



THE BRASS BINNACLE

Manotick Classic Boat Club - The Eastern Ontario/Western Quebec Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society



Jimmy Potter 1942 to 2017

By Sarah Gould

He may have been James or Jim to others, but always Jimmy to us. That wonderful face that lit up with the subject of old boats, those turned in fists and that curmudgeonly chin that protruding at the very mention of authority, rules, computers, cell phones or pretty much anything that operated on the air waves or wires. Of course the wiring in an old boat or Ford truck was OK and we're not sure if he ever fully accepted old Bessie (the cow, not the old Winnebago!) now being automatically milked. He had more passion and care for saving old boats than most people could ever know. That care extended to those that embraced his passion too and you could tell that the world would simply stop as far as he was concerned and also for those that listened as he told his often funny stories and gave sound advice. He could talk to anyone and as many can attest that he did this to the very end of his life.

It was forty some years ago that we first had the privilege of meeting Jimmy. I was just home from work and wandered through the unfinished shell of a house (the money had run out) seeking the whereabouts of Murray. I found him on our makeshift dock in animated conversation with several of our yet to be introduced neighbours and an equally animated fellow expounding on the merits of old wood boats versus 'most' other things. Murray had just bought our first Gravette Sheerliner and like a moth to a flame, Jimmy with a nose like a hound for oil in a wooden bilge, was down on this newcomer's dock in a flash. At the time, we had no house flooring or light fixtures, we had no real kitchen (still don't) and the entire grassless and sandy backyard was a hangout for egg laying turtles. Our four year old daughter, Jess, at least had shoes and we lived in what anyone would consider paradise, the soon to be named 'Mahogany' Harbour. So, Jimmy didn't need much of an instinct, he just had to look around to know that our priorities were just right—his kind of right. In the decades that followed this cherished first encounter, we came to love this most wonderful 'character' who shared so much of his immense knowledge of old boats, and more importantly, his passion to be out in them eschewing the burdens of life by simply enjoying nature along with other likewise spirits. He probably never fully knew the extent of his influence in our lives. His most tangible influence was possibly the thousands of boats that were saved because of Jimmy. Too many people to count were influenced by him. His loss is profound to all his many friends, his fellow boaters and the antique boating world at large -- a world that would not have been possible without his input, involvement, and infectious passion and caring. He was a lucky man to have found an equally passionate partner in Linda and raised their sons and grandchildren to carry on with that great gift of appreciation for life's simple things and the preservation of old boats.

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Jimmy Potter 1942 to 2017 (Cont'd)

By Sarah Gould

Warpath has been saved a few times by our friends in her life and was once saved by Jimmy from sinking to the bottom of the Rideau. We are so thankful that he was able to save her once again just before he left us. We will think of Jimmy whenever we ply our lovely Rideau in Warpath and will think about how lucky we were to have known and loved him. So, if you are listening, Jimmy, and not too busy telling your stories and imparting your wisdom up there, you leave behind so many friends who miss you and we hope that your well known attitudes regarding authority do not get in the way of any heavenly cruises that you may be planning. Like going to the States, you somehow got past the guy in the booth at the pearly gates, now don't argue with the guys that board and check your safety equipment. You know..... like that time on the Ottawa River. Now, that's a whole other story best left to your version of events.



Jim Potter 1942 to 2017

By Carman Keyes

Regarding the sudden death of Jim Potter one of MCBC's founding members and first Club President on March 30. Always a good smile & helpful to the Club Members.

Mid-seventies, "Miss Jane" was pulling one of my boys on water-skis with me sitting on the motor cover, steering with my feet when we hit a wave which jarred the transmission, it came out of gear, over-revving the Lycoming engine, snapped the crank shaft and cracked the block.

I was very upset as this engine came with my boat in 1936, the year Lycoming discontinued making marine engines. A few weeks later I attended a Manotick Classic Boat Club meeting and asked the group if anybody knew where I could get a 4 cylinder Lycoming engine. The response was laughter and "Good Luck!"

Out of the blue during the winter, I got a call from Jim stating that he knew where an engine was in a bush in Muskoka. A group of men went into the bush all covered in snow and found the engine. Jim asked me if I still wanted the engine and my response was "Yes!"

Well Jim again contacted his friend and they took a toboggan, dug out the engine, loaded it on the toboggan and brought it home. I called Jim and arranged to move the engine from Muskoka to the Loeb truck terminal in Toronto. In February, the engine arrived in Ottawa. I took my old engine along with the found engine to a local engine repair shop and they made one good Lycoming engine out of the two. This is the same engine still running in "Miss Jane" today.

That's the kind of gentleman Jim was. What a sad loss to our Club.



Jimmy Potter 1942 to 2017

Dave and Dinah Scholfield.

