



Manotick Classic Boat Club

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Newsletter

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BARRON MEYERHOFFER, MCBC president addresses the Annual General Meeting.

AGM LOOKS FOR PARTICIPATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Manotick Classic Boat Club (MCBC) was called to order on December 1, 2007 by President Barron Meyerhoffer. The meeting, which extended into the dinner hour, was a bit livelier than usual. In his remarks, our President called for input and assistance from members to support the leadership in the continuing crusade to preserve the “romance, beauty and history” of the diminishing supply of antique and classic boats. “The history of the Club has put on our diminishing (membership) numbers an expectation that is difficult to maintain. We have outstripped our ability to produce...”

After approval of the Financial Statement, ably and simply put forward by Treasurer Richard MacLeod, the chair requested volunteers for the 2008 audit. Judy Saunders and Ginnie Vrooman volunteered. The group agreed to ratify the Directors' actions and the new members of the Board, Dinah Scholfield and Cindy Millar, were acclaimed.

Committee reports and discussion proceeded quickly as a lovely buffet dinner awaited.



Susan Richardson, MCBC secretary reads last year's minutes at the Annual General Meeting.



HEATHER PHELAN, social chair, noted the generosity of the membership at the Friday night Boat Show Social. “Friday night might just have surpassed our catered meal on Saturday.”



FRANK PHELAN, boat show chair for 2007, noted that Parks Canada has agreed to provide the Club with more promotional assistance in years to come. Discussion of less stressful, alternate year judged shows was invited.



DINAH SCHOLFIELD, membership chair, noted that the Boat Show garnered 6 new members.”To date we have 83 memberships and 153 members.”



Current MCBC board members BARRON MEYERHOFFER, FRANK PHELAN, SUSAN RICHARDSON and RICHARD MACLEOD await questions from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.



RICHARD MACLEOD, treasurer for 2007, noted that “membership revenue has declined but the Boat Show more than paid for itself.”

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MCBC Calendar of Events 2008

January

Sleigh Ride at Stanley Farm Heather Phelan

February

Valentine Sweetheart Social Heather Phelan

March

Spring Workshop John Millar
Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

April

Spring Shop Tour Volunteer needed
Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

May

Slushwater Social Heather Phelan

Wednesdays May 28 to August 27

Rotating Cruise Nights

June 7

Dickinson Days Volunteer needed

August 16

Ottawa International Antique & Classic Boat Show Volunteer needed

August 10

TD Easter Seals River Run Volunteer needed

August 11 to 15

Trent-Severn River Run Trent-Severn Antique & Classic Boat Assn

September 27

Burritys Rapids Run Volunteer needed

October

Halloween Social Heather Phelan

November

Fall Workshop John Millar

December

Annual General Meeting Heather Phelan

President Barron Meyerhoffer's Address at MCBC AGM 2007

There are many clubs and organizations in the world, and there are as many reasons to join them as there are people willing to join. That said, I believe that in the case of MCBC and the greater ACBS, the majority of us join for a handful of reasons. In fact, the following three reasons likely common to all of us:

1. We enjoy the beauty, history and craftsmanship of wooden boats;
2. We enjoy the effort of restoring and maintaining wooden boats;
3. And most importantly, we wish to preserve and promote the history, craftsmanship, and romance of the wooden boat to the greater community.

Whether you term it passion or obsession, we all in one way or another do all of the above. With every passing year, the number of antique and classic boats diminishes, and without the efforts of enthusiasts such as all of you, that demise would have already occurred. For that, you should all be proud. Clearly, by the simple act of acquiring a wooden boat, you all have, as individuals, declared your enjoyment and are certainly doing your part to maintain these treasures. It is truly through our collective effort as the MCBC that we can make an impact and reach a bigger audience. This manifests itself predominantly in the Boat Show, but also through the participation in events such as the 175th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal this year, the Easter Seals Run, media spots such as Regional Contact, and Dickinson Days. The collective body of the club has a significant ability to promote the cause.

That said, it takes effort and personal commitment to ensure that the good word continues to be spread. Sometimes, when participating or attending an event, it appears to run so smoothly that it seems as if little effort was required to make it a reality; however, anyone who has been part of that organizational effort knows it is quite the contrary. I imagine that I am preaching the choir at this point, but the message is still valid. We require contribution of effort from all our members if we hope to keep the club active, vibrant, and meaningful in its mandate. And so that is my message, or more correctly, my request, to do your part, to contribute what you can, to ensure our goal of the preservation of the wooden boat continues to be successful.

President's Cup Presented Early



This year, the President's Cup, usually presented at our Annual General Meeting in December was, in a surprise move, presented at our Halloween Party held on October 27 at the Swan on the Rideau. Dave Tilley, this year's recipient was due to leave for the winter in Florida the following Wednesday and the Board felt that it would be nice to present the Cup in person rather than in absentia at the AGM.

