

# Beacon Sloop Club

## Broadside



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### Serving Hudson River Sloop Clearwater with Pride for 35 Years

#### Message from Our President:

We had a fine and well attended meeting on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The food and the music were great. It was wonderful to see so many new members. Good luck to Dustin and Megan who announced their engagement at the meeting!

The BSC is going to be very lively for the next couple of months. Keep close watch on the calendar. Here are a few highlights: On Saturday evening, March 15 there will be a "youth coffee house" at the club at 7:30 PM. Come see some wonderful young artists.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse, there will be a showing of the video "The Ground Truth" about the Iraq war. Chris Miller, a veteran of two tours of duty in Iraq, and who is refusing to return there again, will be at the clubhouse to talk about his experiences.

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of this horrible war. The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be an especially appropriate day to join the anti-war vigil at the junction of Routes 9 and 9D, at noon.

Of course there will be the Spring Splash and the Earth Day Festival, both in April. We need volunteers for both events. There is a Spring Cleanup of the clubhouse and grounds scheduled as well. Please look inside this newsletter for details and contact information for all the coming events.

It seems that almost everyday, the news contains an alarming item about the environment. Today it was the Associated Press item about trace amounts of various medications finding their way into water supplies.

Today we have the science to detect dissolved substances in very small trace amounts, and there is no doubt that the drugs are there. It raises a lot of questions. Are these trace quantities a concern, or just a scientific curiosity? The findings certainly point up the fact that almost everything we do to the environment has a measurable consequence. Does something have to be done? If so, what?

Keep reading. Keep thinking. We'll be glad to see you at the Sloop Club.

Fair winds.  
Saul.

#### **Inside this issue:**

A report on the Woody fundraiser, preparations for the Earth Day 2008 Festival, and much more.....



Photo by John McLaughlin

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, March 25th, 7:30 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, April 4th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

## BSC Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_

Are you a Clearwater member? \_\_\_\_ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? \_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed format or in e-mail format? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!  
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waved.

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

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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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**Please submit articles for the  
Beacon Sloop Club Broadside  
by the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the Friday general meeting  
each month (early submissions are much  
appreciated)**

to [acthoma@yahoo.com](mailto:acthoma@yahoo.com)

# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes

## March 7, 2008

Saul Rozinsky, President, presiding.

### The Meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Pete Seeger opened the meeting singing his latest song about recycling, dedicated to the City of Berkley, Calif.

### Treasurers Report: Jim Finnigan

The proposed budget was presented and adopted by a show of hands.

The monthly financial report showed a balance of \$32,492.48. We made \$13,437 from the Woody Dinner including significant donations from Jessie and Harrison Libby and Larry Plover and Toni Saychek.

The BSC also received donations of , \$1000 from The Dutchess County Arts Council, \$850 from the Puffin Foundation, \$100 from Norma Castle for Walter's memoriam, and \$250 from Frank Ritter for supporting the activities of Beacon Arts Cooperative. Thank-you letters are being sent.

### Woody Report: Jim Birmingham

Restoration is proceeding. A few of the ribs need to be repaired or replaced. The boat is in dry dock at the marina in New Hamburg. We are still having work parties on Sundays 10 Am for oiling, painting, and replacement of the butt blocks. All are invited.

### Building Report: Sue Altkin

Thanks to John McLaughlin for repairing the stove pipe.

The Children's Area was cleaned up thanks to Dan Fearles. There are tow bags of toys which need to either be thrown out or cleaned up for continued use.

Discussions are ongoing with regard to improving the multrum. Thanks to Jim Shum for cleaning up the multrum. Bonnie keeps the schedule for volunteers.

Spring cleaning of the club and grounds will be scheduled one week prior to Earth Day. We need all hands on board.

There will be an initial sewing party, 5 PM April 5<sup>th</sup> , at the BSC to make a banner with the words (Hello, Welcome and Peace) in a multitude of languages. Bring supplies and material ,we will teach you to sew. Contact Sue for ( 845-561-5128) for more information.

### New Tent for Festivals:

A new 30' by 30' red and white center pole tent has been ordered. We will use our own tent poles and stakes. Total cost \$2100.

### Environmental Committee:

We are recycling the foam inserts from life vests by turning them into knee pads.

### Education Committee:

There are two talks remaining in our winter environmental seminar series.

