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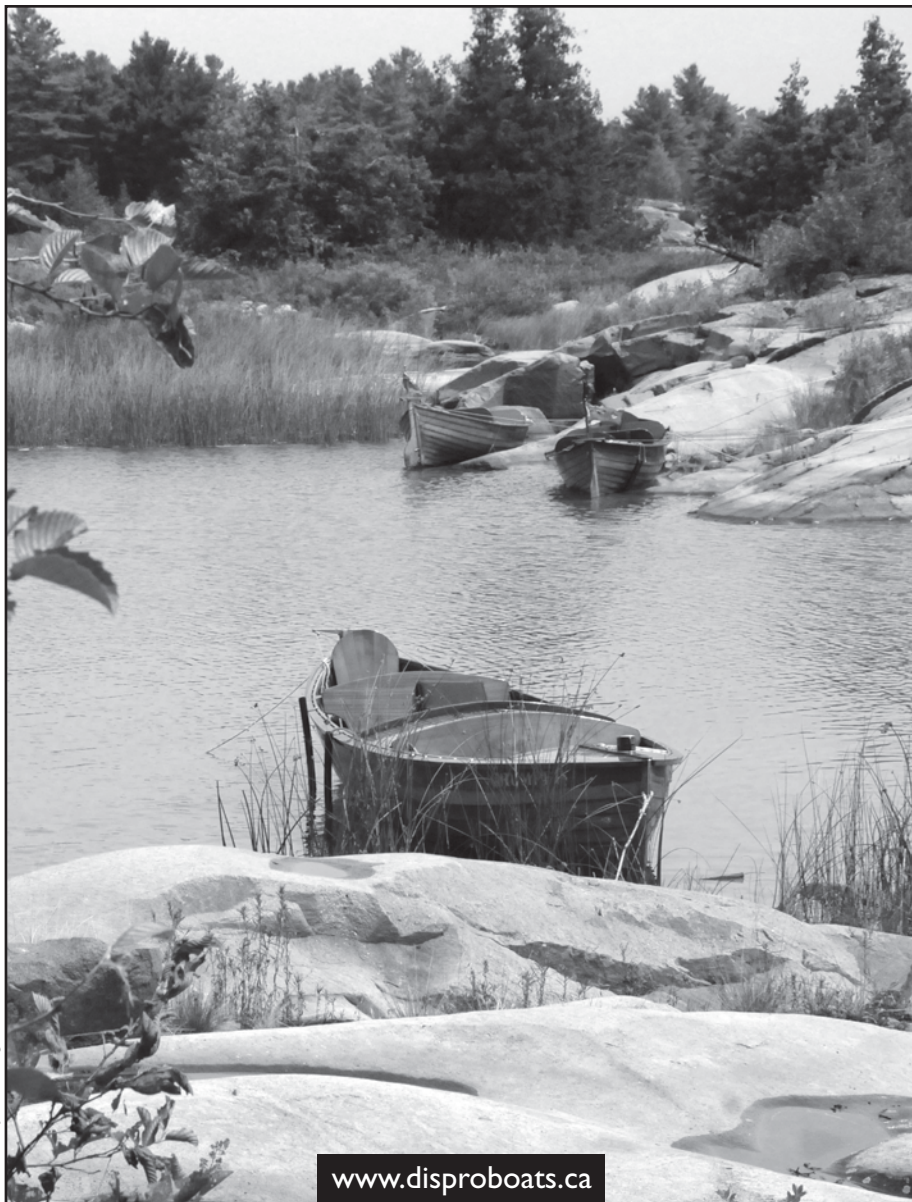


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President's Letter • June 2013

As the new season emerges from the doldrums of winter we await with enthusiasm all that owning a Dippy can bring during our boating season.

We recently held the Annual General Meeting April 28th at the Grace and Speed with a stout 70 members in attendance. Great to see so many old and new friends in attendance and it is almost a confirmation that the winter is over, so let's get those Dippies ready to fire up and enjoy all the club has to offer.

Part of the agenda is recognizing the changing of the Executive and I look forward to working with Robert Clipsham, now Past President, Eric Luks Vice President and newly elected Secretary Mary Storey who will be President during the centennial celebration of the Dispro.

I would also like to recognize Paul Jenner who tirelessly produces The Device, our much appreciated and coveted newsletter, Sheila Burk who watches every penny in and out of the account with laser precision and Happy Thomson looking after membership and the club Directory in her 33rd year keeping us all straight.

