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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.**

THE BRIDGE IS RECEIVING A NEW SKIN, A FRESH LAYER OF MARINE GRADE PLYWOOD HAS BEEN APPLIED TO ALL SURFACES IN THE PILOT AREA OF THE BRIDGE. THE CHART ROOM WILL HAVE A FRESH LAYER APPLIED TO ALL SURFACES EXCEPT THE OVERHEAD, WHICH IS IN GOOD SHAPE. THE DASH BOARD AREA HAS BEEN RE-SURFACED AS WELL AS THE TOP RAIL AROUND THE LOOKOUT POSITIONS AND UNDER THE RADAR MAST. THIS SERVES TWO PURPOSES, THE RE-ENFORCEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE, AND A CLEAN SURFACE FOR THE APPLICATION OF NEW FIBERGLASS

THE BRIDGE WILL BE MOVED FROM DELAND TO BOSTON WHALER Mfg., IN EDGEWATER, FL. AT THE END OF APRIL. A COAT OF CHOP, STRAND FIBERGLASS, WILL BE SPRAYED ON AND THEN ROLLED FLAT IN A ROLLING PARTY. AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ROLL OUT THE CHOP TO CREATE AS SMOOTH A SURFACE AS POSSIBLE. THEN A LAYER OF MAT CLOTH IS APPLIED OVER ALL OF THE SURFACES THAT WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE WEATHER. BOSTON WHALER HAS EXCELLENT REPUTATION OF BUILDING A STRONG PRODUCT AND WILL DO A FINE JOB.

A NEW HATCH HAS BEEN CUT INTO BULKHEAD BETWEEN THE FUEL TANK GALLERY AND THE RADIO ROOM, THE TANK GALLERY WILL BE RETURNED TO IT'S ORIGINAL FUNCTION AS THE CHIEF'S MESS, ACCOMIDATING A CREW OF SIX. THE RADIO ROOM WAS ORIGINALLY ACCESSIBLE ONLY FROM THE CHART ROOM, THIS CREATED A ONE WAY EXIT AND A SAFETY CONCERN. THE SPACE WILL BE COVERED INTO A HEAD AND SHOWER SPACE THAT WILL ACCOMIDATE CREW IN THE CHIEF'S MESS. ALL COMMUNICATION GEAR WILL BE LOCATED IN THE CHART ROOM AND ON THE BRIDGE.

THE TECHNICAL DRAWINGS FOR THE BOAT ARE BEING TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN TO ENGLISH, THEY SHOULD BE READY IN ABOUT A MONTH, AND WE WILL MAKE THE DRAWINGS AVAILBLE ON THE WEBSITE. THE SHIP'S BELL HAS BEEN POLISHED TO NEAR ORIGINAL CONDITION, THIS IS A STEEL BELL WITH SOME NICKEL CONTENT, WHICH PRODUCES A GUN-METAL GREY FINISH. THE BELL WILL BE TAKEN TO ORLANDO TO SEE IF LASER ENGRAVING WILL BE THE BEST METHOD.

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. 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 MAIN ENGINE HATCH IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT MAJOR ITEM TO BE TACKLED, THIS WILL BE STRIPPED OF PAINT, REPAIRED AND 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. McCray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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