



Manotick Classic Boat Club

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A chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society

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Burritt's Rapids Run 2009

Although the date was later than usual 26 MCBC members traveled by boat to the lock station at Burritt's Rapids on October 4th to enjoy our annual end of season picnic. The sky was grey but we were dry at least most of the time and the food was great as always. The extremely lucky repeat winner of the jelly bean count was David Scholfield. Mark your calendar for next year – the 2010 Burritt's run will be Sunday, September 26th.





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Proposed List of Social Events M.C.B.C. 2010

January 23	Winter Social	Social Chair - Location- TBD
March 6	Spring Workshop	
March 25	MCBC Cruise Night South	Dave Tilley
April 17	Shop Tour and Dinner	Ron Jelley
Wednesdays May 19 to September 15	Rotating Cruise Nights	Various locations- TBA
June 5	Dickinson Days - Manotick	
July TBD	Rendezvous Big Rideau Lake	
August 7	Boat Show, Long Island Lock	
August 20-22	Run to Montreal Boat Show Run to coincide with Mtl Show	
September 25	Burrirt's Run	Wilma Jelley
November TBD	Fall Workshop	
Nov/ Dec TBD	Annual AGM	

Other Events of Interest

February 25 to 28	ACBS Winter Board Meeting, Mt. Dora, FL
March 19 to 21	CRA Raceboat Regatta, Tavares, FL
March 25 to 28	Sunnyland Boat Festival, Tavares, FL
June 10 to 13	ACBS Summer Quarterly Meeting, Burlington, VT
July 30 to August 1	46 th Annual Boat Show & Auction, Clayton, NY
September 15 to 18	ACBS International Annual Meeting - Bay Harbor Resort, Michigan

President's Message

We are entering another year with the Manotick Classic Boat Club. I am delighted to represent the Club as your President for 2010. A very special thanks to Ron Jelley, who took the helm as President for the last two years. He did a wonderful job.

This year, with your help, we hope to enjoy many social events. Join us for casual meals, workshops, shop tours, Cruise Nights and cruises, fall picnics and of course, our Boat Show. We are still looking for a Show Chair. The job is not as daunting as it sounds as most committees are in place and are run by experienced and capable members. Call a friend who might want to help chair the show and then call me, and you too, can chair our 35th Ottawa International Antique and Classic Boat Show. The date is August 7 and the show is un-judged.

Please keep in touch. Let us know what direction you would like see the Club go to or if we can better serve our members. This Club has a wonderful history and we hope to see it continue for many years to come. Get involved and join us on the water or on land, with or without a boat.

Thank you to our new Board; Rick Beaudry, James Bond, Alan Goodwright, Cindy Millar, and Judy Saunders who are looking forward to hearing from you. It's going to be a great year.

Dinah Scholfield,
President, MCBC

Message from your outgoing President

On the evening of November 28th I chaired my second and last Annual General Meeting (AGM) as my term as your President came to an end.

I was happy to report that during 2009 we had about 14 club events, plus a summer of Cruise Nights, thus continuing to have an event almost every month. Although, like most ACBS chapters, we are experiencing a reduced number of members, the turnout to our events has been great. Wilma and I were pleased to host the Volunteer Appreciation event in September, where we were able to invite over 30 members who had volunteered to put these events on for you.

In September I was able to represent MCBC at the ACBS Annual meeting and boat show. It was there I was pleased to witness the presentation of the prestigious ACBS Founders Award to our members, Murray and Sarah Gould. This award is given by the current ACBS Founders in recognition of Murray and Sarah's outstanding lifetime achievement in furthering the goals of ACBS. Murray, Sarah, congratulations, well deserved.

At the ACBS AGM, I was able to present a cheque for \$1000 to the ACBS Scholarship Endowment Fund on behalf of MCBC. These funds, along with funds from the Toronto Chapter, were presented on the condition that ACBS begin providing scholarships in Canada. At this time there is no accredited boat restoration/building apprentice program in Canada. However work is underway with ACBS and the Toronto chapter to create an accredited course at Georgian College.

As our club has sufficient funds in the bank for a rainy day, we were able to donate the funds mentioned above as well as \$500 to Harvest House, who has been a great help to us at the boat show the last number of years and \$1000 to help sponsor the Easter Seals River Run. The River Run sponsorship allowed us to support this local boating event and permit MCBC members to take part without the requirement of raising donations.

