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Catherine Bilyard's beautiful CANOE QUILT is to be raffled off on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

At the Fall Meet Dick Howland will have driving directions for the Priest Lake trip Sept 21-25, 2009. As we could also be hiking, remember to bring boots, rain gear and day packs.

There are many NW Chapter members that have not yet subscribed to the WCHA's

"Wooden Canoe Journal" ably edited by Patty MacLeish. Because it is such a good publication, and because Patty has featured several of our Northwest personalities in recent issues, our chapter newsletter will be shamelessly lifting some of these photos and pages for your edification... Note that subscription information is shown below:

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SPRING RENDEZVOUS May 29-31,2009

We had scheduled our spring meet at Lake Samish hoping for good weather. To our surprise this time all three days were spectacular in the 70-80 range with cool nights. The best weather we have ever had at Lake Samish.

Enthusiasm abounds as people arrived greeting old friends and new, setting up camp for the weekend. Some pitch tents in the freshly cut grass and others set up RV's. I refer to the RV as city camping, I can say that because we own one and love it.

Check in started on Friday around noon. Most of the day was spent paddling, visiting and sharing the completion of new projects. The day closed with the Boudi van Oldenborgh talk and film on the Trans Canada Voyageur trip. Very interesting, great job Boudi...

Saturday started with the knot tying class by Bill Dengler. By the end of the class most participants had finished a monkey fist worn as a necklace. Thanks Bill for sharing your craft.

Every meet has its 'show and tell' and this meet was no exception. In fact this is where you can ask all your questions about restoration technique from the experts.

I wandered over to the club's greeting table and found five issues of *Wooden Canoe* with articles showcasing our members and the contribution they have made to the preservation of the wooden canoe heritage. It is amazing to me that we have so many talented members who are always willing to share and pass on their skills and knowledge. We are all very fortunate.

Dinner was on your own and for us a chance to catch up with old friends. Desserts were provided by club members.

The world famous auction hosted by none other than Mike Monks was not a disappointment. We all laugh as Mike told stories about each item sometimes pushing the item to a bidding frenzy. Mike you did another great job as the auctioneer and we all had fun. Thank you.

Well, Pat Chapman outdid himself this time with his slide show of the Boundary Waters. The talk started with a short introduction and then he was gone... Pat reappeared from the woods carrying his backpack supported by a tumpline across his forehead with both hands

clinging the straps of his backpack firmly against his lower back. Pat says this way you can carry an additional twenty five pounds.

Pat provided a snapshot of what it is like to be travelling by yourself, what to watch for, how to pack and how to safeguard your food from bears. The talk included everything from how to obtain a permit, packing your provisions, good reference books, portage techniques and safety. The slides were gathered from Pat's many trips to the Boundary Waters with recorded sound background. Your slide shows are always well thought out, informative, inspiring and appreciated. Thank you...

The evening ended around a small campfire laughing and listening to Red's great stories.

With sixty attendees and over thirty canoes it was a good turnout. Canoes arrived lashed down to trucks, cars and even a restored Modal A Woody. Thanks Steve for bringing both of your restored trucks to the meet.

Our founder Carl Hoth of the Northwest Chapter was actively talking with old friends soaking up the sun, and enjoying life. A Great Guy. I remember calling Carl years ago looking for information on identifying a wood and canvas canoe I purchased at a garage sale. He was so excited that I found an old canoe and wanted to restore it. Carl invited me to a canoe meet at Lake Samish and eight years later I have still not lost interest.

My wife and I have been caught up in life's activities and had not attended any of the canoe meets in the last three years. We were greeted with open arms and smiles, It was really great to see everyone. To our new members a big welcome.

Jim and Ruth Cullins

The Tree of Life for an Ancient Highway

Part 8: Beach Arrivals from the Tribal Journey.

Update: The Comox Band's dugout "I'Hos" was officially launched.

After the launch the pullers spent more time getting used to handling the 35 ft dugout. The crews from up the coast would be arriving soon and races were sure to be in order.

Soon the word was out - the fleet was in Campbell River and would be in Comox the next day. Preparations were made for hosting the pullers from these 10 canoes as well as their road crews and support boats.

Each canoe was required to have an 'escort' boat for safety and carry the second team of pullers. These boats were usually large boats that the pullers joined every 2 to 3 hours to change crews.

The road crew with each team transported food and tents. They went ahead to the next hosting band and set up their camps. They also had radio contact with the pullers in case there were any land-based needs.

The next afternoon, the scout posted on the far side of Goose Spit called to say he could see the first canoes coming into Comox harbor. Many of these canoes had travelled from as far north as Prince Rupert on the mainland. Everyone quickly donned their regalia for the greeting ceremony.

