



PACIFIC NORTHWEST THE WET EDGE



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President's Message

Hope & Change or just another Tea Party?

With the proverbial strike of the gavel at this year's annual dinner held at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum, new Officers were installed and planning for next year's chapter activities officially started. Before turning over the reins, however, Dick Dow gracefully acknowledged those who helped make this year such a success and recapped some of the activities the chapter participated in. This year was chock full of activities from the Garage Tour to Mahogany & Merlot and there was literally something for everyone.

I was privileged to present Dick with a well deserved Past President's award and remarked that during his term in office of three consecutive years, the chapter was re-energized. With exemplary leadership, Dick saw us through The Wet Edge Symposium and a jam packed year of indoor and on the water activities. I will be counting on his and your support to keep the ball rolling in 2011. We will start this process at our next Board meeting at Brad Green's home on Nov. 10th when we break out our calendars and start planning for 2011.

Thanks to all who participated in this year's activities and to David Williams and the staff at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum who made this year's Annual Dinner a memorable one.

I look forward to serving you as your new President!

Peter Bro
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!
Next Meeting November 10th
Meeting will be at Brad Green's home.
12303 Pinehurst Way NE, Seattle, WA 98125
The Center for Wooden Boats is unavailable for the next
few months as they continue their realignment process
Brad will share with us a great car collection!

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum in Kent. Our host was the director, David Williams. (He also did a great job as bus-boy!) It was great to see the huge Unlimited Hydroplanes up close. There was a new acquisition in the Museum, the "Miss Detroit III", but more about that later.

About 50 people enjoyed the evening. President Dick Dow introduced our special guests from the Seattle Yacht Club, Bob McConnell, Bonnie Foti, and Dick Bell. They announced the Opening Day theme for the 2011 cruising season, which is "Salish Sea Treasures." For those of you not aware, the Salish Sea encompasses all of the inland waters of Canada and the US. The "Treasures" can be events, memories, or reminders of our times spent on these waters. It seems every year we are challenged by the new theme, but we usually wind up winning and award, and we always come up with great ideas. So get those creative juices working!

Next Dick presented the awards:

The Oops Award

Dave Wieseth for his little encounter with perhaps the same rock in the Willamette River as last years' recipient.

The Bilge Pump Award

Mike "Hutch" Hutchinson, for unintentional boat sinking.

The President's Cup

George and Peggy Corley for their many years of support and as our liaisons to The Center For Wooden Boats.

The Limelight Award

Ike Kielgass for his spearheading the latest and greatest "Mahogany and Merlot" event, and his consistent support behind the scenes of many of our activities.

During Dick's tenure, he also created our new Compass Point Representatives, these folks have already been a great help to coordinate new activities in their areas of this

state. There are a few openings that still need to be filled, please consider volunteering. See these positions and the new list of Officers, Board of Directors, and the new At Large Positions on the front page.

Peter's first act as President was to give Dick Dow a plaque of appreciation for his three years at the helm, and a keepsake decoration of a table top lighthouse. Peter acknowledged Dick's dedication and some of his accomplishments, especially the National Symposium, the "Wet Edge". Dick led the push for more events which in turn brought in new members, and created new excitement among long-term members. These events allowed all of us to get to know each other better. We all thank Dick for his service to our club and for a job "Well Done".



"Miss Detroit III, fresh from the Warner Auction in the Hydroplane Museum at our Annual Dinner"

F. Todd Warner Auction



Auction Time!

The title for this article could also be "Action Time", because boy, there was a lot happening back in Minnesota at the F. Todd Warner Auction. The auction was professionally done by Mecum Auctions, known for the high-end collector car auctions. They (and other people) think that classic boats are undervalued and will be the next investment growth area.

Todd had some very high end boats, some very interesting one of a kind boats, some project boats, 140 different kinds of boats! There really weren't any "regular" common runabouts.

Dick Dow, Rob Dapron, Karl Hoffman and myself got kitchen passes, and did "the guy thing", and flew to Minnesota. We met Frank Gonzales there

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and later Curt Erickson and Ike Kielgass who had driven back in hopes of buying something to trailer home!

We did the pre-show Friday afternoon, looking at boats, and pallets full of hardware, boat parts, engines, etc., an unbelievable amount of stuff! That evening we went to "Woodystock", a cocktail hour sponsored by The Woody Boater.com, Lou Rauh's Antique Boat Center, and others. It was a great social event, and we saw lots of friends from all over the country.

Around three hundred pallets were auctioned off, and then they started on the boats. Ike was going to try to bid on some raceboats. The rest of us... well, we watched and bought nothing! The 1918 raceboat replica "Miss Detroit III" came up, and Ike had the final winning bid for his friend of \$17,000; a really great price! The interesting thing is that the buyer has the original Curtis racing engine that went in the original boat, and it has not been run since Gar Wood himself was at the helm! The highest price paid for a boat was \$275,000 and the final amount? We heard 3.8 million dollars. There were a lot of stories Saturday evening!



Sunday was our day to fly home, but thanks to Curt's suggestion, we went off to meet Paul Mikkelson and see his Museum before our late afternoon flight. WOW! There is 6,500 square feet of display area, and along with the World's largest collection of Larson's Boat Works "Fall Flyers"; there is over \$2 million dollars of vintage motors, memorabilia, toys, and much more. Paul gave us a very nice personal tour of his Museum, and you can take a look at Paul's web-site: www.fallsFlyers.com

Ron Stevenson



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"Toy Yot" or the "Lazy S", as I remember her...

Over the years I have heard many stories about the 1928 28' Garwood known as "Toy Yot". Here is how the "Lazy S", (her name at the time) came back in the Puget Sound area. Around 1945, Don Bancroft and John Willock were hunting over in the Coeur D' Alene, and spotted the "Lazy S" in a field. John was ex-Coast Guard, and told Don about this boat running booze from Vancouver, BC, during prohibition. "If you want a really fast boat, this is the one you should get, we could never catch her".

Don purchased the boat, and brought her to Port Orchard. He changed the name from "Lazy S" to the "Hoot", his wife Hertha's name. Not long after Don bought the boat, he pulled out the powerful 12 cylinder Kermath Sea-Raider, and installed a 6 cylinder Kermath Sea-Wolf. He was tired of the dual distributors on the big motor. In the 1950's, Don sold the boat, and it changed owners and engines a few more times, winding up with a 312 Mercury engine with tri-power. The name was changed to "Toy Yot". Burt Connell bought her and brought the boat to my Dad's Suldan's Boat Works about 1966.

When I saw the boat with that tri-power set up and heard the rumble of the exhaust, I knew I had to have her. I was 15 years old. She was beautiful to me even with the mushrooms growing from her cabin sides. Dad bought the boat, and my brother and I helped bring the old girl back to life. That August of 1967 was one of the best times of my life. Dad showed us how to build a new cabin and fiberglass that year; and how to pull and replace an engine.

Our family cruised the boat with the 312 engine, but we needed more power. Dad picked up a used 427 Ford Trojan. The bigger engine was just the ticket, with a top speed of 32 knots. We used the boat for vacations, fishing and just having a good time. My first date with my wife, was on the "Toy Yot". Dad sold the "Toy Yot" in the mid 1980's, and the boat changed hands a few more times after that.

In March of 1999 I bought the boat and have been working on her ever since. With friends we started the journey to make the "Lazy S" what she is today; we re-powered her, removed the cabin that my brother and I installed so many years ago, and converted her to the triple cockpit she is today.

Greg Suldan



We want you at this
month's meeting!

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