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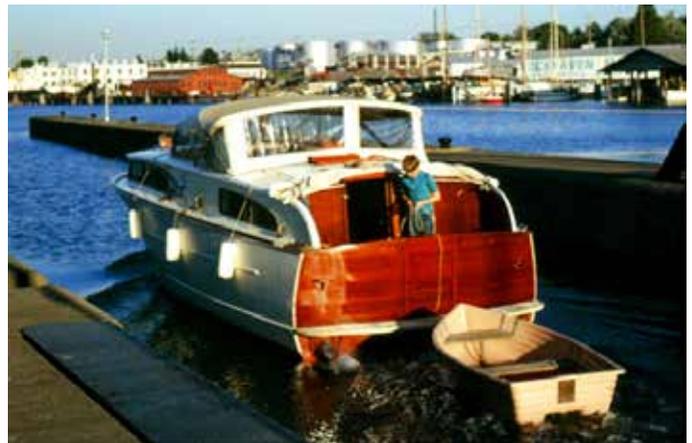
Guest Editor - Dick Dow

The March newsletter is late! Blame rests on my shoulders for our guest editor had his work done well before me. My apologies, I will try to do better.



While thinking about content for this month's president message I got distracted (a common occurrence) and cruised on over to the WoodyBoater web site. I suppose like many in our circle I make it a habit in the morning to check in on Matt and Texx at WoodyBoater and catch up on the latest news and gossip in the classic boating community. Today's post was submitted by Jim Hilton, someone whom I have never met. Jim wrote about his childhood memories associated with his family cruiser. So strong were those memories that Jim was motivated in later years to find a boat of the same make and model. During Jim's search he ended up finding the exact family boat. Jim purchased the boat and is currently restoring the craft.

Neat story, but the part that had me chuckling is the boat of Jim's memories is a 26' Steelcraft, the very same make, year and model that my Dad purchased 45 years ago when I was in third grade. My Dad, being raised on a farm and with no boating history decided that he wanted a boat. He saw an ad in the newspaper (remember those days?) and drove up to La Conner and purchased the boat. I will also add that buying things in our family was a rare event being that the only source of income for our family was Dad's schoolteacher wages. I remember being beyond excited about the purchase. In fact, from that point I became infatuated with all things that float. During this "infatuation" process, I also became aware that to my eye the Steelcraft was a very ugly boat! To this day, our whole family looks back with shame when speaking about the first ugly duckling of the family. Ownership of the Steelcraft only lasted a couple years. Our family figured out that we enjoyed the boating thing and a 26' boat was rather tight for a family of five and a Great Dane. Our next boat, to my young snobby eye, was more acceptable, a 1958 32' Monk designed tri cabin cruiser. I guess the point of all this is that we all have different tastes in the boats that we tend and even a 26' ugly chunk of tin can flame a passion that is still alive some 45 years later.



And yes, that is me in the aft cockpit of our Monk coiling a line after going through the Ballard locks.

See you soon, Rob.

ACBS-PNW Spring Symposium

“For the past 35 years I’ve been searching the countryside for an old curmudgeon with a barn full of old boats and parts and now I find that I’ve become him.” - Curt Erickson

The annual garage tour is returning to the Seattle area for the first time in several years. Come join us at Curt and Marsha Erickson’s place at Lake Tanwax for the ACBS-PNW Spring Symposium. Saturday, April 5th, 2014. 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Your Pacific Northwest ACBS board has worked hard to put together an event that will be interesting, informative and entertaining. Please encourage our spouses and kids or grandkids to come. We have a very full day planned, and it’s not all just boats:

9:00 – 10:45: Arrival, coffee, doughnuts, explore the “curmudgeon collection” and take a few boat rides!

10:45 – 11:00: Rob DaPron, Welcome and introductions.

11:00 – 12:00: Tim Robinson, with a presentation on the one-off Henry Ford Hacker-Craft that Robinson Restorations in Southern California has documented and is restoring.

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch – Premium hot dogs, salads, chips and refreshments provided courtesy of ACBS-PNW.

