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Stat of the Month

Bill Smiley won his second modern race, by taking the President's Cup final with the Charlie's Girl.

ERCU Trivia

Scott Fetterly will eventually be adding to his 64 career modern points (he drove the 1978 Miss Madison at the 2007 President's Cup in a conie), when his two-wing Miss Circus Circus is complete.

Ron Hartley



Gary Hansen drove the Muvalong to his second career race win – the first came in the modern final – at the Rose Festival RC Regatta at Westmoreland Park in Portland.

Hansen sweeps Rose Festival RC Regatta

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Hometown Hobbies Rose Festival RC Regatta presented by Portland Parks & Techjet Imaging was a big deal to ERCU – bringing hydroplanes to the Rose Festival.

Schumacher Racing Team and DA Graphics were also important sponsors of the race, providing the opportunity for kids to take home boats of their own, and valuable support to the event's Rose Festival sanction.

It turned out it was a big deal to Southeast Portland, too.

More than 75 spectators turned out for the whole day, in the great weather, at Westmoreland Park's

Casting Pond to watch the first Rose Festival event in Southeast Portland since 2002.

For **Gary Hansen**, it's a race that will always be remembered.

Hansen secured the first two victories of his model racing career and gave him a big smile at the end of the day.

"Now I have to call Mark and tell him that I've won the same number of races he has," Gary said after the race, referring to his son who's won a vintage race and a modern race.

Gary started the modern final as the trailer boat

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"Smiley" a key word at President's Cup

MAPLE VALLEY, Wash. – **Bill Smiley's** last name perfectly matched the look on his face after the modern final of the 2008 ERCU President's Cup.

A huge smile spread across Smiley's face after he claimed the second modern win of his ERCU career in front of more than 100

spectators and racers at Lake Wilderness.

Jeff Campbell won the vintage final with his fantastic 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger.

The President's Cup, again sponsored by **John Williams** and Williams Racing Team, was a super event as usual. A total of 47

boats – including 33 vintage were there, which made up the second-largest turnout in ERCU history.

The Father's Day weather was perfect, and another highlight of the weekend was that two brand new boats made their first show-

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THE MILL

ERCUCU news briefs

Fire damages Shehan shop, new St. Regis model

Some sad news out of Washougal. **Jesse Shehan's** shop caught fire earlier this week, doing pretty significant damage to the structure and to boats and tools in the shop. Jesse reports that the Spirit of Dayton Walther and St. Regis were still in his truck after the Rose Festival RC Regatta, so they were spared, but the new St. Regis which had recently been painted and was ready for decals, was in the shop at the time of the fire.

New Merlin dummy motors available

Doug Campbell is making new 1/10th scale balsa laser-cut Merlin engine kits. This guy weighs in at 1.3 oz with sealant and coats of primer. It's actually easier to build than the Allison's. Look for availability in a few weeks. **Jim Clark** is organizing a group buy of Doug's Merlin and Allison laser-cut 1/10-scale motor kits. They will be \$20 each for the Merlins, and the price for the Allison's will be announced soon. Shipping should be around \$15, and the shipping costs will be split when Jim gets a total number of kits ordered. If you're interested in ordering some, e-mail Jim to let him know how many and what type motor you want.

ERCUCU gets a little TV coverage in Portland

NewsChannel 8 (Portland's NBC station) paid a visit to Westmoreland Park to help promote the Rose Festival RC Regatta, featuring ERCUCU members **Mick Shutt, Jesse Shehan** and **Nelson Holmberg** and their boats. True to the spirit of live TV, not everything worked quite perfectly, but the end result was some great promotion of this weekend's race, and of ERCUCU. Unfortunately, Jesse's Spirit of Dayton Walther met a drain stanchion in the center of the pond at about 40 miles per hour, and the result wasn't pretty. But when all was said and done, the TV coverage worked well and ERCUCU's exposure was positive. The four live spots, edited together, can be seen by visiting the ERCUCU website (news page), and linking to the video and story.

a moment with

JIM LATIMER

Family: Wife Debra (Cougar alum and owner of the Miss Everett), daughter Robin (age 20, Sycamore, Ill.).

City she calls home: Lacey, Wash. (but I'm not a west-sider by choice).

Job (when not boating): Surgical textile route driver, Sterile Surgical Systems, LLC. of Tumwater (retired law enforcement/corrections officer).

College Football Loyalty: Washington State University

Favorite Current Unlimited Hydro: Anything "Super Dave" has his hands on (since the Evans brothers aren't racing anymore).

Favorite Unlimited Hydro of the past: Tie between the 1964/65 Harrah's Tahoe Miss with "Chargin'" Chuck Thompson and its later incarnation as the 1968 Griffon-powered Harrah's Club after Jim McCormick took over as driver.

Boats he races in ERCUCU: U-02 Miss Everett, circa 1960.

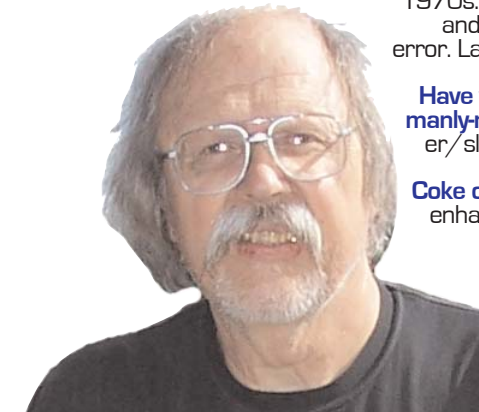
What was your first car? 1966 Dodge Dart (my folks sold it while I was in Vietnam).

What was your first job? Since I lived in the Apple Capital of the World (Wenatchee), I PICKED FRUIT! (cherries, then cots, then peaches, then pears, and finally APPLES . . . summer of 1962).

