

# News

A CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

MAY, 2005

## WEATHER WONDERFUL CRUISE NIGHT!

By Susan Richardson

FINALLY, the gods of the sky smiled on us! The first Cruise Night of this season came with clear, dry air that was WELL above the freezing point! Dave has obviously been spending a lot of time sucking up to the weather bunny. We all appreciate your sacrifice, Dave.

There was an excellent turnout of water participants as well as several also-rans whose boats are temporarily indisposed. We shared opinions on current matters of interest from the changes at local launch facilities to the various states of boat repairs and we welcomed new members Dugald Souter and Jodi Chupa to MCBC and our merry band cruise-nighters.

The Tilley hospitality was at its best, but for those not familiar with Cruise Nights we suggest that each vessel bring tasty treats to share and beverages of their choice. Tilley's provide the venue, the cashews, the WC and the rest is up to Club members.

For this first May Cruise Night there was one operational Tilley craft, Rawley, All Grew'd Up, Campster and, of course, Ian's Hot Shoe.

The Richardsons provided entertainment early on with well-executed 360's attempting to grab a lost fender.

CRUISE NIGHTS ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH BOATS JOINING TOGETHER TO ROMP AND PLAY close to 6:30 p.m with a slow drive into Mahogany Harbour and then a run to the Long Island Locks. Destination port is the Dock of Dave in Carolyn's Cove for good food, drink and conversation. DO COME! JOIN THE MCBC FUN.

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## MCBC Calendar of Events 2005

### January 14

Road Trip to Toronto  
International Boat Show Dave Tilley

### January 22

Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

### February 12

Valentine Social Heather Phelan

### March 19

Hardwater Cruise Night Heather Phelan

### March 19

Spring Workshop Jack Hughes

### April 16

Spring Shop Tour Ron Jelley

### April 16

Spring Social Heather Phelan

### May 21 & 22

Tulip Festival Flotilla John Richardson

### Wednesdays May 25 to August 31

Cruise Nights Dave Tilley

### June 25

Portland/Perth Cruise Terry Ledden

### August 8 to 12

Clayton to Manotick Cruise Linda Potter

### August 13

Annual Boat Show Dave Tilley

### September 25

Burritts Rapids Run Gaye & John Spencer

### October 29

Halloween Social Heather Phelan

### November 12

Fall Workshop Jack Hughes

### November 26

Annual General Meeting Heather Phelan

## President's Message

Where's Summer?

We have waited long. We have waited with some patience. So where is it. We get these little teasers (fortunately Wednesday's Cruise Night was one of them) but I want the real thing! Everything is behind this year because of this rotten weather. Many of those, myself included, who had planned to participate in the Tulip Festival Flotilla were unable to due to weather related delays (that's my story and I'm sticking to it).

Have I whined enough?

This year there is a large and exciting variety of things to do in the world of antique and classic boats:

- MCBC's June 25<sup>th</sup> outing on the Big Rideau and Tay Canal
- the ACBS Quarterly meeting at Gravenhurst July 7, 8 & 9
- the Toronto Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show at Gravenhurst on July 8, 9 & 10
- the 1,000 Islands Club's Alexandria Bay Show on July 8, 9 & 10
- the Antique Boat Museum Show at Clayton August 5, 6 & 7
- MCBC's River Run from Clayton to Manotick August 8 to 12
- MCBC's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ottawa International Antique & Classic Boat Show August 13
- Easter Seals Poker Run August 20
- Pinhey's Point Historic Site Heritage River Festival August 27 & 28
- MCBC's Burritts Rapids Run September 25
- And, of course, our Cruise Nights every Wednesday until August 31.

It's play time, let's get out there and have FUN! That'll take the whine out of it.

Dave

## Clayton to Manotick Cruise

We invite everyone to join the Manotick Classic Boat Club's 30th Annual Ottawa International Antique & Classic Boat Show.

And, we have the perfect way to get you there - by water!!

The flotilla will leave from Clayton, NY on Monday August 8th (the day after the close of the Clayton Show) arriving at our show site in Manotick on Friday August 12. Accompanied by Jim & Linda Potter, this will be a comfortable and casual run up the Rideau River and Canal.

For more information and to register, please contact Linda Potter by email at lp7001@aol.com or by phone at (613) 692-4208 or by fax at (613) 692-6267.

# SMALL GROUP...SPECIAL TURNOUT!

By Susan Richardson

The March 19th Hardwater Cruise Night at the Red Dot turned out a small, but special group of members. Conversation and catch-up were the by-words as everyone enjoyed the surprise presence of Ron and Christine Dulmage and John and Gaye Spencer. Good food, good friends...warm greetings on a very cold night!



