



# PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

Restoration Project

Sea Scout Ship 5544

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Tel: 800/ 694-7161 E: redbarn2@earthlink.net



## NEWS LETTER 30 NOVEMBER 2003

### PROGRESS

THE NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM RECENTLY HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL HANGER DANCE WHICH IS REMINISCENCE OF THE WORLD WAR II BIG BAND DANCES. THIS WAS FOLLOWED WITH TWO DAYS VETERANS PARADES AND AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS. THIS BROUGHT A LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO SEE THE PT BOAT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE BOATS HISTORICAL CONNECTION WITH THE VIETNAM WAR.

WE WERE ALSO VISITED BY COL. BILL ADAMS ( RET. ) WHO WAS INCHARGE OF UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE WITH MAC V SOG IN 1963. MAC V SOG HAD BEEN TASKED BY THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION TO COME UP WITH A PLAN DRAW NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES OUT INTO A FIGHT. THEN MAJOR ADAMS, WROTE MUCH OF THE OPERATION PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE PTF BOATS AND HAD WRITTEN OPERATION TIGER WHICH EVOLVED INTO THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT. MAJOR ADAMS HAD BEEN ABOARD PTF 3 IN HAWAII FOR TEST RUNS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE FALL OF 1963. HE CONFIRMED SEVERAL UNKNOWN POINTS ABOUT THE BOATS.

A RECENT VISIT WAS MADE TO FT. LAUDERDALE FOR A MEDIATION WITH THE OFFSHORE MARINE TOWING OVER THEIR COLLISION WITH PTF 3 IN JAN 2002. SEVERAL POINTS WERE COVERED AND OUR ATTORNEY ROBERT MCINTOSH IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE THE ISSUE.

A TEMPORARY POWER POLE HAS BEEN INSTALLED NEXT TO THE BOAT, SO NOW WE CAN OPERATE WITHOUT POPPING BREAKERS IN THE MUSEUM WITH EXTENSION CORDS.

WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE CONTENT AND SET UP FOR THE WEBSITE AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT DONE IN DECEMBER. WE HAVE ADDED TO THE MERCHANDISE WITH AN M-90 FLIGHT JACKET WHICH IS ENHANCED WITH EMBROIDERY WORK THAT IS SUPPLIED BY CREW MEMBER, AL SCHWITZER. THIS AS WELL AS THE OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE FOR SALE.

THE BRIDGE OF THE BOAT HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF 80% OF THE FIBERGLASS SHEETS, THAT ORIGINALLY COVERED THE MAHOGENY PLYWOOD. THIS IS ALLOWING SHIPWRIGHT BOB JUNKINS AND HIS CREW TO UNSCREW PANELS FOR A PROPER REPAIR.

A REMINDER, THAT THE SEA SCOUT CREW IS OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 14 – 20 YEARS. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OR SETTING UP OUR OWN NAVY SEA CADET PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

WE ARE IN THE PROGRESS OF PLANNING FUNDRAISERS AND PROMOTIONS FOR CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS. WE ARE PLANNING A VETERANS MOTORCYCLE RUN TO THE BOAT DURING DAYTONA BIKE WEEK WITH VENDORS ON SITE. WE ARE SEEKING FUNDING FROM AREA CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND MANICIPALITIES, ANYONE WITH IDEAS OR CONTACTS PLEASE CONTACT US WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

## **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](mailto:f1husker@695online.com)

DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO **BSA TROOP 544 - PTF 3 FUND**  
AND MAILED TO

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 544  
PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT  
P.O. BOX 740789  
ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789**

## **SCROUNGE DEPT-**

FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, BOY SCOUT TROOP 544 IS A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

TOOLS - ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LOAN OR GIVE, WE WILL BE ASKING TOOL COMPANIES AND HARDWARE STORES TO DONATE AND DISCOUNT ITEMS THAT WE WILL NEED.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT [www.ptfnasty.com](http://www.ptfnasty.com).

FEEDBACK - PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO BOB MCCRAY AT [redbarn2@earthlink.net](mailto:redbarn2@earthlink.net)

SINCERELY,



ROBERT MCCRAY  
PROJECT MANAGER

BSA TROOP 544; ROBERT MCCRAY; 1825 W. FRENCH AVE.; ORANGE CITY, FL 32763;  
TEL: 800/ 694-7161; FAX: 386/775-1130; [redbarn2@earthlink.net](mailto:redbarn2@earthlink.net)