The visiting canoes lined themselves up off-shore with the canoe from the furthest away coming ashore first and so on. Protocol is very important. Each of the canoes came in singing their songs.

One person on each boat then requested permission to come ashore from the Comox Band. The canoes were then lifted above the high tide line and carefully secured.

Once everyone was ashore they headed off to the area where their road crew had set up their camp. The crews from the support boats were retrieved from the Comox Fisherman's Wharf and soon everyone was ready to feast !

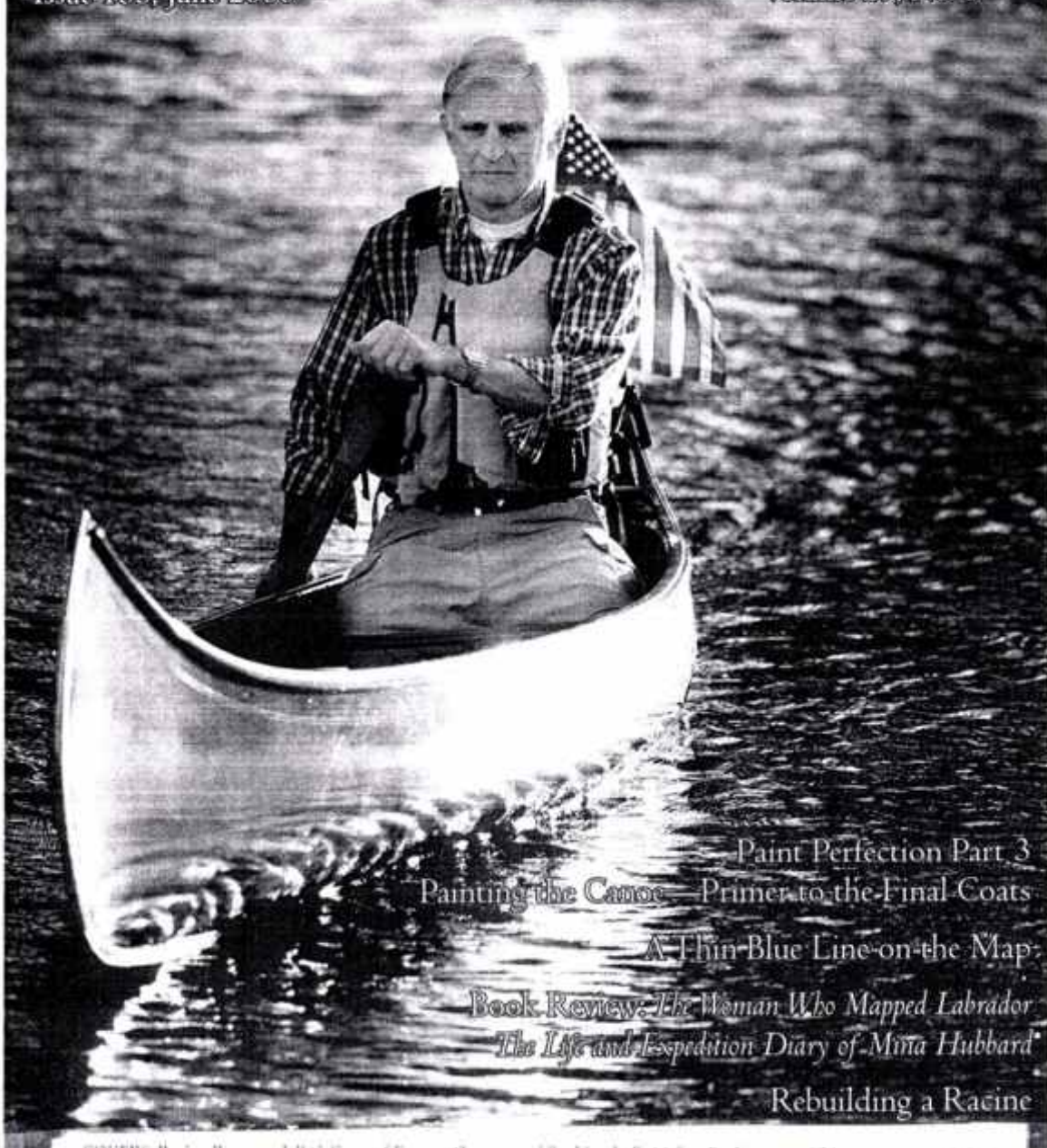
Next - Leaving the Beach
Barb Dobree

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Paint Perfection Part 3
Painting the Canoe — Primer to the Final Coats

A Thin Blue Line on the Map

Book Review: *The Woman Who Mapped Labrador*
The Life and Expedition Diary of Miña Hubbard

Rebuilding a Racine



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Pat Chapman gave me this Racine canoe, which he had found in the backyard of a house he had bought in Olympia, Washington. Pat couldn't identify it, but gave it to me knowing I was a sucker for any old, interesting, wrecked, or abandoned canoe.