We first met Jimmy Potter in 1982. We had just spent the weekend on Lake Simcoe with friends aboard his Gidley-Grew wooden boat. I was in love with the romance and elegance of antique boats. We were heading back to our home in Alta Vista when we passed by Millar Potter Boatworks on Hwy. 16. There in the yard I spied the beautiful transom of a pretty derelict runabout. Jim had purchased this Grew, as it turned out, from Eddie Skinner to be used by Linda on the Big Rideau at their cottage. After some fast-talking, he sold it to me. I'm not sure who did most of the talking.

The boat, now named M'Lora, a long story, spent over two years in the yard beside our house. It became apparent that this task was beyond us and needed the expertise of the craftsmen at Jimmy's. So began our Friday night ritual. We would arrive after work with extra tools and great enthusiasm to help out on the boat. The country music station was on, the beer was cold and quite often we ordered pizza or had donuts. The stories were legend, songs by Jimmy rivals any star and the good cheer and laughter set us on the path of the best friendships we have ever made.

M'Lora went on to win many awards, thanks to the skill, we still own the boat 35 years later and every now and then Linda would smile and say that the boat really was hers. Thank god for that day we met. We will miss that darling man, his songs, smiles and laughter. Cheers, Jimmy.



James Potter: A life directed by passion

Antique Boat enthusiasts throughout North America were saddened this past Spring to hear of the passing of James Potter of Manotick, Ontario. Jimmy was the number one facilitator responsible for initiating and formalizing the passion for antique and classic boats in eastern Canada. Having been raised in an area of Ontario surrounded by many fresh water lakes, a local heritage rich in esteemed boat builders, and a family excited by the lure and thrill of speedboats it was inevitable that Jimmy, with the enthusiastic support of fellow antique boaters, was a founding member and first President of the Manotick Classic Boat Club. He was also instrumental in directing MCBC into joining the Antique and Classic Boat Society which was in its infancy at the time. It was because of Jim's enthusiasm and his visitations to other boating communities that Toronto and the boats of Muskoka also joined the brotherhood of ACBS thus making it truly an international organization. Jim ensured that the boats we have grown to love will forever occupy space and time, enshrined in Canadian boating history for future generations. This man's passion and love for these glorious boats has been responsible for wooing many people to participate and admire this important aspect of our Canadian heritage. We honour his memory and thank him dearly for the contributions he enabled all of us to make to history. I am sure future Binnacle's will share countless stories of how Jim's passion created and supported the dreams of many.

*"Skill supports the craftsman.
Passion determines the artist.
The artist actualizes the dream."*

Heather Phelan
Past President MCBC
Past Secretary ACBS
Past President Toronto Chapter/ACBS

A LETTER FROM A FRIEND

Below is a letter that appeared in the April 14th issue of the Manotick Messenger. Manotick historian and journalist Larry Ellis has given permission for use of his Letter to the Editor.



Manotick lost an old friend and businessman recently with the passing of Jim Potter. Jim was the 'POTTER' of Millar Potter Boat Restorations and Potter's Milk Transport on Prince of Wales Dr. I have known Jim on a friend level since he was four years old! I moved to Manotick in July 1945 and lived in the house directly across the street (O'Grady Street was called John Street then). Jim's parents, Charlie and Pearl, and his sisters Jane and Mary were great neighbours and the three "kids" were always out playing. I was a happy witness to this for eight years before I moved.

Jim's father Charlie had a milk truck business, that is, the trucks collected cans of milk from local farms and delivered to Ottawa dairies. Charlie and another driver,

Hughie Scharf, would arrange the empty cans on the truck in the early morning before picking up the cans filled with milk from the farms. I can still hear the clank of the cans at four or five in the mornings. So Jim grew up with "milk" in his veins!!

Jim was a great supporter of the Manotick Classic Boat Club as was his father. Their famous mahogany cruiser "Riot" was a beautiful boat and as mahogany may have been the reason for the naming of Mahogany Harbour.

I lost an old friend with Jim's passing, I stopped in at the shop on Price of Wales often and we chatted about Manotick. He was always ready with a laugh. We miss you Jim.



Millar Potter Boat Restoration Carries On

By Dave Tilley

For those of you who thought that Jimmy Potter's passing would mean the end of Millar Potter Boat Restoration, Jimmy had a plan. After he sold the milk transport business he brought his son, Charlie Potter, into the business full time.

I visited Charlie along with long-term employees Javier Alvarado and Iain McAleese at the shop the other day. They were busy on three different boats at the time, are open for business and looking forward to seeing Club members as they drop in to see what's happening. Charlie says that he plans to be active in the boating community and to be at our show in Westport in August.



