



PACIFIC NORTHWEST THE WET EDGE



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President's Message

Come on Spring!

Dear Members,

After record cold temps during the month of February we are all so ready for spring. Our first annual sweetheart cruise ended up being a delightful sweetheart dinner as we enjoyed the company of our significant others in the warmth and comfort of Ivar's Salmon House at the north end of Lake Union while gale force winds sent white caps crashing into the docks outside the window. We



all expected rain in February but the mid-winter storm was a bit over the top! Thanks to all who came, we will try it again next year.

We will warm it up again at Ike's world famous "Garagemahal" on March 9th where master packer Rob DaPron will demonstrate technical rudder post and through-hole packing tips from A to Z. Significant others will also be entertained in the studio where Brenda will lead an art class working with charcoal and a live male model! Don't miss this mid-winter meeting that is bound to be educational, entertaining and fun.

We will also be firming up the plans for the April (yea spring!) garage tour and our theme for Opening Day.

Summer will start with a bang lead by Curt and Ike as we head to the Snake River for an odyssey. Visit the web site at www.odyssey2011.weebly.com to see the itinerary and other details, photos of past adventures and to register. Don't wait, space is limited and slots are filling up fast. If we can put enough daredevils together, to kick the odyssey off, we take an all day jet boat ride up Hell's Canyon. If it is as much fun as I am told, bring raingear and an extra pair of underwear!

Plans are also well under way for a regional boat show in Coeur d'Alene in August, the Dry Rot festival at Priest Lake over Labor Day and Mahogany & Merlot at Lake Chelan the first weekend in October.

So, there is no shortage of activities for this chapter, where you can watch from the sidelines or be a part of the action. Everyone is encouraged to participate as there truly is something for everyone.

Regards, Peter Bro

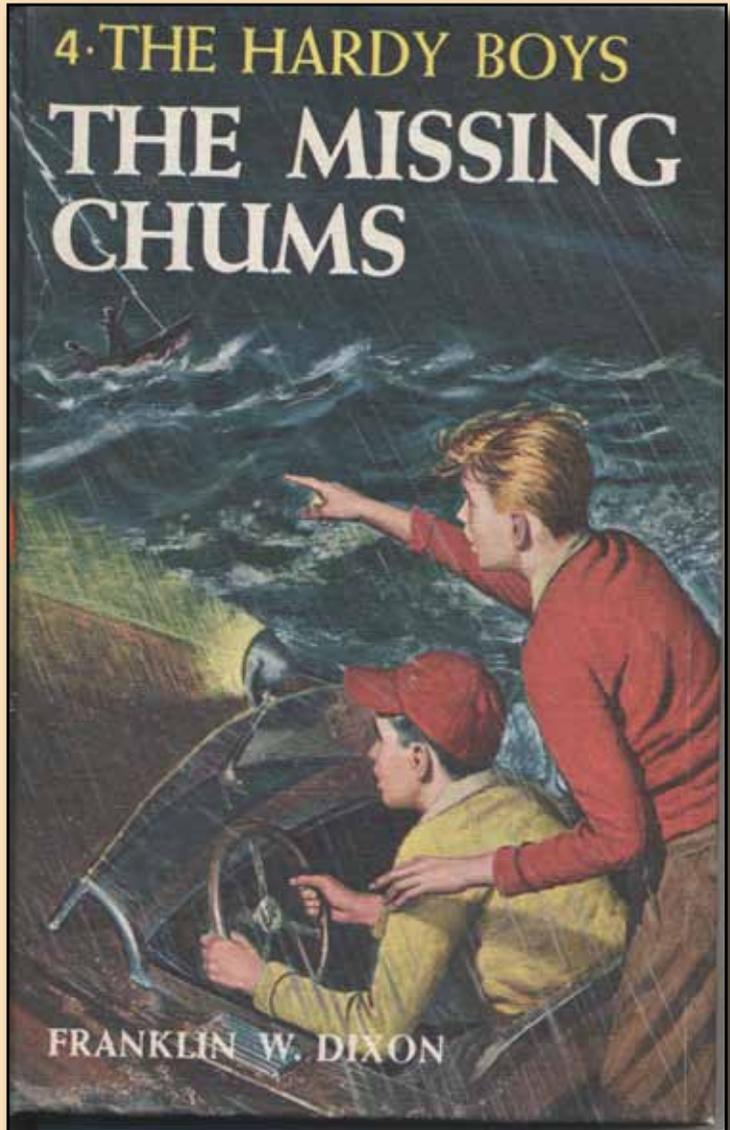
Before you know it!

Guest Editor: Tom Cathcart

That's right fellow lodge brothers and sisters, guest editor Tom Cathcart here again, and before you know it we are going to be putting our boats back into the water. Maybe not launching into a midnight storm as Joe and Frank Hardy have done, depicted here on the cover of their 1962 adventure "The Missing Chums". Those Hardy Boys did have some great old boats though.

Some of us will get wet sooner than others though, as once again I am trying to improve on the condition of the trusty '53 Shepherd that has served Janet and I so well these past four seasons. Huckledybuck, our first and only boat, has opened the door to so many new places and new friendships. Indeed, even more so than the previous 27 years of flying old airplanes and attending hundreds of air-shows. Each lake we explore with our boat becomes a new adventure, and the relaxed atmosphere you can enjoy during the act of boating with your friends can't really be equated to the attention and planning one must diligently adhere to, to safely operate a high performance aircraft.

