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(3) Cleaning and sanding all surfaces of the boat were tedious, costing us another year of work. Cathy sanded the deck and gunnels by hand with descending grades of sandpaper; I scrubbed, scrapped, sanded, and cleaned the inside. The oak ribs across the bottom and up the sides of the boat were particularly difficult to clean (each rib was 1-inch wide, with every third rib extending from gunwale to gunwale). I used a heat-gun to soften and lift the “gunk” from between ribs. Fortunately, ribs along the sides were spaced 5- inches apart, making cleaning easier. Alas, in 2012 the boat was clean, sanded, and ready for work by Don Hardy of McCall Boat Works in McCall, Idaho.



Figure 3: Boat ready for Don Hardy, after thorough cleaning at the Reno Ranchito.