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MCBC Calendar of Events – 2017

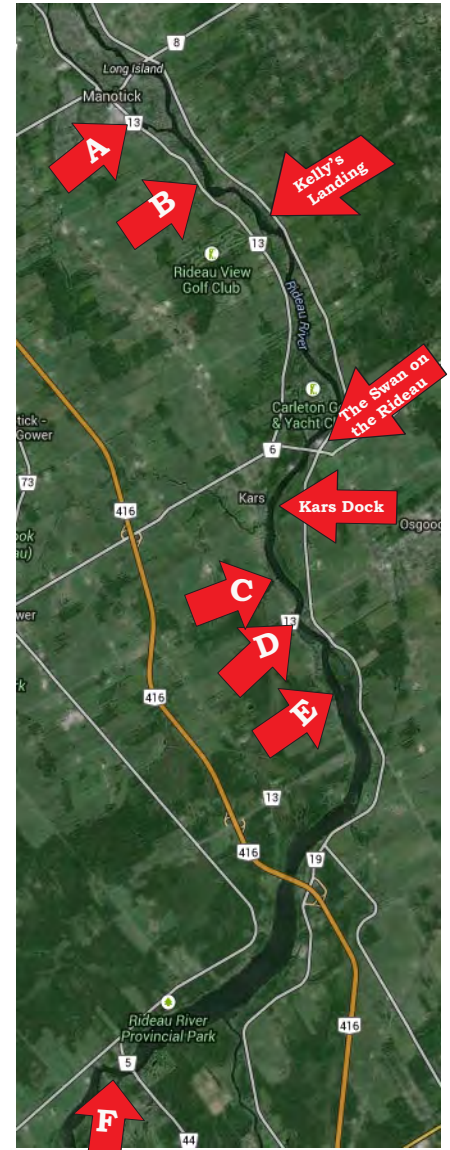
January 21	Hardwater Cruise Night - Black Dog Bistro	Jean Beveridge
January 30	Open Board Meeting	Carman Keyes
February 18	Hardwater Cruise Night - Swan on the Rideau	Dinah Scholfield
February 23 to 26	Ottawa Boat Show - EY Centre	Carman Keyes
February 27	Open Board Meeting	Carman Keyes
April 22	Spring Shop Tour	Carol Ann Arsenault
April 22	Hardwater Cruise Night - Marlborough Pub	Carol Ann Arsenault
April 24	Open Board Meeting	Carman Keyes
May 24 to Sept 13	Wednesday Cruise Nights	Dinah Scholfield
June 3	Dickinson Days	Carol Ann Arsenault
June 12	Open Board Meeting	Carman Keyes
July 15	Big Rideau Lake Run (Portland to Rideau Ferry)	Graeme Beattie
July 23	Family Picnic at Long Island Lock	Jean Beveridge
July 24	Open Board Meeting	Carman Keyes
August 12	Boat Show - Westport, ON	Chris Lucas
September 13	Kelly's Landing Cruise Night	Dinah Scholfield
September 24	Burritys Rapids Run	Wilma & Ron Jelley
October 14	Fall Workshop	Carol Ann Arsenault
October 14	Hardwater Cruise Night	Carol Ann Arsenault
December 2	Annual General Meeting	Carol Ann Arsenault



Manotick Classic Boat Club 2017 Cruise Night Schedule

Here is the schedule for the Cruise Nights of 2017 as developed by Dinah Scholfield. The usual time of arrival is 6:30PM. Bring your own liquid refreshments and a snack to share. You are welcome by water or by land. You are also welcome to bring a guest or two especially if they are interested in old boats and possibly joining the club. We are rarely rained out, except in the event of 'thunder and lightning', in which case we recommend travelling by car.

Date	Location	Map
May 24	The Swan on the Rideau 2730 River Road., Manotick 613 692-4550	See Map
May 31	Wilma & Ron Jelley 5829 Rideau Valley Dr N., Manotick 613 692-2273	B
June 7	Dinah & David Scholfield 6931 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 489-4277	C
June 14	Richard Macleod 7147 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 489-2890	D
June 21	Sarah & Murray Gould 5573 Dickinson, Manotick 613 692-4292	A
June 28	Christine & Dale Hill 7299 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 692-2496	E
July 5	Dinah & David Scholfield 6931 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 489-4277	C
July 12	Carman Keyes 5464 Rideau Rd S., Kemptville 613-824-5252	F
July 19	Sarah & Murray Gould 5573 Dickinson, Manotick 613 692-4292	A
July 26	Christine & Dale Hill 7299 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 692-2496	E
August 2	Carman Keyes 5464 Rideau Rd S., Kemptville 613-824-5252	F
August 9	Sarah & Murray Gould 5573 Dickinson, Manotick 613 692-4292	A
August 16	Dinah & David Scholfield 6931 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 489-4277	C
August 23	Christine & Dale Hill 7299 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 692-2496	E
August 30	Richard Macleod 7147 Rideau Valley Dr S., Kars 613 489-2890	D
Sept 6	Wilma & Ron Jelley 5829 Rideau Valley Dr N., Manotick 613 692-2273	B
Sept 13	Final Cruise Night at Kelly's Landing 1980 River Road, Manotick 613-692-1243	See Map



