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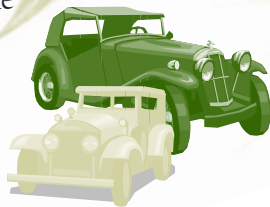
## **50th Year Celebration July 11, 2009. Wow!**

**If you missed this celebration, you'll have to wait 50 years for the next one . . . what a celebration it was! *Dave Wickland***

The day started with a pancake breakfast, hosted by the LIC and put on by the Dock Breakfast crew, led this time by John Biggs with a little help from Mr. Sylvers.

The food was great, the community and our boating guests came out and everyone had a great time. Next, Mark Jones led the dedication ceremony with a wonderful speech to a crowded dock full of members, guests and a few county councilmen. The event then got into full swing with the Hildahl's selling raffle tickets for some fabulous prizes at one end of the dock, while Sandy Black had games and fun activities for the kids in the group, from a watermelon eating contest, egg tossing, a crab race and ending the games with a dinghy race where Sandy himself participated and was soaked to the bone. All this while, Dave Calhoun sang island music and the Gano's held a poker run for the adults which ended up in a nice donation to the scholarship fund.

While all of this fun was going on at the dock, Lynn Carr had about 12-15 antique cars show up at the club for a free car show. There were games for kids at the club as well although to be honest, I didn't make it up there as Paula had me selling 50 cent Root Beer floats on the dock.



Please take a moment to thank Rich & Connie Hildahl for the tremendous job they did in pulling off this auction in such a short period. Jeff & Christine Tritt did the honors to MC the auction. What a treat it was to watch them in action. The evening ended with The Daily Flash band rocking the LIC until midnight. It was truly a great day.

**I'd like to thank those people on the 50th event committee for a great job of organizing this. The committee members were:** Theresa Gano, Paula Wickland, Joe Barrow, John Biggs, Mike Hays, Mark Jones and Carolyn Wiley.

Besides this group, Rich & Connie Hildahl stepped in to really kick start things with the auction and they enlisted Jeff & Christine to help. None of this could have taken place without the huge amount of support and help from club members who volunteered many, many hours to make this happen and to the members and community that supported it with their generous donations to help raise money with the auction and raffle.

**A big thank you to everyone in the club that made this such a special day for the LIC.**

What a great community we live in that so many people are willing to give up their time in their busy lives to help make something like this happen. I am in awe of this and so glad to be a part of such a great organization.

**You would think that this would be a full day of fun, but it didn't end there . . .**



For those that bought tickets for the dance, there was a great BBQ meal and the special event of the evening was an auction

and raffle drawing that brought in over \$6,000 in net proceeds for the club. We think that this will actually rise to about \$8,000 once all of the monies are in.



As we contemplate 50 years of the LIC managing the marina, I am reminded of so many that came before us that did the same thing. They invested their time, money and hard labor to build the wonderful marina that we have today. I hope that all of you will look at what this took to build, maintain and manage for 50 years. It is now our responsibility to make sure that we maintain this for the next generation of kids and adults to enjoy.

**This was a day that I'll remember for a long time. Thanks to all of you that made it happen. *Dave Wickland, Dock Chair***

# Presidents Letter

Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President, 884.3890, patroon9047@aol.com

I know many of you have already heard what a wonderful, successful and totally "for us" celebration we had on July 11th for the 50 Years Afloat Celebration at the Marina as well as the Club House.



So many thanks to so many people, but first and foremost to you, the Members, who made it such a warm, delightful and "come together" event.

The best part about it, to me, was that it was for us, the Membership, our guests and all who participated in it. Of course, the next big thank you goes to Dave Wickland and his wife, Paula, who have been working on this for the past year and a half (at least). His Co-Chair, Theresa Gano and the "Army of Volunteers and helpers they had to make it all possible certainly deserve our recognition and gratitude. I won't begin to name everyone for fear I'll leave someone out and I probably don't really know how many it took to complete this tremendous event.

Now we have one of my favorite events coming up (*actually, if the truth be known they're all my favorite*) and that is Beyond the Borders. This is just another great time to listen to great music, view original and excellent art, have a bite to eat and sit with your friends and guests and enjoy another great day in this bit of paradise we call Longbranch at the LIC Club

House. I look forward to seeing you there! And many thanks to Mark Runions and his crew for making it all possible.

I had family from Florida visiting all this week and we spent a couple of late afternoons/early evenings down at the Marina; they commented so many times on the beauty of it all and just couldn't get enough pictures of



Mt. Rainier. I have lived in Washington for 30 years now, and I must admit that every time I see that beautiful work of nature, she takes my breath away! But to

see it from our own Marina and from the water really sends it all over the top. I am very fortunate, indeed, to live in such a beautiful spot and want to thank you all for allowing me to share in it with you. *Pat Muchmore*

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Disaster Response . . .

On Saturday, July 25th, Pat Muchmore attended a training session which prepares participants to staff Volunteer Reception Centers which process, screen and manage spontaneous volunteers in times of disaster. Pat found the training to be very informative and will be following up with further county contacts.

Stay tuned . . .