When and how did you get involved in scale racing? I was at an RCU race in at Rock Island, Wash., in 1982 and bought Les Ruggles' old 1/8-scale Maverick from Doug Simon, the race coordinator. I had previously raced Sport 40s in IMPBA in the midwest during the 1970s. I never raced the Maverick but practiced with it and learned to drive the old fashioned way, trial and error. Later sold the boat to Mike Walcker, who raced it in RCU as Miss Reno, and I was hooked again!

Have you ever had a manicure/pedicure? (come on manly-man, admit it): Manicure courtesy of a printer/slotter machine, 1976, five stitches middle finger left hand! Pedicure? Next question.

Coke or Pepsi? As long as either has a "Canadian enhancement, either one tastes the same!! (OK, Diet Coke!).



BIG BOAT news

■ **U-1 Ellstrom Racing Team** — **Erick Ellstrom** is quoted, "Boeing and Ellstrom have teamed up again for 2008 with the U-787, you will see more of the boat on and off the water than last year, and there will be some record setting historical events that will be attempted for the 2008 year. Just exactly what that entails is anyone's guess. Straightaway speed attempt? Female driver? Alternative fuel? Who knows? Stay tuned.

■ **U-3 Cooper Motorsports** — **Jimmy King** returns as driver for 2008, as the piston powered craft readies for another season.

■ **U-5, U-7 Formula Racing Team** — Testing took place for both boats at Celina, Ohio's Grand Lake St. Mary's in early June. The team is ready for the opener.



James Crisp

■ **U-6 Miss Madison Racing Team** — **Steve David** was due to test Madison's Oh Boy Oberto on June 17 in Madison, with the public invited, but high water and debris in the Ohio River caused a cancellation of the test session.

■ **U-10 USA Racing Partners** — **David Bryant** returns as the driver for the Gregory's for 2008, and is one of the eleven featured boats on the new ABRA 2008 Season poster.

■ **U-13 Spirit of Detroit** — This boat could surprise everyone. The "big boys" had better not falter, or the U-13 will be there to take the win. A lot of pre-season preparation has been done here.



Michael Profit

■ **U-17 Our Gang Racing Team/Miss Red Dot** — **Nate Brown** has added a new Eagle trailer with a viewing tower that "telescopes" up for viewing. It can be towed by a pick-up truck. A successful test on June 7 on Lake Sammamish.

■ **U-25 Superior Racing Team** — New Boat shop in Auburn, but apparently the old one is still operat-

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Mark Gran

New U-17 driver Kip Brown got some seat time in the boat during a test session at Tastin' and Racin' on Lake Sammamish near Issaquah, Wash.





THE MILL

ERCU news & rumors

Craig Bradshaw will be helping Scott Fetterly with his new two-wing Circus. Bradshaw also had his Winston Eagle (lobster) hull in the pits, fresh out of the mold. His goal is to have it ready in time for the Cascade Cup in Woodland at the end of the year . . . **Mark Gran** is retiring the gorgeous Breathless, after making the obligatory three races, and escapes without a blemish, although there was a little concern when it was sitting in the turn acting like a target in its last heat at the President's Cup. Mark will be driving the 1967 Atlas Van Lines this coming weekend in Monroe . . . **Doug Brow** continues to formalize a San



Mick Shutt

Juan Island adventure for next year. He still needs final approval but is securing sponsors and generating good interest for a 2009 event . . . **John Burkey**, a member of the real U-13 crew plans to build the U-13 for ERCU . . . **Ron Hornung's** Miss Peps, and the 73 Red Man (vintage) making their debuts at the President's Cup . . . **Mike McIntosh** earned his first-career finishes (one with the Shakey's and one with the 1969 Pay 'n Pak Hooktail, running in the President's Cup final as a substitute driver for **Jeff Campbell**, who drove the 1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger . . . **Mick Shutt** continues work on his 1975 Oh Boy! Oberto, having recently finished the paint on the hull, and initial installation of decals. His 1978 Miss Budweiser is also coming along, with the white pinstriping next up on his to-do list . . . During the Sahara Cup at Lake Tye, **Fred Holmberg** will take his driving test with the 1973 Red Man (U-8), which is his boat, and made its debut at the President's Cup in Maple Valley . . . **Ron Daum** will be bringing the 1952 Miss Pepsi to Tualatin for display duty at the Columbia Cup (July 12), and hopes to



Jim Clark

bring the Such Crust III for competition . . . **Dawna Gross** intends to prepare the Such Crust IV to run again later in the season. She's even suggesting that she might have boyfriend **Kurt Tavenner** (crew chief of the U-13) drive it . . . For those of you that have been wondering where **Dave Gardner** has been here is the latest news. He will be going in for back surgery on July 22. Hopefully this will cure his constant back pain. Then maybe he can resume racing.



Jim Clark

2008 schedule

(subject to change)

APRIL	Event	Location
Date		
12	Champion Spark Plug	Centralia
19	Silver Cup	Monroe
MAY	Event	Location
Date		
10	Bill Brow Memorial	Marysville
24	Rose Festival RC Regatta	Portland
JUNE	Event	Location
Date		
14-15	President's Cup	Lake Wilderness
21	Sahara Cup	Monroe
JULY	Event	Location
Date		
12	Oregon Emerald Cup	Tualatin
20	Bernie Little Memorial	Bellevue

AUGUST

Date	Event	Location
16	Columbia Cup	Tualatin
24	Stan Sayres Mem.	Cherokee Bay

SEPTEMBER

Date	Event	Location
6	Seafair Trophy Race	Monroe
21	Gold Cup	Lake Wilderness

OCTOBER

Date	Event	Location
5	Diamond Cup	Cherokee Bay
11	Cascade Cup/Nats	Woodland

Season high points for boats and drivers will be based on the 10 best finishes for the year.

BIG BOAT news

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ing as well. New paint scheme is featured on the 2008 ABRA teams poster.

■ U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing — With its new paint job and pre-season testing in the bag, the Beacon Plumbing appeared in the Ballard Parade in May, along with two vintage hydros, Miss Thriftway and Oberto. Another test with **Jean Theoret** at the wheel on Lake Sammamish on June 7.