# April Hardwater Cruise Night

By Dave Tilley

A wonderful last (for this year anyway) Hardwater Cruise Night was held April 16 following a wonderful day of touring the local restoration shops. Eighteen of us met at the Swan on the Rideau for good food, good drink and discussions of boating plans for the upcoming summer. Heather Phelan once again did her superior job in organizing the evening and brought numerous old photos for us to attempt to identify. Its not that we've changed over the years but a lot of gray hair disappeared in those pictures. A good time was had by all.



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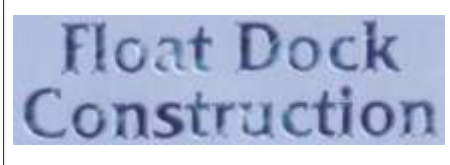
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# MCBC Spring Shop Tour

By Don Segall

The Annual Spring shop tour is certainly amongst my favourite MCBC events of the year. This year's tour was no disappointment. To me, the lifting of winter's darkness is aptly marked by our club's warm weather kick-off tour. Our weather for the day was absolutely amazing. We could not have had better treatment from the weatherman, as temperatures were warm and the day bright and sunny.

I am truly grateful for the participation by our region's restoration shops, as well as the contribution by the others whom open their facilities to us, for our enjoyment and interest, particularly at a time of year when project deadlines are at the forefront, with the impending boating season quickly approaching. At each stop, the restoration shop people have demonstrated their graciousness in repeatedly opening their doors to us. On behalf of MCBC's membership, let me please take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who contributes to the success of this occurrence. Indeed it is a rare treat to be able to spend an early Spring Saturday in such a delightful way; thank you again, immensely.

Ron and Wilma Jelley's organizational preparations made this year's tour a memorable event. A poker run theme added an additional dimension. Thank you both for putting together such a fun day for those of us able to participate.

Frank Millotte and I headed out together this year. The first stop on the schedule was Mike Krzyzanowski's facility in Portland. Mike's place is always interesting. It combines a unique mixture of artefacts including an outboard motor collection, a number of finely restored boats of various constructions, plus a collection of nautical items awaiting Mike's restorative skills. I particularly enjoy the stroll through the yard outside his building, where lay a number of relics, all catalogued and descriptively labelled for the benefit of the unknowledgeable like myself. The vintage snowmobile collection on display too was an interesting exhibit, particularly as it came complete with sound effects during a live demonstration.



Stop two was Ken Wyke's restoration shop. Ken always has an interesting collection of projects underway and this year was no different. The Shepherd projects usually on display are always most interesting when visiting here. Ken has also enlarged his storage area with an addition to one of his buildings. As well, some modern boatbuilding examples consisting of current Wyke's models were also represented. A longstanding family operation, Ken as well as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wykes were on hand to welcome the visitors and answer questions.



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## MCBC Spring Shop Tour (Continued)

By Don Segall

Iain MacIleese's expanded shop was next on tour. A bottom job on a 20' Chris Craft utility model was well exhibited. Significant work was being undertaken and it provided an opportunity to view the normally concealed construction details common to this design. With the enhanced space afforded through Iain's move into the adjacent building on his property, he can now perform simultaneous projects rather than focus entirely upon one boat at a time.



Following a lunch pit stop at Harry McLean's in Merrickville, where the tour groups collected to compare notes, we headed off to the next stop at Ayling's Marina. This is an interesting place as it combines a marina with arguably the greatest concentration of wooden footage in our area, with quite a comprehensive workshop. It seems each time out, proprietor Steve Flewitt has some new mechanical marvel he has developed to show off. This time it was an a-dap-to-kit designed and skilfully adapted by master mechanic Steve to connect a hydraulic Velvet Drive reverse gear to an earlier vintage marine motor. Also, yard work was well underway with many earnest owners commencing their respective Spring rituals. Finally, a number of fine examples of the yard's restoration work were evidenced and John Millar was on hand to provide helpful and insightful commentary.



Our final stop was back in Manotick at the Millar-Potter Shop. A cypress hulled, steam powered relic had benefited from a very thorough restoration. Also in the shop was a fine example of a rare vintage Dodge Watercar which too had undergone a very complete re-fit and refinish job. This boat had apparently been located in Quebec and was in very original condition when found. One attribute of particular interest was that the original seating upholstery springs were still intact and awaiting new covering. There is always an interesting selection of craft at Jim Potter's on display and staff is always keen to speak about the various aspects involved in their careful treatment.



