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Photo: Paul Jenner

A couple of regattas ago at Stoney Lake, Ian and Barb Dickson took Paul and Dorene Jenner along for a ride in their speedy Greavette Dispro and this photo uniquely shows all four boaters together. The guys' knobby knees are nicely reflected in the beautifully varnished seat back.



President's Letter • June 2016

I am honored to be the incoming president of the DOA. I am also humbled by the level of service and energy that past and current executive members have brought to the club. We are blessed to have such great volunteers in the DOA. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who make this all happen.

I know most of the members, but for those who don't know me, here's a brief summary of my Dispro experience (I will also add that I have zero political experience, so please bear with me). It all began for me at the age of 14 in the summer of 1973 when my Uncle Paul showed me where the gas was and gave me carte blanche over the use of his Dispro Pinafore. I spent that summer exploring Muskoka in the Dispro and learning the idiosyncrasies of the Dispro. I went on to other endeavors in life, but in 1987 found myself in Gravenhurst building and repairing boats for a living. I often remind that uncle that had it not been for his influence I might have been a doctor, a dentist, a lawyer or accountant.

I didn't own a dispro myself until much later in life, when in 2004 I purchased an Uncle Sam twin that the previous owner had become too frustrated with. To me the seed really got re-kindled by an invitation from Doug Brown to join him for one of the days at the regatta the year before the purchase of my dispro. I would encourage all members to share the experience of a ride in the boat for a day at the regatta or a UUMMT with someone else.

The first UUMMT I went on with my newly acquired boat was the first one at 12-mile bay in 2004. I still remember the smile and the make up being washed off of Ronda's face by the first icy Georgian Bay wave that we caught the wrong way when we ventured onto the big rollers. We also got to see the Dicksons universal joint as they crested a wave beside us before they disappeared from sight into the trough of the waves. The seven other boats with more sensible captains had turned around and headed back up the sheltered bay by this point. The day concluded with after dark repairs to a borrowed trailer that I had used to get my boat there, only to have the wheel fall off after launching the boat in the morning. The mosquitos and black flies were well fed that night.

Okay, enough of the shameless self-promotion and onto this year's events. The first UUMMT will again be at 12 Mile Bay, but don't let my previous story discourage you from attending. This time we are planning on taking a more sheltered route. Our second UUMMT for the year will be on lake Muskoka from Port Carling to Bala. The third UUMMT this year is an exciting one. The club has been invited to participate in the boat show at the Clayton Antique Boat Museum. The Dispro is going to be the featured boat this year! There are several members planning on going, and by now I would imagine that all hotels in Clayton will be booked. It is not too far from Kingston, and if you have just decided to go, a hotel in Kingston and a short commute to the show is feasible.

This year's regatta is again at Cevalands house. To date there are 49 people registered and 22 boats. This year is also an auction year, so it's a good opportunity to go through that garage, boathouse or attic and find a donation for this year's event.

At the AGM there was a discussion of having a fall workshop this year, so if anybody has any suggestions on a particular aspect of Dispro service or repair that you'd like to see included, please let me know.

Mike Windsor

Dispros on the Keewatin

This is a picture of a painting that hangs in the SS Keewatin ship, a vessel that operated on the Great Lakes from 1908 to 1965. She is now on permanent display at Port McNicoll, Ontario.



Photo: Jim Onions

Depicted in the picture is what appears to be a Dispro John Bull model showing a short forward deck and curved engine cover. Another Dispro is 'disappearing' to the left of the picture. There appears to be a person in the last of each string of pulling boats probably to maintain control. Imagine finding a painting of Dispros on a Great Lakes ship!

Jim Onions



Upcoming Events in 2016

Just a reminder to members that UUMMT's are unorganized and unauthorized and as such the DOA leadership is not in any way responsible for any misadventure that might accidentally occur during any such event. These "mini tours" are fun and we look forward to them each year, but please exercise caution and be safe.

Sat. July 16 – UUMMT 33 – Indian River to Lake Muskoka and Bala

Launch: Hanna Park, Port Carling at 10:00 am

There are facilities and ample parking at Hanna Park and we will be cruising south on the Indian River to Lake Muskoka and on to Bala to enjoy our picnic lunch and then back again later in the afternoon.

Directions: Proceed to Port Carling along Hwy 118. At the south end of Port Carling turn west onto Bailey St (at the Municipal Offices) and continue a short distance to the launching ramp by the river. Ella's restaurant was sold over the winter and we will be looking for an alternative dinner venue to be announced at the event for those that might want to stay on for dinner.

Fri. Aug. 5 to Sun. Aug. 7 – UUMMT 34 – 52nd Annual Boat Show, Clayton, NY

This UUMMT will take us to Clayton NY for the 52nd Annual Antique Boat Show. The Dispro will be the featured boat this year and we are especially invited to attend. It is interesting that the US patent was not registered until 1916 and as such this will be the US centennial for the Dippy. There is a full program planned for the three days including cruising tours.



52nd
ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW
AUGUST 5 - 7, 2016
ANTIQUÉ BOAT MUSEUM

Bring your Dispro to the Antique Boat Museum 52nd Antique Boat Show
August 5-7, 2016 • Clayton, NY, USA
Lots of boating on the St. Lawrence River, lots of events to attend.
Registration: <http://www.abm.org>

The details of the program are available on line together with a special registration form for DOA members. Go to the Clayton Antique Boat Show web site at www.abm.org for the home page. Select "Events" and then look for the boat show and in the middle in small print you will select "for DOA members" and now you are set to go for the program and registration.

