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Greetings Club Members,

I trust that you had an enjoyable holiday and a happy New Year. 2013 will bring some changes to our club. For someone like myself who cringes at the word "change" I know what you are thinking, "what are those ding-dongs up to?" If it is any help, let me say I am excited about 2013.

Some of you had a preview of these the changes at our annual dinner in late October. For those who were not able to make the dinner here is the short version:

I have wanted to change the tenor and purpose of our monthly meetings. Traditionally our board meetings have been business meetings for the board members while we also encourage non-board members to attend. At these meetings we typically conduct club business such as budget issues, membership reports and event planning. This is all necessary stuff to run our club, and perhaps it is somewhat interesting for those that have been involved in our club for a long time, but I am sensitive to how tedious this can be to new or potential members. To rectify this, more club business is going to be conducted outside of the monthly meetings by your club officers. In fact, your club officers have already had one such meeting in November.

Our monthly meetings will be open to all, topical and will be held at both the Center for Wooden Boats and also at various other locations. As usual, our monthly meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month and will include pizza and drinks for \$15.00. Start times will remain at 6:30. Let me give you a rundown of our monthly meeting schedule your officers put together for 2013:

January 9, we will be gathering at Warren & Tracey Olson's home shop. (34205 206th Ave SE, Auburn WA) Warren has been rebuilding a 1955 Chris Craft Capri. This is Warren's first full restoration and he is going to discuss the restoration process from a first timer's perspective.

February 13, back at the Center for Wooden Boats, we will have a slideshow presentation titled "Runabout Proctology 101." We will show and discuss options on what is involved in putting a new bottom on a runabout.

March 13, meeting will be held at Ike Kielgass' monster shop. (18827 SE 161st St. Renton WA) Always a fun event, Ike will show us his current projects including a new race boat build and Miss Detroit and her newly rebuilt, uber-rare Curtiss V-12.

April 10, at the Center for Wooden Boats, we will be having a Opening Day review along with some club planning for the May Opening Day parade.

May 8, we will be meeting at the newly formed Foss Waterway Seaport located in the heart of Tacoma. (705 Dock Street, Tacoma WA) While undergoing an extensive remodel, the seaport is currently displaying 8 club member's boats with more displays planned for the near future.

June 12, at the Center for Wooden Boats, we will be presenting a slideshow presentation along with narration of canal boat cruising in Europe. Several of our members have cruised the canals and they will be sharing their experiences.

July 10, we will be at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center (2909 100 St SW, Everett WA) Club officer Tom Cathcart is the director of the museum restoration center and has invited us to view and learn about the restoration process of vintage and historic airplanes for the Boeing Museum of Flight

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Meanwhile, Up in the Convergence Zone...

This is a warning to all board members who miss meetings: You will be assigned a task by the President. I must have missed one last year as well because this is my second consecutive January newsletter.

But as tasks go, this isn't bad and gives one an excuse to get out and do something, which is exactly what I did today, venturing North to check on a very interesting project underway in Alan Thomle's shop.

In 1922 Elco built 15 or so limousine- style Sedan Runabouts aimed at the Wall Street crowd. 37' in length with a 7' beam, these boats had a long, elegant foredeck extending to the engine hatch, an open station for the captain ahead of a nice, enclosed owner's salon which opens out to a comfortable cockpit and a short deck aft. Lightly built and powered by Hall-Scott, these boats surely cut smartly through the water as the owners lounged, planning their business day or the afternoon for family and guests. I can't think of a nicer way to commute...

Currently christened "Shelley R" this is the only known example remaining. Brought to the West Coast by Al Schinnerer several years ago, she underwent a significant restoration, was owned and enjoyed by Northern California club member James Rauzy until this fall, when David Thompson, a Minnesota club member, was looking about for something to add to his fleet and found out the boat was for sale.



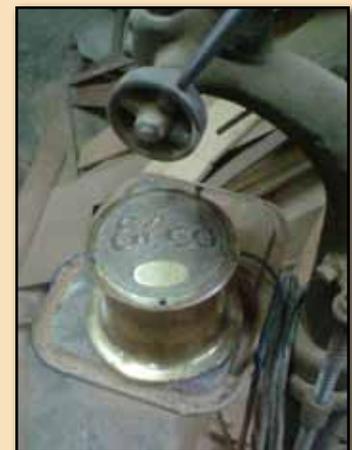
How did this boat end up in Stanwood? David bought "Rio Rita" from Alan a few years back and has had Alan do projects on various boats since he bought the Clift launch. There was no question where the Elco would go to be freshened up once it changed hands.

Ron Stevenson and I headed up to Alan's shop recently to check out the Elco and see what sort of project this really is. In a word: WOW!

The original structure of the boat is still there, but as I mentioned above these were very lightly built and had the earlier restoration not been done, this boat would be history. The hull was reinforced and re-skinned, the salon top extended forward over the skippers station and a freshwater cooled Mercruiser 454 sits in the engine bay. While not done in a traditional or typical manner, that work did save the boat and for the most

part Alan has been able to retain and work with what is there while strengthening and improving the hull as needed. After looking over this example it's easy to see why they did not survive. Fortunately, there is very little rot and where structural repairs are needed, the areas can be accessed and taken care of.