As usual, a high degree of skill and craftsmanship was displayed in each of the unique stops along the tour this year. We are most fortunate to be situated in the midst of an area so rich in this activity. Thanks again to all whom made this day a success.

Oh yeah, the poker run was won by Mike Ruddy (CPES) and Jeff Clark (dinner at our spring Hardwater Cruise Night).

# The Rebel

By Don Segall

Its model designation alone conjures up mental impressions regarding what this outboard is supposed to be all about. Club outboard aficionado Dave Tilley, co-host of our Wednesday evening cruise nights, has undertaken a Rebel restoration as his latest project.

He first spotted the rakish bow of "The Rebel" at Wykes Boats and Repairs near Portland, while there on other business in November of 2002. The sight of that bow profile led him to examine the boat more closely. While he fell in love with the tumblehome, Ken Wykes pointed out the need for a new bottom and then put Dave in touch with the owner and original builder, F.E. Hogg of Ottawa and Otter Lake. The boat was bought, along with the original catalogue from which the build plans were first ordered from Glen L, prior to construction in 1962. Glen L Marine Designs reports to have been providing plans for amateur boat builders since 1953.

The Rebel model is a longstanding Glen L design, described in their literature as "...a pocket sized ski boat for the person with limited storage space." I can probably appreciate some additional meaning this brief descriptive had for Dave. She bears a hull length of 14'10" and a 6'4" beam. Her flat bottom plywood hull and wide transom beam lay claim to a safe and stable design, suitable for power up to 80hp. Further reported attributes of the design scheme consist of its flaring, anti-trip chines providing a safety factor in turning, and to smother much of the spray at the transom, even at high speeds. I suppose we shall soon see, as I am certain days to launch must be well into countdown by now.

Cruise night regulars may recall seeing this hull at Dave's place, either in the garage, or lying upside down in his shed. At the time I last saw it there it was an unremarkable sight, particularly without a finish or hardware and with sections of the bottom missing.

With half of the bottom removed, Dave realized that there were more problems with rot in some of the stringers. After setting the project aside for almost two years, Dave took her back to Ken to redo the bottom, stringers and transom. Over the winter, Dave's Rebel has since fully benefited from her session at Ken Wykes' shop. With the bottom sections replaced, along with new stringers and transom, plus the addition of the pristine finish Ken is known to produce, hull restoration is recently completed. Brightwork decks are complemented by painted hull side inserts. Original Glen L Rebel graphics were replicated and added as a final finishing touch.

A recent trip to Mount Dora had Dave find appropriate new old stock hardware consisting of a bow light and burgee pole, as well as a requisite ski mirror. The outboard motor selected for this project, a mid 60's Mercury 650 (65 HP) was acquired on eBay from a seller in Pennsylvania. Some mechanical problems with this motor has resulted in the necessity of finding a replacement.





## Big Gun

By Jack Hughes

One day a few months back I was visiting a friend named Ron who loves old boats and fine toys. Well, I'm browsing up and down and behold a working cannon!!!!

I borrow the phone and excitedly call Sus!

The conversation goes something like this:

Honey, Ron has a cannon.

What are you doing at Ron's?

Honey, Ron has a cannon.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT RON'S????

Did you know Ron has a cannon?

Yes, Dave told me. Get out of there.

You knew he had a cannon and didn't tell me!?! (My voice is rising at this point)

He wants \$300 for it. GET OUT OF THERE!

Maybe he'll take less.

I doubt it. WE DON'T NEED A CANNON!.

But Honey, everyone needs a cannon

## Run the "Big" Lake with us Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>

- Join your fellow MCBC members on this fun, easy paced group run from Portland on The Big Rideau to Perth. We'll cast off from the town dock in Portland at 10:30am and head along the southern shore toward the Tay River and Beveridge Locks. If you are trailering in you have the option of launching adjacent to the town dock close to parking. Club members will be standing by to lend a helping hand.
- Everyone, including those leaving from the boathouse Saturday morning should plan to be tied off by 10:00 and ready to attend the skippers' orientation meeting at 10:15. We cast off at 10:30.
- Come out and enjoy the scenery, islands and camaraderie. A fun, surprise "event" is planned for your arrival at the locks. At the locks you'll have the option to tie up and enjoy your lunch or lock through toward Perth and explore the leisurely Tay River cruise up to Perth. This is an event you won't want to miss.
- The Portland Perth Run will be THE major summer event, next to the show in August. So, BYOB (Bring Your Own Boat) or crew for someone else. Contact Terry Ledden (692-1397 or [tledden@sandler.com](mailto:tledden@sandler.com)) for a registration form.