# General Meeting Minutes

Respectfully Submitted, Connie Hildahl, Secretary, 884.1400, rhildahl@centurytel.net

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 . . .

The meeting was called to order by our President, Pat Muchmore, following a dessert and coffee hour with photos of the 50 years Afloat Event shown in the background.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pat began her report with a warm thank you for our LIC Club event Saturday, the 11th, "50 years Afloat". She especially noted the fantastic job done by chairs Dave and Paula Wickland.

Our President has information on the Volunteer Reception Center Training to take place July 25th, 9 to 3.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Our Vice-President, Larry Bingham, reported that he is continuing to work on revision of the By-laws. Please submit your comments and suggestions to Larry, in writing.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes were approved as distributed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report this evening, due to illness.

## BUILDING REPORT:

Chairman Lynn Carr reported that he is fixing the window and the door. We continue to have issues with the door locking. Lynn has set up a service contract on the heaters in the main room.

## EVENT'S REPORT:

Event's Chair, Carolyn Wiley, added information about the free Volunteer Reception Center Training on the 25th of July. LIC is classified as an emergency warming shelter. Pat Muchmore would like to have another member accompany her to the workshop.

The Pierce County Heritage League is hosting a free training workshop for groups with historic documents. This info. will be needed to preserve the records of the LIC in an emergency.

Beyond the Borders will take place, here at our clubhouse, Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark Runions shared details and asked for volunteers. This will be another wonderful event for our community.

## DOCK REPORT:

Dock Chair, Dave Wickland, reported on the "50 years afloat" event which took place on the 11th. He extended a warm thank you to everyone for their work, help and participation. He especially thanked his committee; Theresa Gano, Joe Barrow, John Biggs, Mike Hays, and Carolyn Wiley. He also thanked Rich and Connie Hildahl for their work on the auction. A warm round of applause for Jeff and Christine Tritt who led the auction announcements the evening of the 11th, John Biggs and gang for a great breakfast and Sandy Black for an outstanding job of activities for the children down at the dock. This event was a big success, due to the work and participation of everyone.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Jan Prichard, our Membership Chair, reminded members to get their volunteer hours in.

## NEW TRUSTEE:

Pat Muchmore introduced our new Trustee, Phil Johnson. Congratulations, Phil, and welcome aboard!

## RENTAL AGENT REPORT:

Our Rental Agent, Marlies Van Cise, reported that the Longbranch Community Church will hold their Annual Salmon Bake here on the 18th. The following weekend there will be a wedding at our clubhouse.

## NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pat Thompson thanked the membership for the guest moorage certificates. He also shared that there were 2 or 3 boats in the regatta on the 12th.

2. Rich Hildahl announced that there are three upcoming events, which were part of the auction on the 11th, and there are some tickets available. These events are:

- \* An evening with architect Jim Olson at the Hildahl's.
- \* A gathering in the Sipple Boathouse to learn of local history from the authors of "The Mosquito Fleet".
- \* Antique cars, good friends and a BBQ with the Leenstra's.

If you are interested and would like to purchase tickets for any of these events, please call Rich and Connie 884-1400.

# Events - Events - Events

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, 884.9157, c.wiley@mac.com

## Beyond the Borders

Once again, Mark Runions has done a fantastic job of creating this wonderful community event.

### *July 31, Friday evening*

- Set up tents; to make it go easy it takes 4 per corner  
And a director/fetcher
- Layout parking-Set up cones, and mark off the  
Handicapped parking
- Stake beer garden
- Set up hand wash
- Receive art work and set up easels for art show

### *August 1, Saturday morning set-up starts at 9:00 a.m.:*

- Tables & chairs,
- Set-up bar and ice beverages
- Bring planters to delineate areas & fancy up the beer  
garden, stage front, etc.
- There will be a few trees from Sunnycrest to fill  
voids.

### *August 1, noon to 6:00. a few volunteer positions still available:*

- Parking,
- Beer garden
- Ticket sales,
- Food sales,
- Litter control

### *August 1, 6:00 until ?:*

- Kitchen clean-up is a biggie
- Dismantle beer garden
- Return tables and chairs
- Take down tents
- General clean-up
- Art work return & take down easels.
- Return planters (Sunday-no open trucks, it beats  
them up too much)

If anything has been forgotten, it will become obvious once the show begins.

## Labor Day Dance September 5, 2009

Celebrate Labor Day with the “The New blues Brothers”. At the door \$12, pre-sale discount. Must be 21. Food for the famished will be served from 6:00 to 8:00.

A Labor Day Dance Co-Chair would be most welcomed. Most of the pegs are in place with various people heading up set-up, decorations, bar captain, food, door, ticket sales, and security.

Clean-up is something I can manage if some of the slack is taken up on the other tasks. This is a great way to get to know club members. Thanks, Carolyn.

## Fiber Arts Show: Threads through Time, October 3

Planning is underway, promotion begins in August. Is there anyone available to distribute posters to fabric & yarn shops? Look for the Fiber Arts kick off article in the August Key Pen News. To date 17 Exhibitors have requested booth space.