■ U-48, U-50 Go Fast, Turn Left Racing Team — Owner **Greg O'Farrell** chose Lake Washington as the site for the May 29 pre-season testing for both the U-48, Lakeridge Paving and the U-50 Spirit of the Navy. Lots of U.S. Navy support and hoopla. Expect the same at all six race sites this season.

■ U-100 Leland Racing Team — **Greg Hopp** is driving the Leland entry which still carries the Mirage Boats name. Perhaps a new name by race time.

ABRA News

■ San Diego has announced that Boeing will be their community partner for the 2008 Bayfair. Lots of hard work from U-25's **Ken Muscatel**.

■ The ABRA has announced a "possible" future race site in New Richmond, Ohio. The riverfront town is smaller than Madison, but in many ways, a lot like the popular race site. Kentucky is across the river at New Richmond, just south of Cincinnati and the I-275 cross river bridge. A river side park in town would be the proposed pit & viewing area.

■ The Lake Sammamish "Tastin' n' Racin' was a success. The Unlimiteds, U-17 & U-37 along with Vintage Miss Thriftway and Miss Bardahl were the show. And the public loved it!

■ Eleven boats are entered in the Evansville season opener, that's a significant number more than previous years.

Compiled by Kirk Pagel, ace reporter



Mark Gran

Schumacher Racing Team tested a new "vented" cowling at Tastin' and Racin' on Lake Sammamish. It was the second time this spring that the U-37 team had been out testing.

Hansen rolls to wins in vintage, modern classes

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after winning the first connie with his 1974 Miss Cott's Beverage. But he had to work for it.

After **Mike Campbell** and **Mike Gossler** both jumped the gun, **Mick Shutt** led the first two laps with his 1976 Miss Vernor's, followed by **Bill Smiley's** Charlie's Girl, **Nelson Holmberg's** Red Man Too, **Jesse Shehan's** Spirit of Dayton Walther and the Miss Cott's Beverage, which were both trailers.

When Holmberg's rudder was kicked up in the left turn, and missed a buoy as a result, the Red Man Too was out of the race and Country Boy flipped and was lost from competition as well. On the third lap, Vernor's cut a buoy, and by then, Cott's Beverage was on his tail anyway and moving up quickly.

By the time it was all over, Cott's was first, followed by Gossler's 1978 Circus Circus in second, Smiley's Charlie's Girl third, Shehan fourth, and Shutt fifth.

For the first time in quite some time, the modern class had enough boats running to stage a second connie, which was won by **Ron Hartley** with the 1977 Squire. Second place went to **Bill Shearer** in the 1978 Miss Madison. DNFs were handed out to **Craig Bradshaw's** Winston Eagle and **Steve Twardus's** 1971 Country Boy.

While Hansen won the first connie, second went to "Birthday Boy" **Rick Lentz** with his 1974 U-95 and third was **Brian Gilmore** in the Gilmore's Special. **Craig Mullen** in the 1971 Pay 'n Pak, did not finish.

The fun didn't end there for Hansen, though.

In the vintage final, he was running third late in the heat and on the final lap, took advantage of simultaneous 'electri-

Nelson Holmberg



After one of the day's best heats, the Wildroot Charlie mixes it up with the Thriftway Too.

cal gremlins' aboard the Harrah's Club and Outrigger Pay 'n Pak just before the finish line.

Hansen took advantage and finished first before Mike and **Jeff Campbell** got restarted and crossed the line in second and third, respectively. Gossler finished fourth as the substitute driver of the Pay 'n Pak Hooktail, followed by **Ron Daum** in the Wildroot Charlie and **Roger Newton** in the Checkerboard Comet, 1968 Miss Bardahl. **Bob VandenAkker** did not finish with the 1963 Notre Dame.

The vintage first connie was a battle of battles, as Daum held off a hard-charging Gilmore in the 1960 Thriftway Too to take the win. Gilmore was second, followed by Hartley in the \$ Bill, VandenAkker with the Miss Lapeer, **Gerry Borden** in the Parco's O-Ring Miss, and Mullen in the Hawaii Kai III.

In the vintage second connie, Mullen

piloted his new 1971 Hallmark Homes (Red) to a win, followed by Bradshaw's 1958 Coral Reef, and Lentz's 1958 Miss Bardahl. Gossler did not start with the 1963 Miss U.S. V.

Huge gratitude goes out to everyone who traveled to Portland for the race, and especially those who stayed late to give a hand in all of the clean up. As usually, we proudly left the park just as clean as we'd found it. Special thanks go to

Dan & Brian

Gilmore

who pulled

the trailer,

Shutt,

Shehan,

Craig &

Kevin

Bradshaw,

and the

Campbells,

who were

there early to

help with set

up. Jeff

Campbell,

Lentz and

Judy Fenton

for their work at the scorers table, keep-

ing things going nicely.

Another very special thank you goes

out to **Dawn Holmberg** and **Cheryl Lalk**

for their help in registering kids for the

DA Graphics boat giveaway drawing.

Apologies to anyone who was left out

for their contributions, everything that

everyone did was greatly appreciated,

but this reporter's memory isn't necessar-

ily the greatest.

Ron Hartley



Event sponsors D.A. Graphics and Schumacher Racing Team made several kids very happy with a boat giveaway.

Ron Hartley



Gary Hansen (right) accepts his vintage class championship trophies for winning the Rose Festival RC Regatta from race organizers Mick Shutt (left) & Nelson Holmberg.

Smiley grins at his finishes in Presidents Cup finals

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Bill Smiley claimed his second race win with the 1977 Charlie's Girl – Bill had also won the Ted Jones Memorial in 2007 – at the President's Cup on June 15.

ings ever – as the 1947 Peps V and the 1973 Red Man (U-8) joined the ranks of the vintage class.

