



Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Chapter Antique & Classic Boat Society

# THE WET EDGE

March 2023

Guest Editor: Ron Stevenson

... but first, a note about the new title graphic on our newsletter!

The "Wet Edge" appeared first, in July 2010. Before that, our newsletter was called "Propwash". Other clubs have catchy names for their newsletters such as "Scuttlebutt", "The Hull Truth", "Mahogany and Chrome", "The Nautical Mile", "The Smoke Signal", "Notes From the Bilge", and "Western Wood". I may be biased, but I find our newsletter name to be extremely pertinent to what lies within it.

As you know, when painting or varnishing, special attention must be paid to the area within 1-2 feet of your brush and/or roller....also known as the "Wet Edge". This is where all the information you need can be found. Light or heavy areas can be felt, skips or "holidays" can be noticed when shifting your viewpoint in the light, runs or sags can be corrected, and bits of dust or bugs picked out to prevent much unnecessary sanding. This is also a time-sensitive working area, left too long, a sag will harden at its edge and require heavy sanding, but if it is addressed at the "Wet Edge" it may be prevented entirely.

That is exactly what a newsletter is made to do, and a perfect analogy. We communicate everything that the club is doing. We provide information that is actionable and pertinent to our hobby and our activities. We do this to prevent problems, extra work, and to achieve a near-perfect glossy finish that we can all enjoy with pride. - with that I will hand it over to Ron.....

## *The Big Seattle Boat Show*

We finished another successful Seattle Boat Show! We had two display areas. One we set up with Ike Kielgass's 1958 Chris-Craft Silver Arrow and Warren Olson's "Li'l Rascal". The other spot across the aisle from us featured Rich Halbert's 1956 "Idle Rich", Little Dixie outboard.

While all of our display boats created interest and curiosity,

I think "Idle Rich" created the most comments. "My uncle Bill had one like this". "We would go fishing...". People related to this boat more often. Why? Outboards were more prevalent and appealed to the "average Joe", because they were more affordable. Uncle Bill worked at the gas station and liked to take the kids out fishing, etc. Whoops, one day Uncle Bill put a hole in the side, flattened out a tin can, slapped on some tar, and screwed the tin can to cover it up. Eventually rain got under the cover, the

bottom started to rot and it wasn't worthwhile to fix. Its next purpose was a beach fire, roasting hot dogs. I think it's safe to say that outboards were much more plentiful than them fancy mahogany speedboats the rich people had. Those rich people kept them up, maintained them and they lasted.

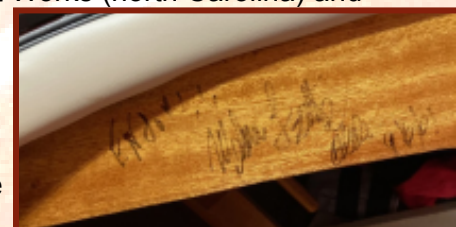
Rich Halbert with "Idle Rich" (great name!)

This Dixie was found in a barn in North Carolina in 1999 where it had been for 40 some years. Rich wrote to the Dixie Boat Works (north Carolina) and received a reply from the designer and builder,

Melvin Little, who invited him to bring the boat by. He

commented that the windshield wasn't original (since corrected) and signed the dash.

See You at the  
  
SEATTLE  
BOAT SHOW  
FEB 3-11, 2023  
LUMEN FIELD EVENT CENTER + BELL HARBOR MARINA



**"Idle Rich"** is powered by a one year only 1956 Javelin, which was restored by Silver Marine Outboard Restoration near Toronto, Ontario, Canada. After moving to the Seattle area in 2015, Rich chose to have Rob DaProne restore the boat and fit it with the proper windshield. While the original boat has just the wood slatted seats, Rich opted to have cushions made for a more comfortable ride. Rarity? I would guess that this boat/motor combination is extremely rare, and another one in this good condition isn't going to be found.