Dave was presented the Cup in recognition for his many contributions to the Manotick Classic Boat Club. He has served as a director, treasurer, president and past-president, initiated our Wednesday cruise nights, chaired our communications committee, initiated the move to an electronic Newsletter, chaired three boat shows and worked on others. His enthusiasm for boats, motors and the Club has been much appreciated.

Past Winners of the President's Cup

Name	Year Presented
■ Sarah Gould	1984
■ Marlene Thomas	1985
■ James Potter	1986
■ Dianne Elliott	1987
■ Sydney Herwig	1988
■ Frank Phelan	1989
■ Linda Potter	1990
■ Don Thomas	1991
■ Mary Herwig	1992
■ Murray Gould	1993
■ Nancy Porter	1994
■ Alan MacLeod	1995
■ Stephen Fox	1996
■ Ian Wyllie	1997
■ Ron Dulmage	1998
■ Nancy Taylor	1999
■ Donald Loken	2000
■ John & Gaye Spencer	2001
■ Martin Luce	2002
■ Parks Canada	2003
■ Ron & Wilma Jelley	2004
■ Heather Phelan	2005
■ Jack Hughes	2006

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBER
SHELDON BEVERIDGE for coming to the rescue of
the Board of Directors and engraving the CUP within
hours of receipt. THANKS, SHELDON!

Membership Report

We would like to welcome back to the MCBC, Carman Keyes. Carman was a member many years ago with his boat, Miss Jane, a 1936 Port Carling runabout. Carman now is the proud "Grandpa?" of Grandpa's Dream. This amazing boat is a 1985 Morgan Hackercraft, 31 feet long. We were delighted to see them on the river this summer and of course, joining us with his family at the Burritt's Run. Carman, we hope to see much more of you and share many hours on the river and near Kemptville Creek. David McFarland is located in Montreal but his boat, a 1957 Peterborough Canadian Seamate is in the Ottawa region. David found us on the website, we exchanged notes and he has now joined the club. Also, new to the Club are Jim Doel and his wife, Lyn. Jim joined during the Boat Show. He hails from Perth and lives on a delightful street named Cat's Cove. Many of you will appreciate my fondness for the name. Welcome and we hope to see you often at our events. Also welcome Stuart and Tracy Arnett with their 1938 Chris Craft Runabout; Robert and Debra Barrett with 1939 Grew Jolly Giant; Dwight and Kerstin Boyd with a 1949 Greavette Dispro; Rod and Donna Corbett who met us at the 175th run; Randy and Dawn McKendry with their award winning Duck Boat; Gordon and Alwyn Moyer with the familiar Entre Amis, Nancy and Doug Porter who hopefully will be back our way soon, Carolyn and Walter Renwick with a 1951 Port Carling Seabird, Doug and Dixie Robbie, good friends from Florida and Toronto and Chris and Lynne Spooner with their 1961 Courtney Craft.

Please note the information about 2008 Membership fees. The fee is \$80.00CDN and can be sent to our address or brought to me or any member of the Board of Directors. Membership may also be renewed on the ACBS website. Should there be any confusion, please contact myself or our Treasurer, Richard Macleod. Renewals need to be paid by December 31, 2007 to be included in the ACBS directory.

Dinah Scholfield
Membership Chairperson



MCBC's Photo for the 2008 ACBS Directory

This photo which you will probably recognize from Ron Corbitt and John McQuarrie's book "The Rideau Then and Now" has been selected to be the Manotick Classic Boat Club's photo for the ACBS 2008 directory. We think it shows what we enjoy most about old boats, getting out and enjoying them.

Workshop Suggestions Sought

John Millar our coordinator of workshops would like your suggestions of speakers, subjects and venues for future workshops.

Please contact John at (613) 692-0875 or email him through Cindy at cindy.m@newtonco.com.

Get ready! Dig out your Woolies!

Heather Phelan, our Social Committee Chair, has organized a sleigh ride at the Stanley Farm in January.

More information to follow.

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Burritts Rapids Run 2007

By Wilma Jelley



Photo by Wilma Jelley

Although the Sunday morning started out cool (okay cold) the sun came out and the rain stayed away. Twenty-nine MCBC members enjoyed the run down the river to Burritt's Rapids on September 30th. Some members cruised to Burritt's in their old wood boats and others in their shiny new navy blue convertible! The annual jelly bean count was won by Brad Keyes. All in all it was a great way to wrap-up the MCBC water events for 2007.

