A Message from Our President:

What a meeting! The May general meeting was really well attended. We all got to wish Pete a happy 90th birthday and share some birthday cake.

The club is off to a flying start on the season. The Woody is going to be launched in a few days. The planks are being swelled right now. The final bits of caulking will be done this coming week. Tom LaBarr and crew plan to test the motor on May 4th. Gigi Fris has been leading the effort to get the Woody sanded and painted in time for the planned launch date. Now all we need is a little cooperation from the weather.

The Beacon Community Garden, a “spin-off” of the BSC, lead by Susan Ruckdeschel is moving along beautifully. The land was cleared of brush, a couple of dead trees were removed, and on May 2nd, with the help of kids from Green Teen, the seeds are in the ground. If you know where the St. Andrew's Church parking lot is in Beacon, stop by and take a look.

The Strawberry Festival is coming up. We need volunteers for all sorts of festival jobs. On Saturday, the 13th of June, there will be the traditional berry hulling party at the LaBarr's. Call 831-4267 to sign up for this event. At the same time, starting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, we'll be putting up the tent, running the water line, putting the electrical cable in place, and doing everything we can to get the park ready for the festival. We'll finish by around noon, and then join the hulling crew for lunch. Call Saul at 496-5617 to join the site crew.

On festival day, we need lots and lots of people to bake biscuits, whip cream, serve shortcake, sell tickets, make smoothies, pick up trash, run the club table, crew the Woody...and many other jobs.

For general festival jobs, call Phyllis at 831-6962. For any job relating to recycling, call Betty at 831-8606 or Sue at 561-5128. Remember, if you are a BSC member, you are part of the Strawberry Festival crew.

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May 17 at Croton Point Park is Riverlovers' Shad Festival where the BSC will be selling our famous vegetarian chili. It is the first river festival of the year and always a great event.

See you at the river.
Saul.
BSC Membership Form

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Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

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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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The meeting was a called to order by Saul Rozinsky.

This meeting was special because it was Pete Seeger’s 90th birthday. Steve Gold City of Beacon Mayor gave a special introduction declaring Pete an exemplary and extraordinary person whom has always led us in the right direction towards equality and responsibility and peace. A hearty happy birthday was sung to Pete followed by the presentation of a birthday cake which was then served to all the attendees.

A very special birthday gift was presented to Pete by a young man who is an Iraqi refugee whose family fled to Syria. He is one of nine of these young men attending college in the Hudson Valley as part of the Iraqi Student project. This young man led us in singing an Iraqi adaptation of the song “This land is your Land”. Find out more about this program at www.Iraqistudentproject.org or www.westchestersupport.org

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Harvey Wasserman will be speaking on nuke-free sustainable energy May 17th at 3PM at the Beacon Rivers and Estuary Center Space is limited, Contact Vane Lashua at vlashua@thinkn.net or 845-228-8894

Suzan Ross spoke about the problems of the Rastafarians in Cuba a fund raiser will be held at a Rastafarian restaurant in New York which serves some of the best Cuban food.

Lucy Bowen introduced the new reprint of the photography book by her father Crowley Bowen Great River of the Mountains—The Hudson. Copies will be on sale at the Beacon Rivers and Estuary Center 199 Main St. Beacon

Respectfully Submitted

David Eberle Secretary

100 years ago

Wilbur Wright was contracted to give, “...a full illustration of possibilities of flight through the air by his aeroplane.” If he could make one or more flights of 10 miles or greater than one hour duration he would receive $15,000.

On his fourth flight he made a round trip from Governor’s Is. to Grant’s Tomb, a distance of 18.6 miles.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Called to order by Saul Rozinsky, president

Financial report: Expenses exceed income by $2500 this was expected due to repairs to the Woody. The current balance is $25,600. Harbor docking has brought in $4600 dollars this year.

Strawberry Festival: The City of Beacon has imposed new charges for use of Riverfront Park (~$1400). Moving the Strawberry Festival to an alternative site was discussed. The majority favored keeping the festival in the park. We will discuss further with the City to try and minimize the impact.

Making Biscuits for the Strawberry Shortcake: Purchase vs. rental of a commercial convection oven was discussed. A used oven would cost $1400 plus shipping ($400). The club can rent one for $350. A motion was made and passed to rent from Durant’s.

We should expect a larger number of attendees due to the Quad publicity.

Fixing the Multrum: A representative of Clivus Multrum audited the system and his report was submitted by Claudine. We will look into costs of putting in a heater and water spray system as well as making other suggested changes including: Improved ventilation ($200), a Liquid removal system ($300), and an Improved Access Door ($130).