The AGM confirmed that your club is very vibrant, thriving and financially sound and we can all thank the Executive past and present for the prudent handling of the affairs of the organization.

The three UUMMT's for the coming year were reviewed and I would like to thank Gary Campaigne for his hard work in getting these three events arranged for the benefit of the members. You can find and confirm the details for these wonderful events in the March Device and our new website.

Also introduced was the club's new website at www.disproboats.ca and I encourage all members to have a look at this new site. We hope to load more technically supportive videos from past fall workshops and past regattas for your viewing enjoyment and to have a chuckle. These weren't produced by Cecil B. DeMille but the content is prudent and we hope that the new videos will enable us novices to figure out you don't hold a plug wire while standing in the water (right Garnet).

Currently there are 59 people and 27 boats registered for the regatta at Viamede on Stoney Lake September 13-15, 2013. I would encourage those who have not registered to send in your registration forms as there is a large selection and location of rooms available at the resort.

As this is an alternating fall workshop year, November 2nd with more details to follow, I would ask that if you have any ideas as to the content for this event please let me know; this event is for education and your benefit so I look forward to your suggestions. Also the ladies are arranging a girls' workshop, same time, same place.

We are also upgrading the maintenance and operating manual to be uploaded to the new website, so if you would kindly contact John Storey with any resource material as outlined again in the March Device, it would be appreciated.

Susan and I have had our boat for less than 5 years but the Dispro Owners Association gave us the confidence to jump into the deep end of the bilge and buy our boat. The residual effects of that day have brought us in contact with a very friendly, fun loving group with a focus on fun and camaraderie and I am looking forward to keeping that alive.

Let's enjoy an eventful and safe boating season with all that our Dispros have in store for us. Dippy Days to you all.

Mike McGarrell

Shuffle Off To Buffalo

The Dispro Owners Association has been invited to attend the Buffalo Antique Boat Show on the weekend of September 6-8, 2013. There will be a re-enactment of the 1922 Dispro event with all Dispros present going on a one mile course as one of the events at this year's show. If you are interested in attending, please call John or Mary Storey at 705-684-9560 or mstorey@cogeco.ca for details and accommodation suggestion.

www.oldboatsbuffalo.org/boatshow.htm



Illustration: Paul Jenner



The 35th D.O.A. AGM 2013 in Review

Dispro Owners Association Annual General Meeting
Sunday, April 28, 2013
Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre, Gravenhurst, ON

President Robert Clipsham brought the meeting to order about 1:00 pm. He thanked all the members who had helped with the successful club activities this past year. He gave special thanks to John Storey who organized the UUMMT's. He thanked all the people that helped with the Regatta and mentioned the Ottos who led the excursions in the colored raincoats. He further expressed his gratitude to all the others who helped with the registration, plaques, trailers, boat launch, and especially the auctioneers Garnet and Ian who netted \$1700.00 for the club from the auction.

The agenda was moved by the president and seconded by Sandra Turnbull with no additions and passed.

Minutes: Approval of the 2012 AGM minutes as published in the June 2012 Device were moved by secretary Eric Luks, seconded by Sandra Turnbull, and were passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Gary Campaigne in Sheila Burk's absence. A draft financial statement was distributed at the meeting. In summary Gary advised that we started the year with \$18,700.00 and ended with \$177.12 less. Gary made the motion to accept the financial report and Jim Domm seconded and it was passed. The president thanked Sheila Burk in her absence for all her diligent work this past year.

100th Anniversary Celebrations: Gary also spoke in regard to the 100th anniversary celebration in 2015 for the patent of the Device and asked the membership to approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000.00 for various aspects of the event including \$5000.00 for the event itself, \$2500.00 for the historic plaque, \$750.00 for a poster and \$1500.00 for the development of the new website. John Storey gave further details for the historic plaque, the application process and associated costs.

Ian Dickson spoke to the 100th anniversary celebration of the dippy device. It will be a one day celebration and boat show of dippies held at the Port Carling Island in conjunction with the Muskoka Lakes Museum. This will involve sharing of the tent that would be in place for the Museum fundraising event the day before for the planned lunch and celebration.

Paul Jenner spoke to the 35th regatta poster and also to the 100th celebration poster.

Motion by Garnet Shaver and seconded by Sandra Turnbull to approve the spending of up to \$10,000.00 for the 2015 celebration was passed.