Yes, spring will be upon us soon, and our chapter board members are busy planning for a summer full of activities that we can all partake in. Upcoming newsletters will continue to refine our schedule of events, but as it stands right now, we can look forward to the following:



- **March 9th**, ACBS PNW Chapter Meeting: This month's meeting is being hosted by Ike & Brenda at Ike's "Garagemahal". A great Lasagna feast is planned, with the 'social hour' from 6:00-6:30, dinner from 6:30-7:00, and meeting to follow. Lots to do for members and spouse alike. For more detail, contact Ike at: bc5speed@comcast.net
- **March 12th**, Classic Yacht Association annual charity auction to be held at the Maydenbauer Bay Yacht Club in Bellevue. Lots of great nautical themed auction items on the block, and all to support some wonderful charities. For more information contact Joelle Blair at (206) 329-9716
- **March 26th**, Center for Wooden Boats Auction, "Sail Away with CWB". At the Mountaineers Club in Sand Point. This one always receives great support from our ACBS chapter. Let's do it again! Contact Auction Committee at (206) 382-2628 x 22, or: auction@cwbo.org
- **May 7th**, Seattle Yacht Club's opening day parade. "Salish Sea Treasures" is the 2011 theme. Anyone with some good ideas for the club skit please step forward and contact President Peter Bro
- **June 21-25**, Snake River Odyssey. If you missed last June's Lake Roosevelt Odyssey, here's a chance to redeem yourself. There will be lots of talk about it at the March 9th meeting, with additional details posted on the special website afterwards. Check it out at: <http://odessey2011.weebly.com/index.html>

'V' for Victory - Dick Dow's winter projects:



Just because it's cold, snowing and miserable outside it doesn't mean that we can't be working on and dreaming about our boats and the plans for next summer's adventures, does

it? We've been busy for the past several weeks on a couple of projects around here.

First, after the cruising and weekends on the lake last summer I was getting concerned about the integrity of the v-drives in "Thisuldu", our 1965 38' Tollycraft. In my limited research I figured out that these Crusader drives are fairly rare and prone to failure. Making this a little more critical is the fact that Ed Monk Sr. appears to have designed the Tolly tricabin with these specific drives in mind, evidenced by the fact that there is not a bit of room install any other manufacturers v-drive in their place. So after slowly cruising to the fuel dock to fill the tanks before the winter cold, with Craig Magnusson as crew and another set of eyes and ears, it was decided I better pull them and go through the boxes. Good call.

One of the bearings had lost its cage, and the result was a rapidly failing thrust bearing at the other end of the shaft, quickly deteriorating gear mesh, the shaft nut was grinding on the inside of the case, etc. We were minutes from failure on that side! The other side had a bad keyway, incorrect spacers and a drive gear moving on the shaft, as well as bearing races turning when they were supposed to be fixed in place. From the spare used parts found in boxes on the boat and other evidence, it appears these drives had been gone through at least twice before. Not good.

It's great that we have so many talented friends in this hobby. Craig got real interested in this project, researching bearing options, utilizing his background as an engineer and his curiosity. I am really grateful, as between us and with input from others we have mildly re-engineered and (I hope) solved a couple of the inherent problems with the Crusader design.

Fortunately, the gear sets were undamaged, the cases real good and the shafts re-usable, though I know I will not be abusing them – no waterskiing behind the boat! I had special spacers made to ensure the correct mesh, we changed to sealed thrust ball bearings on the "drive" end, open roller bearings on the "float" end and I set up a gear oil cooling system in the boat. These should solve the main cause of these boxes failing – overheating. Originally, the aluminum cases simply had a 1/2" bronze tube cast in and routed horizontally, exposed to the inside. Cooling was dependent on the speed of the boat to force water through the case and out the side, theoretically cooling the oil splashing around inside and also attempting to keep the aluminum from expanding in case the oil got warm. As the original "float" end bearing was a ball bearing, when the cases got hot and expanded, (which they invariably did) everything went under extreme stress, kept getting hotter and failed over time. I think we have solved that condition.

I'll finish the reinstallation of the v-drives the first week of March and when the weather allows will get out and test our fixes! I'll let you know how it goes...



The second project is one we have been anticipating for a long while – the new upholstery for Ron Stevenson's Chris Craft Custom. These are involved interiors to do, as Kathy and I found out when we did Ike's boat a couple years ago.

Rob Dapron did a fantastic job on this boat and Ron and Barent Hoffman prebuilt as much of the interior as they could, so this project is a pleasure to work on. There is some of the usual re-shaping here and there to allow for a good fit with the upholstered pieces as they are installed, but it's going very well.

We're making good progress on the boat now and Kathy is committed to having it done by the beginning of April. She is going in for some

serious knee work on April 5th and will be laid up for quite a while after.

I'll update with more pictures on the website as we go along, but I think that we can all start to look forward to Ron having the boat up and running real soon.

Do I hear Opening Day???

Jensen Motor Boat Company



If you're in the neighborhood, drop by Jensen's in Portage Bay and take a look at some of the exciting projects that Peter and Steve get to work on this winter. In particular, take a look at the 20 meter 1958 Baglietto they are working on. If you're real lucky, as I was, Steve Evavold might give you a peek at one of the two 18 cylinder, triple bank, 1,000 hp turbo diesel engines that will provide serious motivation to this 72' monster.

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