



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

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PROGRESS

Things have been quiet through the month of November which has allowed the crew to focus on restoring the PT Boat. Work has moved back into the forward crew compartment and a second team is beginning work on the stern of the boat, all of which is under the supervision of our shipwright, Bob Bonner.

Most of the work in the forward compartment is centered on the bottom frame members. Many of the frames have some deterioration on the mating surface with the bottom planking, all of the frame ribs are made of laminated layers of ash and oak. A replacement piece is clamped in place next to deteriorated rib and scribed, the through hull screw fasteners are backed off and the bad section is cut out. The replacement piece is then test fitted, then glued, slid into position and clamped. From the outside, new screw fastener holes are drilled into the repaired frame and new screws are installed.

Floor decking supports are also being repaired so that they can take the weight of visitors moving through the boat. Aluminum floor support brackets are repaired, corroded brackets are copied and fabricated from new stock then coated with zinc chromate. The completed parts are marked and stored ready to be re-installed as repairs are made to the hull.

The port side has been completely sanded above the chine line, this allows for the individual inspection of each plank. A second hull team has started removing damaged planks and disassemble the stern transom allowing for the replacement of bad frame members and rebuilding of the stern. Additional supports are being placed below the hull to offset any support issues, areas of the stern have damaged frame pieces to be replaced and some are none existent. The transom will be receive additional layers of marine plywood to add strength to the structure. Aluminum gussets mating the side wall to the bottom of the hull that are in need of repair and will have to be removed and rebuilt.

With the equipment trailers in place, we have reconnected power and water, we had to set up our wash sink in a new spot since our water was cut off and the sink was thrown against the boat. Work tables have been set up and the welding area is now located between two of the trailers with eye safe see thru screens, a weather cover will be installed in a few days. For the most part we are back on track and focused on work to repair the boat, in all we have lost months of work each time we have had to move trailers around to try and accommodate the DNAS Museum.

PTF 3 was well represented in the 10 November DeLand Veterans Parade, the Bridge was mounted on a trailer, trimmed and towed. Master Chief Bill Moreo and Gunner's Mate Don Greonewald took their positions on the bridge with the Boy Scouts in the lookout stations, Sea Scouts provided a Color Guard escort in front of the bridge.

The DeLand Veterans Parade is a major event in the area and is well attended and well received by the public, multiple fly overs by 12 vintage aircraft accented the event.

We have received notice that the 40mm BOFORS has been shipped, we are now waiting for shipping info and delivery date to the port of Miami. We still need 20mm guns and mounts to go on the deck and are looking for other related equipment.

On the legal front depositions are scheduled for 11 Dec 07 and hearing for our injunction is scheduled for 31 Jan 08, possibly earlier if another court hearing is cancelled. Our biggest concern is funds to cover our legal cost, our attorneys are cutting us as much slack as possible, but they still have cost and office overhead.

LEGAL FUND

Since it is unethical and illegal to use the State Funds that we have received for restoring the PT Boat, we had to take money out of pocket to create a Legal Defense Fund to stop the harassment created by the illegal DNAS Board. We are represented by the Law Firm of Mandy Pavlakos and the Law Firm of Timothy Dave, they are cutting us as much slack as possible regarding legal cost, but they have a business to run. Mandy and Tim are making a serious effort to help the project, Tim is an Army and Navy Veteran who use to fly off of the U.S.S. KittyHawk. We have added donation buttons to our website at www.ptf3restoration.org one button is to donate to the Restoration Project and a second button for our legal fund donation. If some wish to donate by mail the check needs to be made out to the PTF 3 LEGAL FUND, and mailed our regular address at the PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT, P.O. BOX 740789, ORANGE CITY, FL 32774-0789.

LOOKING AHEAD

As soon as the weather allows we will finish painting the bridge, this was halted some time ago when we had to begin repositioning equipment in early attempts to accommodate the DNAS Museum.

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 be historically accurate as possible. Many of the items will become part of the museum display in the boat and permanent historical record. Much of this material will be housed with the boat and copies will be on permanent file with Florida Historic Preservation.

MONEY TREE

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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@embarqmail.com .

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