A Message from Our President:

Three cheers for Tom & Amy LaBarr, Scott Hubbard, and Spook Handy for the August 6th Save our Sloop Fundraiser where we enjoyed delicious food, fine company, and great music. One highlight was Ken’s Woody Song, performed by Ken, Spook and Pete, which first debuted at the August membership meeting. Thank you everyone who helped make this event a great success. Well done!!

Thank you to club members who volunteered to help with the Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim and hats off to the 7 sloop club members who made the swim.

Thank you to Michelle Morgan and Matthew Tether for taking care of the Multrum in July and August. We still need volunteers for September and October so please sign up.

August and September promise to be busy for the Woody. We have the Corn Festival, the Garrison Arts Fair, the Ramble, the Dinner Sail, and a couple of other proposed events. We will be needing lots of sailors and shore support.

The Corn Festival on Aug 14th promises fresh local corn, picked fresh and perfectly cooked. Come and enjoy the corn, the music, fresh peaches, and lots of vendors with a variety of local and handmade items and help us make this another successful event.

If you’re interested in helping make a float for the Spirit of Beacon Day Parade in September, give me a call. I’m looking for help. This is a fun event and I’d like for us to make a strong showing in the parade this year. It’s September 25th, so hold the date.

On a more serious note, see page 6 for information on the Fracking Report just released by Steven Chu’s panel (Steven Chu is our nobel prize winning U.S.Secretary of Energy). There’s also an article on how environmental protection is under attack from the more extreme elements in Congress. Get the facts. Form your opinion. Make your voice heard!!

Lastly, let’s keep those fund raising ideas coming. We’re making great progress but have a long way to go.

See you at the river,

Rosemary

Inside this issue:
Spook helps raise funds, BSC members take the plunge, a boy from Brooklyn, and much, more....
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.

Notice
To our postal mail subscribers: please consider converting to an electronic subscription. It saves $$s and paper. Our goal is to migrate 25 people this year which would save us $300 annually.

We’re half way there!
Welcome: Club President Rosemary Thomas opened the meeting with introductions of first-time attendees after a brief musical intro with players & singers too many to mention.

Treasurer’s Report: Sarah Elisabeth reported a closing balance of $35,903.04, $291.85 lower than last month. The Strawberry Festival income offset a large payment for repairs to the Woody Guthrie.

Woody Sailors: David Cohen reminded the Club that there are four weeks left to buy raffle tickets for a dinner and sail aboard the Woody Guthrie for the winner and friends. Tickets are available from David and will be sold at the Corn Festival, coming up this weekend, August 14. Meanwhile, the Woody is in great shape and sailing every weekday evening as usual.

Clearwater Sail: Tuesday, 8/9 at 6:00 pm is the annual sail for the Club on the Sloop Clearwater. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

SOS: Tom & Aimee LaBarr are hosting the latest Save Our Sloop fundraiser at their house on Saturday Aug 6. at 4:30pm following the River Swim. It will feature a concert by Spook Handy and summertime barbeque.

Building Committee: Claudine Craig lauded the effort by Ron Bell, Saul Rozinski, and David Eberle on the beginnings of the patio restoration. They have bolted two enormous beams (“contributed by the Hudson River”) over vertical posts that will support a fence. The next activity will be to add stone and pour concrete over and between the beams and add fencing. Then the area will be leveled and stone added for footing and the patio floor. ** Claudine once again reminded us that “if you’re a member, you’re a volunteer”. We need volunteers to clean the mulch and to help “the old” members with projects like the patio.

Corn Festival [SUNDAY, 8/14]: Bonnie Champion, coordinator of the festival, reminded us about raffle ticket sales. She distributed baskets to volunteers who will prepare the baskets for raffle. She also asked for “raffleable” items for the raffle table. Tickets are for sale at $1, 6 for $5, or 13 for $10. David Cohen will once again be making chili. 1200 ears of CORN, of course, will be boiled and sold for a BUCK-AN-EAR.