Other 2017 Events of Interest

March 23	ACBS Spring Board Meeting, Tavares, FL	www.acbs.org
March 19 to 23	South-bound St. John's River Cruise, Jacksonville, FL	www.acbs-sunnyland.org
March 23 to 26	Sunnyland Antique & Classic Boat Festival, Tavares, FL	www.acbs-sunnyland.org
March 26 to 30	North-bound St. John's River Cruise, Sanford, FL	www.acbs-sunnyland.org
June 23	ACBS Summer Board Meeting, Port Huron, MI	www.acbs.org
June 24	ACBS Michigan Boat Show, Algonac, MI	www.michacbs.com
July 7 to 9	ACBS Toronto Boat Show, Gravenhurst, ON	www.acbs.ca
July 15	Trent-Severn's July 15 Campbellford to Hastings Run	www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com
July 21 to 23	1,000 Islands Club Show, Alexandria Bay, NY	www.1000islandsacbs.org
August 4 to 6	Antique Boat Museum Show & Auction, Clayton, NY	www.abm.org
August 19 to 20	RFYC Race Boat Regatta, Rideau Ferry, ON	rideauferryregatta.ca
August 19 to 20	Rideau Lakes Township Canada 150th - Open Doors 2017	www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/rideaulakes
August 26	Arnprior Juke Box Rock & Roll Festival	www.arnpriorwhitepinefestival.ca
September 9	Thousand Islands Museum Show	www.tiboatmuseum.org
September 6 to 9	ACBS International Annual Meeting - Racine, WI	www.acbs.org

President's Message

By Carman Keyes

Summer has come at last. Finally we can recover from rain and high water and enjoy our boats.

We have, combined with others, an exciting summer planned. We have our weekly Wednesday evening Cruise Nights, a Big Rideau Lake Cruise planned for mid-July and our Annual Family Picnic, Trent-Severn's July 15 Campbellford to Hastings Run, and all the Boat Shows in range (ACBS Michigan in Algonac, MI, ACBS Toronto at Gravenhurst, ON, ACBS 1000 Islands in Alexandria Bay, the Antique Boat Museum Show at Clayton, NY, the Rideau Ferry Regatta at Rideau Ferry, ON, the Thousand Islands Museum Show at Gananoque, ON, ACBS International Show and AGM in Racine, WI and, of course, MCBC's own Show at Westport, ON this year). We end the season with a final Cruise Night at Kelly's Landing, our annual Burritts Rapids Run, our Fall Shop Tour and our AGM, this year at the Manotick Legion. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who make these events possible. So, let's get our bilge pumps working, our safety equipment in place, fire up our engines (or paddles) and get out on the water!

Editor's Message

By Susan Richardson

As most of us take great joy from our freshwater playgrounds, this year Mother Nature threw us a confounding Spring. However one feels about "climate change", we can all agree that the last few month's weather has been uncharacteristic.

Our wonderful country is home to one-fifth of the world's freshwater in thousands of interconnected rivers and lakes. We in eastern Ontario and western Quebec benefit especially from these passageways. At one point in May, we thought the floods were finished and boating season was a hop, skip and a dock away. Well, we were fooled and the floods returned with a vengeance!

While the Rideau System seems to have calmed, both the Ottawa River and the St. Lawrence are still in a state of flux. Ottawa River levels are expected to continue to decline over the first weeks of July. At the end of June levels remained above normal. Hundreds west of the City are in emergency conditions. Talking to members who float in the St. Lawrence area, the season may be a full bust. The International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board have allowed the highest outflow that has ever been released from Lake Ontario at the Cornwall facility. Levels from Hamilton to Montreal are historic highs.

We are – in reality – the lucky ones. We are old salts with lots of history of coping with the challenge of water. While we "Run the River", let us be glad we are alive in the moment and able to feel the wind in our diminishing hair.

Your Communications Committee

NOTICES: Chris Grant sends out reminder notices to members of upcoming events and maintains our email and mailing lists.

FACEBOOK: Graeme Beattie updates our Facebook page on a regular basis with pictures and information. See it at www.facebook.com/manotickclassicboatclub/

WEBSITE: Dave Tilley updates the Club's website www.manotickclassicboatclub.ca with copies back to 1977.