For those spouses and others that aren’t all that dialed in to the boat stuff, or just want to have fun, Marsha has plans to take you to Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. She worked at the park for 14 years and will give a personal tour. Admission is \$18.25 for adults and \$12.25 for youth. If you have never been there, it is an amazing place and with Marsha leading the trek, it promises to be an experience you will not soon forget!

For us “Old Boat Guys”, the symposium continues...

1:00 – 1:30: Craig Magnusson explains and examines the George Crouch speed formula.

1:30 – 2:00: John Flaherty will lead an interactive question and answer session aimed at demystifying inboard propeller design, tuning and selection.

2:00 - 2:30: Tom Horn covers the evolution of the planning hull.

At the conclusion of Tom’s session, we should understand how it is that our boats provide the comfort and speed they are known for and that we all enjoy. Next, we’ll get our hands dirty as we look at some of what it takes to keep them operating.

3:00 – 3:30: Karl Hoffman is going to do a hands-on session on manual transmission troubleshooting, repair and adjustments.

3:30 – 4:00: Craig, Karl, John and Dick Dow will take an in-depth look at the remarkable Chris-Craft 283 marine conversion as we close out the day.

For directions: Google or Mapquest - 33905 Lake Tanwax Court East, Eatonville, WA 98328.

We hope to see you there!

Jim Giesy buys an outboard boat off Craigslist!

It's true! Jim called me the other day with this news:

It seems he was cruising the list a few weeks back and saw a 1959 13-1/2' Hollywood plywood runabout advertised for \$25.00. Naturally, he called, just because it had to be a misprint. It wasn't. So he snagged Bruce Bronson and they went to take a look at it.

The boat was as advertised and complete, had the brass nameplate verifying the year, builder, etc., so the \$25.00 and title changed hands and Jim took ownership of a pretty neat little boat.

But that's not all! You see, Hollywood Boats were built by Bruce Bronson's dad. Not only are there not many around, but this one is unique in that it has non-trip chines and the afore-mentioned nameplate, a verified, documented model that Bruce was not previously aware of. Pretty cool.

Jim gave Bruce the boat.

Opening Day – Toys Ahoy!

The first weekend in May will be here before we know it and with it – Opening Day of Yachting Season. Steve Snider is once again taking the lead in putting the show together.

As in the past, we will be gathering at the Center for Wooden Boats for our Friday dinner, followed by the Saturday morning coffee and donuts prior to embarking out to the parade, followed by our post-parade gathering at the crew house. All the venues are reserved.

Steve needs volunteers to help create the Toys Ahoy! theme decorations, to set-up and decorate for the Friday dinner as well as Saturday's events – in other words, please get this on your calendar and plan to help. It's a lot of fun and a great way to set the boating season in motion.

We are still nailing down the menu and costs and will have a registration form ready by the time we meet at Ike's Garage Mahal on March 12th.

Here's the schedule:

Friday, May 2nd:

2:00 – ACBS boat rides at SYC.

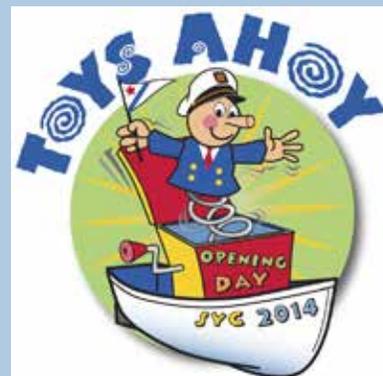
6:30 – Dinner at CWB.

Saturday May 3rd:

9:30 – Breakfast and Parade Organization/Decoration.

12:00 – Parade

2:00 – Lunch/Post Parade gathering at Conibear Shellhouse.



March General Membership Meeting

Ike Kielgass Garage, Wednesday, March 12th 6:30pm. We are returning to Ike's place for the March general meeting, looking forward to seeing the many projects in his garage, listening to some interesting presentations and getting our final plans for the April Symposium and Opening Day nailed down and communicated.

Brenda is going to have another Artists Session upstairs while the meeting is going on, so this event has something for everyone!



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