River Pool at Beacon and THE GREAT NEWBURGH TO BEACON SWIM: Alan Zollner described the Swim, to be held 8/6 and asked for volunteers... River Pool, of course, was originated in the Sloop Club, extending Pete Seeger's ongoing quest to protect the Hudson and improve the quality of its waters by raising awareness through river-front festivals, free sailing on the Woody, and, since 2006, swimming in it – all for free. Income from this year’s swim makes the 2012 debut of a large pool the next step in that quest. Performers included Mel & Vinnie whose CD includes their song, “Swimming to the Other Side”

Ramble. Mary Schmaltz reminded us of the 300 Ramble events (that include the Woody on September 11) from New York City to Albany. The attractive Ramble book includes details of all the events and are available from Mary.

Alan Thomas introduced Goodsearch a search engine that supports non-profit groups by sponsoring web searches. You can use it in place of Google and earn money for the Sloop Club.

Announcements: Rosemary Thomas announced that Michael Scolnick would encourage Club members to attend the Borderline picnic on Sunday, August 28, and to volunteer for setup at around 8am that day. Call Michael for information. Mar Routson introduced and demonstrated an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that she encourages the Club to acquire. A first hat pass generated $108 toward our first AED. Wayne Kucher donated prints to help raise money for the Woody. Nancy Calahan announced ECO Fest, on the Intrepid, Sunday, August 28. The Grammy Award winning River Town Kids will be performing. It’s FREE! Ingrid Heldt, a regular singer at Beacon Sloop Club meetings, announced the 36th annual New Jersey Friends of Clearwater Festival, 10am -6pm, August 20th in Asbury Park's Sunset Park, Main & 5th Avenues. Sue Atkin announced the next Seeds of Harmony meeting, 7:30-9:00pm (this and all second Fridays) at the Club. Routes 112 & 375 will be the meeting place for the annual Woodstock Walk for Peace on this Hiroshima Day, August 6, along with many events streamed through LivePeaceInternational.org including the LaBarr’s Woody fundraiser. Circle of Song, RJ Storm hosted the monthly Circle of Song, once again, outside the Club on a beautiful and somewhat bug-free evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vane Lashhua, Secretary

Sloop Club History Contest:
We had no entries last month so we will try again.
Can you name the people in this photo from the 1981 Strawberry Festival?
List them from left to right and submit to Tom LaBarr before the September meeting.
Prizes will be awarded for correct answers. A high resolution copy of this picture can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0Bwn5TwM53287MjE1MzczZmYtNGQ5My00Yjg4LTgwODEtZjI0ZmM3Y2M3Y2M3&hl=en_US

Tie breaker: What were the gross receipts from the 1981 festival?...

Hint: At least two of the people in the photo appear elsewhere in this newsletter
Volunteers Needed

The Borderline Folk Music Club of Rockland County has a picnic and sing scheduled for Sunday, 8/28/11, where, for about 6 hours, many musicians will be performing in honor of a friend of Pete’s, Si Kahn. It’s going to be a terrific event. Si Kahn will be there as well, and performing. It’s free. Just bring a dish for 4 to eat. Pot luck in a big way.

The Beacon Sloop Club voted to co-sponsor the event along with the Pinewoods Folk Music Club, The Huntington (LI) Folk Society, Music at the Mission, and The Folk Project (of NJ). What’s needed is some manpower (“staffing,” to be gender correct) to come down and help out. The Sloop Club could set up a table and promote itself by exhibiting or dispensing literature. We could also publicize the Pumpkin Festival to a likely audience.

