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NEWS LETTER 31 MAY 2005

PROGRESS

CONSTANT RAIN HAS BEEN THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS, A LITTLE BIT MORE AND WE CAN LAUNCH THE BOAT. THIS LAST MONTH HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY, THE LONG AWAITED F-14 TOMCAT WAS FLOWN TO THE DELAND AIRPORT FROM THE OCEANIA NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, VA. THIS TOOK SEVERAL ATTEMPTS OVER TWO WEEKS DUE TO THE SHORT WET RUNWAY, THE FLIGHT CREW DID A WONDERFUL JOB, SOME OF THE LOCAL POPULATION THOUGHT THE WORLD HAD COME TO AN END WHEN THE F-14 KICKED IN THE AFTERBURNERS AND ROTATED OVER THE DOWNTOWN AREA. SECURITY AND CAR ALARMS WERE GOING OFF ALL OVER THE PLACE, IT WAS GREAT. THE B MODEL F-14 IS NOW PERMANENTLY GROUNDED, HER ENGINES AND SOME OF THE AVIONICS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, THE PLANE IS TEMPORARELY PARKED ACROSS FROM THE MUSEUM AWAITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT MOUNTING TO BE LOCATED NEAR THE MUSEUM.

SENATOR ROBERT DOLE PAID A VISIT TO DNAS FOR A BOOK SIGNING OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, 'ONE SOLDIER'S STORY'. THE SENATOR PICKED ONE OF THE WORST WEATHER DAYS WE HAVE HAD IN SOMETIME, HIGH WINDS, DRIVING RAIN, LIGHTNING, THE WORKS. PEOPLE STOOD IN LINE DESPITE THE CONDITIONS, DRIPPING WET, RUNNING FOR COVER WHEN THE LIGHTNING GOT TOO CLOSE, IN ALL 350 BOOKS WERE SOLD AND SIGNED. LAST IN LINE, FOUR MEMBERS OF TROOP 544 MET WITH SENATOR DOLE, PRESENTING THE SENATOR WITH A PTF 3 CREW HAT, HAT PIN AND A BOOKLET ABOUT THE BOAT. SENATOR DOLE WAS PLEASED WITH THE GIFTS AND WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE SCOUTS AND THE PTF 3 PROJECT.

DISASSEMBLY OF THE BOW SECTION HAS STARTED, THE DAMAGED STEM AND STEM BACKING PLATE HAVE BEEN REMOVED. SHIPWRIGHT BOB JUNKINS HAS CREATED A TEMPLATE TO USE TO RECREATE THE STEM, WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OUT OF A LAMINATED OAK BEAM. BUILDING AND MOUNTING THE NEW STEM SHOULD TAKE ABOUT A MONTH, PLANKING IS BEING REMOVED AS NEEDED TO RETAIN THE SHAPE OF THE BOW. AS THE PLANKING IS REMOVED, FRAME STRUCTURE IS EXPOSED AND CAN BE INSPECTED, MOST OF THE FRAME IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE TRAILER AND REPOSITIONED ON A BLOCK FOUNDATION. TRIMMING AND GRINDING EXCESS FIBERGLASS FRINGE AND HIGH SPOTS IS THE MAIN ACTIVITY AT THE MOMENT, LEVELING COMPOUND WILL BE USE TO FILL LOW SPOTS, THEN A HIGH BUILD PRIMER WILL BE SPRAYED AND SANDED BEFORE THE FINAL COLOR PAINT LAYER. THE BRIDGE WILL BE STRUCTUALLY COMPLETED AT THAT TIME AND READY FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED.

THE GRANT

WE WILL STAND BEFORE THE BOARD ON TUESDAY THE 20th OF SEPTEMBER 2005 FOR FINAL QUESTIONING BY THE BOARD, THIS HAS VARIED FROM 3 – 15 MINUTES IN THE PAST.

WE WILL NEED TO FILL THE AISLES AND AS MANY SEATS AS POSSIBLE, THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT, WE USUALLY APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD BETWEEN 4-5 pm. THE MORE PEOPLE PRESENT, THE BETTER, THIS SHOWS THAT A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST EXIST FOR THE PROJECT. OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS 'HERITAGE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT', RESTORING AND PRESERVING THIS HISTORIC PT BOAT TO SERVE AS A TRAINING PLATFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

FOR THOSE THAT LIVE IN THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA, TRY TO GET SEVERAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND THE MEETING SUPPORTING THE BOAT.

PLEASE ADDRESS LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC RESOURCES. THEN SEND A COPY TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 544. THIS WAY THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION. IF YOUR LETTERS COME IN AFTER THE APPLICATION DATE, WE WILL SEND A SECOND BUNDLE TO BE ADDED TO THE APPLICATION IN JULY.

ADDRESS LETTER TO:

DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
C/O BUREAU OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
GRANTS AND EDUCATION SECTION
500 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0250

SEND COPY TO:

BOY SCOUT TROOP 544
PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT
P.O. BOX 740789
ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789

LOOKING AHEAD

THE DELTIC ENGINES WILL BE MOVING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE DELAND NAVAL AIR MUSEUM TO A NEW HANGER, THAT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ROBERT NASS OF THE 'MUSTANG POINT AERODROME' IS PROVIDING THE HANGER SPACE, PROVIDING OUR MASTER CHIEF, BILL MOREO WITH A CLEAN AREA TO WORK ON THE DELTICS. THE HANGER IS AT THE HALF-WAY POINT AND SHOULD BE DONE SOON.

THE ENGINE HATCH MOUNTING DECK RING IS GOING TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE DECK AND ELEVATED 3 INCHES TO ALLOW FOR DECK RESURFACING, THEN IT WILL BE LOWERED AND RE-ATTACHED TO THE DECK.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE BOAT AND WE ARE SEEKING PHOTOS OF THE BOAT OR OF THE FIRST SERIES OF NASTY CLASS BOATS # 3 – 8 THAT HAVE THE EARLY BELOW DECK CONFIGURATION. THIS WILL ASSIST IN RECREATING FEATURES OF THE BOAT THAT WILL BE HISTORICALLY ACCURATE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR ANY HISTORICAL ITEMS RELATED TO THE BOAT, THEY WILL BE COME PART OF THE MUSEUM FOR THE BOAT.

MONEY TREE

GERRY (BOATS) MILLHOLEN IS THE HEAD OF THE FUND RAISING EFFORT AND CAN BE REACHED AT PHONE 407/ 402-0190 AND AT E MAIL: f11husker@695online.com OR

I CAN BE REACHED AT 800/ 694-7161 AND AT E MAIL: redbarn2@earthlink.net .

DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO **BSA TROOP 544 - PTF 3 FUND**
AND MAILED TO

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IF ANYONE HAS A LINE ON A GRANT PROGRAM, WE FALL UNDER MUSEUMS, YOUTH PROGRAM AND YOUTH EDUCATION. I NEED PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS AS WELL AS WERE TO LOOK FOR THE REQUIREMENTS.

FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, BOY SCOUT TROOP 544 IS A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT 501 C3 ORGANIZATION, DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

TOOLS – TALK TO HARDWARE STORES, WE NEED BELT SANDERS, COMPOUND POWER MITERS, HEAVY ROUTERS, 4 ½ INCH RIGHT ANGLE GRINDERS, ½ INCH DRILLS AND BITS, A SOURCE FOR FIBERGLASS AND RESIN, AND CLEAR PENETRATING EPOXY SYSTEM (CPES).

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com.

FEEDBACK - PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO BOB MCCRAY AT redbarn2@earthlink.net

SINCERELY,



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