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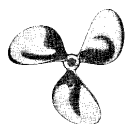
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2011 SA Wooden Boat Festival

Paul Siddall

Goolwa 2011 - what can I say but what a great weekend. Colin Bailey, Dave Drewer, myself and our families went to Goolwa on the Friday just to check the boats out as they hadn't been in the water for a while and we didn't want to look like fools on the Saturday for the festival. Colin's boat *Friski* went well, *Glued and Screwed* had a few problems but were overcome quickly. Dave's boat *Jayme II* was bullet proof as usual and I had changed the engine position in *Ol Skool* to see if it would run a bit flatter and with a bit of cav plate adjustment, all went well.

On the Saturday of the festival we had two drive bys, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. So we all gathered down at the boat ramp to do the first drive by as it wasn't worth taking the boat to the festival that early and then bring them back for the drive by. There were about 15 boats down there to do it and for first time the water was on our side. We did an up and back pass at what ever speed you thought you wanted to go, some

went flat out, some just cruised along. I had my father drive *Ol Skool* as I was in *Lincoln*. Well, I can tell you that he is 72 years old and he drove it like he was racing for a gold cup. His partner, who had only been in one other boat in her life, told me that she thought her head was going to fall off and fly out of the boat. Digger Traeger did a drive by with his 23 foot hydro and at 73, he only has one speed, "all or nothing"! He tells me there was nothing left and at 6000 rpm he was doing close to 130 mph and I don't know who enjoyed it more, the crowd on the shore or us back at the boat ramp (I think it was us).

After the run we all went back to the festival to display our boats. The organizer had given us a great place to park and a marquee for the club stand. We soon filled the spaces with the help of Jeff Thompson. He had been doing such a great job organizing the parking that they gave him an official badge. By the time we had disconnected the boats there

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Wet & Wild

Greg Carr

I was contacted several months ago by the president of the Let's go Cruisin' car club asking if we might be interested in participating in their 2011 Poker Cruise,. We wouldn't actually be going on the cruise, but would show some boats at the destination, participating in the *Wet & Wild* part of the day. This meant displaying the boats with about 200 street rods and classic cars at the Seaworks complex in Williamstown. The club had identified many of our boats as being the water borne equivalent of their cars, something we as a group have been saying for many years.



The Let's go Cruising' club have the basic aim of applying the time, effort and resources necessary to co ordinate social events for owners of chrome bumper era cars, namely street rods, customs, pre 75 pick ups, classic and muscle cars, to enjoy along with your family and friends. The big day was on January 16th. While the weather was perfect, most of the



boats were positioned under cover just inside the entry door, meaning we were pretty much the first thing the public saw upon entry. Mario Bonicci positioned himself outside with *Hustler* staying hooked up to his superb Ford Fairlane while Dale Bates put his runabout *Splinter* in the water for the day. Boats inside were *River Jewel*, *Butter Box*, *Chrisie*, *Wooden Worry*, *Al-Falfa*, *The Rose*, *Stormy* and *Impact*. It was a great day all round.



Seaworks Open Week

The CAWPBA was represented at an open week held at Seaworks in Williamstown.

We were invited along with several other exhibitors covering a wide range of boats and boating interests during Seaworks Open Week, where the facility put itself on show to the public to promote the site and show its potential in facility's ongoing development towards a living maritime precinct.



The event was well supported by the Wooden Boat Association and other groups, covering a diverse range of interests.

We put three boats on show covering clinker and carvel speedboats and a racing skiff.

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were plenty of lookers and then the questions started coming. I think that old speed boats just bring back so many memories that people just can't stop talking about them.

We did another drive by in the afternoon to the cheers of the crowd and then we went back to the ramp and played around there for a while. On the Sunday we did the same thing but a few of us didn't put our boats back in because there were white caps on the water and I didn't bring my wind surfer with me. Dave Drewer in *Jayme II* and a couple of hydro's went in and don't forget Dig Traeger - he doesn't care what the water is like and again flat out as before and I can tell you, what a great sight with the big rooster tail of water out the back.



On the Sunday we had the park full of boats and the people just kept coming!! I have not seen so many people in my life and they all wanted to know something about these boats or just to say they had ridden in them or remember them racing.

I was so busy talking to people that I didn't seem to spend too much time in the club stand, lucky that we had bought our partners and they were doing a great job (thanks Leanne, Linda and Kathryn). They took care of the sales and managed to sell some club DVD's and some pictures. We also got a few more members join the club; Peter Sawtell, who has a 19 foot carvel called *Dragon* that he tows behind his 1957 Chev, Wallis Jolly who has a 15 foot butter box called *Casandra* and that boat was just perfect and Scott Wilson with *Hi-Fi*. On display were speed boats dating back to the 30's through to reproduction boats to outboards to hydros, we had it all there and so many people.



They tell me that there were 40,000 there on the weekend and we must have talked to 39,000 of them.

So, all in all it was a great weekend and you must put it in your calendar for the next one.

Ed - For info, Goolwa was the first Wooden Boat Festival to be held in Australia, way back in 1989, with every subsequent festival having been a success. The next Festival will be in 2013. After this year's festival, it sounds like one to put into the CAWPBA calendar.



Quote for Today

"Some people so treasure the truth that they use it with great economy"

Victorian Get Together

Well, for us Victorians, it was a long time waiting. The last time Lake Eppalock had enough water in it to do any sort of power boating safely was close to 10 years ago. Now, it is absolutely chockers, with water still running over the dam wall.