For Info or to volunteer contact:
Michael Scolnick
845 354 9339

www.borderlinefolkmusic.4themax.com

Borderline Folk Music Club
New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps
200 Congers Rd, New City, NY

Sunday, August 28 12-6 pm
Annual Picnic, Singing Party, Jam

Free

This year we will have Si Kahn as our special guest. In folk & bluegrass styles, he has written many wonderful & thoughtful songs about family, work & community. He has 16 albums to his credit. He has also written 4 books & 3 musical plays. On our mainstage, Si will do a 1/2 hour program & also lead a 1-hour workshop on topics relating to his work & music. In addition, we expect about 20 professional musicians to perform songs by Si & also present their own songs.

We will also have a separate area for those who want to sing and jam. Anyone & everyone is encouraged to participate or just listen. Bring your instruments & voices.

Please bring a pot-luck lunch dish to share w/ 6 people and a lawn chair. We are an alcohol-free venue.

We will provide plastic ware, paper goods & soft drinks.

Reservations Required, Contact
Sol Zeller, 845-354-4586, solz1@optonline.net
Craft Vendors Welcome; call/e-mail for details

The Borderline is a non-profit 501(c)(3) group devoted to presenting all types of American folk music.

The Borderline is not affiliated with New City Ambulance Corps but they graciously allow us to use their space for our venue.

Save Our Sloop Barbeque and House Concert Raises $1600 for the Woody Restoration

A huge Thank You goes out to Aimee and Tom LaBarr for hosting 80 friends of the Woody for a fundraiser at their house. A big thank you also to Spook Handy and Pete for playing through the rain, and to all those who helped with food, set-up, and clean-up.

This was a really nice event with great food and great people. We almost didn’t notice the rain.

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The Beacon sloop Club is now registered at GoodSearch.com. Every time you search the Internet at GoodSearch.com, 50% percent of the revenue generated from the sponsored search advertisers is shared with your selected charity. The site is powered by Yahoo! Make sure you select the Sloop Club before searching. Tool bars are available for IE, FireFox, and Chrome.

http://www.goodsearch.com/
Woody Update

The Woody has been actively taking out groups of guests for free sails since the second week in June. This month begins with the usual August special events, starting with the River Pool's 8th annual swim. Our own Rosemary Thomas (and 6 other members) swam the choppy Hudson waters with 200 plus other swimmers to create revenue via sponsors to continue the River Pool operation. Many thanks to Kip Touraine for organizing the Woody crew that day and taking groups of swimmers from the train to Newburgh. Many swimmers thanked the captain for anchoring the Woody at the mouth of Beacon Harbor as a focal point to keep them on course. Thanks also to Pete, Mary Ellen and Vinnie for entertaining the troops with folk songs.

The Woody and the club need help with crew and volunteers to manage the Corn Festival on August 14th. Please call your captain if you wish to assist with set up, corn shucking or guests sails. Please remember that being a Woody sailor means giving a hand where ever it is needed on festival days, be it on the Woody or chipping in to earn the money needed to keep our sloop in fine form.

Another festival further south, the Garrison Arts Festival, takes place the weekend of August 20th and 21st on the waterfront in Garrison. Steve Bates, the organizer, advertises pictures of the Woody prominently in advertisements for this event. Docking is tricky in Garrison, so be prepared to work hard while in port if you volunteer. Remember, the more volunteers, the bigger chance there is sailors can switch on and off to enjoy the outstanding music, food, and artwork available on the narrow ribbon of land they are set up on. Once again, please call your captain ASAP if you wish to crew.

Finally, the Woody raffle tickets are not selling well, mostly because they have not been distributed to crews due to certain misinformation bandied about earlier in the season. Please call me if you would like to sell some tickets to friends, family or co-workers. The winning prize, a formal dinner for six on a moonlight cruise in September, is well worth the $5 gamble. I will be at both Garrison and at the Corn Festival selling tickets, so come and grab a handful to sell at that time, if you haven't already.

As you know, this club is a collective effort, but it is worth the hard work to keep our fellow citizens in touch with the beauty of our river, the serenity of a motor-less and non-polluting sail, and, finally, the proof of our labors in a green, non commercial waterfront with free access to the public. Let us continue to be a model for other communities.

