Ike! Look for additional information in Newsletter.

Don't forget to slap Ron Stevenson on the back for his work on your behalf at the The Big Seattle Boat Show. Ron puts in a tremendous amount of time into this project helping to promote our passion. Thank you Ron!

That's all the babble I have now. Come to a meeting let me know what we can do to improve our club.

Warren

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TID BIT FROM AL

I don't know how many folks are aware that JEZEBEL is on display at the new LeMay Museum in Tacoma. She went in there shortly after Mahogany & Merlot and will come out late next sprint. It's interesting that it is the only boat in a car museum and, I am told, it's getting a lot of attention.

Al McEwan

EDUCATION CENTER AT CENTER FOR WOODEN BOATS

Over a year ago when I first heard about the fund raising for the new Education Center project that the Center for Wooden Boats was going to build, it got me thinking about how it would be nice if our chapter could raise some funds to help support CWB, plus the fact that we could get naming rights to something in the new Education Center. Our chapter has been partnering with CWB since its beginning and naming rights would mean that we would establish a legacy for our chapter, something we could always go back to, look at, and say "We did that!" I talked to Rob, Chapter President at the time, to see what he thought about it. We basically decided that we should go for it. "Why not? Let's see what we can accomplish." I knew that it might be a sea change for our group. After all, it was not easy to raise \$1,200 a few years ago for a cleat on the CWB docks.

I figured I have the time. I've been with the chapter enough years to know most everyone, so I could contact

people, and see what we could put together. I invited Betsy Davis to the monthly meeting at my place. Well, Betsy did a great job of presenting the Education Center, what it is about, how it will help kids and anyone wanting to learn more about a subject that we all enjoy. I set the goal high in hopes we could raise a significant amount. I had no idea how successful it would be! The Chapter voted to contribute \$2,500 and it was voted unanimously. I then asked my fellow members for donation pledges right then and there, passing out pledge forms. I was surprised and very encouraged at what my fellow chapter members donated that very night! I'm sure some of you were too! I kept plugging away at it, person by person, talking about it at the meetings, anywhere I could. People kept giving donations, small amounts, surprisingly large amounts, sometimes twice.

And we did it! We will have a place in the Dick Wagner Education Center's new Galley where we will be

able to see our name, from this point on, in perpetuity.

This goes out to all of you to let you know how much I truly appreciate what YOU have accomplished. I was just the messenger. Nowadays we give a lot of thought before we go giving money somewhere. You recognized the value of educating kids – young and old alike - about wood boats and boatbuilding skills. You understand the reward of being able to see what your donation actually does, and of where your donation will be acknowledged. Our chapter finally has its own "spot" - albeit part of CWB; but still a little ACBS PNW home where the coffee is always on and a gathering spot for generations to come. A place that we can go to, our kids can go to, and see our name.

I want to especially acknowledge Ed & Barb Tronca, who made the substantial final and last donation that got us to our goal of raising \$25,000.

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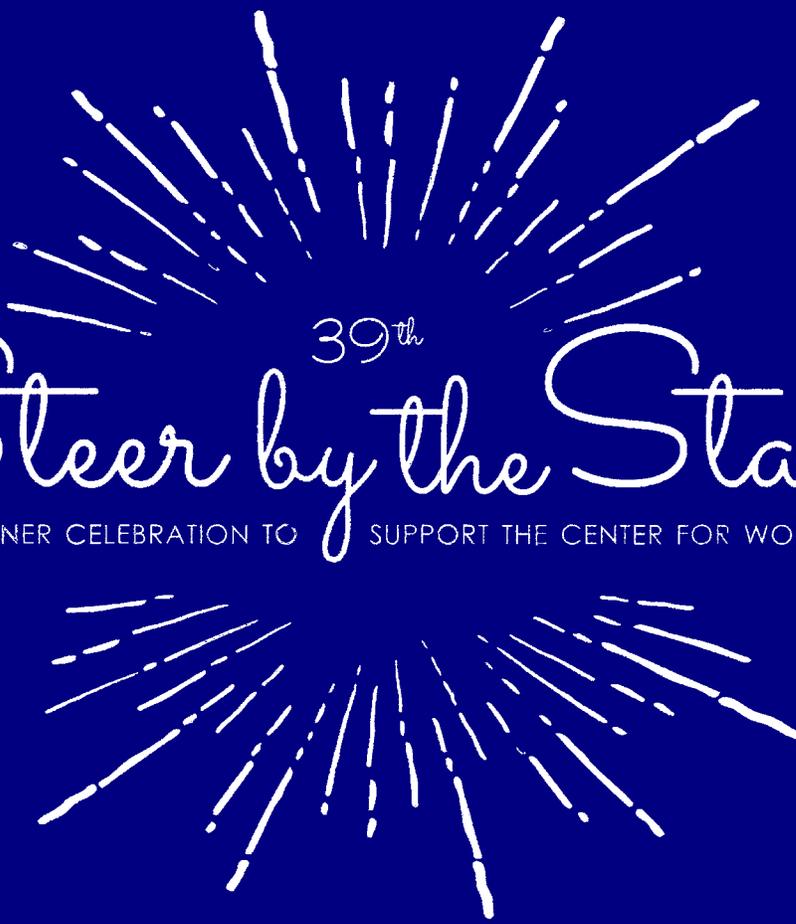
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***THANK YOU for
helping fulfill the
dream! I feel
honored to be a
part of this, and
humbled by your
generosity.***