This is a very special opportunity to see the Clayton antique boat museum and to partake in the show that is featuring our favourite little motor boat "the Dippy". We will be provided with special reserved and prominent docking from which we can easily join the organized excursions. You might want to go to the internet to investigate.

For further information about this special event, please call:
Eric Luks at 705-765-76256 or **Mary Storey** at 705-684-9560.

Fri. Sept. 9 to Sunday Sept. 11 – Annual DOA Regatta, Clevelands House

The 38th Annual DOA Regatta will again be held at Clevelands House, MInett, Muskoka. Two forms for the regatta are enclosed with this mailing. Please complete both forms and send them back as soon as possible. The **Reservation Form is for Clevelands House**, to be returned to Clevelands House, to secure your accommodations, meals, etc. The **Registration Form is for the DOA**, to cover nametags, charts and the Wine and Cheese Event. This form gets returned to Barb Dickson. Also, **this year is auction year** so start gathering up your treasures to donate to this great event. It's always fast paced and lots of fun.

Eric Luks

ATTENTION ALL!
IT'S AUCTION TIME

AT THE
Annual Regatta

Yes, it's time for the every-other-year DOA Regatta Auction.
So, attention all hoarders! Clear out that garage, boathouse, workshop and basement and bring those treasures, collectables and objet d'art along to the annual regatta.
It's time to put it all on the auction block. All donations,
NAUTICAL OR OTHERWISE,
will be gratefully accepted for the SATURDAY EVENING EVENT.

GOOD TIMES
Guaranteed

Plan to attend all the great events!



2016 Annual General Meeting

Dispro Owners Association – Sunday May 1, 2016
Gravenhurst Opera House

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Mary Storey.
- Motion: Approval of the minutes of the 2015 AGM. Moved by Sandra Turnbull and seconded by Peter Nicholson. Carried.
- Sheila Burke presented the treasurers report. Motion: The financial report be accepted as printed. Moved by Robert Clipsham and seconded by Sandra Turnbull. Carried.
- Membership report was presented by Barb Dickson. Current paid members – 218. A few more members from last year are expected to renew their membership. Ian Dickson is leading the effort to put the membership list and directory on a single data base which will significantly simplify the roster and Device mailings.
- Ian Dickson reported on the Dispro centennial event in 2015. The total budget was 17k (10k Dispro funds + 7k grants). Expenses were 13k, returning 4k to the DOA. Helen Byrne reported that of the 24 'Dispros are Coming' signs, only 3 were recovered.
- Mary Storey recapped the very successful 2015 Centennial year. This included the ACBS show, the Centennial event and ensuing publicity the Dispro received, furthering one of the primary club objectives. A key point was the high level of club participation.
- This year there will be 3 UUMMT's. They are 1) Twelve Mile bay and Georgian Bay, 2) Lake Muskoka, Port Carling to Bala, and 3) ACBS Clayton Boat show. Detail of each UUMMT is contained in the March 2016 Device.
- Mike Windsor reported that the 2016 Regatta will be held at Cleveland's House. 36 people and 14 boats are currently registered. This year is an auction year. Everyone was requested to clean out the boathouse.
- The topic of a technical workshop this year was discussed. No decision was made.
- Ian Dickson reported on the 2017 Caribbean Cruise. Plans are well under way. 40 people are currently signed up.
- Mary Storey gave an update as the status of insurance for the Executive. It is still under review and no recommendations are ready. It turns out to be very confusing trying to identify the coverage appropriate for the Dispro Executive. Mary will continue to investigate. Motion: The Dispro Executive will have the authority to proceed with acquiring the required insurance without further approval. Moved Jim Domm, Seconded by Jane White. Carried. Motion: The executive is authorized to spend the amount of club funds required to acquire the identified insurance. It is not limited to \$1000 for general club expenses as listed in the bylaws. Moved Mike McGarrell, Seconded by Gary Campaigne. Carried.
- Mary Storey presented an update the Dispro Club bylaws. This included a mission statement. Motion: Incorporate the changes as drafted by Mary Storey. Moved: Sandra Turnbull, Seconded: Rhonda Turner.

- EMF Event. Paul Dodington requested that club members take their Dispro to Couching Park in Orillia on Mon. Aug 15. Car rides in 1909 – 1912 cars will be exchanged for boat rides.
 - Miro Forest requested rides for two 14 year old boys at the first UUMMT.
 - Election of 2016 – 2017 Executive

Past President	Mary Storey
President	Mike Windsor
Vice President	Helen Byrne
Secretary	Tom Verth
Treasurer	Sheila Burke
Membership	Barb Dickson
Device	Paul Jenner
Webmaster	Gary Campaigne
- Moved: Susan McGarrell, Seconded: Sandra Turnbull, Carried
- Motion to adjourn – Paul Gockel Seconded Joe Fossey Sr, Carried.

Dennis Howchin



The old "Corroded Connection" changes hands once again as outgoing president Mary Storey presents incoming president Mike Windsor with the symbol of office.

The Gravenhurst Opera House proved to be a very good venue for the AGM. The only thing lacking was the boating ambience of the Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre.



Photos: Gary Campaigne