## Kuteeyaa Dancers, November 14

LIC is partnering with the Friends of The Key Center Library to present this family program. Check out their website [www.kuteeyaadancers.com](http://www.kuteeyaadancers.com)



# Events and Opportunities . . .

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair, 884.9157, c.wiley@mac.com

Registration is now open for free Western State and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS) Seattle and Vancouver Disaster Planning Workshops. **Protecting Library, Historical Society, Museum, & Archive Collections:**

**Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery.** No charge to the institution. Funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The workshops are co-sponsored by the Washington State Library and Washington State Archives. The two-part workshops have been scheduled in Seattle and in Vancouver, WA. In September/November:

**Workshop instructor:** Gary Menges is Preservation Administrator at the University of Washington Libraries, Seattle. He is a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works Collections Emergency Response Team (AIC CERT).

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**SEATTLE location:** Odegaard Undergraduate Library Room 220,  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195

**VANCOUVER location:** Library Hall, Vancouver Community Library  
(Main Library), 1007 East Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98663

**Part 1:** Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Part 1:** Monday, September 21, 2009, 9:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Part 2:** Tuesday, November 3, 2009 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Part 2:** Monday, November 16, 2009, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

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The "Protecting Library & Archive Collections" workshops are presented in a 2-part sequence to produce the following outcomes for disaster preparedness activities:

- \* Complete a disaster plan by the end of Part 2.
- \* Learn how to train staff to implement your plan effectively.
- \* Set pre- and post-disaster action priorities for your collections.
- \* Learn how to use practical decision-making skills during an emergency.
- \* Experience salvage procedures for books, documents, and non-print media.

The workshop days are scheduled several weeks apart. Participants will prepare short assignments prior to the first session; between sessions, they will undertake additional assignments resulting in a completed disaster plan at the end of Part 2. Upon completion, the institution will be invited to join an informal network of WESTPAS trained personnel to provide mutual aid in the event of emergencies involving collections in the region.

**Who should attend:** Administrators and staff responsible for emergency preparedness, response and decision-making, in all types of libraries and archives. By registering for the workshop, the institution commits to supporting the attendee(s) to achieve the workshop's disaster preparedness goals. When possible, please send two attendees from a library or archive so they can work together on the disaster preparedness activities.

**Registration:** Pre-registration is required. You will be able to register online.

**To register go to:** <http://evinced.califa.org/pls/lib/eventcalendar.asp?lib=4>

*Go to September and click on September 16 for Seattle; September 21 for Vancouver and complete the registration form.*

**For registration assistance contact:** Kathy Krause [krause@plsinfo.org](mailto:krause@plsinfo.org)

It would be really great to have someone available to attend these workshops. Thanks, Carolyn Wiley





# LIC Dock News

Submitted by Dave Wickland, Dock Chair, 884.3163, [dwick@pacificttrade.com](mailto:dwick@pacificttrade.com)



## DOCK NEWS . . .

New at the Longbranch Marina

Bookmark this URL:

<https://www.hobolink.com/p/fd70ca9cc7c2b0be740286eda9d8lae7>

There is no password required (at this time) and the access is no charge.

Thanks to Pierce County, the Marina now features a 24-hour weather station, live on the web!

Now you can check out the temperature and weather conditions without leaving your house, from anywhere in the world.



A bonus of the new weather station is FREE Wi-Fi internet at the Marina for members and guest boaters!

Bring your laptop or smartphone with you next time and you can surf the web while your mate scrubs the deck.

*Submitted by Tim Heitzman*



## A SPECIAL PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The kitchen crew, who will have spent ALL DAY Thursday and Friday baking and the majority of Saturday serving, request some volunteers to clean up the kitchen after Beyond the Borders.

At that point the kitchen group will be TIRED! Any and all help at that time would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Peg Bingham @884-1124 or Carolyn Wiley @ 884-9157. Thank you, Peg



## LIC Adopt - A - Road

We will be doing another Road

Pick-Up in September.

The time and date will be announced at the

August General Membership Meeting . . .

Thanks as always,

BOB McFarlane

LIC Adopt-A-Road

# Membership News

Submitted by Jan Prichard, Membership Chair, 884.2030, jan@pacinfo.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

**“Potluck” Meeting Wednesday, August 19th *early* at 6:30 p.m.**

The July general “dessert” meeting was held 7/15/09 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you so much to Peg Bingham and Maryann McDonald for hostessing and showing me the ropes in the kitchen. Thanks also to Edie Morgan for volunteering to greet everyone at the sign-in desk.

The complete tally isn't in yet but many, many members contributed a lot of time, energy and innovative thinking to make the 50 Years Afloat celebration a roaring success. Thank you everyone for your commitment to the LIC.

Welcome to new members Mike and Christie Whitney and Kurt and Christine Anderson. We look forward to getting to know you!

One more volunteer is needed to act as host or hostess. If you are interested in helping out, please call me at 884-2030 or you can email me at jan@pacinfo.com.

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Call Norma-Jean 253.884.6556 or send your ad copy to [normajeangibson@remax.net](mailto:normajeangibson@remax.net)



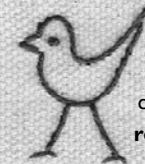
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