There will be a meeting of the Environmental Committee at 7 PM march 21<sup>st</sup> at the Beacon Sloop Club. All those who are interested should attend.

### Spring Splash: 7 PM Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> At Beacon High School

Clearwater is looking for volunteers for ushering, sales, and handing out programs. For more information contact Dan Einbender ( [Dan@Clearwater.org](mailto:Dan@Clearwater.org)) Clearwater provides volunteers with a pot luck supper, free passes, and standing room or sitting room if available.

Volunteers are also needed by the Beacon Sloop Club to bake cookies, and cupcakes, and to serve coffee, teas and soft drinks and to collect money. The food table needs to be manned before the show and during the intermission. For more information or to volunteer to bake or to help with selling contact Lynn or David Eberle 845-838-9630 or [Davideb@aol.com](mailto:Davideb@aol.com).

### Earth Day Festival Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>: John McLaughlin

We will need to begin set up the night before and finish early the next morning before vendors arrive. Come early and stay late. We are actively seeking businesses/vendors/groups with an Earth-Friendly product or message to be at the festival. Volunteers should contact John McLaughlin.

### Harbor Committee:

Kip Touraine reported that the Harbor Committee has been in contact with the City of Beacon and they have indicated they are happy to have us continue our function as Harbor Master for this year. There was discussion of the status of the harbor and the jurisdiction of the Town of Fishkill with regard to the harbor. Tom LaBarr has been in contact with Town of Fishkill authorities in this regard. The Executive Committee will be closely monitoring harbor activities and represent the interests of the Beacon Sloop Club.

### Announcements:

Bob Gainer who was working with youth to build boats died of a heart attack. He was an ever helpful individual and will be sorely missed.

Carl Schwartz a long time member of Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club died. A memorial will be held as soon as his wife can raise the money to rent a place for the memoriam. The hat was passed and \$161.23 was donated by members to help cover the costs.

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## General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

The River Lovers Shad Fest is on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Croton Point Park.

Michael Weeks announced another Feel Good Tour the first week in April to take musical instruments and to provide music to the volunteer workers in New Orleans. If any body has old musical instruments that they would like to donate contact Sue Altkins 845-561-5128.

Eugene Hammond announced this years Pastors for Peace Caravan will take much needed goods to Cuba. He and his wife will be putting on a fundraiser Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM at their home 85 Pressler Road, Walkill, NY Donation of \$20 Dollars requested. RSVP 845-566-9420 or 542-0557

Bryan Mohan invited people to come out on the Clearwater to spend some time sailing, learning and teaching about the environment.

Connie Hogarth, didn't have a petition! What is the world coming to? But she did announce that March 19<sup>th</sup> will be the fifth anniversary of the War in Iraq and will be acknowledged by a vigil at noon in the park opposite the Muddy Cup Café. She asked those who cannot attend to take the time to offer a moment of silence. There will be the continuing peace vigil Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 12-2 PM at the Corner of Route 9 and 9D in Wappingers. A Program will be presented that evening with a showing of the Film Ground Truth. Contact Connie Hogarth at [Conart1@optonline.net](mailto:Conart1@optonline.net) or 845-838-2415

Respectfully submitted,

David Eberle

In Memorial:

Art Kamell and I have known Walter since 1984. Walter worked closely with us on events commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings in 1945. His commitment to the environment brought him in close connection with many people at the Club. And Walter with his ukulele at the Sunday Farmers Market at the waterfront will be a sadly missing presence. It was so appropriate that his memorial gathering was held at the Sloop Club, with all his friends and family paying tribute in simple and loving ways. Walter Castle has made his mark and won't be forgotten. - Connie Hogarth



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**SEW-IN**

**Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> 4PM  
at the Sloop Club**

**Come and help us create our Sloop Club  
Banner**

**Some Supplies will be available for those  
who  
cannot bring their own  
Questions: call Sue Hope at 845-561-5128**

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**Only known recording of a live Woody  
Guthrie performance**

From an article in Science News by Julie J. Rehmeyer

Shortly after September 11, 2001, a small, heavy package wrapped in brown paper arrived in the mail at the Woody Guthrie Archives in New York City. Inside was a mess of wires.

