Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 40 Years

A Message from Our President

It was a wonderful Indian summer evening and a good crowd turned out for the Beacon Sloop Club September meeting. We even had guests from as far away as Japan. Our meeting ran a bit long because of Clearwater's events coordinator, Linda Richards, came to talk to us about the recent changes at Clearwater and the upcoming annual meeting. I think it was important to hear what she had to say and to renew our relationship. We approved giving a \$1000 donation to Clearwater at their annual meeting.

It's been a good year so far. I want to thank everyone who helped make it a success, particularly Rosemary, Bonnie, Joyce, Nancy Cahill, and Saul. We have raised 2/3's of what we need to repair the Woody Guthrie and continue to keep our fundraising going. David Bernz and friends put on a great concert and we made over \$3000. We will be having a repeat of the Cajun Dance that everyone liked last year on Nov. 2.

The ex-committee approved spending \$600 to purchase stone veneer to finish the wall behind the stove. We will have a work day to do the installation after the Pumpkin Festival, We now have new speakers for the children's stage and the solar trailer has been refitted with new batteries and a new inverter. We are having some trouble with the electric motor on the Woody Guthrie. Repairs will be made this Sunday. We may need to consider getting a replacement.

The work party for cutting firewood has been changed to 10 am, September 28th because of conflict with the Clearwater annual meeting. We need people to help. Bring gloves and chain saw if you have them. We need to stockpile wood for the winter.

I have decided not to run for office next year; I need to take some time for myself. I will still be available to help where I can. I also wish to be a bit more involved with the Beacon community as there are a lot of exciting things happening. We have a nominating committee of me, Nancy Cahill, Connie Hogarth, Rosemary Thomas, Betty Harkins and Eugene Hammond. If anyone is interested in running or if you want to suggest someone, please let one of us know. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Until then let the music play.

David

Inside this issue:

A record Corn Festival, the Woody sails at local events, fundraisers past and future, and more......



Photo by Joyce Hanson

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, September 24th 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, October 42013th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30

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The Beacon Sloop Club Broadside is the official monthly newsletter of the Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.

The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is the Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the Sloop Club Building located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2013

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with Spook Handy leading the club in the song Banks of Marble. David Eberle welcomed guests from Beacon, Modena, and Osaka, Japan. The guests were sponsored as members and shared gifts from Japan. David shared stories from the Sloop Club's sail on the Clearwater and also thanked all club members who participated in the Corn Festival.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the treasury report. The closing balance is for August is \$135,401.

David Eberle reported on the recent Club Board of Directors meeting. The Solar Trailer has had its batteries, inverter, and charge controller replaced. After roughly 130 outings since it was built, these repairs are well-deserved. Repairs have also been made to the clubhouse, including the wall above the front door. The wall behind the stove will have stone veneer installed by volunteers after the Pumpkin Festival. David announced that the club has new speakers for the Children's Stage at our Festivals. David also announced that there will be a wood stacking party on September 14th at 10:00 at the club.

David Eberle announced that a nominating committee has been formed to search for new club officers. The committee includes Nancy Cahill, Betty Harkins, Eugene Hamond, Rosemary Thomas, and David Eberle. Anyone interested in running for a position or making a nomination should contact a committee member.

David Eberle asked for a club vote for the Sloop Club's traditional \$1000 donation to Clearwater at its upcoming annual meeting. The vote passed without objection, and upon inquiry, David explained to the club the background of the club's relationship with Clearwater.

Tom LaBarr gave the Woody Report. The Woody motor has trouble but guests are still being taken out four nights a week. Work will continue to get the motor running. The Woody will sail as part of the Hudson Valley Ramble on Sunday, Sept. 8th and at the Pumpkin Festival on October 13th. Maryellen Healy asked if the Woody might use its mooring while the motor is out of commission to avoid the trouble of maneuvering the harbor to bring the boat to the charging dock. Tom said the idea would be considered if the motor can't be fixed. Tom also reminded club members to start saving money for their tickets to the annual Woody Dinner in February. The venue has not yet been determined.

Bonnie Champion and Rosemary Thomas reported on the Corn Festival. They thanked the club for its fantastic volunteer effort. The move into the big park was a great success. Special thanks were given to Betty Harkins for the Environmental Tent displays she arranges at all of the club's festivals.