I want to thank Rich for making his boat available for our display. And for all the time he spent at the show answering questions! Note the mahogany wood work and new cushions!

1956 Javelin  
(made by Johnson)



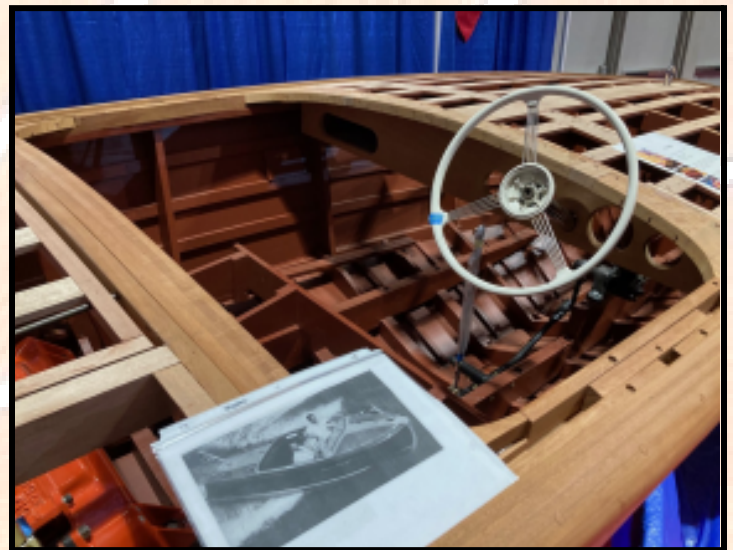
Many visitors commented about the ubiquitous Johnson controls with nostalgia.

**"Li'l Rascal"**

But what model is this? And what is the picture of?



Well obviously it is a single cockpit! But was it that in the beginning? There is a picture on the boat of a double cockpit. OK, truth be told this was/is a 1951 16' Chris-Craft Riviera, dual cockpit, powered by a Chris-Craft B four cylinder motor. 174 of these were built from 1950-51, but due to slow sales, it was discontinued. The 18' and 20' versions carried on. This restoration project was originally started by member Ed Tronca, but sometimes life happens and our attentions change, the project shifted to Warren.



Warren is holding a picture posted to WoodyBoater.com of a Chris-Craft prototype. This got Warren to thinking, "I've always wanted a Racing style boat – a single cockpit, go-fast boat. So out goes the four cylinder, in goes the V-8, replacing the back seat. The new rear deck is now longer, the front dash gets moved back 18", the new front deck is longer, and the proportions look much better!

Now he has created a single cockpit 16' CC racer style hull. It will be stained and varnished to be a "blonde" style boat; bleached, stained, and varnished, like his CC Capri "Blondie".

Dropping in the V-8 takes up room where the rear seat was, and the deck is extended.



So...what model do we call it now? A "Blonde" boat Warren's dream boat attracted a lot of interest. People enjoyed seeing some of the restoration project, what it takes to get this kind of project done.



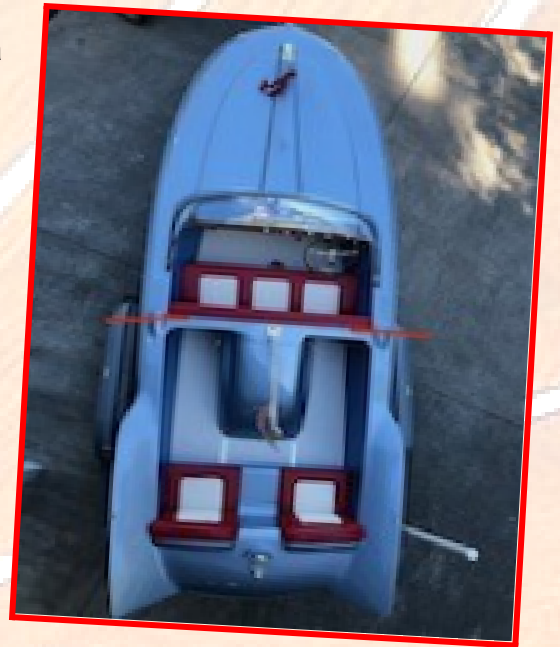
Thanks, Warren, for displaying your boat, and for the nice banner in the background that you designed and produced for us to promote our club!