BRASS BINNACLE: Susan Richardson gathers photos, stories and other information of interest to Club Members.

BRASS BINNACLE DEADLINES

Deadlines have been established for each edition of our newsletter (**The Brass Binnacle**):

Winter: December 21

Spring: March 21

Summer: June 21

Fall: September 21

Please be sure to have your articles and pictures in to the editor by those dates.

MAHOGANY HARBOUR DOCK PROJECT

By Susan Richardson

Within the next month, a temporary dock will be in place in Mahogany Harbour. The dock is part of a long-range plan for a permanent setting for visiting boaters. This year the Parks Canada dock will be designed only for “self-propelled” boats. It will be approximately 10' by 20' and will be removed at the end of the season.

Both the Citizen and the Messenger have featured articles and opinion letters about the project. They have reported that the community has raised \$80,000 and a large number of “in kind” donations to further the project.

A May 12th article in the Messenger states:

“Pending permits, approvals etc. Phase 1 for the Mahogany Dock Project will commence post July 1, 2017, and include the following:

- Completion of the Parkette – with shrubs, trees, pathway, benches, small kiosk, task lighting and trees
- Installation of the Staircase – to get to the landing and temporary dock
- Installation of the Temporary Dock...installed, maintained and removed by Parks Canada.”

The cost of this phase is estimated at \$65,000.

At this point, further development is unsure. A Phase Two is planned, but not firmed up. Some local residents have indicated that they feel that any additional expansion of the project will lead to more large power boats entering the Bay and will cause increased danger for small self-propelled crafts. The Manotick Village Community Association, the local BIA, Kiwanis, Minto and other local businesses are backing the project.

Boat Show at Temporary Docks in Mahogany Harbour 1975



Cruise Night in Mahogany Harbour



Standing Station for Syd Herwig in Mahogany Harbour 2009

Spring Shop Tour, April 22, 2017

by Carol Ann Arsenault

Spring this year brought cold air and rain but that did not dampen the mood of those who came out to our annual Spring shop tour.

We started the tour at Mike Krzyzanowski's shop in Portland. When we arrived we were greeted with coffee and donuts. As we walked into the shop, Mike had on display illuminated letters spelling boaters, which had been given to him by our dear late friend, Jimmy Potter. Also on display in his shop was Charm, a 1919 Dispro, a Century runabout and Jane Lee, a 1928 Sea Bird launch. Outside was Mike's race boat, Maple Magic, and his now restored Airstream Trailer.



Photo by Graeme Beattie



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Spring Shop Tour, April 22, 2017 (Cont'd)

by Carol Ann Arsenaault

Next stop was Ken Wyke's shop. Ken always seems to have so many projects on the go. Two of Chris Grant's boats were on the lawn, and Queenie was getting its finishing touches. Ray Saunders hopes to have it in the water in about 6 weeks. Ken's storage sheds were packed with boats waiting for the warm weather and the start of the boating season. In his work shop, there was a large Chris Craft almost completed named Bubweiser, in deference to the owner's nick name, "Bubba". Other than a small board under the console, the boat was built as a replica, with all new mahogany. What a beautiful finish.'



Photo by Graeme Beattie



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Spring Shop Tour, April 22, 2017 (Cont'd)

by Carol Ann Arsenault

Our last stop on the tour was Sirens, in Merrickville. The 1930 Elco flat top, Tenango that we saw last year is coming along nicely. It looks like most of the bottom of the boat is finished and the motor is in place. With its massive 42 foot length, it's amazing they have room for another project, but alongside Tenango, was the start of Sirens' latest project, reconstructing a Norse boat. The burnt out hull of the original boat lays in the back tent of their yard. Inside the shop, a replica is being built. They are using the old hull to design the shape of the boat, but the interior will be done by looking at pictures of what the boat once looked like. There is no shortage of work for these young, enthusiastic people!



The spring shop tour once again left us inspired and looking forward to a great boating season. A special thanks to Mike and Nelly Krzyzanowski, Ken Wykes and his crew at Wykes Boats and Repair & Andrew Lee and his crew at Sirens Boatworks for hosting us. Check out MCBC's facebook page for more photos of the shop tour.

Marlborough Shop Tour Social

The Club packed the Marlborough Pub for good grub following the Shop Tour. After a wonderful day of exploring, we took a moment to lift our glasses to our missing member - Jim Potter. Carol Ann and Susan made sure we knew that spring was on its way by gracing each table with lovely yellow daffodils.



Dickinson Days - June 3

Dickinson Day was a perfect way to begin summer. Carol Ann Arsenault and Susan Moir once again manned the MCBC booth close to the Mill. “Soggy Bottom” received lots of interest and the ladies also handed out information on the Club. The Richardson/Hill clan dropped in to see grandson Cameron who was working the lower reaches of the Mill as an interpreter in the turbine area.



