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PROGRESS

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN MAKING IN CONTACTING FLORIDA POLITICIANS REGARDING OUR RANKING BEFORE THE FLORIDA HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUREAU. KEEP APPLYING THE PRESSURE, CONTINUE TO CONTACT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN SHOW THAT THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PTF 3. THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION, TO BE EFFECTIVE, **NOW IS THE TIME TO CONTACT FLORIDA LAWMAKERS.**

BOSTON WHALER REPRESENTATIVE KEITH RENIRI STOPPED IN AND LOOKED OVER THE PTF 3 PROJECT AND WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE CONDITION OF THE BOAT AND THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN RESTORATION. KEITH MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE WOODWORK, SUCH AS MAKING HALF-INCH RADIUS TO ALL OF THE CORNERS AND JOINTS. THIS WILL MAKE THE APPLICATION OF FIBERGLASS AN EASIER PROCESS AND PROVIDE FOR A PROFESSIONAL LOOK TO THE FINISHED PRODUCT. A CHOP GUN APPLIED CHOP-RESIN BASE FOLLOWED BY A FINE MESH MAT IS THE PREFERRED PROCEDURE FOR THE BRIDGE, AND ROLLED ON CHOP MAT FOLLOWED BY THE FINE MESH FOR THE MAIN DECK OF THE BOAT. ADDITIONAL WOODWORK HAS BEEN ADDED TO HIDE WIRING TRACKS AND CHASES IN THE BRIDGE THAT WILL HANDLE SECURITY SYSTEMS AND LIGHTING.

FRAMING WORK HAS STARTED AROUND THE SOFT PATCH AREAS OF THE MAIN DECK, THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THIS AREA OF THE DECK AND ALLOW FOR EASY REMOVAL OF A SOFT PATCH HATCH. A REMOVABLE YACHT LADDER WILL PROVIDE EASY ACCESS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO MOVE IN AND OUT OF THE BOAT WITHOUT HAVING TO CLIMB A RUNG LADDER. THE SOFT PATCH HATCH WILL BE LOCKED DOWN AND YACHT LADDER STOWED WHEN EVER THE BOAT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AS MENTIONED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER THE 'FUN' TASK OF SCRAPPING PAINT IS UNDERWAY IN THE BELOW DECK AREA OF THE BOAT.

RICHARD SENIOR AND DAVID MITCHELL OF THE DELTIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, LTD OF ENGLAND PAID A VISIT TO THE BOAT. THEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT FOR SOME TIME, WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE NAPIER DELTIC ENGINES. THEY ARE ACTIVLY INVOLVED IN PRESERVING AND OPERATING THE RAILROAD VERSION OF THE DELTIC IN ENGLAND AND RECENTLY COMPLETED A RUN OF DELTIC POWERED LOCOMOTIVES FROM ENGLAND TO NORTHWEST SCOTLAND. RICHARD SAID THAT THEY HAVE A JACKING HANDLE TO MANUALLY ROTATE THE ENGINE AND PLAN TO SEND A DRAWING OF THE TOOL SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A COPY. WE WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH THE DPS IN THE FUTURE, KEEPING BOTH GROUPS UP TO DATE ON THE OTHERS PROGRESS.

WE HAVE RECEIVED HELP FROM MIKE BRADLEY, (USN, VIETNAM), AND LEE PEARL, (U.S. ARMY AVIATION, VIETNAM), OF BRADLEY AVIATION IN FT. WHITE, FLORIDA, IN CLEANING AND REPAIRING ALUMINUM HARDWARE FROM THE BOAT. TWO FUEL VENTS SERVED AS TEST PIECES THAT WERE STRIPPED AND REPAINTED IN PRIMER, LEE PEARL IS AN AIRFRAME CORROSION SPECIALIST, WITH EXPERIENCE DATING FROM HUEY HELICOPTERS IN VIETNAM TO F/A 18 FIGHTERS.

WE NOW HAVE A SHIP'S BELL FOR THE BOAT, CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE LETTERS ' U.S.N.' IN MID-SECTION OF THE BELL. THE BELL WAS RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK OF A 110 ft. WORLD WAR 1 SUB-CHASER THAT WAS SUNK AS A TARGET OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY. THE BELL HAS NO OTHER MARKINGS THAT IDENTIFY HER ORIGINAL SHIP OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION AS TO THE BELL'S HISTORY, IT WILL BE POLISHED AND PROPERLY MARKED FOR PTF 3.

BOB STONER HAS BEEN BEATING THE BUSHES FOR THE DECK ORDINANCE FOR THE BOAT AND HAS FOUND SOME PROMISING LEADS. CAPT. LARRY BAILEY HAS A LEAD ON SOME IN THE NORFOLK VIRGINIA AREA. THE INTENT IS TO INSTALL DECK ORDINANCE ON THE COMPLETION OF FIBERGLASSING THE DECK AND REMOUNTING THE BRIDGE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUREAU, STATE OF FLORIDA

CONTACTS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION RANKING, AFTER 3 YEARS OF MOVING UP THE LIST TO POSITION 59, WE WERE INEXPLICABLY DROPPED TO POSITION 114.

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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 AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH. 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.

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.

WE HAVE HAD MANY GREAT SUGGESTIONS IN OUR HUNT FOR THE DECK ORDINANCE, PLEASE KEEP LOOKING I HAVE STARTED TO FOLLOW UP SOME OF THE LEADS, THE REQUIREMENT IS THE SAME, A SINGLE 40mm GUN WITH MOUNTING RING, .50cal / 81mm MORTAR COMBO, AND TWO 20mm GUNS ARE REQUIRED. THREE TRIPLE LEG 20mm MOUNTS ARE NEEDED.

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 .

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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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