## The TD Financial Group River Run for Easter Seals Kids 2005 August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Again this year, our local marinas and the Swan on the Rideau are in full support of a fun raising event for The Easter Seal Society sponsored by the TD Financial Group. The idea is to run your boat around to each of five checkpoints (Pirate Cove, Long Island, Hurst, and Manotick Marina's as well as Long Island Lock), collecting cards to hopefully have the winning hand at the end. The boats will rendezvous at Long Island Lock at about 2 pm for the George Drummond Memorial Flotilla to Hurst Marina. The event winds up with events and a BBQ at the Swan. The winners will be determined at the BBQ. Entry packages will be available in early June at the Swan for a fee of \$25. Included will be pledge sheets and other necessary info to enter your boat. The minimum pledge requested is \$100.00 (plus your registration package cost of \$25.00). You will be receiving two T-Shirt, two tickets to the BBQ etc. in this package. Get out and collect pledges and spend a fun day on the water in support of Easter seals and our local marine businesses. Further information is available from George Petit at the Swan or David Burchart of the Easter Seal Society at 1.866.473.2056 or [dburchart@easterseals.org](mailto:dburchart@easterseals.org).

The Manotick Classic Boat Club encourages all of its members to participate in this fun event that supports such a worthy cause.

The Easter Seal Society will be manning a booth at our boat show this year to raise awareness in the River Run and the efforts being made on behalf of Kids with Physical Disabilities.

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**Gee Whiz is a 1962 Glasspar G-3.** This is an original fibreglass with matching 1962 Merc 1000 motor. A very rare classic fibreglass boat only 13 ½ feet in length, she has the original ski-spotter flip seat. In need of some cosmetic restoration, she is a unique work of art with her sculptured hull and sponsons and is unbelievably stable at any speed. Including trailer this package is available for \$6,000 Cdn. Call Dave Tilley at (613) 692-4320.



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**Monica is a 24' Chris Craft Sedan Cruiser built in 1957.** Surveyed in 1997 when these pictures were taken, her bottom is double planked mahogany and has been replaced. The transom has also been replaced and she has new cushions. Her topsides and decks need refinishing. She has her original 6 cylinder Chris Craft Engine. We are asking \$6,000 Cdn. A tandem axle trailer is available at extra cost. Call Robert Wilson at (613) 541-3442.



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## THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUÉ & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

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The Manotick Classic Boat Club is proud to announce the **30th ANNUAL OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW**, the oldest annual antique boat show in Canada, and one of the oldest in North America. This year it will also include a display of antique vehicles.

Admission to the show is **FREE!** The Show, our 30th such event on the Rideau, will be held at the Rideau River Long Island Lock Station off River Road in Manotick, Ontario, on August 13, generously supported by Parks Canada, The Powell Group, Rideau Carleton Raceway, Walkley Nissan, Hurst Marine and Mercury Motors, GreatBoatDeals.ca, Auto Trader and Purves Redmond & Associates...

The show will be promoting safe, responsible water recreation and preservation and will feature all types of boats, including cruisers, runabouts, speed boats, canoes and skiffs. There will something for everyone at the show with refreshments and facilities on site. "Restoration Alley" will again be featured - vendors of all sorts with the emphasis on nautical restoration services, the latest in dock and dock supplies, boats and boating supplies. Individuals wanting to sell or trade old boats and boat parts will be in attendance.

Visitors can view the newly restored Long Island Lock which carries boats through a 25 foot change in elevation. See the lock in action with interpreters on site to explain the workings of the Lock, an integral part of the Rideau Canal System completed in 1832. Water safety and information regarding navigation of the Rideau Canal system will also be featured. Displays include docks, water sports equipment, marine supplies, clothing, new boats and motors and swimming pools and spas.

Location: Long Island Lock Station, 400 Nicolls Island Road (just off River Road), Manotick, Ontario

Date August 13, 2005

Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Admission: Free Admission

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# ACBS News

## ACBS Quarterly Meeting Change of Venue

To all members.

Please note there is a change in the Summer '05 meeting location. After a poll of Directors it was evident that we would be unable to have a quorum at the meeting in Okanagan. Since a quorum was necessary to provide the ballot for Nominations, the location has been changed to Muskoka (Toronto, Ontario). The dates are July 7, 8 and 9, 2005

The chapter round table and business meeting will be held on Friday July 8. We will have a registration form and info sheet available soon. We have already made arrangements for 30 rooms at the Aston (where we stayed several years ago). Room rates for Lake view will be \$169 , and Pine view \$139 Canadian.