Cruise Nights

After Cruise Nights at the Swan on the Rideau, the Jelleys', the Scholfields' and at Macleod's we had a special Cruise night at the Goulds' on June 21 celebrating the 90th birthday of Murray & Sarah's 1927 Chris Smith & Sons triple cockpit runabout "Warpath". A great Cruise Night with the Kohlar brothers & Brett Fee's "Bouys Oh Bouys Oh Bouys" cruising by, John & Doris Loucks' "Laura Grace" docked across the bay, Dale and Christine Hill's "Fools Gold" making its first appearance and of course the star of the evening "Warpath".



Hawk Down (But Not Out!)

by Chris Grant.

In April 2012 I discovered a nice old wooden boat in a friend's garage. This boat was similar to one I had seen many times on the Big Rideau Lake in my youth (which was many years ago!). The boat was a 1963 16 ft. Gren-ell Golden Hawk runabout and was still paired with its original 1963 75 hp Johnson engine. The boat was in a rather sad condition after having been dry stored for many years in different garages and boat houses. The owner at the time told me that he had purchased the boat in 2002 with the intention of restoring it but that other priorities had intervened and he had lost interest. In a weak moment I decided to purchase this "relic" and arranged to transport it to my home. Following discussions with several people I decided that there was some hope and arranged for a restoration.

During the winter of 2012/2013 the boat underwent a major restoration. The transom was replaced and lots of other work was done that had not been foreseen when we originally calculated a cost. Old boat lovers will know about these cost overrun situations. A new trailer was purchased and money was spent checking and repairing the engine which looked great but had lots of problems. We even replaced all the seating and upholstery and fabricated a new convertible top. The bank account was drained.

Launch day in the spring of 2013 was very exciting except that the engine wouldn't run. After many experiments through the summer we were able to make some short circuits in front of the cottage but several times the return to the dock was only enabled by means of paddles. I discovered that my wife and my sister do not like paddling.

After basically retiring the boat and motor to a storage garage for a couple of years we finally decided to get a new engine in the spring of 2016. One can imagine the excitement when we launched the boat and the new 60 hp Evinrude engine started and the boat moved.

After only 2 weeks of occasional use I travelled with my wife and sister up the lake to a restaurant. On the return trip with still evening light there was a big bang followed by screaming from my passengers who felt water flowing around their feet. We all donned life jackets but soon the boat was wallowing in the lake with the engine half submerged. Fortunately a friend happened along in a pontoon boat and we were saved. Several cell phone calls resulted in other friends arriving and the boat was towed to shore. The boat found its way onto its trailer and the engine was rushed to the mechanic's shop where it was dried out and preserved to run again.

During the winter of 2016/2017 Hawk underwent a major repair. The bottom frames were replaced and more frames were added. Battens were added where there had been none before and the original plywood bottom was replaced with heavy duty mahogany planking.

Hawk was launched again into the Big Rideau Lake in May 2017 and has made a number of trips around the lake and to other lakes without further incident. She will be participating in the Gravenhurst boat show on July 8th and some of the associated lake tours in the days prior to the show.

I very much appreciate the efforts of many people who helped Hawk and myself through the difficult times of the last few years. Looking at her now one would never know of the difficulties of the past.



Before



After



Now

Preparing -Boats, Motors and Boating

By Helen Harwood

Excitement mounts in April. It is time to visit the boats in their winter storage. Can we even get there, driving on the farm field roads? Did snow blow in? Did the tarps stay on? Did rodents built nests or eat the wires? How soon can we get to work on the real preparation for boating? How high will the water be? Little did we know that this year the water would hit the hundred year mark and dock days would be very, very late.

Notice the royal 'We' in the story. It is mostly Dave Clyne doing the work and the worry.

Motors, a necessity, are a good place to start the work. One boat sat at our dock most of last summer because the motor came close, but not close enough, to running well.

In anticipation of parts needing replacement a couple of parts motors were purchased. It was fun to check the ads and photos to find the right brand, year and condition. Emails, phone calls and road trips followed. Some ended with success, others not so. Photos show only the best parts. Once we drove in the rain for two hours and then had a very quick stop at the destination. Dave described his disappointment this way, "That motor was a frog, not a prince. I would not have bought it at any price."

Two old motors were taken all apart. The good parts were carefully stored and the remainder were loaded in the truck for the salvage yard. The salvage yard, with its high piles and piles of rusted metal, is an interesting experience. There is even an area with things for sale that are not quite junk. Old boat motors are in that area. That is a scary thought.