MCBC Fall Workshop

By Don Segall

This year's event was an interesting demonstration and presentation arranged by John Millar, featuring Fibermagic's Stephan Rawlings. Stephan is skilled in both upholstery techniques as well as restoration and rejuvenation methods for leather, vinyl and fabrics.

During his informative and interesting session, Stephan demonstrated and described many of his techniques. Amongst the projects covered were removal of burn holes in fabric, repair of knife cuts in vinyl and re-dyeing, as well as removal of stains left from spilled drinks. Fibermagic's services are an ideal way of dealing with the deleterious effects of any excesses following your next on-board social affair.

With many of the original materials used in our boats now being out of production, rejuvenation is a highly viable alternative to a complete retrofit. Stephan showed his skill in matching original colours and executing invisible repairs. The tools of his trade are highly specialized, not to mention the techniques he has developed to satisfy a range of demands required in the performance of his art.

Thanks go out to Stephan as well as our event organizer, John Millar, plus our gracious host for the event, Steve Flewett of Aylings Boatyard in Merrickville. For more information pertaining to Fibermagic's range of services, contact Stephan at fibermagic@magma.ca



Photos by Don Segall

SPOOKS A'PLENTY

Susan Richardson

We spooky boat people take for-granted that each year the webs will be woven and the candles lit at The Swan. This year was no exception. Heather Phelan, our tireless and seldom thanked Social Chairlady, did it again.

Best in show went to Don Segall's devil (accompanied by a lovely angel) and Cindy Millar's innocent yet well-proportioned Raggedy Ann. Heather managed to come up with a new word game from her bag of tricks. She judged the winners were the Richardsons and got away with declaring that there was no prize to be had!

Hardwater cruising is at best a challenge and this article is dedicated to the only lady we all know who is ready and willing to make it possible each and every winter. THANKS, HEATHER. We really had fun!



Photos by Don Segall

Campster Is Worth More Than We Thought - Four Cents More!

John Richardson

Campster is undergoing an extensive refit in dry-dock this off-season. Several frames, some chine, plank, covering boards and stern are being replaced. In the process of removing the covering boards, son-in-law Dale Hill discovered four pennies embedded into deck frames using elephant snot (aka epoxy fill). These pennies bear the dates of Donald Roney's restoration efforts on this boat (1986 through 1993).



It's an interesting idea and relatively harmless since Canadian pennies were and are still manufactured using a copper alloy, which will not corrode. I only wish that non-corrosive fastenings had been used in previous work on this boat. I have removed hundreds of plain steel screws from planks, frame sisters, battens, covering boards, rub rails and decking. They have all rusted (some have disintegrated), have produced and admitted moisture, rotting the joined wood. The damage was first evident by staining around the bungs. Digging deeper revealed destroyed frames, chine and plank. I also found significant quantities of epoxy filler applied in areas that were not first treated with CPES or some similar rot-stopper. A little probing caused large chunks of plastic to pop out of their hidey-holes as from a well-lubed colon.

But never fear, Campster will be afloat in the spring and will be stronger than ever. I recommend Adams and Kennedy Wood Source for oak, ash and cherry. I haven't scouted out a mahogany source yet but will try them first. And, hey, if anyone knows anything about a penny tradition in boat restoration please let me know. I'll have to remove the four that are there now and I haven't decided yet whether or not to replace them with 2007 versions.

Some electronic correspondence on the above:

From: John Richardson

Sent: November 28, 2007 9:13 AM

To: Jim Potter [millarpotter@storm.ca]

Subject: Pennies

Greetings Jimmy:

In the process of removing wood from Campster I discovered pennies embedded in deck frames. These pennies bore the dates of the particular stage of restoration by Don Roney. Do you know anything of such a tradition?

From: James Potter

[mailto:millarpotter@storm.ca]

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2007 4:14 PM

To: John Richardson

Subject: RE: Pennies

It is tradition to leave coins in the bilge of the boat for good luck!

As long as men have sailed in boats (and of course had some form of currency)

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FOR SALE. A good yard and launching trailer. The front axle steers and this makes it very manoeuvrable in a yard or storage building. It was used on my 26' launch and I do not need it any more because I already have a trailer for the Jane Lee. Located in Portland on Rideau, we are looking for \$500. Call Mike Krzyzanowski at (613) 822-0848 or email mikekdispro@sympatico.ca.

WANTED! A 12 foot aluminum boat, with or without a small engine. There are various styles of these boats and I'm looking for one with a fairly flat bottom, which should make for a stable craft for my grandson to ruck around in. I'm thinking of a 3 hp to 5 hp engine to power it if one of those is available out there. Call John Richardson at 613-692-2496 or email at richardson.aj@forces.gc.ca.

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Socializing at the Manotick Classic Boat Club 2007 Annual General Meeting

Photos by John Richardson

