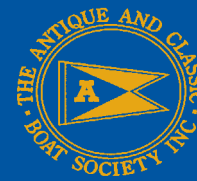




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NEWSLETTER OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY



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## President's Letter

I have been reflecting this week on what content I should include in this month's letter. I actually keep a list of topics and ideas on file and occasionally add to it as new thoughts occur. Although many of the topics might be fun to share, I find it helpful to run them through the lens of the ACBS vision statement. I can now imagine readers rolling their eyes. I have been involved in the formulation of vision statements for other organizations and I too have rolled my eyes. A trip to the dentist is often times more enjoyable. Fortunately for us, our National ACBS has gutted through the process and has formulated a vision statement. Lifted directly for the ACBS website it states:

*"The vision of the ACBS is to provide an organization wherein people with a common interest in and love of historic, antique and classic boats can come together with friends and colleagues in a spirit of fellowship and fun to share dreams, adventures, knowledge, history and experiences."*

I believe this vision statement succinctly states our purpose. So far in my brief term as president I have found that one of the most difficult tasks is to stay focused. There can be many distractions. New ideas for future events, charities, and cool new programs - all good stuff. The vision statement is helpful in accessing whether the allocation of time and resources fits within our goals. This also applies to our past events, for I also think it is also healthy to access our past and be open to adjustment if necessary. I would like to encourage all of members to be thinking of creative events that complement our vision statement. We need not be stuck in the same rut. For example, last month, under the direction of some great members we held our April monthly meeting at the Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma. We had 50 people at that event, many who had never attended a ACBS event before. It was a terrific evening that I believe synced perfectly with our vision statement.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you of our June monthly meeting. We will be gathering on Wednesday, June 12 at the Center for Wooden Boats starting at 6:30. The plan is to briefly cover some chapter business then transition to slideshow presentations of canal boat cruising in Europe. Several of our members have cruised the canals in France and have volunteered to share their experiences. I believe it will be a fun and informative evening...even for the fairer sex. And as always, food and drinks will be provided for a small fee. Please consider joining us for the June meeting.



Looking further ahead, for our July monthly meeting (July 10) we will be at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center located at 2909 100 St SW, Everett WA. Club officer Tom Cathcart is the director of the center and has invited us to view and learn about the restoration process of vintage and historic airplanes for the Boeing Museum of Flight. This will be an unique opportunity to get a first hand view of what it takes to restore and maintain airplanes for a world class organization such as the Museum of Flight.

*See you soon, Rob*

## A LESSON IN PROCTOLOGY

By Steve Franchini

The 1947 Century Seamaid is home in my garage/shop and has been turned over. Now the learning curve is going up. I have received lots of tips and well meaning advice. "The bottom wood looks good so just reuse it." or "Pull all the planks, cover with plywood, and put it all back together." I sure am glad I didn't sleep through the Bottom Proctology 101 class.

This is my first bottom job on a full sized boat ... but I know I can do this if I don't rush it. After looking closely at the battens, I determined that the wood was pretty brittle and needed to be replaced. That was followed by a good frame inspection with a little poking, prodding, and wire brushing. There were a couple of frames to be replaced.

Carefully removing one piece at a time, cutting the new piece, and immediately reinstalling it has kept everything in place. I'm learning that doing one step at a time makes the work easier and the job is progressing smoothly.

The new frames are done and installed and now comes the fun. I am trying to be pro-active by replacing all the old fasteners as I go, taking more planning and effort than any other step so far. Everywhere an old fastener is removed I put in a dowel using epoxy before a new fastener is installed.

I am finding that the key to a successful bottom restoration is to look at it in small and simple steps. There are days when I only have time to go out to the shop to measure for the next step; but at least I have met a daily goal to do something every day on the boat.

I have been fortunate since no major parts needed to be replaced so I can start looking ahead ... planks by late June!



## REVERSED INHERITANCE

By Diane Franchini

They say that our children are the recipients of a wealth of knowledge, morals, and cultural heritage that is handed down from one generation to the next. Sometimes it appears that just the reverse happens.

When our daughter, Laurie, married the love of her life - a down home farm boy at heart - the union brought Belgian Draft Horses into our lives even though we live in the city. By the time we learned that there is no such thing as a "free horse" (we must be slow learners), I started hearing a different type of "horse lingo" being bantered about, coming from our son, Brian.

There was talk of "Arabians," and "Palominos," and before we knew what had happened we were proud owners of a "Colt." This hobby inheritance actually began back in 2005 when Brian purchased his 1957, 17' Tolleycraft Runabout, "Wooden Toy." Over the years a multitude of eBay ads have been sent our way, several of which took Steve and I on adventures to such places as Reno, Tahoe, and California in search of the next treasure. "Dad, are you interested in another little road trip to pick up a .....?"

Like the lessons learned from our daughter, we now know that there is also "no such thing as a free boat." (I did mention that we're slow learners?)

Our "stables" have increased (and occasionally decreased) during the last eight years but the biggest lesson that we've learned is that the hobbies we've inherited from our children have not only brought us joy, but have also created a stronger, shared bond with our children. Who could ask for a greater inheritance than that?



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**Saturday**

**June 22, 2013**

**11 am—5 pm**

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**These classic boats are displayed in both their original  
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*This is a concept drawing of the Museum Project.*



*ACBS May meeting was held at the Museum with a catered dinner provided by The Spaghetti Factory*

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## Upcoming Events

### Bell Street Classic Weekend 2013

The Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association in conjunction with the Port of Seattle will once again sponsor the Bell Street Pier Classic Rendezvous as part of the Seattle Waterfront Classic Weekend, June 15 and 16 at Pier 66 on Seattle's downtown waterfront. Over forty classic wooden vessels, many of them built prior to World War II, will welcome visitors throughout this Father's Day weekend. This event represents the largest gathering of classic yachts on the West Coast. The yachts will be joined by dozens of classic automobiles that will be on display on the pier. Admission to all show sites is complimentary.

### Edmonds Waterfront Festival

Fri, 05/31/2013 to Sun, 06/02/2013

Sponsored by the Edmonds Rotary, this is a fun event for around a dozen classic wooden yachts. The event is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Fleet of the Classic Yacht Association and the Port of Edmonds. We did a land display here last year, and perhaps again this year.

### 4th of July at Center for Wooden Boats

Thu, 07/04/2013 to Sun, 07/07/2013 Details coming



The 24th Annual Rendezvous is held at the Port Orchard Marina in Port Orchard, Washington; and will be held July 11th-14th. Up to 80 boats typically attend.

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

**June 12**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats, slideshow presentation of canal boat cruising in Europe.

**July 10**, Meeting at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, restoration process of vintage and historic airplanes for the Boeing Museum of Flight

**August 14**, Predetermined location on Lake Washington - informal dinner and an evening group cruise in our boats

**September 11**, Meeting at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum

**October 9**, Meeting at Center for Wooden Boats. Craig Magnusson on the subject of flathead marine motors.

**November 9**, Meeting will be cancelled and conducted at the Annual Dinner

**December 11**, We will once again have a holiday gathering at a location to be determined.



## Classifieds: Buy - Sell - Trade

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Looking for 3 Zenith 28/ 288 carburetors for a Gray Fireball 6/160 motor.

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Just wanted to remind everyone that Facebook is being used to facilitate more social interaction both within the club as well as with potential new members. This site 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)] site. While you are there sign up for our group and even better, become an assistant organizer and help keep our group up to date. Contact Frank Gonzales (gonzalesfa@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or can help.

**DON'T FORGET  
THE MONTHLY  
MEETING!  
June 12th  
6:30pm**