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Restoration Project

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PROGRESS

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE RESTORATION PROJECT TRAVELLED TO THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL ON THE 28th OF MARCH 2006 TO ATTEND THE FLORIDA HISTORIC PRESERVATION DAY 2006. THE RECEPTION WAS HELD AT THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB IN TALLAHASSEE. WE INVITED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND SENATE THAT HAVE ASSISTED WITH OUR PROJECT TO THE EVENT. SECRETARY OF STATE SUE COBB WAS ON HAND TO PRESENT AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS IN PRESERVING FLORIDA'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS, THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING SESSION BY FLORIDA TRUST LOBBIST, MALINDA HORTON.

CREW MEMBERS MIKE BRADLEY, BOB WILKINSON, JIM VOUGH AND BOB MCCRAY JOINED WITH FLORIDA VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CHARLIE PRICE, SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS, AND REP. RICHARD MACHEK TO REPRESENT THE PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT. WE SPENT TIME EARLIER IN THE DAY IN REP. RICHARD MACHEK'S OFFICE GOING OVER THE PROJECT AND STATE BUDGET PROCESS, PRESENTLY, THE HOUSE WANTS TO FUND 49 PROJECTS AND THE SENATE WANTS TO FUND 44 PROJECTS. WE ARE NUMBER 39 OUT OF 43 PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BE FUNDED, THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS, THE STATE IS IN A FUNDING MOOD AND NOT CUTTING PROJECTS.

THE PROJECT 'DONATED' \$ 250.00 TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE EVENT AND A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. THE TRUST IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MUCH OF THE PRESERVATION WORK AND FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA THROUGH THE FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE. WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROGRESS OF THE PTF 3 PROJECT WITH SECRETARY OF STATE SUE COBB, HOUSE SPEAKER ALLAN BENSE, PRESERVATION DIRECTOR JUDITH BENSE, REP. MARY BRANDENBERG AND MANY OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES THAT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND BELIEVE IT IS A WORTHWHILE EFFORT.

GRANT FUNDING FOR THE BOAT IS SET FOR \$ 350,000.00, WE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE BUDGET IS VOTED IN AND OFFICIAL, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL GO BACK TO TALLAHASSEE TO PROCESS THE GRANT.

BACK AT THE BOAT, A FRESH COAT OF PRIMER WAS ADDED TO THE PORT SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, RADAR MAST AND ELECTRICAL PANELS. ALL METAL THAT IS EXTERIOR TO THE BOAT WILL BE PAINTED OLIVE DRAB AND INTERIOR PANELS WILL BE PAINTED WHITE. AN ADDITIONAL AIR COMPRESSOR WAS PUT ON LINE TO RUN OUR SAND BLASTING UNIT, THIS WILL SPEED UP THE PREP WORK NEED BEFORE PAINTING EQUIPMENT.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE WILL BE HOSTING A VISIT BY A MODEL BUILDING CLUB BASED OUT OF SOUTH DAYTONA BEACH IN JUNE, THE CLUB HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BUILDING A COUPLE OF TABLE TOP MODELS OF THE PTF BOATS.

WE RECENTLY MOVED ONE OF THE BOATS PROPELLERS INTO THE MUSEUM AS PART OF A DISPLAY THAT WILL SHOW CASE PT BOATS FROM WORLD WAR 2 THROUGH VIETNAM. SOME OF THE MEMORIBILIA OF THE BOAT WILL BE PLACED ON DISPLAY WITH THE PROPELLER.

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.

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: f1husker@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 THE **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.

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
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SINCERELY,

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