With the 33 vintage boats in attendance, race coordinators decided to run a third connie, just “for the glory”. Smiley won that heat with his 1972 Hallmark Homes (black), which had entered the connie with a heat victory and two DNFs. **Dawna Gross** was second with the Lil' Buzzard and the rest of the field was unable to finish.

The vintage second connie followed, where **Ralph Jorgenson** took the honors in a great race with the Shanty I, which led most of the way, until the 2007 rookie of the year slipped through an open door on the final turn, and charged to the first place finish. Third place went to **Rick Lentz** in the 1958 Miss Bardahl. Ron Hornung with the Skip-A-Long, Steve Twardus with the Miss Pay 'n Save did not finish.

In the vintage first connie, **Craig Mullen** took first driving **Ben Keller's** Hawaii Kai III, moving the boat into the final. Second place went to **Scott Fetterly** driving his 1961 Miss Madison for the first time this season, while third went to **Gerry Borden** and his Parco's O-Ring Miss. **Nelson Holmberg** with the brand new U-8 Red Man, **Brian Gilmore** with the Thriftway Too, Mike Gossler with the Miss U.S. V, and **Craig Bradshaw** with the Miss Budweiser, were unable to finish.

Upcoming Races: Sahara Cup, Oregon Emerald Cup

As we enter the heart of the 2008 ERCU Red Dot Championship Series, the schedule brings our second visit to Lake Tye in Monroe, and our first of two stops in Tualatin, Ore.

Two races are on tap for the next three weeks – the Sahara Cup and the Oregon Emerald Cup.

The Sahara Cup follows the following Saturday, June 21, at beautiful Lake Tye in Monroe. Contest Directors **Bob VandenAkker** and **Mike Gossler** will be attempting to put on the show without the benefit of all the snow, sleet and wind that greeted us at the last Lake Tye adventure in April, but we are assured that they will do their best to overcome the disadvantages caused by that loss. Set-up will commence at 7 a.m. that Saturday, with the course to be ready for testing by 9 a.m. The drivers meeting will commence at 10:45, with the first heat of modern class competition hitting the water at 11 a.m. We also expect the tempera-

The modern connie was a seven boat show, as was the final. In the connie, **Doug Brow** and **Jerry Johnston** jumped the gun, while Williams, **Bob VandenAkker**, Mullen, Bradshaw and **Jesse Shehan** duked it out for the lead. When the dust settled, Bradshaw came out in front with his Winston Eagle, while Johnston's Natural Light was second, and Brow's 1978 Squire Shop was third. Shehan finished fourth with the Spirit of Dayton Walther and Williams was fifth with the 1980 Miss Budweiser (backup). Mullen's Pay 'n Pak and VandenAkker's Lincoln Thrift did not finish.

In the modern final, Smiley put himself in a great spot, alongside the Circus Circus and the Red Man (U-81), after **Mike Campbell's** Country Boy blew over, as the front three boats. With the Gilmore Special and Country Boy upside-down and out of the final, Smiley and his fast Charlie's Girl hydro only had to outrun the rest of the field for his win.

Gossler's Circus Circus was second, followed by Holmberg's Red Man. Fourth place went to Twardus with the 1971 Country Boy, followed by Lentz's 1974 U-95. The Gilmore Special also wasn't able to finish.

The vintage final was just as exciting, when Mullen's Hallmark Homes (red) hit a great start on the inside lane and stayed with the Outrigger through the first two laps. The 'rigger ended up winning the final, followed by Mullen and the Hallmark.

Third place – from the trailer position – went to Smiley, who drove the Hawaii Kai III in Mullen's place for Keller. VandenAkker was fourth with the 1963 Notre Dame and **Mike McIntosh** was fifth as a substitute driver of Jeff Campbell's hooktail Pay 'n Pak. The Harrah's Club and Miss Timex (clock) were unable to finish.

Big thanks go out to reigning Contest Director of the Year, **John Williams**, for having done another fantastic job as CD of the President's Cup. He made sure that the club was represented in the Maple Valley Days parade, and spent extra money to make sure there were plenty of trophies, as well as helping to make all of the arrangements so we can continue to race in Maple Valley and be a part of their big festival for years to come.

Others besides Williams who deserve thanks for all of the help they provided in putting on the race include: **Ron Hornung**, **Jeff Campbell**, **Brian Gilmore**, **Bob VandenAkker**, **Judy Fenton**, **John Burkey**, **Jesse Shehan**, **Craig Bradshaw**, **Mike Campbell**, **Gerry Borden** and **Rick Lentz**. Thanks too, go to **Ron Daum** and **Kirk Pagel** who also helped out on the mike during the day.

tures to rise above 35 degrees, so this race day should be even more enjoyable than the previous one.

PGI Models (Auburn, Wash.) is the race sponsor for the Sahara Cup.

Oregon Emerald Cup

Cougar Racing Team will present the 2008 Oregon Emerald Cup, which is the second running of the event that memorializes the only unlimited hydroplane race ever run in Oregon – when **Billy Schumacher** drove the Pay 'n Pak to a win on Dexter Lake, east of Eugene, Ore., in 1971.

The Oregon Emerald Cup format will be a modified Fan Plan, with boats being seeded into heats according to their position in the season standings (all races leading up to the Emerald Cup).

Positions in the finals will be filled by a weighted seeding process. More information about the race will come soon.



Invitational "Bob-Fest" takes to Lake Pleasant for a day

BOTHELL, Wash. – The first day of June dawned like so many other Seattle spring days – cloudy, cold and threatening rain. It did stay cloudy and cool through the day, but 10 hardy racers were spared any of the wet stuff (from the sky anyway) at the Lake Pleasant venue.

Bob VandenAkker secured the site for what seems like the 23rd consecutive year so that the residents could enjoy the day of boat racing that they have come to appreciate every June.

Although it was not an official ERCU event, five modern and 10 vintage boats were present, and found a way to put on a pretty good show. The morning was spent tweaking, adjusting and just plain fixing boats from the aftermath of the first four races of the year.

