

SAWDUST & MAHOGANY - APRIL 16th 2008

Last Wednesday was a “night to behold” with roughly 150 people gathering at A&M Restoration in Rockaway for our 2008 kickoff meeting the “Evening of Sawdust and Mahogany” was an overwhelming success. Old faces, new faces, and old faces all mingled, got reacquainted, shared stories and partook in the volumes of food and beverage so generously donated by our hosts.

The mini cook’s tour enabled those interested to sample each of the 5 stations set up to explore; wood working, staining & varnishing, lettering, upholstering and chrome. People were able to ask questions of the experts at each location and better understand what is involved in keeping these wooden gems alive.

Camaraderie and love of old boats was the common theme for sure throughout the evening. The ample supply of boats on hand in just about any stage of repair or restoration allowed for a “show and tell” understanding of what goes into a “5200 bottom” or the talent needed in performing the “flawless” varnish job, or faring in properly deck and hull planking. All of this helped us to better understand the involvement, skill and cost of maintaining our boats.

My thanks again to all that helped put this evening together and make it such a success; Pat and Joe Cahill, Chris Smith, Sue and Craig Jones from the club. Also from A&M Restoration, Joe Aversa, Wayne Mocksfield, Jamie and Henry with a J.

See you at the May meeting, watch for the notice for location and date. And as always please give me a call with any comments, good, bad or indifferent or if you want to get more involved with “your” club.

See you on the water,

Mike