As is often the case with our boats, what starts out as a "freshen up" project ends up being much more. What is evolving is remarkable. The forward area of the boat under that long foredeck was mostly inaccessible and not well ventilated. A new riding cockpit has been added, which will be a joy for future passengers, making that part of the boat useable and open for maintenance and storage. The seating in the salon was upholstered benches. Alan has designed and built some custom, radiused chairs that compliment the era of the craft and provide a social, comfortable arrangement. David requested a small sink and bar area, which is in the design/mock-up phase now, as are a cockpit step and reconfiguring of the rear bench seat, moving it slightly aft and radiusing the corners to match the rest of the new custom furnishings.



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This is 37 feet of hull that the new owner wants painted black and that long deck has been stripped, sanded, needs some re-work, stain and finish. I don't even want to think about the effort it will take to get everything flat and fair. This is one big runabout!

All the hardware on the boat is brass, which is being reconditioned and some new pieces added. The tanks, mechanical and electrical things you don't see will be upgraded where needed and a bow-thruster is being put in. (After all, this is a large, single screw boat going to a small lake... :) The motor only shows 200 hours, so there will be little to do there. A new trailer has been designed and is being fabricated.

The original hope was that the boat would be ready for Opening Day. Alan thinks that is a long-shot, as there was more to do to the hull than first anticipated and the creative ideas and designs that he and David keep coming up with while re-imagining the boat take time to develop and build. For now though, that is still the goal.

Regardless, when this Elco is ready to go back in the water it will be something to behold!

Overall, the boat, the owner's objective, plus the restorer's vision and execution are quite a convergence.

August 14, we will be hoping for that perfect Seattle summer day to gather at a predetermined location on Lake Washington for an informal dinner and an evening group cruise in our boats

September 11, we will be at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (5917 South 196th St, Kent WA) We will be viewing vintage race boats and getting the latest in news and current restoration projects from this great place.

October 9, at the Center for Wooden Boats. We will be hearing a presentation from our very own mechanical historian and part-time genius Craig Magnusson on the subject of flathead marine motors.

November 9, meeting will be cancelled and conducted at the Annual Dinner

December 11, we will once again have a holiday gathering at a location to be determined.

Perhaps you can see why I am excited for 2013. We trust that these events will be informative, fun and engaging. More details and reminders will be provided via the email list before each gathering. Until then, please feel free to call, email or text with any questions, concerns or ideas. See you soon!

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The Big Seattle Boat Show.

It appears we may again have a booth for ACBS-PNW at the Seattle Boat Show this year! The show runs January 25th through Feb 3rd. We will need to scramble to get membership materials, design a display and recruit members to occupy the booth during the show. We had a very successful presentation at the show last year, and Frank Gonzales is working to secure a good spot for us. We should have at least one boat there, but may need another to be available on short notice. Last year we were able to show the Northwest Marine Trade Association what they have been missing. Other major shows around the U.S. and in Canada have realized significant marketing and attendance advantages by featuring ACBS boats and the director of the show last year was blown away by the constant traffic we enjoyed and by the support and information our members provided while in the booth. We will keep you posted as this gets closer.

If you can assist or have ideas or materials that will help make up a good display, let us know.



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Still Available! 1979 Chev C-30 Crew Cab Dually.

Unknown miles, but recent transmission rebuild, good tires, new brakes, new battery, great for work, towing or restore it! I've used it for the past 17 years. These can tow just about anything. Someone out there needs this truck! \$2,500.00 OBO. Dick Dow, 425 868-0921.

1955 Chrysler Marine Hemi

M-44-S, 270 cu. In., 155 hp, 1:1 gearbox, LH rotation, 2 bbl carb, 12 volt. Complete, operational unit in good condition, ready to install, with mounts, 1" coupling, risers, factory manual and

spares. Runs strong. Last used on Chelan at 2011 Mahogany & Merlot event. Can demonstrate on cradle. Best Offer. Tom Carlin, 425 318-2119.

1941 16ft CC Deluxe Runabout.

New 5200 bottom, new sides and deck, restored original engine with stainless valves and hardened seats. Hull # 57117. \$35,000.00.

Jim Carr, 360 832-4293.

Dickinson diesel stove/heater

combination with all accessories - venting, pumps, etc. - buyer removes unit. \$475.00.

Bob Schrader, 206 790-6495.

1958 16ft Skagit Skimaster.

Sound hull, nice custom upholstery, good running 4-stroke Bearcat 55 and cool vintage trailer. We haven't used the boat very often recently. \$2,000.00 with motor, \$1,400 without - OBO. Dick Dow, 425 868-0921.

DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY MEETING!
January 9th - 6:30pm

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Ways to stay connected online

Just wanted to remind everyone that Facebook is being used to facilitate more social interaction both within the club as well as with potential new members. This site provides means to publish events, share pictures, and invite new people to join us. Please take a moment to check out our Facebook [ACBS - Antique & Classic Boat Society (PNW)] site. While you are there sign up for our group and even better, become an assistant organizer and help keep our group up to date. Contact Frank Gonzales (gonzalesfa@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or can help.

We want you at this month's meeting!

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