I would like to thank all who have come out and enjoyed our events this year, the volunteers who have done the work to put them on and to this years board, Frank Phelan, Dinah Scholfield, Judy Saunders, Rick Beaudry and Cindy Millar. It takes everyone to make this club a success.

Lastly, thanks to all who have supported me as your chapter president over the last two years. I have enjoyed the experience and recommend getting involved to everyone, you won't regret it. With that, congratulations to our new president, Dinah Scholfield.

Happy Cruising, Ron Jelley

Market Place

Market Place is a service provided to MCBC members free of charge. To place an ad in the next issue of the newsletter, email the communications committee at communications@manotickclassicboatclub.ca.



For Sale: The "Lady By": 1940 Mac-Craft Antique Utility Runabout. This beautifully restored and a very collectable mahogany boat is 15'9" in length and powered by a 1948 Chris Craft four cylinder engine that was rebuilt in 2003 with new pistons, valves, cam etc. Tune up in August 2009 by Miller-Potter Boatworks. The "Lady" is a truly rare Canadian built runabout and one of only a handful of Mac-Crafts left. She was rebuilt to be trailerable and does not need to stay in the water or soak in the Spring. A truly rare find and a chance to own a class act that doesn't require a lot of maintenance. Complete with trailer. Asking price: \$18,950. Contact John Spencer @ 613-258-4103 or email johnspencer@johnspencer.ca

Note from Communications and Newsletter Editor

This is your fourth newsletter of the year. Thank you to all who have contributed articles, ideas and photographs. We especially thank Dave Tilley for his expertise in so professionally putting it all together.

The next newsletter is planned for an April publishing date. As this is your newsletter, what would you like to see included? Do you have a "how to" question? Ask us and we will try to find an answer. Someone else surely has the same question and there is a wealth of knowledge and experience in the club from which to draw. We welcome submissions of articles and photographs such as your recent boat or motor project.

In the past, a black and white copy of the newsletter was sent to members without e-mail or on slow speed dial-up. Any member may now request a black and white printed copy as well as, or instead of an e-mail copy, by contacting Judy Saunders, address below.

A card sized advertisement is available in the Newsletter for Manotick Classic Boat Club members at \$25 per issue. (\$50 for non-members) a quarter page advertisement is available for \$100 per issue. Advertisements for boats and boating parts is available free of charge for the benefit of our members in our Marketplace section

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Manotick Classic Boat Club Annual General Meeting

By Jean Beveridge

The 2009 Annual Meeting got underway on a balmy Saturday evening November 28. As usual, Heather Phelan organized a splendid event at the Manderley on the Green Golf Club. As we gathered for cocktails and chit chat, we were provided with our very own MCBC magnetic name tag, courtesy of the club and introduced by Dinah Scholfield. We are encouraged to wear them at all boating events, to introduce ourselves and to advertise our club. Members not present will be receiving their tags in the near future. We were also given a lovely coloured snowflake pendant to wear and to keep as long as we did not utter the word “BOAT” or it could be claimed by another. Needless to say, conversation among this “yachting” crowd was drastically reduced. But not for long, members quickly found many alternate words to use and as enthusiasm and passion for the sport resumed, many a snowflake pendant found a new owner. At the end of the evening, it was noted that the males of the group must have done most of the talking as the three prize winners were Kelly Hetu, Nellie Krzyzanowski and Susan Richardson.



The contest was suspended for the official part of the evening, called to order by President Ron Jelley. The meeting was punctuated by very positive results from the past year and exciting plans for the coming boating season. Ron noted a very successful August Boat Show, thanks to the organizing committee and more than 30 volunteers. Three major charitable contributions were made on behalf of the club this year; \$500 to Harvest House, a group that has assisted the club for many years at the Boat Show, cutting the wooden boat kits for the children's booth and assisting with parking and clean-up; \$1000 dollars to sponsor The Easter Seals River Run enabling Boat Club members to participate in the River Run at no cost; and \$1000 to an ACBS scholarship endowment fund to be used to encourage boat restoration education in Canada. Richard Macleod suggested that a way be found to allow the charitable donations to more directly benefit the members as the club does not receive a tax credit. Following some dialogue, it was left to the new board to discuss and resolve.