Quadricentennial: It was felt that it was important to make sure the Woody would be here in Beacon during the time the boats are in port. No one knows how many boats will be here, nor do we know what preparations have been discussed to handle the logistics. We need better communication between the City of Beacon, the Quad Committees, Scenic Hudson and The Beacon Sloop Club about what is being done and who has what responsibilities. We will try to clarify this prior to the next Ex meeting.

Kip Touraine, Chris Ancliff, and David Cohen will assist in coordinating the harbor logistics and liaison between the various entities involved.

Development and Fundraising Committee Report
1. We would like to enable online renewal and donations to make it easier for people to become members.
2. We need to re-evaluate all brochures and publications.
3. New Fundraising ideas:
   - Dinner dance on the Dock
   - Use of sailing as a means to enhance significant social relationships; we could reserve sailing during the time the armada is in the bay to take selected individuals sailing. There was a lot of conversation about this and no decision was made.

Other Items:
- Trash collated from the shore cleanup will be taken to the Beacon landfill on Thursday.
- Shelves will also be put in the storage shed for storing the Strawberry tent.

The community garden will be tilled on Thursday.
A $250 dollar donation will be made for use of the Beacon Sloop Club for an event.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
David Eberle Secretary

THE BIG DAY ARRIVES.....
Sunday June 14..... Beacon Sloop Club presents the all-volunteer STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.
ON SATURDAY....
Busy hands and pickup trucks needed for Saturday set up. Saul would like help at the park at 8 a.m. Saturday morning to put up the big tents, set up the ovens and the water pipeline as well as electrics and other infrastructure details. All volunteers for set up are also invited to the strawberry hulling lunch party...

HULLERS AND SLICERS will meet on Sat. morning at Tom and Aimee LaBarr’s for hulling and slicing of half our strawberries and mixing of the biscuit dry ingredients. The site crew will be joining all for lunch. Come early, stay late. The festival starts here!!!!

ON TO SUNDAY...
Saul and the Baking team will be starting the ovens early. Vendors will be arriving; some booths and chairs need to be set up ... Help is needed.. Come early.. Call Saul for start up time. 845-496-5617. Your hands are needed.

We start at noon on Sunday, and anyone can always offer the servers, slicers and hullers a break during the afternoon so everyone has a chance to enjoy our festival. Taste-testing is allowed and we know that volunteers will have a great time catching up with those long-time no-see friends in the strawberry tent. It's ok to make new friends too.

LAST BUT MOST VITAL...
Please don't desert the ship at cleanup time...stick around and lend a hand to take some things back to the sloop club, load a truck, empty a trash barrel, wash some utensils, wipe down a table..
In fact, if you can't make it to the festival early, we welcome fresh new late-comers filled with vim and vigor to help with cleanup. ...

ABOVE ALL, be kind to each other, spread good cheer, enjoy the day and have a really good time!!

Love to All,
Phyllis
Beacon Sloop Club
Environmental Education Series

Travis Bowman from the New York State Office of Historic Preservation and former curator at Clermont, visited the Sloop Club to speak on “Bob’s Folly”, the story of Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston’s creation of the first commercial steamboat on the Hudson River.

He painted a vivid picture of the two men and their parts in national and local history. He brought them to life as he traced Livingston’s story from his key role in the revolution through his interest in steam, and Fulton’s transitions from artist to engineer to business man.

What a great talk as we head into the quadricentennial celebrations!

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Woody Guthrie Mural to be Lifted on Beacon’s Main Street May 23 – Last Push for Donations

Beacon will get a big splash of color on Main Street on Saturday May 23rd – all courtesy of the Beacon Sloop Club. At 11am that morning our large and colorful River Beacons mural will be lifted into place and unveiled. It’s an exciting moment and I hope to see many club members there to celebrate.

A year in the making, the mural celebrates the Woody Guthrie’s 30th anniversary in 2008 (she rides the foreground of the mural), Beacon’s river town heritage and lifestyle, and the statewide 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial.

Painted with love by Beacon muralist Rick Price, the mural is 15 feet high and 10 feet wide and will hang on the brick western wall of Riverwinds Gallery; on the corner of Cross Street and Main Street, facing Hudson Beach Glass. The location will make this mural highly visible to Beaconites and visitors, inviting both to enjoy, preserve and celebrate the Hudson River and Beacon’s river town heritage.

Only one thing is still needed – a further $1500. We have raised several thousand dollars so far – mainly from grants - but we were expecting the last monies to come from the now frozen New York State Quadricentennial project assistance funds. So we are making a last push. Please – if you can - make a small online donation of $5, $10 or $20 online to help us bridge the gap. Go to www.beaconsloopclub.org/mural.html

You can also see pictures and find out a whole lot more about the mural, its supporters, muralist Rick Price at http://riverbeaconsmural.wordpress.com/

Thanks, see you on May 23!