Guthrie's daughter Nora eventually figured out that the suspicious package wasn't a bomb, but rather a recording of her father on a device that predated magnetic tape. What she finally heard was a bootleg recording of her father singing a live performance in 1949. For the full text and samples of the recording: <http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20080209/mathtrek.asp>

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*Greetings from the Beacon Sloop Club  
Environmental Committee:*

*Many thanks to Manna Jo Greene for sharing her knowledge and perspectives relating to the Hudson River Watershed at the February 8th winter seminar. If you missed this seminar thanks to Steve van der Merwe you may view it via the internet at <http://www.motionbox.com/video/player/4c9bd9b41a12eac3> or if you would like to view Dave Conover's "The Hudson Before Hudson" seminar just go to <http://www.motionbox.com/video/player/4c9ad6b4101ce0c3/#1>*

*Unfortunately, Eli Schloss's presentation was cancelled due to foul weather but we are planning to reschedule it.*

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# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

The meeting was held at the Beacon Sloop Club at 7:30 p.m. with Saul Rozinsky presiding.

## Financial Report

We made a profit of \$3,327 Dollars on the Woody Dinner. A suggestion was made by David Eberle to solicit advertisements from local businesses to include in a program book to help raise addition money. A thank you note will be sent out to Harrison Libby and Larry Plover for their donations. We have a current Balance of \$33,440.97 in our General Fund. \$1000 dollars was given to Rick Price for doing a mural on Main Street in Beacon.

## The Strawberry Tent:

Tom La Barr will be searching for a new tent. It was agreed that the new tent should also be a center pole tent of approximate size of 30 ft. by 30 ft. Estimated costs are \$2000.

## The Woody:

A motion was made by David Eberle, seconded by Jim Birmingham and approved to give \$1000 to Jimmy Gergen to begin work on the center board. The Easter Foundation has donated some wood which he may be able to use for the center board. We need to have work done by Scarano to seal the deck seams but the boat needs to be put in the water to allow the boards to swell. This cannot be done until other work is finished. Butt Blocks have been redone. Reseating of the blocks needs to await warmer weather. Rib restoration by Daryl Easman will start in March. The estimated cost is \$4000. It will take until mid-April to complete these repairs. However the boat should be ready by Earth Day. Painting of the boat is still on-going on Sundays.

Jim Johnson a West Point historian inquired about the possibility of the sloop participating in two different re-enactments. The boat will not be ready at the time of the first. The second re-enactment is the Mustering Out of the Commanding Chief and Guard at Constitutional Island August 23-24 2008. More information is needed before any decision can be made.

## Line Marker

A motion was made by David Cohen, seconded by Tom LaBarr and approved to purchase a two- wheeled line marker to mark off tent locations at the festivals

## Miscellaneous Items

David Cohen Mentioned that he knew of an attorney that specializes in non-profits and can advise us when necessary. David is reviewing city records to determine what agreements exist between the city and BSC. He will follow up and report his findings.

## Miscellaneous Items

There was some discussion about computerizing some of the operations of the club. We are looking into the possibility of using Pay Pal so that people can pay dues on line. We are already moving toward publishing the newsletter by e-mail.

Three Marist Students will be creating a 10-12 minute video and are interested in doing it about our organization. We hope that this video will focus on our efforts to help children experience and become knowledgeable about Hudson River environment. Further Information will be forthcoming.

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## Eco Easter Eggs

Most store-bought Easter egg dyes get their pretty hues from artificial colors. For a do-it-yourself alternative, dye your own naturally with this recipe from Sara Snow, green lifestyle expert and host of *Get Fresh with Sara Snow*.

1. Choose your dyes: Use beets or cranberries for red, tumeric for orange, cumin or orange rinds for yellow, spinach for green, blueberries for blue and coffee grounds for brown.
2. In a saucepan, simmer water and your dyeing agent for about 15 minutes. (You'll need about a 1/2 cup berries or vegetables and 2 teaspoons of herbs or grounds per cup of water.
3. Strain the dye into a bowl, then add 2 to 4 teaspoons distilled vinegar.
4. Submerge hardboiled eggs (we recommend organic eggs) into the dye, allowing to sit until your desired color is achieved (about 15 minutes).

**Green vs Green:** Sunnyvale CA. Mark Vargas and Carolyn Bisset and Richard Treaner have been fighting for years because the couples 20-40 ft redwoods are shading the solar panels on Varga' roof installed 10 years after the trees were planted.

Owning trees that shade more than 10% of a neighbor' solar panels violates the California Solar Shade Act.

