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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Just last week we had a delightful annual dinner aboard the Virginia V. With about 50 or so in attendance, we enjoyed the company of old and new friends. The evening's program started with a presentation of next year's Opening Day theme from SYC's opening day trio, as chronicled by our guest editor Tom Cathcart. We will be putting on our thinking caps and starting work on our skit at the next meeting in November.



Next we recapped our previous year's activities, which included: the Sweetheart Cruise and Dinner in February, the Portland Garage Tour in April, Opening Day in May (1st place), the Snake River Odyssey in June, CWB July 4th and Portland Boat Show in July, The 1st Regional Boat Show in Coeur d'Alene in August, the Priest Lake Dry Rot Festival and Keels & Wheels Family Fun Day at Mason Lake in September and last but not least, Mahogany & Merlot at Lake Chelan in October.

Next we presented the slate of Officers, Board Members and Committee positions that were unanimously approved by those who were present. Keep an eye on the web site for the updated info.

Tom does a nice job of wrapping up our annual award presentations and even though some of the recipients were not present, we will be getting their awards to them. I have said many times that the success of our organization does not come from its elected leadership, it comes from the time, talent and treasure that our members continue to bring to the organization. I am proud to be the figurehead for this wonderful band of folks who are drawn together by a common interest in craftsmanship, all things mechanical and love for being on the water.

You know, last year was so much fun, let's do it again! The next meeting is in November at the CWB.

Regards, Peter

Around The Pond

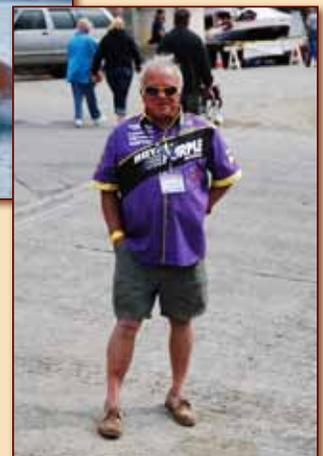
Guest Editor: Tom Cathcart

There seems a reoccurring comment from my aviation friends of late, it goes something like this; "boy, you're really into that boat stuff now!?" This is usually delivered in a tone of voice that would normally accompany an accusation of infidelity in ones personal relations. In a most sincere manner I reply; "You know, as I see it, there's one huge difference between flying and boating. I can be flying along with friends having a great time, then reach up and switch off the ignition, reach over and pull out a bottle of fine wine, and when I turn around they're all screaming; "we're going to die"!!! When I do that in the runabout, I turn around and everyone is smiling and enjoying themselves". This, of course, does not even take into account the current price of \$6.72 per gallon for 100LL avgas. I rank my fossil fun in 'smiles per gallon', and we definitely get our monies worth in vintage boats.



Take as example the first weekend in October, at the second annual "Mahogany & Merlot" at beautiful Lake Chelan. The smiles were in abundance at this years event, even more so due to the excellent organizational skills of Jon & Chris Courtwright, along with help from Tom & Kris Bassett. It showed in the attendance this year of ACBS registered boats, at least thirty came and filled the docks next to Campbell's Resort. We owe the organizers of this traditionally "All Hydro" weekend a very large 'Thank you' for allowing the Northwest ACBS chapters to become involved. The combination of

vintage hydroplanes and classic boats has really caught on with the public, and the docks are teeming with enthusiastic crowds. This is absolutely the best way to close out a perfect year of boating. Before we even check out of Campbell's, we've made our reservations for next year. Please put it on your 'must attend' list for 2012. One thought for you planning on attending next year's show; consider staying over Sunday night and leaving Monday morning. This will allow the show to continue in force through Sunday afternoon, and allow the public a better chance to view the boats. It also will avoid all of the frantic activities Sunday mid day associated with jockeying for position at the ramp, or leaving during the middle of the show, as the official schedule states 2:00 pm for show ending. Besides, it would be much more relaxing, and we could get together for an informal dinner that night and celebrate another close to vintage boating season. Think about it!





Par Le Vous Francais?

Well, no quite frankly, I don't. But study as I might before Janet and I went to France to boat on the 'Canal du Midi' this past September, it didn't really sink in. But we tried, and that seemed to make most of the locals tolerate us. Fact is, most everyone we met were very courteous and made us feel welcome. Several of our PNW-ACBS members have made this same cruise through the south of France, and we set off armed with lots of advice and great suggestions.

The photograph shows our surprisingly spacious 48' Pinochette, which we rented from Loca-Boat. There is simply not enough space within this newsletter to tell you what a grand experience it was to cruise tree lined canals, view castles and cathedrals, and partake in the local wines and fine foods. This needs to be in your "bucket list". When Janet and I get through editing over 1,000 digital photos we took, we may find a venue to provide a slideshow of the trip to some of you who may be considering such an adventure.

SYC's 2012 Opening Day Parade Theme Announced At Annual Dinner:

This year's chapter annual dinner was held on October 22nd aboard the historic and nearly 90 year old "Virginia V". Though we did not get under way, the event was well attended and everyone had a great time catching up on season's end details from fellow club members and families.

As is our custom, the current Seattle Yacht Club Senior Officers were on hand to share dinner, and give our club the first official announcement of next years Opening Day Parade theme. Representing SYC were; Admiral Dick Bell and his wife Sandy, Admiralette DeAnne Brenneis with her husband and former Admiral John, and Vice Admiral Tyler Ellison and his wife Gwen. Following dinner the announcement was made: the 2012 theme to be "Portholes to Paradise". Imagine you are gazing out of a porthole and what paradise would you envision. In other words, it's wide open folks! Your clubs officers will be getting together soon to discuss what options we may have for a theme, and of course we will be looking to our membership for ideas as well. Be sure to mark your calendars for May 5th, (yes, Cinco de Mayo.....could be some possibilities).

Next, President Peter Bro reviewed the many activities and shows our club participated in during 2011, and there were many. Our first "Regional" ACBS Northwest Chapters show was a huge success, held at The Resort at Coeur d'Alene. Next years show will be held in the Payette Lake Chapter's back yard in McCall, Idaho.



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Also on the agenda was the presentation of our clubs annual awards. The recipients were as follows:

- Leaky Boat Award- This year's award going to Jim Giesy, for allowing nearly 8 ounces of water to sneak past by his stuffing box before arresting it.
- Bayliner Award- Though historically owned by Karl Hoffman, this year it went to past President Dick Dow, (it's rumored that his 'crew' set him up).
- The Ooops Award- To Greg Price who succeeded in 'floating' his trailer, but only briefly.
- The Limelight Award, for selfless acts above and beyond the call of duty which contribute to the success of our club- Rick Means for his work on the Mason Lake Family Fun Day.
- A new award this year, the "Golden Gasket" award-to Kirk Knapp, for twice blowing the head gasket on his Scripps powered 1927 Hacker Dolphin.
- The ACBS National 'Presidents Cup', - This years recipients being Jon and Chris Courtwright, for the hard work and outstanding leadership in organizing the 2011 Lake Chelan "Mahogany & Merlot" vintage hydro and boat show.

And with that, another enjoyable vintage boating season came to an end. Your board will be working hard in 2012 to match the fun we had last year, and your participation in chapter events and regional shows will ensure that they are successful. Enjoy the closing months of 2011 and the holidays that will bring family and friends together.

Regards, Tom Cathcart

We want you at this
month's meeting!

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