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PROGRESS

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED THE HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. OUR PROSPECTS WITH THE PT BOAT ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING UP, THE DECEMBER STARTED OUT WITH THE DEPOSITE OF OUR FIRST PAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUERAU. WE HAVE BEGUN MAKING PURCHASES AND THE PAYING OF BILLS, THE FUNDS WILL EXPEDITE WORK THAT HAD TO BE PUT ASIDE BECAUSE A LARGE EXPENDITURE WAS NEEDED.

SANTA CLAUS HAS BEGUN DROPPING OFF GOODIES TO PTF 3, SMALL AIR SANDERS AND SAWS THAT ALLOW WORK IN TIGHT PLACES. RESPIRATORS, FRESH AIR SYSTEMS AND OTHER SAFETY RELATED EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT THE CREW. A LOW PRESSURE ACETYLENE GAS WELDING SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW US TO WELD ALUMINUM, STAINLESS STEEL, MILD STEEL, CAST METALS AND CUT METAL WITH PERCISION, ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR MULTIPLE HIGH PRICED WELDING EQUIPMENT. VIBRATING MEDIA POLISHING BOWL FOR CLEANING SMALL PARTS AND A BUFFING WHEEL MOTOR AND STAND FOR FINAL CLEAN. A LARGE SAND BLASTING CABINET THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE TEDIOUS SCRAPPING OF PAINT IS ON ORDER. THIS IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD MORE EFFICENT AND QUALITY WORK, WE HAVE BEEN MAKING DUE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES FOR A LONG TIME.

TWO NAPIER DELTIC ENGINES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$ 25,000.00 EACH, THE ENGINES WERE ON THE OPEN MARKET AND WE DID NOT WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE OF LOSING THEM. WE HAVEN'T GONE HOG WILD SPENDING MONEY, THE ITEMS PURCHASED HAVE BEEN ON A LONG STANDING WISH LIST AND WILL HAVE A DIRECT AFFECT ON THE PROJECT. ALL PURCHASES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AND THOSE PURCHASES ARE CAREFULLY MONITORED BY OUR FUND COORDINATOR TO INSURE THAT ALL RECEIPTS ARE TURNED IN FOR RECORD KEEPING.

WE HAVE PTF 3 READY TO MOVE TO THE NEW SITE, BUT, THE NEW SITE IS NOT READY. HALF OF THE CULVERT IS IN PLACE WITH THE REMAINDER ON ORDER, THE FILL DIRT HAS BEEN SPREAD AROUND, BUT NOT GRADED OR COMPACTED. THE CITY PLANS TO HAVE GUESTS OF THE PRISON SYSTEM TAKE CARE OF THE PERIMETER FENCING, THE CATCH 22 OF THE MOMENT IS THAT THE CITY AIRPORT MANAGER SAYS HE DOES NOT HAVE THE BUDGET TO PURCHASE LIME ROCK FOR THE BASE MATERIAL TO GO UNDER THE BOAT AND TRAILERS. OUR SIDE OF THE CATCH 22 IS THAT WE CANNOT USE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN THE BEGGING PROCESS FOR THE NECESSARY BASE MATERIALS AT THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A NICE SET OF PHOTOS FROM GENE VAN ORDEN, THEY WERE TAKEN IN 1973 AT THE GUNBOAT BASE AT LITTLE CREEK, VA. THE TOP PHOTO SHOWS A PTF OSPREY CLASS IN THE FOREGROUND AND NASTY CLASS PTF's DRY DOCKED IN THE WORK YARD. THERE WERE 2 OSPREY CLASS AND 3 NASTY CLASS BOATS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE APRIL 1973 PHOTO. THE NEXT SET OF PHOTOS SHOW A NASTY TIED UP AT THE PIER IN LITTLE CREEK, VA. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL WHICH BOAT IS IN THE PHOTO, WE WILL HAVE TO CHECK THE RECORDS TO SEE WHICH BOATS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE BASE IN 1973 TO EVEN VENTURE A GUESS. THE BOTTOM PHOTOS ARE OF AN ASHVILLE CLASS GUNBOAT PG 94 THAT WAS DOCKED AT PIER # 1 WITH THE PTF BOATS AND A VIEW OF THE REAR MOUNT 40mm BOFORS DECK GUN. A SIDE NOTE, ACCORDING TO GENE VAN ORDEN, THE 40mm THAT GRACES THE DECK OF PTF 26 WAS REMOVED THE GUNBOAT U.S.S. GALLUP PG 85 IN 2003 AT PANAMA CITY, FL.

WE ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS AND HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO MOVE TO OUR NEW SITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THERE WE CAN TACKLE THE HULL WORK IN ERNEST AND REALLY GET MOVING.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE DECISION ON THE COVER FOR THE BOAT HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD TILL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR WEB SITE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO www.ptf3restoration.org FROM www.scout544ptf.com . BOTH WILL WORK, THE OLD ADDRESS WILL BE DROPPED AFTER A YEAR. THE CHANGE WAS MADE TO SIMPLIFY THE ADDRESS FOR THE PROJECT AND MAKE IT EASIER TO REMEMBER.

HISTORICAL

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.

COLUMNIST DAVID BARRY IS WRITING A BOOK ON THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT AND IS IN NEED OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PTF BOATS AND HOW THEY OPERATED THROUGH OUT THE WAR. I BELIEVE THAT DAVID BARRY IS TRYING TO CREATE A SERIOUS PIECE OF WORK THAT WILL SHED LIGHT ON THE PTF BOAT OPERATIONS. HE CAN BE REACHED AT HIS E MAIL davidsbarry@earthlink.net .

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 .

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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.

FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT 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

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