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NEWS LETTER 31 MAY 2005

PROGRESS

AS PROMISED THE WHEEL HOUSE/BRIDGE HAS A NEW COAT OF FIBERGLAS, IT WAS PLACED ON A TRAILER AND TRANSPORTED FROM THE DELAND NAVAL AIR MUSEUM TO BOSTON WHALER Mfg. IN EDGEWATER, FL. WE HAVE RECEIVED TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE STAFF AT WHALER, MANY OF WHOM WERE INVOLVED WITH PTF 3 ON HER ARRIVAL TWO YEARS AGO. WE OWE A SPECIAL THANKS TO RON BERMAN, TIM GOMEZ, DANNY RYAN, BUD, TIM AND DEE FOR ALL OF THE ASSISTANCE, HANDS ON HELP, AND ALLOWING US TO USE PRESCIOUS SHOP SPACE FOR TWO WEEKS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FIBERGLASSING OF THE BRIDGE.

OVER THE COURSE OF TWO WEEKS, OUR TEAM OF FOUR WITH THREE BOSTON WHALER PERSONNEL SPENT 2 DAYS SHOOTING AND ROLLING OUT TWO LAYERS OF FIBERGLASS CHOP, AND THEN APPLYING A HEAVY LAYER OF FIBERGLASS MAT TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BRIDGE DURING THE FIRST WEEK. THE FOLLOWING WEEK WAS SPENT INSTALLING A STEEL BEAM THROUGH THE SCUPPERS OF THE BRIDGE, ATTACHING PIVOT JOINTS TO THE STEEL, THEN LIFTING AND ROTATING THE BRIDGE 180 DEGREES AND SETTING IT UPSIDE DOWN ON THE FLOOR.

FIBERGLASS CHOP AND RESIN IS VERY HEAVY, AND DOES NOT WORK WELL SPRAYING OVERHEAD, HENCE THE NECESSITY TO TURN THE BRIDGE UPSIDE DOWN. A LAYER OF CHOP AND RESIN WAS SPRAYED ON ALL INTERIOR SURFACES AND ROLLED FLAT TO ACHIEVE A PROFESSIONAL FINISH. HOISTED ABOVE THE FLOOR FOR A SECOND TIME THE BRIDGE WAS ROTATED BACK TO THE NORMAL UPRIGHT POSITION AND LOWER BACK TO THE FLOOR. A GREY PRIMER WAS THEN SPRAYED OVER ALL WEATHER SURFACES TO PROTECT THE FIBERGLASS, AND THEN THE BRIDGE WAS LOADED BACK ON THE TRAILER.

THE BRIDGE IS BACK AT THE DELAND NAVAL AIR MUSEUM, TOUCH UP IS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS, THEN MORE PRIMER, BLOCKING AND SANDING, AND THE COLOR COAT TO FINISH THE PAINT JOB. THE DASH WILL BE INSTALLED, INSTRUMENTS, RADAR AND CONTROLS WILL BE FITTED, LEAVING THE BRIDGE IN A NEAR COMPLETED STATE.

BOSTON WHALER HAS BEEN INVOLVED BUILDING BOATS FOR THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MARKET FOR A LONG TIME, ONE OF THE FLAGS FLYING FROM THE FLAG POLE AT BOSTON WHALER IS A POW/MIA FLAG, JUST TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE COMING FROM, DROP THEM A LINE IF YOU GET TIME. THEY HAVE PROVIDED CORPORATE SUPPORT THAT YOU DON'T SEE VERY OFTEN, REAL HELP.

ADDRESS TO: BOSTON WHALER Mfg.
100 WHALER WAY
EDGEWATER, FL. 32141
ATTN: RON BERMAN, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & ENG. SALTWATER BOAT GROUP.

THE MAIN ENGINE HATCH IS THE NEXT MAJOR ITEM TO BE TACKLED, THIS IS BEING STRIPPED OF PAINT, AND WILL BE REFINISHED WITH A FRESH COAT OF O.D. GREEN PAINT. THE HATCH WILL BE PLACED BACK ON THE BOAT TO SEAL THE BELOW DECK AREA FROM THE WEATHER.

THE GRANT

AT 16 POUNDS, 11 OUNCES, THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT WAS DELIVERED TO TALLAHASSEE ON 31 MAY 05. THE APPLICATION WILL BE DESSIMINATED TO THE SITTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR REVIEW, AND STAFF MEMBERS TO PROCESS. 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.

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: 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 **BSA TROOP 544 - PTF 3 FUND**
AND MAILED TO

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PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT
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ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789**

SCROUNGE DEPT-

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,



ROBERT MCCRAY
PROJECT MANAGER

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