*From AP Feb 14 2007*

**BEACON SLOOP CLUB**  
**PROPOSED BSC BUDGET 2008**  
 APPROVED AT MARCH 7, 2008 MEETING

OPERATIONS/PROGRAMS	BUDGET	
	2008 INCOME	2008 EXPENSES
Woody Dinner	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,500)
Clearwater's Spring Splash	\$ 1,500	\$ (500)
Earth Day	\$ 1,000	\$ (500)
Riverlovers Shad Festival	\$ 100	\$ -
Clearwater Revival	\$ 150	\$ (100)
Strawberry Festival	\$ 9,000	\$ (4,340)
Corn Festival	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,200)
Alternative Energy Festival	\$ 700	\$ (200)
Pumpkin Festival	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,000)
<b>WOODY MAINTENANCE</b>	\$ -	\$ (1,880)
Hauling & Storage	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
Woody blocks replacement	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
Woody Centerboard Replacement	\$ -	\$ (3,800)
Woody Battery Replacement (only if we get a grant)	\$ -	\$ (8,200)
Grant for Woody Battery Replacement	\$ 8,200	\$ -
Woody lines replacement	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
Repair of damaged ribs	\$ -	\$ (8,500)
Sailing Class	\$ 800	\$ (800)
<b>WOODY RAFFLE</b>	\$ 1,000	\$ (100)
<b>BUILDING COMMITTEE</b>	\$ -	\$ (1,500)
Central Hudson	\$ -	\$ (400)
Woody and Building Security Alarm & Services	\$ -	\$ (300)
<b>HARBOR</b>	\$ 3,750	\$ (1,875)
Small Boats	\$ -	\$ (250)
<b>ALTERNATIVE ENERGY</b>	\$ -	\$ -
Solar Trailer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ (245)
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	\$ -	\$ -
Printing	\$ -	\$ (1,515)
Postage	\$ -	\$ (550)
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ (250)
Post Office Box fee	\$ -	\$ (100)
<b>TREASURER Expenses / Tax Filing etc.</b>	\$ -	\$ (200)
IRS Fines	\$ -	\$ (3,382)
NY State Charities Bureau fees	\$ -	\$ (50)
Insurance	\$ -	\$ (11,350)
<b>EDUCATION</b>	\$ -	\$ (500)
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS</b>	\$ -	\$ (800)
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$ 8,000	\$ (200)
<b>DONATIONS</b>	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,000)
<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ -	\$ (500)
Grants	\$ 7,100	\$ -
<b>ARTS PROJECTS</b>	\$ -	\$ -
River Beacons Mural for Woody 30th Anniversary	\$ -	\$ (9,940)
Dutchess County Arts Council Grant for River Beacons	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Puffin Foundation Grant for River Beacons	\$ 850	\$ -
Existing Donations for River Beacons	\$ 500	\$ -
Additional Fundraising for River Beacons (project not to be funded out of BSC General Funds)	\$ 7,590	\$ -
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	\$ -	\$ (350)
Website	\$ -	\$ (150)
Promotional Merchandise	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
<b>EVENTS</b>	\$ -	\$ -
Replacement of Strawberry Tent	\$ -	\$ (2,200)
<b>OTHER</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>CASH CARRY-OVER 2007-2008</b>	\$ 18,008	
<b>Net Cash Flow (Income vs Expenses):</b>	\$ 60,740	\$ (74,987)
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (Income+Carry-Over vs Expenses)</b>	\$ 78,748	\$ (74,987)

**Environmental Committee Continued:**

At the Beacon Sloop Clubhouse on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Bob Murphy and Mary McTamaneý will be presenting a seminar "Newburgh Bay: From a historical perspective" and on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Chris Bowser will be presenting a seminar "The Living River: Plants and animals of Newburgh Bay". These seminars are sponsored by Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club and all interested persons are welcome to attend and admission is free.

On Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> a meeting of the Environmental Committee will be held at the Beacon Sloop Clubhouse at 7:00PM. The current agenda items are the Education Boat Bag, Education Seminars, Festival Exhibits, Equipment Storage, and the BSC Environmental Webpage. Anyone wanting to add an item to the agenda or if you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer or have some input please contact Edmund Fitzgerald III via e-mail at [astrofitz@aol.com](mailto:astrofitz@aol.com) or telephone (845) 265-2969 to coordinate such.