Around noon the event started in earnest, with four sets of preliminary heats followed by a vintage conrie and the two finals.

The modern class was represented by **Mike Campbell's** '74 Country Boy, **Rick Lentz's** '74 U-95, **Craig Mullen's** '71 Pride of Pay 'n Pak, **VandenAkker's** '74 Miss U.S. (not a "real" ERCU boat but very nicely done just the same), and making it's first showing this year, **Nigel Steere's** '94 T-Plus. To no one's surprise, the Country Boy swept the day with its usual sterling performance (and Mike's good driving).

The Pay 'n Pak and T-Plus tangled in the third heat, with the Pak's skid fin slicing about half-way through the T-plus, before the T-Plus got it's revenge by knocking the offending fin to the bottom of the lake. Nigel was able to apply the 200

Jim Clark



Craig Mullen's 1971 Pay 'n Pak was one of just five modern boats to compete at the "Bob Fest" invitational exhibition at Lake Pleasant on June 1.

mph tape to keep it together and take an overall second place in the final. The U-95 continued its string as the only boat besides Country Boy to finish all its heats, and snagged an overall third in the final. Due to the usual gremlins, the Pay 'n Pak, even with a brand new skid fin, and the U.S. were not able to finish the final heat.

All 10 vintage boats continued to run through the day, so a four-boat consolation heat was run to determine the trailer for the final. Craig Mullen and the '71 Hallmark Homes (red) ran away from the field to advance, with **Mike Gossler's** '63 Miss U.S. V finishing it's only heat of the day in second place. **Monte Steere's** Grand Ol' Lady, the '52 Slo Mo V, came out of moth balls – again – but along with the long distance traveler, **John Earnest** and the '62 Gale V who came all the way up from Battle Ground to play, were not able to finish. The final looked to be another barnburner, with **Mike Campbell's** '68 Harrah's Club, **Brian & Dan Gilmore's** barge – er, '60 Thriftway Too – and **Jeff Campbell's** screaming (literally) '69 Pride of Pay N Pak (hooktail) all piling up the big points from the preliminary heats. Filling out the field was **Ron Daum's** '58 Wildroot Charlie, **Lentz's** '58 Miss Bardahl and **VandenAkker's** '66 Miss Lapeer, along with the trailer Hallmark Homes. The start was what you would expect, with the top boats sprinting into an early lead.

But by the last lap there was a real race between – are you ready for this – the Wildroot Charlie, Bardahl and Lapeer. Charlie beat out the Bardahl by a nose with Lapeer about two boat lengths behind.

The Hallmark appeared to be in good shape to pull off a win, except the Hallmark forgot it was the trailer and started with the pack, resulting in a lap penalty that it could not make up, thereby finishing in fourth. The "big three" all encountered gremlins and did not finish, for what seems like the first time ever!

Thanks go to Bob for arranging the day's events, to the Gilmores for hauling the trailer and preparing lunch, to Jeff and Judy for running the heats, and everyone for set-up and clean-up. For a non-race the day was still a lot of fun..

Jim Clark



The 1960 Thriftway Too, owned by Dan Gilmore, and driven by Brian Gilmore, was one of 10 vintage boats to run at the Bob Fest Invitational at Lake Pleasant in Bothell.



Statistics ■ Career Standings (current)

Vintage Career Points

No.	Name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	TOTAL
1.	Jeff Campbell	6,125	15,600	12,638	12,014	9,844	1,150	57,371
2.	Mike Campbell	6,927	14,525	8,992	10,311	8,064	5,557	54,376
3.	David Newton		1,116	4,213	13,113	12,230	13,550	44,222
4.	Bob VandenAkker	4,952	10,693	11,321	9,568	3,576	1,276	41,386
5.	Bill Smiley	500	4,660	7,737	5,015	6,835	7,579	32,326
6.	Ron Daum	2,915	7,084	4,983	7,979	8,730	0	31,691
7.	Roger Newton	2,064	4,325	4,663	6,240	8,083	5,569	30,944
8.	Rick Lentz	2,904	5,351	3,387	5,997	5,377	4,463	27,479
9.	Jim Clark		2,321	7,368	4,667	6,372	6,294	27,022
10.	Henry Marvin	970	6,140	7,617	7,946	3,761	0	26,434
11.	Ron Hornung	1,237	3,697	7,427	4,027	9,103	0	25,491
12.	Monte Steere		4,744	3,064	4,521	4,748	6,196	23,273
13.	Jason Hartley	1,069	4,719	10,552	5,809	0	0	22,149
14.	Gary Hansen	2,050	7,059	8,633	2,909	0	0	20,651
15.	Jim Lilly		0	779	5,619	7,099	6,354	19,851
16.	Steve Twardus	1,602	3,864	4,887	4,793	3,069	0	18,215
17.	John Williams	225	4,370	3,086	2,496	1,800	4,102	16,079
18.	Craig Bradshaw	2,208	6,530	4,043	2,684	0	0	15,465
19.	Mark Hansen		5,925	8,478	788	0	0	15,191
20.	Jesse Robertson		0	11,209	0	0	400	11,609
21.	Jerry Johnston	2,325	4,697	4,085	0	0	0	11,107
22.	Nigel Steere		2,813	2,343	3,794	672	1,425	11,047
23.	David Gardner		1,514	2,250	3,845	3,357	0	10,966
24.	Scott Fetterly	769	6,061	3,957	0	0	0	10,787
25.	Ralph Jorgenson	1,775	7,970	0	0	0	0	9,745
26.	Mike Gossler	3,919	0	0	0	5,655	0	9,574
27.	Nelson Holmberg	3,577	3,704	1,407	0	750	0	9,438
28.	David Lilly		0	0	450	4,135	4,207	8,792
29.	Robbie Roberts	525	750	1,677	4,976	521	0	8,449
30.	Doug Brow	2,467	5,926	0	0	0	0	8,393
31.	Dawna Gross	1,382	1,385	5,213	0	0	0	7,980
32.	Tony Perman		0	0	0	2,700	5,037	7,737
33.	John Earnest	394	4,196	1,921	0	0	0	6,511
34.	Dave Helton		0	0	0	2,756	3,025	5,781
35.	Ron Hartley	1,998	3,736	0	0	0	0	5,734
36.	Jesse Shehan	563	5,022	0	0	0	0	5,585
37.	Patrick Gleason	169	2,284	3,068	0	0	0	5,521
38.	Kevin Porter		0	0	0	0	5,391	5,391
39.	Ryan Opfer	1,482	2,804	563	0	0	0	4,849
40.	Brian Gilmore	4,547	0	0	0	0	0	4,547
41.	Craig Mullen	3,325	0	831	0	0	0	4,156
42.	Gary Levander		1,529	1,431	0	846	300	4,106
43.	Steve Brown		0	0	0	225	3,686	3,911
44.	Joe Hewitson		0	0	0	1,169	2,600	3,769
45.	Gerry Bordon	2,208	1,421	0	0	0	0	3,629
46.	John Burkey	717	1,225	1,679	0	0	0	3,621
47.	Vinnie Donati		0	0	0	3,127	0	3,127
48.	Grady Steere		0	320	2,189	0	0	2,509
49.	Gale Whitestone		0	0	1,769	0	0	1,769
50.	Pat Malyspina		0	0	1,756	0	0	1,756
51.	Kerry Kjos	479	0	0	0	1,219	0	1,698
52.	Dave Reiser	563	550	225	0	0	0	1,338
53.	Jim Latimer	1,272	0	0	0	0	0	1,272
54.	John Dyer		0	0	1,150	0	0	1,150
55.	Lee Robertson		0	0	0	0	1,100	1,100
56.	Bill McGraw		0	0	0	0	1,094	1,094
57.	Doug Gunter		0	0	0	1,075	0	1,075
58.	Aaron Olson	1,019	0	0	0	0	0	1,019
59.	Jeff Stubbers		0	0	0	0	900	900
60.	Harry Gatjens		0	0	0	869	0	869
61.	Carl Lewis		844	0	0	0	0	844
62.	Mark Gran	835						835
63.	Don Mock		0	0	0	0	794	794
64.	Howard Price		300	423	0	0	0	723
65.	Zane Courtway	469	0	0	0	0	0	469
66.	Mike McIntosh	225						225
67.	Ryan Bradshaw	169						169