Congratulations were due to Sarah and Murray Gould, winners of the Founders Award at the ACBS meeting in September.



Manotick Classic Boat Club Annual General Meeting

By Jean Beveridge

Susan Richardson, on behalf of the group, thanked outgoing President Ron Jelley for his able leadership and commitment to the club. Two new directors were introduced, Alan Goodwright and James Bond. They will replace Ron Jelley and Frank Phelan who have completed their three year terms.

Alan Goodwright proposed that the club commence a list of Honorary Members and suggested Rose Peacock be the first recipient of this honour. This was unanimously carried by a round of heartfelt applause.

Committee reports followed the adoption of the minutes and financial statement. Cindy Millar summarised the Treasurers Report, noting the three major contributions made on the members' behalf. The financial statement was adopted subject to a few minor changes due to the auditors' report. An amended copy will be e-mailed to all members shortly. An update on Ship Stores was given by Mike Ruddy, who also had many items available for sale on this evening. Membership chairman Richard Macleod announced that membership was down this year despite the addition of six new families to the group. Currently there are 61 member families. Communications Chair, Judy Saunders, thanked Newsletter Editor Jean Beveridge, for three (this is the fourth) successful editions of the newsletter this year. She mentioned that some members had requested a paper copy of the newsletter in addition to the e-mail copy. This is now available (in black and white) and members are invited to add their name to the mailing list by contacting her. Dinah Scholfield reviewed the past years' successful social events, notably the popular Wednesday Evening Rotating Cruise Nights, which will be continued in 2010. Plans are well underway for the workshops, tours and other social events in the coming boating season. The 35th Ottawa International Boat Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010 again at Long Island Locks, Manotick. This year's show will be a non-judged one. The committees are in place although a chair or co-chairs are still needed.

Following the adjournment of the formal meeting, we proceeded to the dining room for a delicious buffet dinner of roast beef and turkey along with all the trimmings.

Other events of the evening included the presentation of the President's Cup by Ron Jelley to this year's recipient Richard Macleod, a long time member, past director, treasurer and most notably, reliable and willing volunteer. Heather Phelan presented a parting gift to outgoing directors Frank Phelan and Ron Jelley and thanked them for their many contributions to the club. We were then introduced to our new President, Dinah Scholfield who spoke briefly about plans and events for the new boating season, including a run down the Ottawa to the Montreal Boat Show and a possible Rendezvous with members and friends on Big Rideau Lake. Heather again brought out the competitive yet cooperative nature of the group with a lively jig saw puzzle game.

All in all, a great time was had by each and everyone!



Planning the route of next year's cruise



A MODERN DAY FAIRY TALE

By Alan Goodwright

Once upon a time, many years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Herwig were friends. Unfortunately, the 'Grim Reaper' came on the scene, and dastardly took away Mr. Peacock and Mrs. Herwig, leaving Mrs. Peacock and Mr. Herwig without their beloved spouses. The respective widow and widower then sought solace in each others' company, and remained the closest of dear friends.

Mr. Herwig had been for many years an active member of the Manotick Classic Boat Club, and Mrs. Peacock supported him in all the activities and events of the Club. She went to all the Boat Shows, and was a welcome guest at many of the social events that the Club organized. Mrs. Peacock is a charming and gracious lady, and over a period of fourteen years she has become a person who is much beloved and admired by all the other members of the Club. The recent demise of Mr. Herwig was a huge blow to her personally, and a very sad loss to the Club.

At the Club's annual meeting on November 28th, 2009, one of the members noted that the Club had never before awarded an Honorary Membership. He stated that he could not think of a more worthy person than Mrs. Rose Peacock to be awarded such an honour, and he therefore proposed that she be made the Club's first ever honorary member. There was no need to have a formal seconder to the motion, as all the attending members indicated their agreement with an immediate and rapturous round of applause.

All fairy stories should have a happy ending, and this is no exception. One of the members has agreed to make a suitably worded certificate, which will be presented to Rose at one of the forthcoming social events.



Rose Peacock
First MCBC Honorary Member

Congratulations to Murray and Sarah Gould

At the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) held in Muskoka in late September, Murray and Sarah Gould were awarded the prestigious Founders Award for long term personal contributions to ACBS.