Membership Report: Happy Thomson, in her 33rd year as membership secretary, advised that she has sent out 252 renewal forms and to date has 229 responses. She further advised that this will likely increase. Joe Fossey inquired if the ACBS Boat Show resulted in increased sales of memberships and was advised that we could do better.

Device & Trader: Paul Jenner, in his 6th year as editor, thanked regular contributors Paul Gockel for his interesting articles and Gary Campaigne and Mary Storey who regularly contribute photographs. He is always looking for additional contributors and asked if he could be advised of any sold boats so he can free up space in the Trader.

Historian's Report: Paul Dodington was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

Archivist's Report: Joe Fossey reported on the history of the "corroded connection". Jim Domm, the original creator of the Corroded Connection brought it forward to the head table and he introduced past president Rod Maxwell to whom it was first presented in 1984.



Photo: Mary Storey

Joe Fossey explained the history of the "Corroded Connection" as new president Mike McGarrell hoists the badge of office.

has 5 videos and 5 more are expected to be added shortly. The old site has expired and the new site will be owned by the current DOA president and to be transferred from year to year. The question arose as to who will maintain the site and Mike advised that it will be on the next executive agenda to be decided. The audience received the report with great enthusiasm and special congratulations were voiced by Joe Fossey and Marilyn Shaver.

Association Activities: The ACBS Boat Show will be held July 6th and the Dippy exhibit will be present as usual and Eric Luks, the new vice-president will be organizing this event. He asked for volunteers to assist with staffing of the exhibit. This year's event will have a race boat theme and we'll have an old Dippy Race Trophy on display.

UUMMTs: Gary Campaigne outlined this year's UUMMTs:

The **Lake Nippissing** event will be on Sat. June 22nd and Betty Piper reported that 16 boats have already signed up with 18 rooms at the Terrace Suites. A buffet dinner will be available Friday night. BYO lunch will be at the Pipers Cottage Saturday and at 4:00 pm we'll meet at the cottage for a fish fry. On Sunday there will be a trout bake lunch.

The **Picton /Bay of Quinte** event will be held July 20/21. Gary suggested that members book the Picton Harbour Inn a.s.a.p. as the held rooms will soon be released. This event will explore the bay and surrounds. Some members have booked in for Thursday before the registration.

The **Severn River** event will be on August 17th. Gary reported that we will explore the river above the Big Chute and that there will be a hosted lunch.

John Storey reported on a 4th event for this year. The DOA has been requested to participate in the **Niagara Frontier Boat Show** Sept. 6-8, in Buffalo. This ACBS event usually conflicts with our annual regatta but this year we are holding our regatta one week later. There will be a dippy race replicating one that was held in 1922, in which they would like to see 5 or 6 boats from our club. More details to follow and anyone interested should contact John Storey.

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Dispro Service Manual: Still a work in progress and John Storey is canvassing the membership for information in the following areas:

- Engine information for D1, E1, and Caron
- Propellers and shafts including universal joint replacement
- Fuel tank construction and dimensions for Greavette and Lindsay models
- Plank and rib replacement
- Rudder designs and pulleys including steering ropes

John advised that the manual will be on the website and members will be able to print out sections to take to the workshop.

2013 Regatta: Mike McGarrell briefly reported on the 2013 Regatta to be held at the Viamede Resort on Stoney Lake Kawartha. He noted that this year it will be held a week later on the weekend of September 13/14/15.

Workshop: Mike McGarrell also reported on the Workshop planned for November 2nd at Grace & Speed. He asked for members to suggest topics of interest. Rachel Campaigne and Barb Dickson are organizing an alternative workshop primarily for the ladies. It will focus on card making and the registration form will be in the next Device. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the ladies event and lunch will be out.

Election of Executive Committee: Past president Gary Campaigne submitted the slate of nominees as follows:

Past President:	Robert Clipsham
President:	Mike McGarrell
Vice President:	Eric Luks
Secretary:	Mary Storey
Treasurer:	Sheila Burk
Membership:	Happy Thomson

With no further nominations from the floor, Gary moved that the nomination report be accepted and it was seconded by Sandra Turnbull and the motion passed.

New past president Robert Clipsham presented the gavel and anvil as well as the corroded connection to the new president Mike McGarrell.

Mike gave his acceptance speech and spoke of his love of the club in spite of his dippy letting him down from time to time and of his new friendship with Robert Clipsham.

Mike thanked Robert for his work and leadership for the club. Robert was presented with a gift of a bilge pump which was appropriate as his dippy almost sank at the regatta last year. Robert was further presented with a beautifully framed photo of Robert and Pamela in their dippy for which he was grateful.