Rosemary Thomas thanked Joyce Hanson for her work in planning the second annual Woody Guthrie Concert. The event raised over \$3000 for the club. Rosemary asked club members to mark their calendars for the November 2nd Cajun Dance at St. Lukes to benefit the Woody Restoration.

Mary Schmalz announced the Hudson Valley Ramble for September 8th. Sailors should see her for their Ramble T-shirts.

Vane Lashua announced that he has club membership forms and he encourages all club members to renew their memberships in the coming months.

Vane also announced that Sunday, September 8th, is a concert in Peekskill with Guy Davis, Lorre Wyatt, Pete Seeger, and others. He has two tickets available for any club members who are interested.

David Eberle announced that Susan Bozso has installed new curtains for the club. David also announced that the club was donated a Toyota Camry and it is now for sale.

Linda Richards gave a report from Clearwater. Linda shared the story of her involvement with Clearwater and encouraged club members to attend the Clearwater annual meeting on September 22nd at the University Settlement. Linda announced that Jeff Rumpf resigned as Director of Clearwater in July, as did Allan Shope, the President of the Board of Directors. Frank Landsberger is now the Board President. Linda explained some of Frank's background and said that Frank can be reached through his Clearwater extension at 845-265-8080, ext. 7165. Saul Rozinsky asked about what occurred with Hudson Rising. Various club members explained their understanding of events and were encouraged to ask further questions at the annual meeting. Maryellen Healy asked and Linda confirmed that she is the official contact in the Clearwater office for Sloop Clubs. Betty Harkins reminded the club and assured Linda that the Sloop Club's festivals are put on not only to advance the Sloop Club but also for the Clearwater. Betty asked Linda to convey that to the Clearwater staff.

Announcements

David Eberle announced that on September 28th there will be a concert for Ferry Sloops in Croton.

Pete Seeger announced that September 29th is the Spirit of Beacon Day parade. Club members should meet at the tourism building at the foot of Main Street that morning.

Maryellen Healy announced that on September 28th the operating license for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant expires. There will be an event with running and biking from the site of the plant to Peekskill.

Ken Miller announced that despite some confusion at the recent Corn Festival, the finales at club Festivals will now be able to incorporate any club musicians.

Dan Searles asked for new music at the festivals that might bring to the club some younger and more mixed-race members.

Sound Bites by Gigi Fris



Typically, in our culture, one associates slick, fast talking types with Public Relations. Enter Joyce Hanson, the woman in charge of publicity for the Beacon Sloop Club's events, who is quite the opposite kind of character. Rosy cheeked, curly haired, soft spoken

and kind, Joyce has been working behind the scenes for over two decades to insure all of our festivals and fundraisers are a success.

Sometime during the mid 80's, Joyce attended a Pumpkin Festival at the BSC. She recalls how small the event was, but filled with singing, sailing, square dancing, and good will. Afterwards, she attended the monthly potluck and became friends with Phyllis Newham who eventually requested that Joyce promote the Strawberry Festival of 2002. Joyce recalls, laughing, "What I didn't realize at the time was that I was going to end up doing that job for ALL the future festivals!" With the exception of one Corn Festival, in 2003, when she had injured her arm and couldn't write or type, Joyce has been the mainstay for maintaining a positive image for the BSC with the press and local media.

Joyce prefers to keep a personal touch with all her contacts at local newspapers, radio and TV stations. "You have to go online to fill out forms for media coverage at a lot of these places, but I always make sure to send a private letter and phone call. Most of the time, unless there is a mountain of other events occurring simultaneously; our contacts are cooperative."

Behind the scenes, Joyce also has raised seven thousand dollars in the past two years for the Woody Guthrie Restoration Project. She put together a Cajun Dance and two Woody Guthrie concerts. Her goal is "to raise money, but make sure everybody has a great time." Joyce has also filled in vacant positions on the Board whenever somebody left suddenly, as when she took over the newsletter temporarily and the Treasurer position. Whenever she assists the club, it is done quietly and modestly, with excellent results.

Having more youth involved with the BSC is a big priority to Joyce; she hopes we can get teens to spend their community service credits for the mandatory public school's "Participation in Government Course" doing volunteer work for the club. She also suggests that the BSC have a special membership rate for teens of, perhaps, \$5 a head. Finally, rehabilitating the storage room at the club into a playroom with books and toys would, "create an inviting environment and encourage young families to attend."