Kevin Haydon

400 years ago

According to Emanuel van Meteren’s Historie der Nederlanden (1614) when Hudson was unable to reach the coast of North Zembla due to ice and unfavorable winds:

“This circumstance and the cold, which some of the men, who had been in the East Indies, could not bear, caused quarrels among the crew, they being partly English, partly Dutch, upon which Captain Hudson laid before them two propositions. The first of these was to go to the coast of America...”

Hudson showed the crew the maps he had received from John Smith and turned west, heading across the Atlantic to look for the sea that was said to lay north of the Virginia settlement. By May 29th they had reached the Faore Islands

Woody Maintenance ala Gigi

The shipwrights got behind schedule and pushed our work schedule way past the comfort zone, but we seem to have miraculously gotten back on track. Swelling the boat has been the usual piebald rush job; however, Chris Brennan was busy waggling streams of cotton into plank seams when I left White’s Marina this afternoon, so a cautious HURRAH, at least for now.

Our participation in the Quadricentennial Flotilla as a flagship June 6-10 is a great chance for us to be seen and to spread the word of our environmental mission and FREE sails; remember; it’s still a recession, baby! Additionally, what a wonderful chance for sailors and passengers to be on our boat, with literally hundreds of other boats flanking us. Tom Labarr and his faithful Thursday following are currently, as I type, hooking up the NEW batteries to the motor in the Sloop Club. It is imperative for our motor to be working properly with all the maneuvering the Woody will have to be doing from Nyack to Poughkeepsie, and quite possibly Kingston, mon. Yes, we may take a daredevil tour of duty and end up in Jamaica instead of the old NYS capitol. Just kidding-unless Patrick Gallagher truly decides to go Captain Morgan on us.

Ben Mazer, John Mclaughlin and others will get the rigging ready so we can step the mast and get on with the business of sailing back into Beacon. Kip and Tony have been working hard for weeks, getting the new docks and harbor in tip top shape for sailing members and future visitors to our fair shores. New Harbor Master Henry Thurston and Harbor Liaison Captain Chris Ancliff have also been assisting. Many thanks also to Donny White and family for donating so many docks; it saves the BSC so much time because we don’t have to build them anymore.

Since safety always comes first, Jimmy Gorgeon has also stepped up to the plate and will help smooth over any rough edges on the centerboard trunk.

Please watch for updates on the Woody Sailor site in regards to bottom painting, centerboard installation and launching. Tentatively, I have told White’s to launch the vessel on Tuesday, May 12th, and hopefully put the mast back on her by Saturday, May 16th. She should be back on the charging dock in time to celebrate Memorial Weekend.

Finally, a fond farewell to our best friend and retiring Harbor Master, Tony Monihan. Yes, he will be a crab when he reads this, but I would have never survived this winter without his well timed barbs and judicious advice. Tony will be sorely missed by those who realize the extent of his support of: our sailors, our boats, our harbor, club, and river pool. Bon Voyage, Tony, and fare thee well. I would toast you, but I don’t care for Budweiser beer!
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Still Room for Vendors
We still have room for arts and crafts vendors at the Festivals. The Strawberry Festival is almost upon us so don’t delay.

Applications are available on our website: http://www.beaconsloop.org/Vendor.html

For further info contact: Rosemary Thomas
(845)- 463-4660, rmthomas99@yahoo.com

Food Drive
We will be collecting donations of food for the Community Action Partnership Food Pantry before each general meeting. Please consider helping out. Contact: Michelle May 831-4019

“We’ve got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?”— Lee Iacocca, CEO/Chairman, Chrysler Corporation, 1979-1992
Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday May 26th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting June 5th—potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., In the BSC Clubhouse

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat., May 9, 7:30 pm, Tom Paxton 250 Bryant Avenue in White Plains

Environmental Committee Winter Lecture Series, Friday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m., BSC, Chris Bowser, American Eels and other river life- Bring the kids!

Riverlover’s Shad Festival, Sunday May 17th, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson

Woody Work Parties: Sundays at the shed, White’s Marina, New Hamburg 8:00 am - Noon

THE CLEARWATER MOMENT daily at 11:11 am on WAMC, or affiliate; Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM.

Cornwall River Fest, Saturday June 6th, Donahue Memorial Park, Cornwall-on-Hudson

Quadricentennial Flotilla arrival in Beacon-Newburgh, Sunday June 7th, Poughkeepsie June 9th,

Strawberry Festival Prep, Saturday June 13th, Riverfront Park 8:00am, Labarr’s 10:00am

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Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter. For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org