The Business meeting was adjourned at about 3:00 pm.

Presentation: After a short break our invited speaker Ian Turnbull gave an informative and exciting address on the topic of "Muskoka Boating History". Much of this related to the history and surroundings of Port Carling and he showed many slides of scenes of the area from the past. Of particular interest were the scenes of Mike and Susan McGarrell racing their dippy down the river at increasing speeds.

Past President Robert Clipsham heartily thanked Ian and presented Ian with the book "They Left Their Mark" by John Ladell.

Eric Luks



Upcoming Events for 2013

Unofficial Unauthorized Mini Misery Tours are a lot of fun, and a great way to enjoy your boat in the safety and comfort of the

company of your fellow Dippy types. Plus, you'll get to explore new areas that you wouldn't ordinarily venture to in your Dippy! There will be 3 UUMMTs this year so let's get a good turn out.

Saturday June 22 – UUMMT 25 – Lake Nipissing

We are planning a amazing UUMMT on Lake Nipissing. For anyone arriving Friday evening, we're gathering at the Terrace Suites motel at 6pm to have some fun and even a glass of wine. A buffet dinner is planned for 7pm. Saturday morning we will go to Fish Bay Marina, www.fishbaymarina.com, which is about a 30 min drive. We will lead the way and we plan on a 10am launch. For the group arriving Saturday morning, it's 2 hrs from Gravenhurst. On Hwy 11, take exit 316 at Powassan, head west on Hwy 534, the sign says Nipissing/Restoule, for about 10 km. Turn right where Hwy 534 & 654 join, there's a cemetery on the corner, go through the village of Nipissing over the South River then left on Lake Nipissing Road for 2 km and you're there. It's about 15 km from Hwy 11. For GPS, log in *Fish Bay Marina* or *Wades Landing Nipissing* and it will get you there. We have a fun day planned. Bring a lunch or Terrace Suites will pack lunches if needed. We are returning to our cottage for dinner. We plan to cruise Trout Lake Sunday morning if anyone wishes, about 2 to 3 hrs. We have asked for good weather an NO bugs. Happy dippyding!

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July 20-21 – UUMMT 26 – Picton & Area

Host hotel is the Picton Harbour Inn (613-476-2186 or 800-678-7906), on the water in downtown Picton. Ample parking and free launching will be available with maybe a small charge for docking. Depending on weather conditions, there are several possibilities for cruising. One is Picton Bay and then up Long Reach to Hay Bay or Adolphus Reach. We could also trailer to Smiths Bay to cruise around Waupoos Island or over to Sandbanks Provincial Park to cruise in the inner bay. Land based excursions, on your own, could be to the vineyards over near Wellington or antiquing in the towns in the county. Also of interest is the Mariners' Memorial Museum near Port Milford and Lake on the Mountain towards the Glenora Ferry. There are a number of restaurants on the main street of Picton which you will pass on your way to the Hotel. Breakfast and lunch are served at the hotel and they will prepare box lunches if ordered ahead of time. We hope you will all enjoy your visit to this beautiful and historic area.

Saturday August 17 – UUMMT 27 – Severn River

Boating will take place along the Severn River with a stop for a picnic lunch. Meet at the ramp at Big Chute at 9:30 a.m. for launching. There is parking nearby. Access to Big Chute is either from Big Chute Road out of Coldwater past Severn Falls or from Hwy 400 Exit 162 White's Falls Road past Severn Lodge.

see next page for more events. . .

Upcoming Events in 2013 (cont'd)

Weekend of September 13-15 – The 35th Annual Regatta – Viamede Resort

Stoney Lake in the Kawarthas. *Details to follow in the next issue.*

Saturday, November 2 – Dispro Owners Association Fall Workshop

Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre, Gravenhurst. Details to follow in the next issue.

Ladies Card Making Workshop

Ladies, please join us for a card making workshop in the Rendezvous Room at the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre on Saturday, November 2, 2013. While the men are learning about carburetors etc. we will make an assortment of at least six cards, along with some gift tags, incorporating a variety of themes and techniques.

Reservations for our card making group have been made for lunch at the Blue Willow Tea Shop on the Muskoka Wharf. Each person will order from the menu and will be billed individually. Coffee/tea/water along with goodies will be supplied at the workshop.

Time, cost of the workshop and additional details will follow when the registration is mailed in the fall Device. Hope you can join us.

Rachel Campaigne

Barb Dickson



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