Sincerely,
Ike Kielgass



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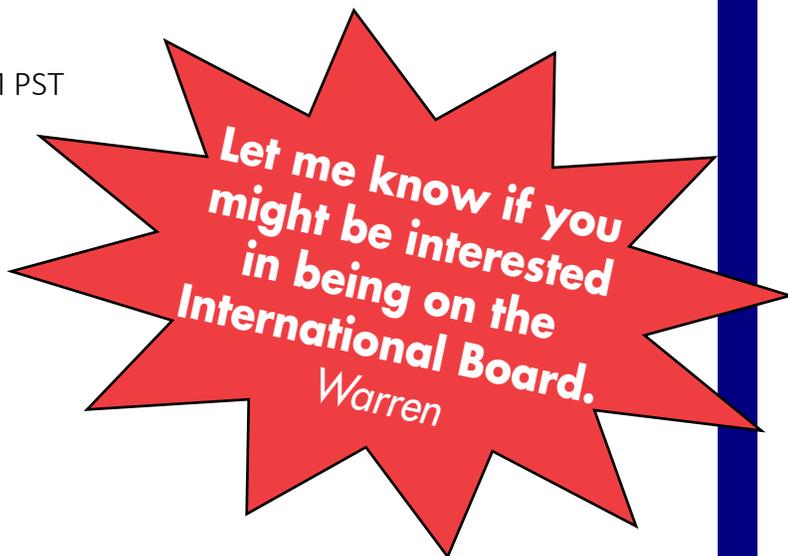
NOMINATIONS: International ACBS Board of Directors

From: Stacy M Dasno <hqs@acbs.org>

Date: January 26, 2015 at 10:47:40 AM PST

To: hqs@acbs.org

Subject: ACBS Nominations



January 26, 2015

Dear Chapter President,

In order to conduct the business of a vibrant and growing organization, the ACBS nominating committee is asking you, as a chapter President, to recommend members who might serve on the International ACBS Board of Directors. As chapter President you have observed talented chapter members who enjoy antique and classic boating and would be interested in helping shape the future of ACBS. You might want to include yourself on the list.

Please send us the name of a deserving chapter member and why they merit your recommendation. The nominating committee for the 2015 fall election will appreciate receiving these recommendations and will seriously consider each one.

Each year there are four three-year term Directors chosen. Beyond adding their new perspectives to the Board of Directors, this year we are also specifically looking for a financial expert to serve as our Society's treasurer.

Please send your recommendation to Nominations@acbs.org.

Thank you for your help,

A small, square image of a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Teresa".

Teresa J. Hoffman

Nominations Committee, Chair



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MONTHLY MEETINGS & UP-COMING EVENTS

February 11th Meeting
at the Center for Wooden Boats
Program - Roundtable with the experts & not so experts. Please submit your questions in advance to Warren at wolson1@msn.com

March 11th Meeting
at Ike Kielgass Monster Garage
Program - Motor Rebuilds - Chrysler Marine
Craig Magnusson

April 8th Meeting
at the Center for Wooden Boats
Program - Opening Day Planning
Steve Snyder and Kirk Knapp

May 13th Meeting
at LeMay/America's Car Museum
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Ike Kielgass

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