In the attached picture, Jean Hoffman, a long term Director of ACBS, presented the award after describing their 30 years of participation and service to ACBS activities.

Way to go, Murray and Sarah!



A First at First Ever Montreal Boat Show

Dick Harling's 1921 powered skiff, the Bunty, won first in the runabout class at the Montreal Boat Show in August. (See Don Segall's article in the September Newsletter)



Fall/Halloween Social

By Dinah Scholfield

On Saturday, October 24, the Club held a Fall/ Hallowe'en Social at the Marlborough Pub and Eatery in North Gower. We were delighted with the turn-out, twenty-six members attended. The large private room in the restaurant was perfect for our event. The service and the food were both excellent. Ian and Deb Wyllie won the door prize while Wilma Jelley, Heather Phelan and Gaye Spencer won prizes for their excellent costumes. We look forward to our next event in January. Hope you'll all attend.



Fall 2009 Workshop

By Don Segall

On a cool, damp and rainy day in mid-November, this outing was just what the doctor ordered. Thanks go out to the organizers of this well-attended event as well as those who made available such an opportunity for us to view what was hidden behind the doors at these amazing facilities.

Following lunch at The Swan, the first stop was at Chris Koller's shop in Osgoode. Chris's facility is the dream of many of us who aspire to tinker. A few steps from his back door lies a modern, well equipped workshop, easily capable of facilitating the processing of many a major project.

The centrepiece was a yet to be planked 26' runabout, based upon a vintage 1922 Hacker style. Bottom planking was in place and the mostly complete structure boasted an obvious high level of design and craftsmanship. Chris and Mike Koller, Bret See as well as Mike's enthusiastic son Jason were all on hand to offer their hospitality and answer any questions about this work in process.

Not being in any great hurry to leave this welcoming venue, our next stop beckoned nearby off River Road on the way to Manotick. Ron Tomlinson's building had been partially partitioned to accommodate a most exciting project. Known as the Wood Brothers, Mike Koller and Iain MacAleese had been devoting their past several months setting up this shop followed by the undertaking of an ambitious project: The construction of a 40 foot all-wood runabout.



Fall 2009 Workshop

By Don Segall

It is a remarkable experience to walk in and be confronted with such a spectacle. This boat is huge. Forty feet in length with a beam approaching 11 feet, it is a scaled-up one and a half times version of the hull in Chris's shop. These classic lines we can all appreciate from the open cockpit Hacker style. Fully planked and with initial varnish and ceilings installed, it lay in stark contrast to the skeleton of keel, stringers, frames and ribs I had viewed earlier in the year.

Again, the craftsmanship was nothing short of outstanding. Yet to be installed, the power was said to consist of a recently acquired Packard V-12. These 1500 HP power plants were used extensively during the war to power PT Boats. Weighing in at almost 3000 pounds, they featured a cast aluminum block, four valves per cylinder and a supercharger.

One observation I make; it is fair to say that most of us, each embrace our individual interest of wooden boats. We tend to do so from a vantage point centred upon the preservation of our own respective craft. What in contrast is truly fascinating is the concept of a scratch-built version. This takes on no less of a challenge that that which was originally confronted by the historic boat builders of earlier days. Their designs and names eventually became mainstream expressions to us. The gentlemen named herein, with their insight, restoration experience, skills and confidence, have risen to this challenge.

Our session was capped off with a most interesting talk by Mike Krzyzanowski, who personally has taken credit for the recent oil shortage, in his quest to find the best lubricant blend to use in the crankcase of his Jersey Speed Skiff. Other helpful tips were offered up regarding modern fuels along with important observations and considerations for its use in vintage engines. Thanks go out to Mike for sharing his vast insights and experience.

Events like these represent important opportunities to share in. Again thanks go out to all responsible.