With help from Pat and Jack McGreivey of McGreivey's Canoe Shop, I was able to identify it as a Racine. The serial number was written on the outside

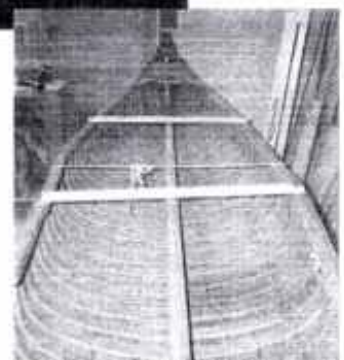
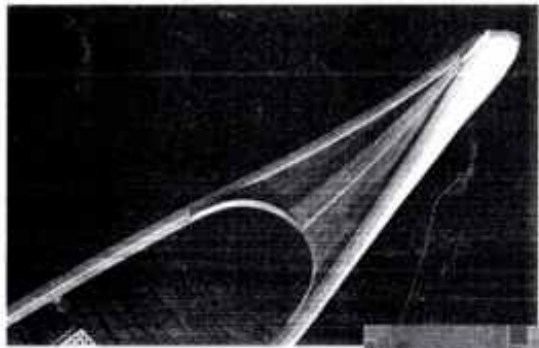
From beast to beauty (clockwise from top). R.C. Cross in his rebuilt Racine. The decks were rotted. Cross built an internal form to keep the canoe's shape. The ribs were in good shape. The deck before (bottom, left) and after (below).

of the bow planking in blue pencil—50 44 with 16 just below the number, which would indicate that it was

made by the Racine Boat Manufacturing Company (1893-1916). The company began building wood and canvas canoes sometime between 1902-1904, but I don't know the age of this canoe. (See "The Racine Canoe, Part 2: The Racine Boat Manufacturing Company 1893-1916," *Wooden Canoe*, Issue 114, December 2002.)

Jack gave me a lot of help getting the canoe back in shape, and it was literally misshapen, with one gunwale missing and the other broken in several places. It was a major job. I lofted the canoe full size to determine the original shape, then I built an internal form to allow for the installation of the new gunwales. The decks and deck structure were badly rotted, but all was there for use as patterns. Oddly enough, the ribs and planking were in pretty good shape, but I had to replace all the mahogany trim.

R.C. Cross





Back cover. Surooth Saha, Site Director paddling her new canoe that her father, R.C. Cross, restored and gave to her. The story of the canoe's restoration can be found on page 9. Photo by R. C. Cross.



Back cover. Master Builder from the Northwest. Roy Arcand of Pender Island, British Columbia, in his workshop with a completed and a partially-finished paddle. Photograph by Hans Tammemagi.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER FALL MEET.

Camp Dudley, White Pass, WA

September 18,19,20, 2009

Access _____ From I-5: Take exit 68 East on Hwy 12 to White Pass,WA
From Enumclaw: Take Hwy 410 SE to Hwy 123 then South to Hwy 12, then East about 20 miles.

From Yakima: West on Hwy 12 about 44 miles. Look for Clear Lake sign about 7 miles East of White Pass. Turn off South 1 mile to Camp Dudley.

Cost \$15 per person per night

Accom. _____ Ample camping, cabins (maybe sharing) and RV sites Contact Frank (see 1st page) for cabin reservations. No cooking in cabins. Full kitchen/dining hall available. No pets, no RV hookups

Programme

Friday

from 12 noon

Check in, set-up, paddle

5.00-6.30

Dinner on your own

6.30-7.30

Knot Tying #3. Decorative and practical knots

Bill Dengler

7.30-8.30

Re-run cross Canada voyageur canoe trip film (if sufficient interest)

Boudi van Oldenborgh

Saturday

7.00 am

Dawn Paddle

Frank
Gunness

10.00-11.00

Food packing and Camp cooking

11.00-1.00

Socializing, paddle, lunch

1.00-2.00

Cedar Basket making

Bill Paine

2.00-3.00

View canoes, Q & A

Boudi van
Oldenborgh

3.00-4.30

Regatta, water games

4.30-6.00

Paddling, prepare dinner & desserts

Bill & Sandy
Dengler

6.00-7.30

Taco Dinner with dessert buffet

Dwight
Jacobsen

7.30-9.00

Auction

Sunday

7.00 am

Dawn paddle

9.00

Board Meeting. Everyone welcome

Clean up and depart by 11.00 am

Remember to bring

.....Tent, RV, food

.....Dessert to share Saturday night

.....ITEMS for the AUCTIONKids

and grandkids

.....'Your stuff' for Priest Lake (Idaho) trip