Modern Career Points

No.	Name	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	TOTAL
1.	Mike Campbell	4,527	15,225	13,521	13,348	11,850	0	58,471
2.	Jeff Campbell		10,215	13,650	12,125	11,744	0	47,734
3.	Mike Gossler	6,520	9,526	9,921	8,172	0	0	34,139
4.	Steve Twardus	2,915	7,823	4,215	5,429	5,090	0	25,472
5.	Gary Hansen	1,723	7,733	8,807	4,513	0	0	22,776
6.	Nelson Holmberg	3,683	9,612	7,688	1,769	0	0	22,752
7.	Rick Lentz	4,068	6,756	4,571	5,348	395	0	21,138
8.	Henry Marvin	1,350	8,722	8,920	0	0	0	18,992
9.	David Newton		0	1,100	9284	2045	5325	17,754
10.	Mark Hansen		5,570	5,807	5,490	0	0	16,867
11.	John Williams	352	1,463	3,124	2,596	2,744	5,300	15,579
12.	Doug Brow	1,957	8,525	3,589	0	0	0	14,071
13.	David Gardner		1,957	1,400	3,401	6,170	0	12,928
14.	Jerry Johnston	2,779	4,527	4,929	0	620	0	12,855
15.	Brian Gilmore	3,732	9,077	0	0	0	0	12,809
16.	Craig Bradshaw	2,594	4,772	3,239	0	0	0	10,605
17.	Gale Whitestone		0	1,852	4,683	2,400	0	8,935
18.	Bill Smiley	4,550	4,113	0	0	0	0	8,663
19.	Bob VandenAkker	1,645	4,203	0	1239	1046	0	8,133
20.	Ron Hartley	2,029	4,339	1,530	0	0	0	7,898
21.	Nigel Steere		4,052	3,338	0	0	0	7,390
22.	Roger Newton		1,297	3,908	694	0	950	6,849
23.	Craig Mullen	2,325	3,015	502	0	0	0	5,842
24.	Mick Shutt	1,795	3,801	0	0	0	0	5,596
25.	Patrick Gleason	544	4,368	0	0	0	0	4,912
26.	Robbie Roberts	802	2,622	1,290	0	0	0	4,714
27.	Jesse Shehan	2,046	1,448	0	0	0	0	3,494
28.	Doug Gunter		0	0	0	2,713	0	2,713
29.	Dave Sacry		0	0	2,309	0	0	2,309
30.	Jesse Robertson		0	1,950	127	0	0	2,077
31.	Jason Hartley		450	0	638	0	0	1,088
32.	Bill Shearer®	938	0	0	0	0	0	938
33.	Ron Hornung		0	0	0	825	0	825
34.	Robert Roberts		469	0	0	0	0	469
35.	Howard Price		0	0	0	450	0	450
36.	David Lilly		0	0	281	0	0	281
37.	Scott Fetterly		64	0	0	0	0	64



