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President's Message

Spring is in the air...Opening Day is coming up soon!

As I drove into work earlier this week, I was looking at the snow and slush (see attached photo) thinking to myself, "do I really have time to varnish and paint before opening day?" The answer was a resounding NO! There are just too many things on the plate between now and then. I will, however, be there for opening day festivities starting with rides from SYC on Friday afternoon.



Last month's meeting was one to remember. Ike and Brenda were wonderful hosts at the world famous Garagemahal. Rob DaPron provided a wonderful mini-workshop on through the hull penetrations for prop shafts and rudders. Important stuff to know unless you have a boat full of batteries required to keep a bilge pump running. There were a number of significant others in attendance and they tended a mini workshop hosted by Brenda who provided a primer on sketching a live model. High praise was appropriately lavished on Brenda and Rob for their presentations. We are blessed to have such talented folks in our midst.

When I first arrived at the meeting, I was very concerned that we were far behind in getting our act together for Opening Day. Low and behold, just inside the door were some prototype ideas for a skit developed by the fabulous and creative Marsha Erickson. The prototypes, all hand made, would have been very difficult to reproduce in quantity, however, we are blessed to have many talented folks in our organization, Warren Olsen agreed to take Marsha's prototypes and reproduce them at his printing shop. Keep your eye out for the eVite from Marsha and Brenda for assembling the multitude of materials required for a skit.

Subsequently, our former fearless leader Dick Dow, jumped in to get things organized for SYC boat rides on Friday afternoon, the dinner on Friday night and the activities on Saturday leading up to the parade and the lunch following. Dick is looking for volunteers to help with organizing activities as he also happens to be supporting the former First Lady's recovery from knee surgery. George and Peggy Corley have already responded to the call to action and agreed to organize continental breakfast at the CWB on Saturday morning.

But wait there's more, how about the Odyssey? Organized by Curt and Ike this year's activity is a Snake River adventure in June that is rapidly filling up. Sign up now if you want to participate at the web site: www.odessey2011.weebly.com I attended a meeting last month that was the kick-off event for our regional boat show in August, Dry Rot at Priest Lake in September and Mahogany and Merlot in Chelan to close out the season.

Stay tuned, Peter Bro

V-Drives Continued

Guest Editor: Richard Dow

We have run the boat with the newly-rebuilt v-drives twice now and have a total of about three hours on them, 45 minutes or more at cruise speed plus. So far, we have an excellent result.

I ran the boat at 3100+ rpm for an extended time the first run, something I have never done. We could not get the drives over 100 degrees and were seeing a drop of at least ten degrees through the coolers. Before, we were well over 200 degrees, cooking the oil and bearings as the cases expanded with the heat.

I made a couple more modifications, creating a new vent/dipstick assembly and routing the vents out to the engine compartment. This, coupled with the cooling system efficiency eliminates the hot-oil smell in the aft cabin at the end of the day and in addition quiets things down. The original loose-top vent caps were surprisingly noisy – they rattled all the time. Now all we hear is a little gear noise, and that seems to be getting quieter as we go.

So that is the report. The drives are in, working, much improved and I'm confident that we will get years of trouble-free performance out of them going forward.

The cruise this summer will be the real test. We'll let you know!



Did I mention that clearance is a bit tight?

OPENING DAY

... Is less than a month away! Please get your registrations to Kirk Knapp and make plans to join in the traditional start of the boating season with your friends at ACBS, SYC and QCYC.

"Salish Sea Treasures" is this year's focus and we are continuing the ACBS tradition of theme-appropriate headgear and waist-up costuming, this year created by Marsha Erickson and a dedicated crew of volunteers.

We will be providing rides at SYC on Friday afternoon, convening at 6:00 at the Center for Wooden Boats for the traditional Friday evening ACBS social and dinner, with breakfast the following morning prior to leaving for the main event.

This is the time we find out what everyone has been up to during the winter months; there often seems to be something new in the mix of the fleet and it is a great evening of camaraderie as we get to see our friends in the club that aren't involved in the regular meetings.

The registration and schedule is included with this newsletter and we have posted a list serve note with the same information, so sign up and get ready to strut your Salish Sea stuff!

We sent out the registration via the list serve last week and have included it here as well.



JUNE ODYSSEY

The trip is coming together and after Opening Day will be the focus of many in the group as the final details are put together and the caravan plans are finalized. Craig Magnusson has been researching and finding interesting history of the various settlements along the Snake River that were connected in some way to the railroad "wars" that were going on at the early part of the last century. There are several stops of interest along the way that he has mapped out. He plans to give every boat a guide and map so that those who want to explore the inlets and outflows along the way will have something to refer to. Contact Ike, Curt or the website they have set up, www.odessey2011.weebly.com for more information.

OTHER PROJECTS

Despite our optimism last month, Ron's Custom will not be ready for Opening Day. Kathy has undergone a long overdue partial knee replacement and will be out of commission for quite a while as she recovers. Her surgery went very well, but her recovery will involve physical therapy three times weekly for the next six weeks or more, as well as an entirely new routine at home until she regains her strength and mobility. Boat work and other projects are on hold until further notice. (Honey-do lists excepted, of course...)

Ways to stay connected online

Just wanted to remind everyone that Facebook and Meetup are being used to facilitate more social interaction both within the club as well as with potential new members. These sites 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)] and Meetup

[<http://www.meetup.com/thewetedge>] sites. While you are there sign up for our groups. Even better, become an assistant organizer and help keep our groups 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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