Resources were also gathered. Shop manuals, books, videos, the computer and some 'motor' friends were ready. My Facebook post one day was a request for antique motor enthusiasts who knew how to fix motors. Offers of wisdom came in from as far away as Florida and as close as our nearest community. One man, with seventy years experience repairing motors, asked the brand and year. When he learned, his advice to Dave was "Take that motor to the front of the boat, hook a chain on it and use it for an anchor." I think there were times last summer when Dave might have given thought to that option. Now, he thought he was too close to give up.

Then the good news came. It was music to Dave's ears when he got a call one night with the words "Do you feel like tinkering tonight?" With the help of three friends, that motor will now run. May it not stop.



Under the cover and under the flywheel



Dismantling lower unit from parts motor



The patient

At the time of this reporting, it is early June, our dock is not in, because the river has not reached the seasonal level, nor are the docks in at the club where our cruiser docks for the summer. Parks Canada delayed the Canal opening. Caution is recommended by waterway authorities. All that will change.

Summer is coming. We are looking forward to boating. We now have a GPS. Whither shall we cruise?



Ready to leave the cocoon

FROM THE GALLEY

In keeping with the country's enjoyment of things past during this year of celebration, I thought I would reach back in time for some Galley content. Almost fifty years ago, I was wedded not only to my beloved, but also to the JOY of COOKING and a series of cookbooks written by Peg Bracken. Peg's books were called the "I Hate to Cook" books.

Her prologue stated, "These recipes have not been tested by experts. That is why they are valuable. Experts in their sunny spotless test kitchens can make anything taste good. But even we can make these taste good." The Brass Binnacle would love to share some of our members' recipes from times past... just no gelatine salads, please.

Rhubarb Crumble

For the fruit base:

- 1 lb. strawberries, hulled and halved
 - 1 lb. rhubarb, trimmed and cut into small pieces
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- Gently mix all ingredients in an ovenproof dish.

For the crust:

- ½ cup chilled butter, cut into small pieces
 - 1 cup flour
 - ½ cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup unsalted almonds, roughly chopped.
- Cut butter into flour and sugar. Place on top of the fruit.
Sprinkle almonds on top.



Bake in a 350 F. oven for 35-45 minutes.

Battered Strawberries in Chocolate

From Christine Hill

- 20 to 25 medium to large strawberries, tops removed
- 8 ounces unsweetened chocolate (or semi-sweet)
- vegetable oil for deep frying
- approximately 1 ½ cups of liquid pancake mix

Melt the chocolate over a double boiler.
When cooled a bit, dip the strawberries in the chocolate.
Chill on a cookie sheet tin in the fridge until firm.
Dip each in the pancake mix and quickly fry in the oil.

Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar if desired.

Enjoy!



LOOKING AFT



ERNIE McEWEN - BOATBUILDER

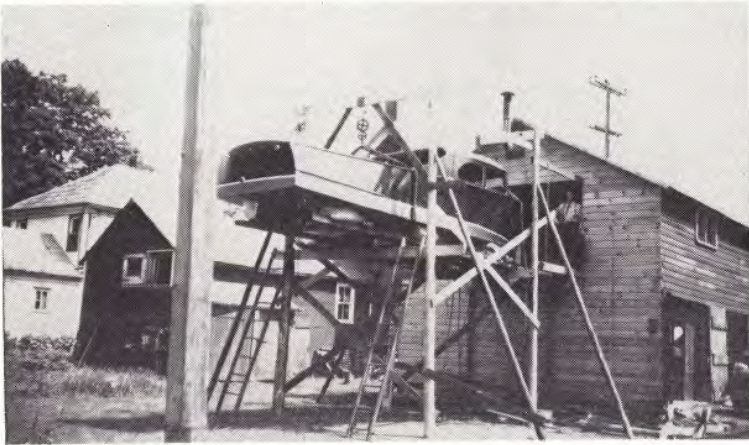
Ernie McEwen was a boat builder of note, who built his boats in the 40's in Smiths Falls. He not only built pleasure craft but he was particularly noted for the C O D I design racing boats, he designed and built. Many of his boats were well-known in racing circles as 'winners'. One of MCBC's late members, Peter Burchell raced in a COD 1 design and became North American racing champion.

The Manotick Classic Boat Club is dedicated to preserving historical data.

We wonder how many other boat-builders might have been out there that we should recognize.

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Editor's Note: We would appreciate hearing from readers with historical material, pictures etc. which could be shared with others who enjoy our common interest in antique boating.



22' Sedan runabout shown leaving the building loft of Ernie McEwen's shop at Smiths Falls.



Memories of days gone by. Rideau Tug "The Agnes P" passing the Whalen farm nears Kars on the Long Reach of the Rideau River.
Photo Courtesy of Ernie McEwen & Des Whalen

From January 1990 Brass Binnacle

1976



Manotick founding members (left to right at rear) Bill Wolfe, Tony Layng, Ruth Potter, Gordon Layng, (left to right foreground) Linda and Charles Potter, Syd Herwig and James Potter on the dock.