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Vintage Boat Points

No.	Boat	Year	Owner	CSP	SC	BBM	RFR	PC	SC	OEC	BLM	CC	SSM	ST	GC	DC	CC/Nats	Total	Drops	High Points
1.	Barrah's Club	1968	Mike Campbell	1,500	1,227	1,600	1,500	1,100										6,927		6,927
2.	Pay n Pak Outrigger	1969	Jeff Campbell	1,500	1,600		1,425	1,600										6,125		6,125
3.	Notre Dame	1963	Bob Vandenaeker	1,094	920	844	1,000	1,094										4,952		4,952
4.	Thriftyway Too	1960	Dan Gilmore	1,325	395	1,100	975	757										4,547		4,547
5.	Pay n Pak Hooktail	1969	Jeff Campbell	400	1,094		1,269	1,327										4,090		4,090
6.	Miss U.S.	1963	Mike Gossler	850	800	1,100	469	700										3,910		3,910
7.	Hawaii Kai III	1957	Benjamin Keller®	675	394	785	848	1,025										3,727		3,727
8.	Hallmark Homes (Red)	1971	Craig Mullen	127	785	400	725	1,400										3,437		3,437
9.	Timex clock	1971	Jerry Johnston		1,100		1,225	1,000										3,325		3,325
10.	Wildroot Charlie	1958	Ron Daum	925		794	896	300										2,915		2,915
11.	Miss Bardahl	1958	Rick Lentz	545	788	338	577	659										2,904		2,904
12.	Miss Budweiser	1966	Doug Brow	825	469	779		394										2,467		2,467
13.	Parco's O- Ring Miss	1970	Gerry Borden®	169	400		833	1,013										2,415		2,415
14.	Shanty II	1957	Kirk Pagel		804	952		502										2,258		2,258
15.	Miss Budweiser	1970	Craig Bradshaw	539	525	225	300	619										2,208		2,208
16.	Miss Bardahl	1968	Roger Newton			869	1,195	0										2,064		2,064
17.	Muyalong	1954	Gary Hansen		725		1,325											2,050		2,050
18.	\$ Bill	1962	Ron Hartley	300		760	938											1,998		1,998
19.	Sunny Jim	1974	Ralph Jorgenson	700	450			625										1,775		1,775
20.	Skip-A-Long	1949	Ron Hornung		673	469	0	525										1,667		1,667
21.	Pay n Save	1958	Steve Iwardtus	813	0	264		525										1,602		1,602
22.	Vernor's	1974	Ryan Opler		300	675		469										1,444		1,444
23.	Mayerick	1957	Kirk Pagel	952		469												1,421		1,421
24.	Lil Buzzard	1970	Dawna Gross	169	618	225		370										1,382		1,382
25.	Miss Lapeer	1966	Bob Vandenaeker			569	760											1,326		1,326
26.	Hurricane IV	1948	Ron Hornung		569	525	225											1,316		1,316
27.	Miss Everett	1960	Jim Latimer	521		751												1,272		1,272
28.	Timex	1972	Jason Hartley	900	169													1,069		1,069
29.	Pay n Save (2)	1958	Aaron Olson		1,019													1,019		1,019
30.	Miss Exide	1964	Henry Marvin	475		495												970		970
31.	Nitrogen Too	1960	Johanna Vandenaeker		900													900		900
32.	Red Man	1973	Fred Holmberg					869										869		869
33.	Breathless II	1957	Mark Gran	127		581		127										835		835
34.	Miss Madison	1961	Scott Fetterly					769										769		769
35.	Miss Wickman	1967	John Burkey	225				492										717		717
36.	Breathless II	1957	Dave Reiser®	169			394											563		563
37.	St. Regis	1963	Jesse Shehan	0			169	394										563		563
38.	Shanty I	1956	Robbie Roberts	525														525		525
39.	Coral Reef	1958	Craig Bradshaw				525											525		525
40.	Hallmark Homes (Black)	1971	Bill Smiley				0	500										500		500
41.	Miss Thriftway	1960	Kerry Kjos®	479														479		479
42.	Gale V	1955	Ryan Opler		338			95										433		433
43.	Gale V	1962	John Earnest	394														394		394
44.	Miss Seattle Too	1962	Steve Iwardtus	300	0	0												300		300
45.	Snakey's Special	1973	Mike McIntosh		0			225										225		225
46.	Miss Madison	1971	John Williams					225										225		225
47.	Miss Bardahl	1965	Patrick Gleason	169														169		169
48.	Wayfarers Club Lady	1966	Ryan Bradshaw					169										169		169
49.	Peps V	1947	Ron Hornung					95										95		95
50.	Gales Roostertail	1965	Howard Price					0										0		0

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1.	Circus Circus	1971	Mike Gossler	1,500	1,425	1,195	1,500	900										6,520		6,520
2.	Charles Girl	1977	Bill Smiley		600	1,025	1,325	1,600										4,550		4,550
3.	Country Boy	1973	Mike Campbell	0	1,200	927	1,200	1,200										4,527		4,527
4.	U-95	1978	Rick Lentz	900	945	627	769	827										4,068		4,068
5.	Gilmore Special	1974	Brian Gilmore	300	794	1,225	713	700										3,732		3,732
6.	Redman Too	1971	Nelson Holmberg	525	610	498	925	1,125										3,683		3,683
7.	Country Boy	1993	Steve Iwardtus	700	469	469	433	844										2,915		2,915
8.	Natural Light	1977	Jerry Johnston	1,127		1,052		600										2,779		2,779
9.	Winston Eagle	1988	Craig Bradshaw	850		779	296	669										2,594		2,594
10.	Pay n Pak	1971	Craig Mullen	1,325	0	0	600	400										2,325		2,325
11.	Spirit of Dayton Walter	1974	Jesse Shehan®	619			821	606										2,046		2,046
12.	Squire	1976	Ron Hartley	625		854	550											2,029		2,029
13.	Squire Shop	1982	Doug Brow	625	582	638		112										1,957		1,957
14.	Vernor's	1976	Mick Shutt	432		486	877											1,795		1,795
15.	Cott's beverage	1974	Gary Hanson		685		1,038											1,723		1,723
16.	Lincoln Thrift	1974	Bob Vandenaeker	1,195				450										1,645		1,645
17.	Kelloggs Frosted Flakes	1978	Henry Marvin	550		800												1,350		1,350
18.	Madison	1977	Bill Shearer®	567			371											938		938
19.	Miss Budweiser	1973	Robbie Roberts			802												802		802
20.	Thousand Trails	1981	Patrick Gleason		544													544		544
21.	Miss Budweiser	1980	John Williams					288										288		288
22.	Miss U.S.	1975	Gale Whitstine		169													169		169