As the cycle of migrating, spawning, and awakening activity begins we look forward to another season of observation, appreciation, and education, encouraging everyone to share in the wonder that is the Spring of life.

**Earth Day Festival:**

The annual Earth Day Festival will be Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the waterfront (see the attached flier for details). We are actively seeking businesses/vendors/groups with an Earth-Friendly product or message to be at the festival. If members know people with such a business or message, they should let John McLaughlin know ASAP or make contact with the party themselves and have them call or e-mail John. We have plenty of space for green businesses or people who can provide displays or other information on how to live green.

Contact: John McLaughlin 542-0721, [johnmcl@aol.com](mailto:johnmcl@aol.com)



Earth Day 2007

Photo by John McLaughlin

BSC TREASURER'S REPORT 03/07/2008						
Submitted by Jim Finnigan						
BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody	Merchandise	Building	Donations
02/05/08 - Deposit - Memberships	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/05/08 - Deposit - Woody donation	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/11/08 - Deposit - Memberships	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/11/08 - Deposit - T-shirt sales from 09/23/07 Alternative Energy Festival	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/11/08 - Woody Dinner Income	\$11,862.00	\$0.00	\$11,862.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/26/08 - Gigi Fris - Woody Maintenance - Supplies (sandpaper, tung oil, turpentine, brushes, rags, firewood)	(\$326.02)	\$0.00	(\$326.02)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/27/08 - Deposit - memorial donation for Walt Castle	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
02/27/08 - Deposit - dues & donations	\$490.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
02/27/08 - Gergen Woodworks - start work on Woody centerboard	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02/27/08 - Central Hudson - Building - electricity	(\$53.49)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$53.49)	\$0.00
02/27/08 - Safeco Alarm Co. - Building / Woody - convert alarm to digital phone technology	(\$495.00)	\$0.00	(\$247.50)	\$0.00	(\$247.50)	\$0.00
<b>Total Monthly Income &amp; (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$11,007.49</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>	<b>\$10,313.48</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	<b>(\$300.99)</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
OPENING BALANCE 02/01/08	\$21,484.99					
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$32,492.48</b>					

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**Clearwater's Second Annual**

**Spring Splash!!**

Come celebrate the rising of the sap and the turning of the seasons with

**The Beacon High School Steppers, Odetta, David Amram, Roland Mousaa, Toshi Reagon and BIGLovely, and Peter Seeger**

**Sunday April 6th at 7pm**

In the beautiful new Beacon High School Auditorium (wheelchair accessible). 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, NY

Tickets are \$25, \$35, and \$50 each with a limited number of special sponsor tickets available. Sponsor tickets are \$150 and include a pre-concert reception with the performers and the best seats in the house! Tickets available 24/7 at 800-838-3006. or online at [Brown Paper Tickets](#). For more information call the Clearwater office at 845-454-7673.

*\$80 of each Sponsor ticket purchase is a tax-deductible donation to Clearwater.*

“Why should I care about future generations?  
What have the ever done for me?”

- Groucho Marx

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woody Dinner and 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party



Woody Baby Photo by Emilio Rodriguez

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woody Dinner and 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

was held February 9<sup>th</sup> at the River Terrace restaurant in Beacon. The event, attended by nearly 100 BSC members and supporters, raised over \$13,000 for the repair and restoration of the sloop Woody Guthrie.

After welcoming remarks by BSC president Saul Roszinsky, City of Beacon mayor Steve Gold spoke about the importance of the Beacon Sloop Club's mission to the City. He highlighted the club's role in revitalizing the waterfront, bringing people to the Hudson River, and raising environmental awareness in the community. He pledged continued cooperation in the future.

Charlie Cody read his poem about Woody Guthrie which he asked all of the captains to sign. Harrison Libby spoke and following the wishes of his grandfather presented a check from Jessi and Harrison Libby.

A raffle was held for Pete Seeger's hand embroidered and appliquéd Woody Guthrie shirt, worn by Pete, and a felt mural of the Woody made by the Thursday night crew.

Door prizes were generously donated by the following local businesses:

Hudson Beach Glass,	Beacon Lights
Beacon Bath and Bubble,	The Muddy Cup
Hudson Fisheries Trust,	Nichol's Hardware
River Terrace Restaurant,	Kringles
Mountain Tops,	Beacon Barkary
Pleasant Ridge II,	Artisan Wine Shop
The Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries	Victoria Roalom
Jamaican Spice,	
Bauve Waus	

A very special thanks goes to Tom LaBarr for arranging and organizing the event and Justin for soliciting so many door prizes. It was a great success and fun for all. Thank you again to the Libbys and Larry Plover and Tony Saycheck for their much needed donations.

