



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

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PROGRESS

October started out with our steady progress with work on the PT Boat, On 10 October we were finally able to have the gate between the DNAS Museum and Deltrans installed, but not without incident. First DNAS called the police claiming that someone was cutting their fence, the fence was erected by Deltrans in 1981. The responding officer viewed the call as a nuisance and left, Mr. Fuller of DNAS tried to interfere with the fence company and was promptly rebuffed. He continued to walk around, getting in our way to the point that we had to call the DeLand Police to stop his harassment. Harold London V-P of DNAS, the same person who told us in April that we could stay for 5 years, went to Deltrans to stop the gate installation, there was no one there to speak with Mr. London. The DeLand Police informed DNAS that we had every right to be there and for them to leave, which they complied.

17 Oct 07, we dropped the back fence and pulled up fence poles that were in our way, then Greg Rohr of McMahan Construction backed his rig and hooked on to our equipment trailers. One at a time the trailers were slowly moved across the field behind the boat to the road way and then backed into Detrans parking lot, they are lined up 25ft. away from the port side of the boat. We put the fence back up and began tiding up the area. The following Wednesday Greg Rohr was back with a bobcat equipped with forks and moved our fuel tanks, work bench and heavy equipment, some to the Deltrans side other equipment lined up behind the PT Boat. We appreciate Greg taking time from work on both days to help us move all of the gear, we had strapped down as much as possible in the trailers and had no moving damage.

It was business as usual until the 27th of October on arrival to the site we found that the DNAS Museum had pad locked our entrance and access to the water supply. This action is totally illegal, the DeLand Police had informed the DNAS bunch that we had every right to be there. Besides being locked out we noticed that our 20yd dumpster that we lease was gone, we found that DNAS Vice President, Mr. Harold London's name was on the cancellation ticket with Waste Management. We could have cut the lock at that time and chalked it up to another pain, but decided to let our attorney's Mandy Pavlakos and Tim Dave handle the problem. The dumpster will be returned to it's original position next week and DNAS will get the bill.

Using the lock out incident as the last straw, a court injunction is in the works that challenges DNAS Boards legitimacy. This board was illegally contrived violating DNAS Bylaws and State Law, which means any decision by this Board are illegitimate and illegal with no legal bearing. We were informed that DNAS Pres. Alexander's attorney begged our attorney not to impose an injunction, all the more reason to do so considering past behavior. We will be working on the boat as usual starting on 2 Nov 07, if we have any problems with DNAS, the DeLand Police will be called to handle

the situation, we are not going to lower ourselves to their level by getting into confrontations. Unfortunately, most of our work this month has been centered around moving most of our equipment next door to Deltrans, to date we have wasted months of time packing and moving equipment trying to get along with the DNAS Museum.

We owe a lot to the Deltrans Corporation, this is a family owned business that produces the well known "Battery Tender" charging units. The Mike Prelec Family suffered a loss last month with the passing at age 89, of the senior Mike Prelec. A Captain at age 25 in the Merchant Marine during World War 2, he made many passages hauling cargo over the Atlantic Ocean during the war years. Mike Prelec gave the go ahead to do anything they could to help the PT Boat Vets, Larry Bates and Jim Glantz put Mike Prelec's wishes into action at Deltrans helping us to set up the move of our equipment to Deltrans and took care of the details to help us move our trailers.

The lock out was also an attempt to prevent us from placing the Bridge of the PT Boat in the Veteran's Day Parade on 10 November, the parade has been hosted by the DNAS Museum as part of the Air Fleet Week. It took several calls to get our position in the parade and as soon as we did the locks went on the gate. Well, the back gate wasn't locked and the temporary absents of our dumpster that would have been in the way, allowed us to bring in a trailer to slip under the Bridge. After a little fussing, the Bridge was mounted on the trailer and rolled out of the DNAS Museum and received a Police escort going around the block to the Deltrans Gate. The radar antenna mast has been mounted and flag bunting has been added along with last primer coat of paint. PTF 3 logo placards and banner will be added, a Sea Scout Color Guard will lead our Float with the restoration crew riding in the pickup truck pulling the Bridge with PTF Veterans riding on the Bridge. This looks to be a nice presentation to the public and a message that we are still working on the Boat.

LEGAL FUND

Since it is unethical and illegal to use the State Funds that we have received for restoring the PT Boat, we had to take money out of pocket to create a Legal Defense Fund to stop the harassment created by the illegal DNAS Board. We are represented by the Law Firm of Mandy Pavlakos and the Law Firm of Timothy Dave, they are cutting us as much slack as possible regarding legal cost, but they have a business to run. Mandy and Tim are making a serious effort to help the project, Tim is an Army and Navy Veteran who use to fly off of the U.S.S. KittyHawk. We have added donation buttons to our website at www.ptf3restoration.org one button is to donate to the Restoration Project and a second button for our legal fund donation. If some wish to donate by mail the check needs to be made out to the PTF 3 LEGAL FUND, and mailed our regular address at the PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT, P.O. BOX 740789, ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789.

LOOKING AHEAD

As soon as the weather allows we will finish painting the bridge, this was halted some time ago when we had to begin repositioning equipment in early attempts to accommodate the DNAS Museum. The Bridge will be mounted on a trailer and towed in the Veterans Day Parade on 10 November 2007. We want to have as many PTF veterans with the PTF 3 Bridge. With the full cover in place over the boat we plan to extend the cover another 15 ft. to shield the stern should be in place in a couple of weeks.

HISTORICAL

We are in the process of building of the historic record of PTF 3 and are seeking photos and history of the boat and / or the early series of Nasty Class Boats # 3 – 8 that have the early below deck configuration. This will assist greatly in recreating features of the boat that will historically accurate as possible. Many of the items will become part of the museum display in the boat and permanent historical record. Much of this material will be housed with the boat and copies will be on permanent file with Florida Historic Preservation.

MONEY TREE

Gerry (Boats) Millholen is the head of the fund raising effort and can be reached at Phone No. 386/ 785-4502 and at E-Mail: fl1husker@bellsouth.net or I can be reached at Phone No. 800/ 694-7161 and at E-Mail: redbarn2@embarqmail.com . Jack Waples, our fund Coordinator can be reached at E-Mail: rjwaples@hughes.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@embarqmail.com .

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