1958 Chris-Craft "Silver Arrow" & 1955 Speed Queen Kiddie Ride "Bobber"



Another incredible display boat was the 1958 19' Chris-Craft Silver Arrow. Chris-Craft started their first adventure in fiberglass in 1955 with the Cobra. It was all wood except the add-on fiberglass tail fin that sat on top of the deck. Only 92 Chris-Craft Silver Arrows were built in 1958-59. Ike has #9.

The Silver Arrow had a two-piece molded fiberglass deck, wood covering boards, and was coated with fiberglass down to the waterline. Look closely, you can see the two red lines added to the photo where the deck joins at the scoops at the back of the front cockpit.



Ike said that this is the most difficult boat he has ever restored. These boats do not have the inside of the wood hull painted or sealed. So when moisture (or water) gets absorbed into the raw wood, the planking cups and all the planking needs to be replaced. Here we digress a bit. We think Chris-Craft was designing a new type of water ski boat to compete with some other boats available at the time. Besides the big 312ci

Ford Interceptor 215HP engine, there was a tow ring on the back and the bottom had a skid fin, and a different shape to the chines, to give "better turning".

The original chine was cut at about 45 degrees (red line). Ike did a traditional chine so the boat tracks and handles better.

After replacing all of the frames (oil soaked), the bottom was epoxied with three layers of Okoume to the original thickness of 3/4". The sides were epoxied with two layers. The covering boards were replaced, then lots of time fairing, sanding, filling, and repeat. Then epoxy primer, more sanding, and repeat. The color involved a lot of research amongst boat guys across the country. Finally, a very carefully selected Corvette Frost Blue was sprayed on.



A "Owner Transfer Opportunity" sign was displayed, prompting "how much does he want for it?" Our reply was "what do you think it's worth?" Realize that the public has been hit with what a boat price is throughout the whole show, and so answers ranged from \$100-200K. To answer your question, no one wrote a check!



We thank Ike for agreeing to display the Silver Arrow, and for years making "Bobber" available to kids in our booth. This year, I heard multiple times their kids have been doing the kiddie boat ride year after year, and look forward to it!

Any new Members?

Part of what we do at the show is invite people to join our club, and this year we asked if we could take their name and number to do a follow-up call. I don't think there was but one or two who declined so we have a list of 27 people to call. Our new membership committee headed by Kyle Bieber will be following up with them. Plus, I know of two who signed up before the show ended!

I would also like to thank Katie McPhail of the NMTA, Northwest Marine Trade Association. Katie is the Boat Show Director, and with her staff does an amazing job year after year, putting the show together, and finding a courtesy booth for us. She deserves an "atta girl" [katiemc@nmta.net](mailto:katiemc@nmta.net).

Last, people ask me why I do this for all these years. I now see friends working the show every year, I enjoy talking with the public, talking about our mission at ACBS, and I love our old boats. But truth be told, the friends and relationships that have developed since I joined some 40 years ago have been life changing. Now it is time and my way of giving back. Thank you.

-Ron Stevenson SBS Chair



Old oil soaked frames.  
New frames, before removing new covering boards.

Old planking.



The final product is amazing!



## Classified Ads

Some of the people stopping by our booth have boats or things they no longer need to keep, and think we may have an interest in what they have. We ask them to leave as much information as possible and if something is for sale, to write down the price. Here are the unedited ads from the show. I know that a Thunderbird sailboat was donated to the Center For Wooden Boats.

1976 22' Century Coronado, T-top, new floors, rebuilt 454-zero hours, Great EZ Loader trailer.