Joyce is in perpetual awe of the Hudson Valley's beauty: Storm King, Breakneck Ridge, and breathtaking views of the Shawngunks and Catskills. She loves hiking, dancing (she is a long time contra dancer who has been attending at Ashokan Fiddle and Dance Camps for ages), dogs, and the Hudson River. The BSC mission appeals to Joyce, as it allows everybody to access this lovely place. "Everybody has a chance to experience being on the river with the BSC. You don't need a big check book because it's free-we allow anyone and everyone to go on a sail."

We thank Joyce for her continued dedication, generosity, and outstanding volunteer work. Next time you see her, give her a hug and a smile, as she most certainly will do in return.

Corn Festival 2013 was.....

A sunny day in Riverfront Park
The Dakota Unity Riders!!
Peach Smoothies!!
Watermelon!!

1200 ears of freshly picked corn, cooked exactly 3 minutes
Free sails on The Sloop Woody Guthrie
Our famous chili – meat and veggie
Music on the Main stage

Music on the Children's stage (with new speakers and mics)

A grand Grand Finale

Mostly local vendors with handcrafted items
Vendors with ice creams, Italian ice, and all kinds of food
A raffle tent with donations from our favorite local shops and
restaurants

An array of non-profits reaching out to the public Scores of volunteers who made it all possible!!

And.... thousands of people who came to enjoy it all

A word on our volunteers -

At one point, I was determined to record every name and mention them here. We have so many wonderful people who come out and make it happen. That is our strength and that is what makes it fun. The people. If someone would like to try to record the names of everyone involved in a festival, and what they did, I'm sure we could publish it.



The Woody Report

Boat status: The electric motor system continues to plague us. Replacing all accessible connections brought it back to life for a few days but then it failed again. The connections have been redone again, the motor has been inspected, brushes and commutator were cleaned, and the contactor and other external components have been tested, all to no avail. We continue to take out guests and support local events using the tender and outboard for auxiliary power.

Garrison Fine Arts Fair

The Woody continued her long tradition of providing two days of free sails at the Garrison Fine Arts Fair. Thank you to all who helped on board and on shore. It was a challenging event to manage between the tides and the issues with the outboard which were finally traced to a spider in the fuel system. Who would have thought that those little legs were just the right size to clog the jets?

Hudson River Valley Ramble – Steve Feyl (CIT)

On Sunday, September, 8 intrepid BSC sailors led by Captain Jim Birmingham took to the river as part of the 2013 Hudson River Valley Ramble. How to best describe the sailing conditions? -Changeable.

Sail #1 left at noon with a full contingent of guests aboard. With light winds from the north all aboard enjoyed a nice, calm, rambling sail on the Hudson.

Sail #2 left Beacon around 1:15PM and everyone really noticed the difference an hour can make on the river. Winds had really picked up from the north to around 10mph and the second sail really took off. The 10 or so guests and the crew enjoyed what can only be described as a sail at its finest (nice heel to the boat on a great sunny Sunday afternoon.) Because winds had picked up so noticeably, the crew had to bring the sails down when coming back into the harbor.

Then it was onto Sail #3 (or what I am calling the 1/4 sail.). What comes down must also go back up again to sail. With winds now approaching 15mph+ and with the electric motor still out of commission, the tender/ 5HP propane motor was the only source of propulsion for the Woody for the day. Upon leaving the harbor Jim and the rest of the crew tried as they might to get the boat headed into the wind to get the sails up. After a couple of valiant attempts, Captain Jim chose the side of safety and thought it best to bring the Woody back in for the day. The final 10 guests were appreciative of the attempt and still enjoyed their outing, albeit brief, on the majestic Hudson River and got to enjoy a portion of the Hudson River Valley Ramble 2013!



Photo by Ralph Szur

The Beacon Sloop Club Annual Clearwater Sail

Thank you to David Eberle for arranging this year's sail on August 17th. Our hard working volunteers went aboard for a wonderful evening of fair winds, a beautiful sunset, and great music with our friends on the Clearwater. Every year we look forward to the chance to get out as a group and enjoy the river that we love.



Photos by Joyce Hanson

Thank you to the captain and crew for hosting us!

September 28th, 2013: Run for Your Life!

Indian Point Unit 2 license expires, operates under special NRC extension: only U.S.A. nuclear reactor ever to do so!