See you on the river,

Gigi

Sound Bites – by Gigi Fris

Saul Rozinsky is truly a Renaissance man; he is a wiz kid at electronics, woodworking, science, people skills and teaching, all which have benefited the BSC.

Born in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, Saul attended PS204. He confesses his first true love was electronics (sorry, Bonnie!). He actually was making electromagnets to light batteries by age 10, and his first radio transmitter when he was 15. Oh yeah, did I mention this Boy Genius has been a ham radio operator since 12? After attending a few colleges, Saul finally majored in Biology and Bonnie, whom he met at Pace College (now University) and married in 1967. They are still happy together after 44 years of matrimony. They have three sons, all of whom are sailors, techies, and BSC members. Saul supported his family by becoming a broadcast engineer.

Around 1985, while attending a Shad Festival on the Newburgh waterfront, Saul happened upon a damsel in distress, our very own Susan Berliner. Susan had been the recipient of the Clearwater sound system for the event, but had no idea how to put it together. Enter her knight in shining armor, Saul put it together, and went on to become the BSC President for six (not consecutive) years. He also designed, built and has hauled the Solar trailer to at least (conservatively speaking) 110 gigs since 2000. Saul has also constructed a shed for tents on the side of the building, built the access ramp in front of the BSC, and repaired the multrum.

Saul is all about the public's having access to a clean river; by this he means water clean enough to swim and drink. Although he wants Indian Point to close, he is quick to point out there needs to be an alternative plan in place to replace the missing nuclear energy. His vision is to take a broad and eclectic approach: solar, wind, geothermal, biopass-anything and everything that doesn't pollute and is carbon neutral. His immediate environmental concern is the danger of contaminated drinking water.

Finally, my sister, Mary Fris would like to compliment Saul on his sense of fashion. "Did you ever notice that Saul's ponytail scrunchie always matches his outfit?" she once observed to me. Is it possible Saul's next new venture will be setting up the House of Rozinsky to compete with Gucci?
There is more than an debt ceiling battle going on in congress

In his article entitled, “Concealed Weapons Against the Environment” Robert B. Semple Jr(Published: July 30, 2011 in the New York Times). Identified the following riders attached to the 2012 spending bill for the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. For the full article:


Greenhouse Gases
Sec. 431. (a) During the one year period commencing on the date of enactment of this Act— (1) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not propose or promulgate any regulation regarding the emissions of greenhouse gases from stationary sources to address climate change.

Fuel Economy
Sec. 453. None of the funds made available under this Act shall be used— (1) to prepare, propose, promulgate, finalize, implement, or enforce any regulation pursuant to section 202 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521) regarding the regulation of any greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles or new motor vehicle engines that are manufactured after model year 2016 to address climate change.

Mountaintop Mining
Sec 432. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to develop, carry out, implement, or otherwise enforce proposed regulations published June 18, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg. 34,667) by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement of the Department of the Interior.

Grand Canyon
Sec. 445. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the approximately 1,010,776 acres of public lands and National Forest System lands described in Public Land Order No. 7773; Emergency Withdrawal of Public and National Forest System Lands, Coconino and Mohave Counties; AZ (76 Fed. Reg. 37826) may be withdrawn from location and entry under the General Mining Law of 1872 (30 U.S.C. 22 et seq.) except as expressly authorized by a law enacted after the date of enactment of this Act that refers to this section.

Clean Water
Sec. 435. None of the funds made available by this Act or any subsequent Act making appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce a change or supplement to the rule dated November 13, 1986, or guidance documents dated January 15, 2003, and December 2, 2008, pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

Coal Ash
Sec. 434. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop, propose, finalize, implement, administer, or enforce any regulation that identifies or lists fossil fuel combustion waste as hazardous waste subject to regulation under subtitle C of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6921 et seq.) or otherwise makes fossil fuel combustion waste subject to regulation under such subtitle.