'Grandpa's Dream' Makes Bride's Dream Come True

I want to thank Mr. Jelley and the Manotick Classic Boat Club for helping us find someone to transport us to our wedding reception. My husband and I absolutely love boats and have always wanted to arrive at our wedding in grand style. Soon after contacting the Manotick Classic Boat Club, Mr. Carman Keyes called us about his boat, Grandpa's Dream.. What a beautiful boat!!!! Carmen's son Ted was also involved with this part of the wedding. We want to thank Carman and Ted Keyes so much for making our wedding day dreams come true. We really can't thank them enough. Carman and Ted are absolutely the nicest people and made this experience very memorable for us. During the summer, before the wedding Carman and Ted took us out for a trial run. They both had never been in this area boating before and enjoyed the new experience as well. On the day of the wedding Carman and Ted met us at the Nepean Sailing Club with Grandpa's Dream and then took us to our reception at the Britannia Yacht Club. This was the most relaxing part of the day!!! Our guests were in awe as we arrived to our wedding reception in Grandpa's Dream. It was so amazing to pull up to our reception on such a beautiful boat while our guests were cheering for us. It was a perfect day including the weather.

Again thank you so much to Mr. Jelley, The Manotick Classic Boat Club, Carman and Ted Keyes.

Mary and Joey Bellamy



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ACBS International Annual General Meeting “Rendezvous at Muskoka”

ACBS Toronto on the Muskoka waterfront played host to the 34th ACBS International meeting at the end of September. Special highlights of the week were first, two days of touring boat houses on Lake Muskoka and Lake Rosseau, and second, receipt of the Founders Award by Murray and Sarah Gould at the final banquet.

The “best-of-the-best” boat houses were as spectacular as the *collections* of boats within. Some collectors are not ACBS members, so their long deck launches, rare canoes and race boats are never on display at boat shows. Those who are ACBS Toronto members typically select only one or two boats for show purposes (from collections of up to 30 boats). The new boat house below was typical with a large apartment above the boats; the main “cottage” is a century home just visible in the woods. Finishes on boat house interiors almost competed with the boats.



New boat house with apartment

The boat show on Friday and Saturday featured Canadian built boats with a strong showing of locally built Duke, Ditchburn, Minett-Shields, Greavette and “dippy” boats. Owners were proud to display our uniquely designed boats to members from clubs across the US until they started to groan “Not another Ditchburn!”.

At the AGM, Manotick was honoured with the Founders Award for the Gould's thirty plus years of participation in ACBS' set-up and evolution over many years. Ray Saunders' Ditchburn, *Raysea*, received a runner-up award for preserved antique runabouts.





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Obituary

The MCBC bid a fond farewell to another long term member, Hubert J. (Bert) Clothier, captain of the “Rideau Prowler” who passed away October 3, 2009 in his 79th year. We extend our sympathy to his wife Barbara, his children and grandchildren. He will long be remembered for his warm welcomes and generous hospitality aboard his beloved cruiser at many MCBC Events.



Memories of Bert Cloutier

By Cindy Millar

I have been asked to write a few words about our fellow boater Bert Cloutier (with some assistance from his wife/companion Barb). Bert was born in 1930 in Rosetown, Saskatchewan. When he was seven years old, his family moved to Montreal where he grew up. He joined the Royal Canadian Signal Corps in 1950, served in the Korean War and was stationed in various places around the world. He met his lovely bride, Barbara, while he was stationed in Germany. After he left the army, he worked for the federal government until he retired in 1985

His love for boating started with the building of his first boat, from a kit, the “Thumper” so named because of her tendency to 'thump' while they were traveling on the water. Bert & Barb had four children Philip, Katherine, Mark and Deborah, who also enjoyed boating. In September 1997 (Labour Day weekend), Bert and Barb purchased a 36 foot, 1936 Chris Craft cruiser and became members of the Manotick Classic Boat Club. John Millar remembers numerous hours keeping ahead of any deterioration and later, I had the privilege of testing my skills of varnishing/painting on “Rideau Prowler”. Not only did I have the opportunity to visit with Bert and Barb at their cottage/home near Kars, Ont. but enjoyed many visits on “Rideau Prowler” while she was on the river. I remember one year at our MCBC. “Burritt's Rapids Run” having the group picture taken on “Rideau Prowler”. Her windshield made an excellent slide for some of the kids.

Not only did Bert treat “Rideau Prowler” as his boat, she was also part of his life and family...he made you feel right at home. He made everyone feel welcome, there was lots of laughter enjoyed with his fellow boaters.

Bert, you will be fondly remembered and sadly missed...keep on boating.