



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

Restoration Project

Sea Scout Ship 5544

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PROGRESS

Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs head, RADM. LeRoy Collins paid a surprise visit to PTF 3 on 7 July 07, he stopped in to see how the project was going and was very impressed with what had been accomplished. The Admiral spent a couple of hours taking a detailed look at the boat, expressing amazement at the work that in process and the size of project. Admiral Collins asked a great deal of insightful questions and speaking with many members of the crew. We appreciated the effort made by Admiral Collins making a special trip to see PTF 3 and her restoration crew.

The wood 'I' beam that supports deck above the forward head and anchor rope locker has been recreated along with sub-deck framing tying deck supports to the bow stem. Most of the bow section hull framing has been completed, leaving the detail work of small brackets and fittings to be finished. The planking will have wait in that area till framing on the inside of the rest of the boat is completed back to the engine room, allowing long pieces to be moved into the forward sections.

Mahogany made up of beautiful shades of reds, orange, yellows and brown have been uncovered as Billy Thomas strips paint from the hull. Presently, an area from the bow going back 30 feet on each side, gunwale to water line. The planking is in near new condition which was totally unexpected, the hull planking in many areas is in very good condition. We have several areas that are going to need serious attention that will have to be cut out and replace with new material. See photo page.

We will cover the remaining exposed area of the boat, amid-ships to stern, with additional canopy cover and saran black mesh wrap. All of the exposed planking will be coated as soon as possible with clear penetrating epoxy to seal and waterproof the hull planking. The external planking of the hard chine where the hull side wall joins the bottom of the hull has been opened up to expose the chine log area and aluminum gusset brackets the ties the chine area to the frame ribs.

A letter requesting deck ordnance has been sent to Dr. Roderick Speer at the U.S. Navy, Washington Navy Yard, deck mounts and their guns up to 20mm are in the request to keep with the authenticity of the restoration. We have not been able to locate the representative in England associated with the 40mm BOFORS deck gun for a month and he has not responded to our E Mails. We will try another avenue to acquire the 40mm BOFORS.

It's been all quiet on the DNAS Museum front for the past 4 weeks, in a telephone conversation last week with DeLand City Manager Mike Able state his desires regarding the PT Boat. At this time the PT Boat hull can stay put, preferably the tool and equipment

trailers with covered shop area be moved to an adjoining piece of property belonging to the Deltona Transformer Corporation, the makers of the 'Battery Tender' chargers. We are looking at this as a possible fall back position, this would require a gate to be installed in the existing perimeter fence giving us direct access to our equipment trailers.

The driving issue of a hotel that was planned on the same parcel appears to have collapsed months ago, according to a local developer who was involved with the project that hotel project was dead in the water and the city manager may be trying to salvage project. The City of DeLand is trying to develop every inch of the airport, an air traffic control tower will be built next year in the effort to create a jet shipping hub for the likes of Fed-express type of businesses.

The DNAS Museum leadership is coming under scrutiny, the personal attorney for DNAS President Dale Alexander is scheduled to appear before a formal hearing of the Florida Bar Association on ethics and other violations related to the Museum mess. This hearing is suppose to be monitored by a representative of the State Attorney's Office, a complaint has been filed with the local State Attorney over miss-use of funds.

LOOKING AHEAD

We feel the more the public knows of the high jinks of the City of Deland and the DNAS Museum the better. Close scrutiny and exposure to the light of day do more to stop the opposition and behind the scenes activity threatening the PT Boat. We are trying to notify all of the appropriate parties for assistance, and need all help we can get. We have been completely honest and honorable with all parties, only to be stabbed in back and have rug pulled out from under us the moment that we received actual funds for the project. Any proper assistance regarding our plight is greatly appreciated.

The E Mail should be back up with soon with our standard photo page, our E Mail was wrecked at the first of July when Earthlink and Embarq Telephone systems split their high speed DSL lines. After two weeks of trying to get that straighten out, we took a direct hit from a lightning strike, damaging one computer and destroying a second. Fortunately we were able to save the hard drive and files, everthing should be back to normal in a week.

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.

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@earthlink.net. Jack Waples, our fund Coordinator can be reached at E-Mail: rjwaples@hughes.net.

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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.

_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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