## Sound Bites:

Greetings from Florida

I was horrified to read that FPL is planning to build two new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point near Miami and the Everglades. This is in addition to the existing reactors there, and at Port St. Lucie near Lake Okechobee, the source of much of S. Florida's fresh water. The nuclear industry (and its spokesmen in government) are telling us it is greenhouse-gas-free, cheap, and safe. None of that is true!

**Nuclear power is not green.** The nuclear fuel cycle releases copious amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases during the mining of uranium, processing and fuel enrichment, plant construction and decommissioning, and transportation of radioactive substances. Uranium mining is one of the most CO<sub>2</sub> intensive industrial operations, using coal and oil. As demand grows, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will rise as the uranium becomes depleted, requiring much more energy to mine and extract it. Taking into account the whole fuel cycle, a nuclear station of standard size (1,250 MW operating at 6,500 hours per year) indirectly emits between 376,000 Million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> (Germany) and 1,300,000 Million tons (other countries) per year. In comparison to renewable energy, nuclear power releases 4-5 times more CO<sub>2</sub> per units of energy produced taking into account the whole fuel cycle. All reactors are dependent on the grid, which uses fossil fuel. A British study in 1995 concluded that nuclear power is one of the least effective ways to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. (And of course, the technology has not yet been invented to store the waste safely for thousands of years.)

**Nuclear power is not cheap.** No private insurance company will insure it. Without huge taxpayer support no nuclear plant would be profitable, and would not be operating. We subsidize research and development, security, waste disposal, stranded costs of building, decommissioning, and loan guarantees (\$25 Billion next year alone). Congress has protected the industry from liability, so that you and I could

not sue for damages in the case of disaster. Plus the ever-present possibility of such a disaster, (Think Katrina multiplied) and the mounting waste problem. Think of the horrific legacy we are leaving for our grandchildren and their descendants.

**Nuclear power is not safe.** A German study by the University of Mainz (2007) found increased risk of cancer among children living within 50 kilometers of a nuclear plant. A 2000 report by the DOE on worker health showed higher cancer rates among nuclear workers. Nuclear plants emit low level radiation into the air regularly. They say it is safe, and even good for you. They claim it is no more than the level of background radiation. But that is in addition to background radiation. A 1997 study by the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found "a strong evidence of a positive association between low level radiation and cancer mortality". According to the National Institute of Health, NO amount of radiation is safe. It can cause acquired genetic changes and cancer. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says that if nuclear power were to be used extensively the security threat would be colossal. The danger from terrorist attack, and the theft and use of nuclear materials will increase as more radioactive material is being transported.

According to Greenpeace windpower generates 5 times more jobs and 2.3 times more electricity than a nuclear reactor for the same investment. The technology for renewables has been improving rapidly, despite the fact that the amount of government support has been a miniscule fraction of the support for nuclear energy. Here in Florida we have plenty of wind, sun, wave and tidal power which could be used. Energy efficiency and co-generation can accomplish enough savings of electricity that we would not need any nuclear power at all.

Lucille Weinstat, (the Assistant Tooth Fairy, retired)

# Current Calendar

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tuesday, March 25th, 7:30 p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting April 4th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Farmers Market** every Saturday, 10-4 p.m., at BSC.

**The Power of Song** at the Downing, March 7th-March 12th.

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iraq War Program**, March 22nd, 7:30 p.m., at BSC including a film called "Ground Truth"

**Spring Splash**, Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Beacon Highschool

**Earth Day Festival**, Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the waterfront



**Woody Work Party** Sundays at White's Marina. 9:00 AM-Noon, Contact a Captain.

**Youth Coffee House** March 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club clubhouse, [davidbernz@verizon.net](mailto:davidbernz@verizon.net).



Earth Day Photos by John McLaughlin

**Winter Seminars:** 7:30 PM at the BSC  
Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> *Newburgh Bay from a Historical Point of View*  
Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> *Living River: Plants and Animals of Newburgh Bay*

**Sew-in**, Friday Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm, at BSC

**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](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)

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