



# The Wet Edge

NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER  
ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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## Happy New Year, and Boat Show Time!

Well, Maybe. As some of you know, we are on the Waiting List for a display booth at the Big Seattle Boat Show, sponsored by the Northwest Marine Trade Association. That connection has been strongly reinforced over these last several years by our member Frank Gonzales who now works for them. Thanks Frank!

This show is always totally booked, and it is only the last couple days before the show opens do they find out that someone will be a "no-show". And so we are contacted. We don't know until then what size booth we will have, or where it is inside the Exhibition Hall.

In the mean time, it is helpful to put together some ideas and options for what we may chose to display. I have already selected Jerry Campbell's Chris Craft Rocket for the primary display boat. Jerry did a very fine job in his restoration of this boat. The Awards Committee even acknowledged that at our Annual Dinner, with a "Best Home Restoration" Award. That is the first time that that has been done at our Annual Dinner.

In the past we have displayed the Franchini's little Skeeto, always a crowd pleaser and photo opportunity for Moms and Dads to plop their kids in the boat for a picture.

We have the AOMC (Antique Outboard Motor Club) volunteering to display restored outboards. Another great draw for the public.

So with this article, I am asking for more ideas! Realize that all ideas are welcome, some may be used, some not. Again, this is assuming we have a booth!

This is also to notify you that we will be needing volunteers to man our booth, I will be asking for volunteers as the show time nears. The show starts Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and closes on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. That's nine days, with two shifts per day except the weekend, we have about 30 shifts to man; so get it on your calendar now!

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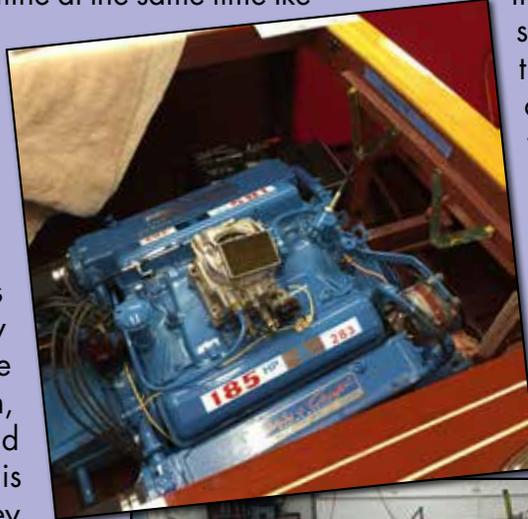


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# The Continuing Story of "Beautiful Day"

The secret is out... I have a 1948 20' Chris Craft Custom. Yes folks, here it is in print! There have been rumors that I actually own a runabout. Whadda ya mean you never seen it before? OK so I've only had it for 10 years... I bought mine at the same time I bought his. As a matter of fact, it is all his fault! He found two of them! He figured I should buy one since he was buying the other. Sheesh, at least his came with hardware, and he has deeper pockets than me. And not so many life changes. But, the best news is Rob DaPron, restorer extraordinaire, (and my neighbor) restored his first. They were both grey, pattern boats. But you know how it goes, after you do one, if the very next boat you work on is another Custom, it goes easier. We all learn from our experiences.

Well, like I say, the tide of life goes in and out, just like your financial resources. When I had money to put to that project, Rob worked on it. Lots of times, the CC Commander came first for funding, or the house, whatever, we all know how that goes. But now she is back in Rob's shop, and he is trying to gather up the loose ends, and finish it. So here are a few pictures of the work as it gets finished up. All little stuff left to do, install windshield glass, install fuel tank, install water inlet hose (had to lift engine off the bed to do that) check out the last of the wiring,



needs a steering wheel, and power it up, start motor... Wait, there is a crack on one of the manifolds? How did that happen? Yes, it was drained. Not sure what happened. So another manifold is installed from Karl Hoffman. Pull the plugs, squirt some oil in the cylinders to properly lube the engine that has been sitting dry for over 5 years... crank over slowly only to have water squirt out of the rear cylinder. Darn, now what? Dick Dow comes over and uses his fiber optic scope to look in there, and it looks pretty good! Good enough to put it on the trailer, drag it to Karl's to get it started and check it out.

The trip to Karl's was a success! He worked his magic, we got everything checked, hooked up, and ready to run. Run she did! After engine test (on the trailer) we pulled the plug, no water came out, there wasn't any water in the oil, we checked the compression which was good!

Now back to Rob's, strip off the chrome, and more varnish. Plus, this month, the last of the seat upholstery will get done. Maybe this

should be on display at the Seattle Boat Show? The goal is to get it ready way before Opening Day. We need a lot of boats to take an extra 50 or so people through the cut during the Spring ACBS Quarterly Meeting.

So like me, get those boat projects done! We got a deadline! We got stuff to do!

## End of Year Report

I checked in with our Secretary/Treasurer Kirk Knapp. He assures us we have members and money in the bank! OK, more specifically, 168 members, and over \$7300 in our checking account. All of last year's events ran in the black except Opening Day which ran a slight deficit; which was offset by the other events. We seem to have it down pretty good!