1982



1982 Boat Show at Rideau Ferry

Coming Events



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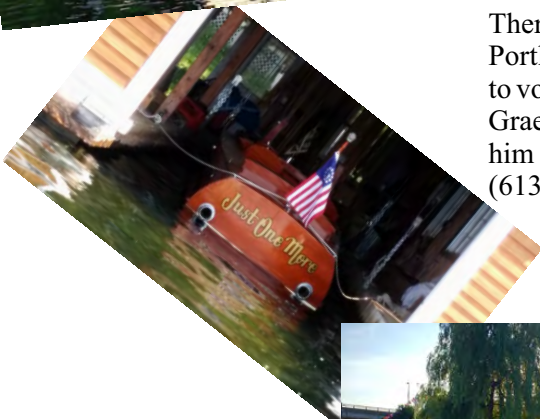
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Coming Events

Big Rideau Lake Run Saturday July 15, 2017

On Saturday July 15th the Manotick Classic Boat Club is having a run on Big Rideau Lake from Portland to Rideau Ferry and back. People can choose to either eat at CC's on the Rideau at Rideau Ferry or pack their own lunch. We will be encouraging many Rideau Lakes MCBC members to join us plus other antique and classic boaters on the lakes too. Boaters are asked to rendezvous at the public ramp in Portland at 10.00am. We will leave Portland at 10.30am for a leisurely trip to Rideau Ferry passing many club members cottages and other antique and classic boathouses and their boats along the way arriving at Rideau Ferry around noonish. The return trip to Portland will commence at around 1.30pm.

There is plenty of trailer parking at the ramp in Portland. We ask those with room in their boats to volunteer to take passengers along for the ride. Graeme Beattie is coordinating this run, email him at ghbone@yahoo.com or phone him at (613) 232-3436.



Coming Events

The MCBC Family River Run & Picnic at Long Island Locks

Sunday, July 23rd

We plan to run the Long Reach to our traditional Family picnic site at Long Island Locks at about 12:00 noon. A scavenger hunt is planned to include nature study, history and local lore. Take the opportunity to swim in Mahogany Harbour! Pack a picnic lunch (bring a little extra) and load your boat with family and friends! A River Discovery Sheet will be available. Book the Grandkids early for this family boating funfest! Contact: Jean Beveridge at gelvis@rogers.com for more details.



1000 Islands ACBS
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40th Annual Vintage Boat Show of the 1000 Islands Chapter ACBS
on the James St. Village Docks in Alexandria Bay, NY
July 21st Kick-Off Party, 22nd Boat Show, and 23rd Awards Brunch at the Edgewood
Resort



Gadfly, a 1000 Islands-made boat at the Brockville, Ontario cliffs.

Coming Events



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Come and join us for a year full of special events including our Boat Show, August 12 in Westport, ON

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We are connected to the world by water!

Coming Events



Antique Boat Museum

1000 Islands / Clayton, New York


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August 4-6, 2017

53rd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction






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Saturday August 12, 2017
10AM to 4PM at the Village Harbour at Westport, Ontario

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THIS HAS TO STOP

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Rideau Lakes

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August 19, 2017 - August 20, 2017

Rideau Lakes is not just opening its doors ... it is opening its arms!

For those who want to know more about the identity of our beautiful township, this summer weekend will provide residents and visitors alike with an experience to remember.

Take in the outstanding view from Spy Rock, experience Ontario's only working grist mill, see a modern-day farming operation, hear the story of our rich boat-building history, marvel at the rescue of one of our history-laden resorts ... These and so many more stories await you in Rideau Lakes this summer!

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The town of Portland has graciously asked our club to participate in their Rideau Lakes Township Open Doors 2017. It will be held on August 19th and 20th. At this time they are not sure of any dock space but would appreciate 6 to 8 land display boats from our club. Please contact me Carol Ann Arsenault if you would be interested in displaying your boat either by email, casm258@gmail.com or by phone 613-258-7248. We will provide more information as it comes available.

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1905 Charles River Courting Canoe



I have in my possession a canoe which belongs to a service club in Burritts Rapids and for which this club is seeking a new owner. The canoe is a 1905 Charles River courting canoe, built by J.R. Robertson of Auburn Massachusetts. It requires a lot of restoration work which is beyond the capabilities of the Club to either carry out or finance. They would like to sell the canoe for whatever they can get for it; the proceeds to be donated to charity. Please contact Doug Long at 613-989-2856 or email at longwud@magma.ca.



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1952 Peterborough Zephyr

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