Dave (206)255-5669 \$5500 OBO

1968 Century Resorter, Fiberglass, Ford Interceptor engine, EZ Loader trailer.

Gary (425) 238-3214 Marysville

1929 30' Richardson Chris-Craft flathead 6, runs great,

Everett, (425) 931-6283 \$3K

1966 40' Chris-Craft Constellation, \$5,500

(425) 466-5670

1940's Elgin outboards (2), 1950s Mercury outboards, one 2 cyl, one 4cyl, make offer

(206) 295-9439

1958 Chris-Craft Sportsman, all original, condition unknown, garaged for 40 years, 2 owner boat, never stripped or wooded. Make offer (206) 484-7048

1959 Chris-Craft Sportsman, needs a ????? Brent (206) 940-5852

19?? Dunphy utility outboard, 35hp Johnson, "Don't know what it is worth", Bill (425) 327-2641

1954 19' Chris-Craft Riviera, in storage for 47 years, needs restoration, original, tripower manifold, Poulsbo. (360)-621-1730 no price

## Spring Symposium!

Saturday April 8, 2023

9:30-2:00

Pearson Air Museum

1115 E 5th St, Vancouver, WA 98661

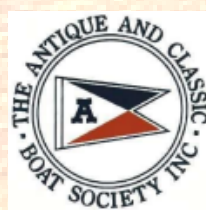


This is our annual workshop and symposium that we share with the Columbia Willamette Chapter. We alternate hosting each year.

The Columbia Willamette Chapter is providing lunch to all participants at no cost, so please RSVP before April 1st to Jack Coulter at [jackc0873@gmail.com](mailto:jackc0873@gmail.com) or (510) 387-0250.

We will start at 9:30 with coffee, tea, and pastries.

The complete agenda including topics and speakers will be coming out soon!! The Pearson Air Museum is adjacent to the Fort Vancouver site. Make a day of it and bring your National Park Pass



## The Penticton Show is ON!!

(our friendly neighbors to the north) invite you to...



On the southern shore of Lake Okanogan, classics will gather. There will be a dinner aboard a stern-wheeler, reserve your space today! Contact Jim Cooper

[jimopal@shaw.ca](mailto:jimopal@shaw.ca)





By: Ike Kielgass

## A GOOD SOURCE FOR CHROME

Many of our members have used Specialty Plating in Mount Vernon for more than 20 years with good results. Forest does three levels of chroming: passable, medium, and fine. Most of us go for the medium level and it's pretty much show quality. Always write out an inventory and photograph your pieces to be chromed for your records. Forest will also photograph your items, but it's good to have your own as a backup. Don't expect a quick drop off or pick up as Forest likes to chat. He is in his office Tuesdays thru Thursdays from Noon to 3pm. He can be reached at (360) 336-2355 and his address is 329 E Blackburn Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.



Nothing finishes off a quality restoration quite like the sparkle of chrome...the more the better!

## President's Letter

March with its drizzly gray days (and my birthday) always has me reflecting on how time marches on. I have been blessed to grow up in this hobby, and enjoyed many different boats that my father had restored. From skiing the glassy waters behind the show-stopping '48 Fairliner Torpedo to cruising



aboard the 1932 "Gwendoline" on my honeymoon. These boats have been a lot of fun, and a lot of hard work. From a young age I earned my keep behind the working end of a sanding block, screwdriver, and foam brush. Something must



have taken root, because I find myself already on my second classic boat. The first, a 21' 1966 Thompson Offshore has been "down the road" now for three years already. All of the boats pictured have long since changed hands, and are being enjoyed by strangers. Some of them drift back into our lives when the new owner is

researching their past. Photos and historic documents are shared, and there is an invitation to join our club. Hokey Pokey, an Erickson



family favorite, has done just that! Todd Feinroth, the new owner of Hokey Pokey('48 Hacker) has joined our club! No longer a stranger, it will be fun to see Hokey Pokey at some of our upcoming PNW ACBS events. I urge all of our members to extend this invitation to their buyers. Extra points if you go as far as to sell the boat with ACBS membership included for a year. This keeps our club strong and provides the new owner with a vital network of know-how and fellowship.