# December Meeting, Christmas Party

We were invited to meet aboard 'M/V Linmar' owned by Captain Kuhrt Wieneke, for our annual event December 10<sup>th</sup>. We had our traditional Pizza and adult refreshments, to keep us in the Christmas Spirit! None of us kept track of who all was there, or how many showed up, a true party atmosphere!

The vessel has an interesting history, this taken from their website:

Commissioned in 1932 by Howard Marlin of Marlin Firearms, Motor Yacht Linmar was built by New York Yacht, Launch and Engine to offer private, luxury cruising throughout the East Coast's Intracoastal Waterway. Linmar steamed the next 73 years along both coasts of North and Central America, from the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway, to the Panama Canal, Mexico, and north to Alaska's Inside Passage. She has operated as both a private yacht, and charter vessel. In February 2006, a fire ravaged Linmar, destroying the entire hold deck and much of the house, and burning through the hull, crippling her structurally and leaving her a blackened void. Smoke wreaked havoc in every remaining space, permeating every timber, nook and cranny. Linmar was deemed a total loss.

Kuhrt Wieneke purchased the charred ship from salvage in May 2006 and, together with his business partner, Chris Thurber, set forth on a complete overhaul and restoration. The work involved re-powering with new EPA-friendly engines, the replacement of all onboard systems, a full cosmetic overhaul, and substantial new construction. Twenty-five percent of the hull – including planks, frames and stringers from shelf to keel – had to be rebuilt from scratch. Literally every piece of wood onboard Linmar was replaced or reworked.

I do want to thank Kuhrt for his hospitality. It was nice to see the nice work he has done on restoration of this great yacht!

## MONTHLY MEETINGS & UP-COMING EVENTS

### January 13th

Meeting at CWB - 6pm  
The History of The Big Seattle Boat Show

### February 10th - Meeting at CWB - 6pm

Seminar on "Props" by John Flaherty  
"Stuffing Boxes" by Rob DaPron

### March 9th

Meeting at Seattle Central College  
Boat Building Program (more info to come)

### April 2nd

Garage Tour  
Ike Kielgass - start 9 - 9:30am (more info to come)

### April 13th

Meeting at CWB - 6pm  
Opening Day Planning - Steve Snider



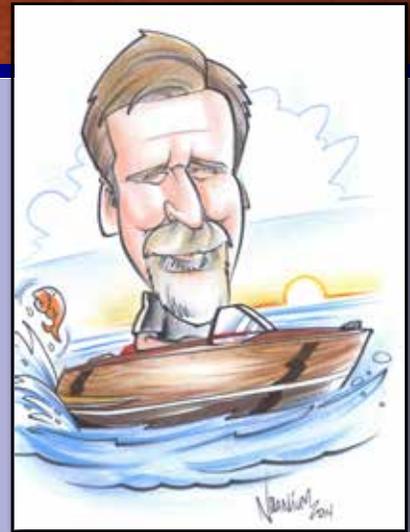
# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well here it is 2016, it is here weather your ready or not! Same could be said for our upcoming Opening Day May 7<sup>th</sup>. As I've been preaching now most of 2015 we will be Hosting the Spring ACBS Quarterly meeting. We need YOU to step up, lend a hand with the behind the scene details. Also please bring a boat to Opening Day and enjoy the comradery with your fellow members. We need the extra boats to help transport the expected 50 – 60 folks coming in for the Quarterly meeting thru the parade.

Our next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Wooden Boats. Start time about 6:00pm. There will be pizza and drink for \$15.00. We will be discussing the final details needed for the Opening Day Meeting.

Our monthly program will feature Dick Dow and Frank Gonzales talking about the History of the Big Seattle Boat Show.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Did you get that big woody under the tree?



Well I did, I got a 1932 21' Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout Triple. As you can see it doesn't float too well.

The short story is the owner was out with his granddaughter on Lake Washington when he claims he hit a dead head. He turned around and noticed water filling up the back of the boat and immediately headed for shore, the picture shows how far he got. No one was hurt. He had Donato's salvage the boat and bring back to their facility on Lake Union. After some negotiations over a couple of months I ended up with it.

My plan is to replace the entire bottom, re finish the topsides and deck, some re chroming and possibly a new interior. Currently the boat is in my shop and has been flipped. If you're interested in seeing it or offering encouragement give me a call. I'll most likely be working on it.



Warren

# **SAVE** **The DATE**

**April 2nd 2016**

## **Annual Pacific NW & Portland Garage Tour!!!**

**Location:** Ike Kielgass - Monster Garage  
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Renton, WA 98058-0907  
425-271-4799

**Time:** Start between 9:00 - 9:30am

***What's happening:***

Learn how to turn your boat over.  
What's all the fuss about propellers.  
My motor is making weird noises.  
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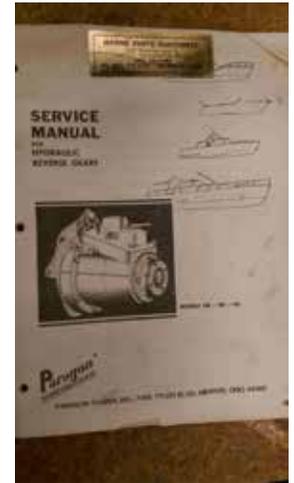
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**Contact:** Joe Fruenheim at [joe@pilecon.com](mailto:joe@pilecon.com)

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