Florida Waters
Sec. 452. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida’s Lakes and Flowing Waters” published in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency on December 6, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg. 75762 et seq.).

Wilderness Protections
Sec. 124. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Secretarial Order No. 3310 issued by the Secretary of the Interior on December 22, 2010.

Federal Panel Issues Report on Hydrofracking
(They didn’t say NO!)

A panel of experts appointed by Energy Secretary Steven Chu issued a report today on the effects of extracting natural gas from shale formations.

The report identified four main concerns: possible water pollution from chemicals used in fracking and from methane gas released by the process; air pollution from methane and equipment emissions used in gas production; potential disruption to communities and the cumulative adverse effects on their ecology and concluded that natural-gas companies risk causing serious environmental damage from hydraulic fracturing unless they commit to the best engineering practices.

The panel recommended that companies measure and disclose what's in the water throughout the production process and called on them to reveal the chemicals they inject into the ground, unless the mix is "genuinely proprietary." They also called for monitoring and reducing air emissions at gas production sites, and for making some areas off-limits to gas extraction.

"While many states and several federal agencies regulate aspects of these operations, the efficacy of the regulations is far from clear,"

“Effective action requires both strong regulation and a shale-gas industry in which all participating companies are committed to continuous improvement.” Communities “need to fully understand that there will be disruptive activities during drilling and industry needs to improve its response to local concerns,”
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Upcoming Events at the Beacon Institute

Restorative Environments with Naomi Sachs, Sat, Sept 10, 10 a.m. CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY
Learn about the healing aspects of nature from the director of Therapeutic Landscapes Network, Naomi Sachs. FREE.

Spirituality and the Environment, Part 2 Buddhist and Islamic Perspective Thurs, Sept 15, 7 p.m. CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY
Beacon Institute’s John Cronin, will moderate the discussion between Bonnie Myotai Treace, of Hermitage Heart and the Bodies of Water Society in Garrison, NY and Faraz Khan, a Senior Environmentalist with the New Jersey DEP and Muslim Chaplain at Rutgers University FREE.

History Walk with Jim Heron, Sat, Sept 24, 10 a.m. CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY
Join Jim Heron, author of Denning’s Point: A Hudson River History on Saturday, Sept 24 at 10a.m. for an educational and enlightening tour of Denning’s Point. FREE.
Please register online at www.bire.org/events

Multrum Stewards

July  Michelle Morgan
August Matthew Tether
September Alice Vaughan
October Alan Thomas
November Alice Vaughan
December Alan Thomas
January 2012
February Rob May
March Stephanie Hirschman
April Bonnie Rozinsky
May
June  Daveid E. Eberle

To signup contact Claudine Craig 895-8758 ccraig2222@yahoo.com
Executive Committee meeting, Tues August 23rd 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting September 2nd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock, Beacon, NY

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

Corn Festival, Sun. Aug 14th, noon-5pm, at the Beacon waterfront. Set-up starts at 8:30 am

"Liquid Assets"- Documentary, Thurs., Aug.18th at 7pm at the Center for Environmental Innovation and Education at Denning’s Point. Register online at www.bire.org/events

42nd Garrison Fine Crafts Fair, Sat. & Sun. August 20-21, 10am to 5pM, Garrison’s Landing, Garrison, NY

New Jersey Friends of Clearwater Festival, August 20th, 10am -6pm, in Asbury Park's Sunset Park, Main & 5th Avenues.

Borderline Folk Music Club of Rockland County Picnic and Sing, Sun. Aug. 28, noon-6pm, New City Volunteer Ambulance Corp, 200 Congers Rd., New City

Free!! Woody Sails, weeknights, 6:00 pm, Beacon Harbor Call 845-297-7697 for Reservations

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Hudson Valley Ramble – Woody Sails, Sun. Sept. 11, noon-5pm

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2011 Festival Dates
Corn August 14th,
Pumpkin October 16

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