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Vintage Driver Points

No.	Boat	Year	Owner	CSP	SC	BBM	RFR	PC	SC	OEC	BLM	CC	SSM	ST	GC	DC	CC/Nats	Total	Drops	High Points
1.	Harrah's Club	1968	Mike Campbell	1500	1,227	1,600	1,500	1,100										6,927		6,927
2.	Pay 'n Pak Outrigger	1969	Jeff Campbell	1,500	1,600		1,425	1,600										6,125		6,125
3.	Noire Dame	1963	Bob Vandenakker	1,094	920	844	1,000	1,094										4,952		4,952
4.	Thriftway Too	1960	Brian Gilmore	1,325	395	1,100	975	752										4,547		4,547
5.	Miss US 5	1963	Mike Gossler	850	800	1,100	469	700										3,919		3,919
6.	Mav/Shanty/Red Man	1957	Nelson Holmberg	952	804	952		869										3,577		3,577
7.	Hallmark Homes (Red)	1971	Craig Mullen	127	785	400	725	1,400										3,437		3,437
8.	Timex (Clock)	1971	Jerry Johnston		1,100	1,225		1,000										3,325		3,325
9.	Wildroot Charlie	1958	Ron Daum	925		794	896	300										2,915		2,915
10.	Miss Bardahl	1958	Rick Lentz	545	788	338	577	656										2,904		2,904
11.	Miss Budweiser	1966	Doug Brow	825	469	779		394										2,467		2,467
12.	Parco's O- Ring Miss	1970	Jerry Borden ®	169	400		833	1,013										2,415		2,415
13.	Miss Budweiser	1970	Craig Bradshaw	539	525	225	300	619										2,208		2,208
14.	Miss Bardahl	1968	Roger Newton			869	1,195											2,064		2,064
15.	Moyalong	1954	Gary Hansen		725		1,325											2,050		2,050
16.	\$ Bill	1962	Ron Hartley	300		760	938											1,998		1,998
17.	Sunny Jim	1974	Ralph Jorgenson	700	450			625										1,775		1,775
18.	Pay-n-Save/Seattle Too	1958	Steve Twardus	813	0	264		525										1,602		1,602
19.	Vernor's	1974	Ryan Opfer		338	675		469										1,482		1,482
20.	Lil' Buzzard	1970	Dawna Gross	169	618	225		370										1,382		1,382
21.	Miss Everett	1960	Jim Lalimer	521		751												1,272		1,272
22.	Skip-A-Long/Peps V	1949	Ron Homung		673	469	0	95										1,237		1,237
23.	Timex	1972	Jason Hartley	900	169													1,069		1,069
24.	Pay-n-Save (2)	1958	Aaron Olson		1,019													1,019		1,019
25.	Miss Exide	1964	Henry Marvin	475		495												970		970
26.	Breathless II *	1957	Mark Gran	127		581		127										835		835
27.	Miss Madison	1961	Scott Fetterly					769										769		769
28.	Miss Wickman	1967	John Burkey	225				492										717		717
29.	Breathless II *	1957	Dave Reiser ®	169			394											563		563
30.	St. Regis	1963	Jesse Shehan	0		169		394										563		563
31.	Shanty I	1956	Robbie Roberts	525														525		525
32.	Hallmark Homes (Black)	1971	Bill Smiley				0	500										500		500
33.	Miss Thriftway	1960	Kerry Kjos ®	479														479		479
34.	Maverick	1957	Zane Courtway			469												469		469
35.	Gale V	1962	John Earnest	394														394		394
36.	Shakey's Special	1974	Mike McIntosh		0			225										225		225
37.	Miss Madison	1971	John Williams					225										225		225
38.	Miss Bardahl	1965	Patrick Gleason		169													169		169
39.	Wayferers Club Lady	1966	Ryan Bradshaw					169										169		169

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2.	Charles Girl	1977	Bill Smiley		600	1,025	1,325	1,600										4,550		4,550
3.	Country Boy	1974	Mike Campbell	0	1,200	927	1,200	1,200										4,527		4,527
4.	U-95	1974	Rick Lentz	900	945	627	769	827										4,068		4,068
5.	Gilmore Special	1982	Brian Gilmore	300	794	1,225	713	700										3,732		3,732
6.	Redman Too	1973	Nelson Holmberg	525	610	498	925	1,125										3,683		3,683
7.	Country Boy	1971	Steve Twardus	700	469	469	433	844										2,915		2,915
8.	Natural Light	1977	Jerry Johnston		1,127	1,052		600										2,779		2,779
9.	Winston Eagle	1988	Craig Bradshaw		850	779	296	669										2,594		2,594
10.	Pay 'n Pak	1971	Craig Mullen	1,325	0	0	600	400										2,325		2,325
11.	Spirit of Dayton Walter	1976	Jesse Shehan ®	619			821	606										2,046		2,046
12.	Squire	1977	Ron Hartley	625		854	550											2,029		2,029
13.	Squire Shop	1978	Doug Brow	625	582	638		112										1,957		1,957
14.	Vernor's	1976	Mick Shutt	432		486	877											1,795		1,795
15.	Cott's Beverage	1974	Gary Hansen		685		1,038											1,723		1,723
16.	Lincoln Thrift	1974	Bob Vandenakker	1,195				450										1,645		1,645
17.	Kelloggs Frosted Flakes	1993	Henry Marvin	550		800												1,350		1,350
18.	Madison	1978	Bill Shearer ®	567			371											938		938
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Gale Whitestone's new 1976 Miss U.S., which Pat Gleason qualified in the club at the 2008 Silver Cup at Lake Tye. A gorgeous craft it is.

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