At 12:00 a.m. on 9/28/13, Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2 (IP2) becomes the first and only nuclear reactor in the United States to operate with an expired license. We, the Stony Point Convergence on Indian Point, are organizing a joint paddling, biking and walking/running convergence on the Peekskill Riverfront Green on Saturday, September 28th to call public attention to the continued operation of IP2 despite its current license expiring on that same day. In addition, we will be holding vigils at 6 locations within 10 miles of the Power Plant. We need you to hop on your bike, stretch your legs, grab your paddles, or dig your boots into the concrete and join us!

gather at Indian Point Old Gate (Broadway and Bleakley Ave.) at 10:30 A.M., bike 7-mile oute to Peekskill Riverfront Green.



Alkers/Kunners
gather at Indian Point Old Gate at 11:00 A.M., walk/run 2.3 miles to Peekskill River



ayakers/Canoers

gather at Annesville Circle at 10:00am and paddle out to Indian Point before landing at



meet at one of the following six locations at 10:30 A.M., stand vigil until12:00 NOON and drive/walk/ run/take a train to Peekskill Riverfront Green to arrive by 12:30 p.m.

- Cold SpringPeekskill Gazebo

eekskill Riverfront Green:

- Annesville Circle
- Yorktown Heights
 Ossining Farmers' Market



For more information:

- please call 1-888-474-8848
- https://www.facebook.com/events/164521037071378/
- · visit ipsecinfo.org
- · E-mail nucleartransparency@gmail.com

Woody Guthrie Benefit a Success



A special thank you to David Bernz' and the rest of Guthrie's Ghost for their exceptional musical gifts which entranced us at the Woody benefit on Aug. 15th. Thank you Pete for adding your special touch!

Kudos to all who helped make this evening a success. Nancy Jane Blake, Mel Healy, Vincent & Nina Cerniglia, Bonnie Champion, Beverly Dykman, Steve Schwartz, Tom Baldino, Danny Einbender, Melissa Orquest, Sarah Underhill, David Eberle, Dennis, Rosemary, Leah Genth and Rachael Eisler.

Editor's note: Of course a huge thank you to Joyce Hanson who organized and promoted the event and has made it into a Beacon Sloop Club tradition.

2ND ANNUAL SACRED EARTH FESTIVAL



Celebrate Forests!

Sunday, September 22

BOWDOIN PARK

(85 SHEAFE ROAD, WAPPINGERS FALLS)
11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

FREE Admission!

This event is open to the public!

Special Features

Ancient Earth Ceremonies Drumming Eco-friendly Products Exhibits on "Forests" Food Demonstrations Healing Room Movie Theater Qigong Songs Storytelling Yoga

Food and Drinks Yoga

Autumn Equinox Dance Circle

Special Activities for Children

And Jots more!

Be a part of this exciting event!

This is an eco-friendly alcohol-free, family-oriented event.

Bring your entire family!

FREE Face Painting for Children, Interactive Workshops, Reiki and Plant Spirit Healing.

For more information and to volunteer, be a sponsor, be a vendor, advertise and/or exhibit:

www.green-brain.org

The Beacon Sloop Club

CAJUN DANCE WOODY SLOOP FUNDRAISER with Krewe de la Rue



Sat. Nov. 2nd, 7:30pm St. Luke's Parish House

850 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508
6-7:15pm lessons in basics of two-step and waltz
Admission: \$15

Food & Refreshments available for purchase.
Info: (914) 907-4928, www.beaconsloopclub.org

Krewe de la Rue is Roger Weiss on fiddle, Buffy Lewis on guitar, Laren Droll on accordion, Maggie McManus on tee-fer, Paul Maloney on bass, & June Drucker on drums.

Lessons in basic two-step & waltz 6-7:15pm. Even if you have never danced, you will want to once you hear this energized & engaging band.

Clearwater 2013 Annual Meeting Sunday, September 22 University Settlement Camp

The Clearwater Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30AM with breakfast. The day will include music by Power of Song, Rivertown Kids, and Walkabout Clearwater Chorus, special guest speakers. We will meet the Clearwater Board candidates and there will be a Board Meeting and a Sloop Club Congress Meeting.

The Clearwater Annual Meeting is an important event and provides Clearwater Members with the opportunity to participate in the vital function of electing board candidates into office. Clearwater members should receive their board ballot in the mail soon!