We are also joined this month by Brent Paine of Seattle with a 1959 Chris Craft Sportsman, and Andy Mueller of Mukilteo with a 1988 Chris Craft Scorpion. I look forward to seeing how many new members we will gain from our efforts at the "Big Seattle Boat Show"!

~Corrine Lucas, President

# Calendar of Events 2023:

## March

**8th**- Members Meeting at Ike's Garage-Mahal. Meal 6pm, meeting begins 6:30. Special Presentation of three high performance bespoke marine engines by Craig Magnussen

## April

**8th**- CWC sponsored Symposium, Saturday April 8, 2023  
9:30-2:00 Pearson Air Museum 1115 E 5th St, Vancouver, WA 98661  
(Call Jack (510) 387-0250 to reserve your complimentary lunch)  
**12th**- Members Meeting in Mukilteo Ken Waldal to coordinate (206)708-5520.

## May

**6th**- Opening Day of Boating "Game on" Contact Steve Snider (206)714-2404  
**10th** - Members Meeting Seaport Museum, Tacoma <https://fosswaterwayseaport.org>

## June (we need a MeetUP!)

**3rd**- Inland Empire "Show and Shine" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>  
**14th** - Business Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club  
**16-18th** "Penticton Show" Jim Cooper [jimopal@shaw.ca](mailto:jimopal@shaw.ca) for more details and to register.  
**23-25** Inland Empire "Whitefish Woody Weekend" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>

## July

**9-14** CWC Mayfield Lake <https://sites.google.com/site/cwcacbs/?pli=1>  
**12th**- Mayfield Lake Cruise and Potluck *MeetUP! (meeting)* 11am-4pm  
**14-16** Inland Empire "Sand Point Boat Show" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>  
**14-17** "Chris Craft Rendezvous" Pt. Orchard <http://www.chriscraftrendezvous.com>  
**23rd** - Renton River Days Boat Show, Gene Coulon Park 10am-6pm

## August

**9th** - Lake Tapps Family Fun Day and meeting. Details TBD  
**11th** Inland Empire Coeur d' Alene Antique and Classic Boat Festival  
<https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>

## September (we need a MeetUP!)

**1-4** Inland Empire "Dry Rot Boat Show" <https://www.inlandempireacbs.com>  
**13th**- Members Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club

## October

**5-8** Lake Chelan Stehekin pre-event <https://www.acbs-pnw.org/Registration-Forms>  
and Mahogany & Merlot <http://thunderboats.ning.com/events/event/listUpcoming>  
**11th** - Business Meeting Ike's Garage-Mahal Meal 6pm, Meeting begins 6:30.

## November

**2nd**- election day polls close on our PNW ACBS officer/board vacancies  
**4th** - Annual Dinner at Tacoma Yacht Club Details TBD.

## December

**16th**- Queen City Yacht Club lighted boat parade and MeetUP!

## January 2024

**10th** - Business Meeting Corrine Lucas' house  
Snoop tour begins at 1pm, meal 2pm, meeting begins at 3pm. Calendar of events, assignment of committees.

## Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society

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### Newsletter

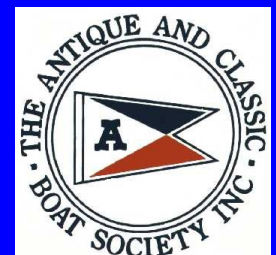
Corrine Lucas

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## 2/8/2023 Unofficial Minutes (pending board approval 3/8/2023)