We decided to head up for a day in March, with the lake being an easy run from Melbourne, but many of us ended up staying for the weekend. The caravan park we were based at was virtually empty and what's more, so was the lake - people wise, that is. It was so good to see such an expanse of water in Victoria again. The weather was very kind, being warm and sunny without becoming too hot and amazingly for Eppalock, the wind stayed down for most of the time.

There were six boats there on the Saturday, namely Alan Price with *Butter Box*, Darren Crawford with *Al-Falfa*, Ric Shoemaker with *Ricshaw*, Dale Bates with *Splinter*, Brian Bauch with his butterbox and yours truly with *Stormy*. We were joined on the Sunday by Ray Russell with *Wooden Worry*, Ross and Daniel Foster with *Screwit* and their timber decked skiff and Nick Penn with his recently acquired runabout fitted



with a jet unit. Andy Griffiths and family also came along for the weekend as did other members' family and friends.



It was another of those relaxed weekends with really good company, along with plenty of knee boarding and tubing keeping the kids well entertained.



There were only a couple of cabins at the park available to rent, meaning camping was the option for a few. The camping area was, well, interesting to say the least. Most pictured a shady well grassed area in which to pitch their tents, but this was a dirt and gravel area, on a slope. Obviously a legacy of 10 years of drought, the best was made of it and being close to the BBQ, the most was made of it on Saturday night. Fortu-



nately, Alan and Melinda Price brought along their bus and a couple of extension leads, making an excellent base for the campers to draw some power from.



It was interesting to note that a few years ago, ply boats were always outnumbered by the clinkers. This weekend was a different story, with only two clinkers out of a total of nine boats.

Mike Penn's runabout got a good looking over when he dropped in, with plenty of interest in the jet unit and its set up. Whenever we hear of a jet unit, Hamilton usually comes to mind. The unit in Nick's boat was different, having been manufactured in Melbourne. The boat is fitted with a 186 Holden.

Dale Bates turned up in style with his boat *Splinter* being towed by his 1952 Chevrolet 2 door sedan, a spectacular combination.

Al-Falfa was there, generating plenty of the noise we know it for. According to Darren, this might have been the last time we will see the boat on the water, for quite some, at the least. The 1964 skiff has had a long and extensive racing career and the hull is becoming very tired, with plenty of water being pumped from it at fairly regular intervals over the weekend. The boat will be retired, with Darren concentrating on his newest project, *Vintage Storm*.

Another great outing, with the call for a follow-up outing soon, something we are working on. I keep hearing hints about a Yarra cruise.

Odds and Ends

I was browsing through a boating Bulletin Board the other day - can't remember which one now - and came across some great boat names. Thought you might get a laugh:

K Nugley, Kurnell, Master Baiter, TTFN (Ta Ta For Now), Whoof Arted and Bluey Zarsoff.

Some points to ponder:

- If you add the last two digits of your birth year to the age that you will be this year you will come up with 111, a number significant in the year 2011 because it will have four dates that consist of multiples of the number 1, such as 11/11/11.
- The Ramses brand condom is named after the great pharaoh Ramses II, who fathered over 160 children. Hmmm, would you trust that brand?

J-E-T-F-I-R-E discovered

Jetfire was discovered recently in Victoria.

The 1955 centre mount runs a flat head Ford V8 with twin



carbies and twin dizzies. It is one of the oldest Hammonds currently known and will undergo an extensive restoration.

I'm looking forward to seeing this one on the water.



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President's Pronouncements:

The newsletter was a real struggle this issue with the South Australian Wooden Boat Festival saving it from going to just four pages. The newsletter is composed of information from members for members and I need you to provide me with that information. So, come on and tell to me about what's happening out there. I'm sure there is plenty going on that members would be interested in hearing about. Even a few photos would be appreciated - after all, a picture says a thousand words.

Happy and safe boating and remember, keep talking to me . . .

Greg

Around the Traps

General:

- I have someone interested in purchasing a "Wells" hull in reasonable condition. Please call me on 0408 937 029 if you know of one.

South Australia:

- An unknown hull badly in need of plenty of love and plenty of dollars was seen heading west from Victoria recently. Believed to be an ex racer and originally from NSW, research is currently underway trying to track some history. I hope to have some more on this next issue.

Victoria:

- I'm looking for boats for the CAWPBA stand at the Melbourne Boat Show this year (dates below). Contact me on 0408 937 029 if you wish to display your boat.

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Coming Events

April 2011

- Seacraft Syndicate Boat Owners Club Echuca Regatta. April 30th - May 1st. Marool, Echuca. Refer <http://ssboc.com.au/> for details.

May 2011

- Proposed Yarra River cruise in Melbourne. Date to be confirmed, but looking at Sunday 15th. We could possibly do a picnic lunch on Herring Island. Please let me know if you are going to come along. If there is not enough interest, then it won't happen. Contact Greg on 0408 937 029 or nh35_stormy@bigpond.com

June 2011

- Melbourne Boat Show. 9th - 13th. Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Refer <http://www.biavic.com.au/melbourneboatshow/> for details

July 2011

- Sydney Boat Show, 28th - 1st. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Refer <http://www.sydneyboatshow.com.au/> for details.

October 2011

- CAWPBA National Regatta, 29th - 30th. Our big one. Lake T albot, Narrandera, NSW. For details, contact Greg on 0408 937 029.

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