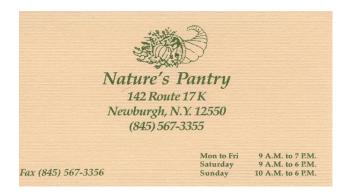
> For more information contact Linda Richards, (845) 265-8080, x7105,

Events@Clearwater.org

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report										
		Submitte	d by Sarah E	lisabeth						
August 27, 2013										
				Woody & Small	Festival &					
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Boats	Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse		
Donation	844.69			844.69						
Grant - Community Funds of the HV	1000.00							1000.00		
Corn Festival	5,870.00				5,870.00					
Membership	1,031.83	215.00	816.83							
Power of Song	160.00				160.00					
Bottle Return	21.00				21.00					
Vendor (Pumpkin Festival)	220.00				220.00					
Chili	(78.77)				(78.77)					
Raffle	(29.50)				(29.50)					
City of Beacon	(1,280.00)				(1,280.00)					
Building	(42.83)							-42.83		
Speaker	(224.93)				(224.93)					
Woody Maintenance	(138.40)			(138.40)						
Beacon Arts (Two Row totem)	(100.00)				(100.00)					
Laptop Repair	(59.95)									
Broadside	(155.00)					(155.00)				
Staples (Ink & Paper)	(93.96)									
Herring Sanitation	(510.00)			·	(510.00)					
Scotty's Potty's	(430.00)				(430.00)					
Total Monthly Income and Expenses	6,004.18	215.00	816.83	706.29	3,617.80	(155.00)		957.17		
OPENING BALANCE	129.396.87				•					
CLOSING BALANCE	135,401.05									



106.5 IN BEACON



For Sale

Jim Krivo donated his car to the Sloop Club It is a silver Gray 2002 Toyota Camry 4 door XLE Sedan with 102,000 Miles, well maintained and in excellent condition. If anyone is interested in purchasing the vehicle please contact David Eberle at 845-242-7822 or by e-mail at davideb@aol.com;.

Estimated value \$6000.

http://www.kbb.com/toyota/camry/2002-toyota-camry/xlesedan-4d/?vehicleid=4826&intent=trade-insell&options=186530|true|186554|true&mileage=102000 &pricetype=private-party

Similar cars in the area are retailing for \$7500+ dollars!



Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. September. 24th, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting October.. 4th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., At the Harbor Beacon, NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Fri., 5 to 6 p.m.

Sierra Club Tag Sale, Sat, Sept. 21, 9am-3pm, Mulligan's Irish House, 2146 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie

Clearwater 2013 Annual Meeting, Sun., Sept. 22, 8:30AM, University Settlement Camp, 724 Wolcott Ave, Beacon, NY

Sacred Earth Festival, Sun. Sept. 22, 11am-6pm, Bowdoin Park, Sheafe Rd., Wappingers Falls

Firewood cutting and Cleanup, Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 am at the Clubhouse

Run for Your Life, Sat., Sept. 28th, various locations and times, visit www.ipsecinfo.org for details

2013 Ferry Sloops Concert for the River, Sat., Sept. 28, 4:30PM, in the Nature Center at Croton Point Park. http://ferrysloops.org/event.php?id=118

Spirit of Beacon Day Parade, Sun., Sept. 29, meet by 12:30, information booth at Wolcott & Main to march. Parade begins at 1:00pm http://www.cityofbeacon.org/features/spirit-beacon-day



Public Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights, 6:00pm, Beacon Harbor, Beacon NY for reservations: 297-7697

Pumpkin Festival Pie Baking & Prep, Sat., Oct. 12, 9:00 am, Location TBD – Many Volunteers needed - Save the Date

Pumpkin Festival Set-up, Sun. Oct. 13, 9:00am, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Pumpkin Festival, Sun. Oct. 13, noon-5:00pm, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Pumpkin Festival Clean-up, Sun. Oct. 13, 5:00 pm, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Great songs of Freedom &Peace, Sat. Nov. 2, 7-10pm, Theater at West Shore Station, Newburgh

Cajun Dance / Woody Guthrie Fundraiser, Sat. Nov. 2, 7:30 pm, St. Luke's Parish House, 850 Wolcott Ave., Beacon

Reminder: Nominations for 2014 officers will be taken at the November membership meeting. A volunteer nominating committee (also known as the Press Gang) was formed to insure that we have a slate of willing candidates for the December election. Of course nominations from the floor will also be accepted. You must be a member in good standing (2013 dues paid) prior to the meeting in order to be nominated or to vote so please renew if you have not yet done so.