Attendees: Corrine Lucas, Greg Batie, Kirk Knapp, Rich Halbert, Mo Wilhelm, Kyle Bieber, Ken Waldal, Ron Wilson, Maria Wilson, Fred Hall, Warren Olson, Ron Stevenson, Ike Kielgass, Don Palmer, Max Schneider, George Corley, Carl Lucas, Eric Larsen, Maren Finzer, Paul deRoos. Zoom Attendees: Jeff Lucas, Karl Hoffman, Rick Means. **Quorum is reached.** Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

### President's Report:

Welcome to 3 new members: Andy Mueller of Mukilteo with a 19' 1988 Chris Craft Scorpion. Todd Feinroth of Mercer Island New owner of 24' 1948 Hacker Craft "Hokey Pokey" and 51' 1938 Cutter and 40' 1910 Schooner. Brent Paine of Seattle with 17' 1959 Chris Craft Sportsman.

Meeting was held at The Puget Sound Yacht Club Banquet Room. This is a trial location and the cost is \$135.

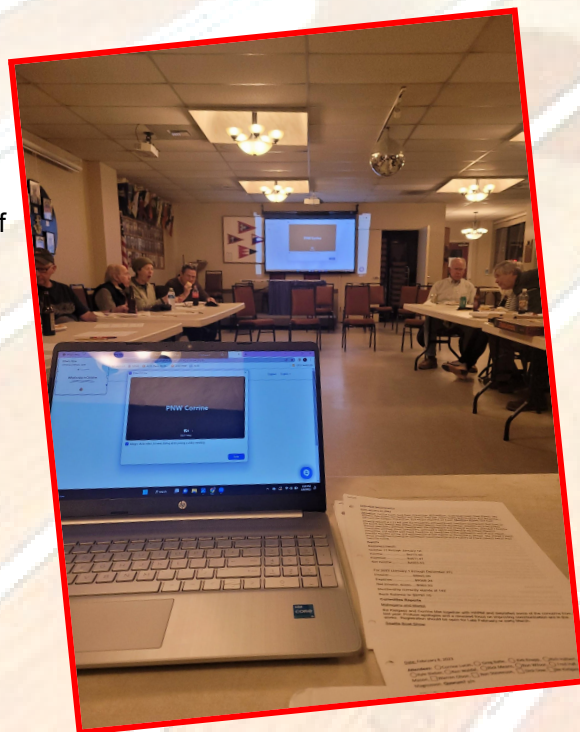
Minutes from January 11, 2023 were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Membership: 142

2022: Income: \$8925  
Expenses: \$9288  
Shortfall: \$363  
2023: Income: \$740  
Expense: \$215  
Net income \$525

Balance In the bank: \$10,342.15



### Committee Reports:

Seattle Boat Show: Ron Stevenson reported that it is going great, and that we have a lot of interest from potential members.

Mahogany and Merlot: Ike Kielgass reported that there was nothing new to report.

Renton River Days: We discussed whether it is still worth giving rides. Jeff Lucas agreed to pursue the issue with an email survey of our membership and report back at the next meeting.

### New Business:

2023 Budget: A discussion of our projected income and expenses resulted in the attached Budget Worksheet. (link below)

Meeting Site: It was agreed to budget for no more than 6 meetings at Puget Sound Yacht Club @ \$135 for a total cost of \$810.

Website Cost: The annual cost of our website was raised from \$648 to \$820.

Newsletter: It was agreed that we would no longer pay for the formatting of the newsletter. Instead it will be formatted and published by Corrine Lucas. Guest editors will still rotate, and new segments will be added. It will be posted on the website and members can print it out if desired. We will explore advertising in the Newsletter to offset some of the cost of the website.

### Announcements:

Annual Symposium: A reminder that it is being hosted by the Columbia Willamette Chapter (CWC) at the Air Museum, 1115 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, Washington on April 8, 2023.

Next General Membership meeting: Will be held on March 8, 2023, 6:00 pm at Ike Kielgass's Garage, 18827 SE 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Renton, WA 98058-0907.

[click for 2023 Budget Worksheet](#)