The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Toronto chapter's 25th anniversary boat show which is July 9th and 10th. The show hosts a wonderful collection of boats and many which never leave the Muskokas. The area is rich in boating heritage and the geography and water are unforgettable.

Please mark your calendar now to join us.

Thanks,

Jeff Stebbins

## ACBS Early Bird Prize Package

Considering going to the ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show at Lake of The Ozarks?

NOW is the time to register. June 1 is the cutoff date for the early bird drawing!! You could win a free annual meeting package valued at over \$750! This includes annual meeting registration, three free nights at Tan Tar A, the event dinners on Thurs, Friday and Saturday nights, and lunch for two on Thursday. What a way to help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary!

Remember, to be eligible for the early bird prize package, your registrations must arrive at headquarters by June 1, 2005 Don't wait another moment.

# ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT.



**It's going to be nearly a full week of fun.** Our 30th International Annual Meeting & Boat Show is headed to Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks September 12-17. We're expecting our largest meeting ever with a projected 150-200 classic boats in attendance on one of America's most beautiful lakes.

We will be staying at Tan-Tar-A, a rustic resort branded as "one of the top three in the Midwest" with attractions from golf to horseback riding. The resort thrives in a setting that your "first mate" will find most appealing. It's a shopping paradise with 110 outlet stores and over 50 antique stores nearby.

Our host chapter, Heartland, has scheduled lake cruises and a Classic Boat Poker Run early in the week before the official ACBS events begin.



**Sound appetizing?** To make your reservations at special ACBS rates, call Tan-Tar-A toll-free 800.826.8272 or visit [www.tan-tar-a.com](http://www.tan-tar-a.com). The group code is ANTQ and the password is ANTQ2005.

Additional information and registration forms can be found at "Missouri 2005" on [www.acbs.org](http://www.acbs.org) and in the Spring edition of *Rudder*.



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**Come meet old friends and make new ones as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Should we save some cake for you?**

## 2005 ACBS International Show Events

Date	Event
Mon, Sept 12	Heartland "Honey Toad" Cruise
Tues, Sept 13	Heartland "Captain's Galley" Cruise
Wed, Sept 14	Heartland Poker Run
Wed, Sept 14	Welcome Aboard Party
Thurs, Sept 15	Chapter Roundtable
Thurs, Sept 15	Annual Meeting
Thurs, Sept 15	Networking Lunch
Thurs, Sept 15	Dinner Buffet
Fri, Sept 16	Public Boat Show
Fri, Sept 16	Poolside Dinner Buffet
Sat, Sept 17	Public Boat Show
Sat, Sept 17	Awards Banquet, Silent Auction

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## Tulips Love It Cold and Wet!

By Susan Richardson

The final weekend of the 2005 Tulip Festival dawned wet and cold. The flowers were loving it, but the boaters were wandering around the Dow's Lake Pavilion with fingers crossed. The Club fielded three entries - each distinctly different - in the annual Tulip Festival Flotilla. The Richardsons braved the full system of locks from Manotick to Dow's Lake with three guests on board Campster. Susan had auctioned off the trip down (with refreshments) at a company fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. Committed we were and glad to have an adventuresome trio consisting of another real estate agent and her aged parents from Toronto.

Dugald Souter and "Queen Tulip" Jodi Chupa joined the run part way down in All Grew'd Up. As the rain poured from the sky as we reached Hog's Back, the pair rigged a tarp over the windshield to protect themselves and fell behind Campster. Five largish people huddled under the un-swollen leaky roof of the Dodge.

Meeting us with smiles and waves at the dock were Henry Wray and Geoffrey Nesbitt up from Virginia in their shiny craft Valenclaire. They politely allowed that the weather in Washington was not much better than here. The organizing committee held a yummy barbeque for participants and weather cleared for the Festival of Lights for Dugald and Jodi.

Flotilla day began wet and stayed wet. It began cold and it stayed cold. But it also brought a grateful and enthusiastic crowd. It's easy to enjoy yourself when you have such appreciative onlookers. Cheers and claps met our threesome as we made our way along side the National Arts Centre. Passing the judges stand at Pig Island, we took two of the three prizes for antique and classic craft...a good haul. Dugald took the second place prize, playing ragtime music from his aft deck and Henry and Geoffrey won the judges hearts for the third award as they warmed their two pups under layers of jackets. I think the Grecian urn mounted over the engine room may have helped.

The Richardsons ended the weekend with a very special trip back through the locks to Manotick. We "owned the River"....didn't meet another boat until Hunt Club and then only "Armstrong" fishing boats. The locks were ours alone - chilly, but memorable moments to keep us warm until the water gets hard again.

