

Figures 6 & 7: Unveiling of boat after restoration Don Hardy



(6) The pair of oars that Paul used in the boat were ash, 6-foot long, and too short for prolong rowing. I asked him why such short oars? His reply was simple, "There is not enough room in the boat for longer oars! Besides they are always in the way!" When the boat became mine, I knew longer oars were a must; however, I had not fully thought through how to stow longer oars. Fortunately, the answer came me in the form of an article sent to me by Don Hardy of McCall Boat Works. The article entitled "Trout Unlimited: The Compleat Fly Fisherman," (WoodenBoat, No. 64, 1985) was authored by Peter Lenti on behalf of Pat Jones, who added a second set of oar sockets and locks to the gunnels, and mounted his oars there upon. I visited Sawyer of Talent, Oregon, bought a pair of 7.5-foot ash Smoker oars, ordered an additional pair of oar sockets and cast oar locks, and stowed the oars on the gunnels. Now I can move water with ease; manage the boat in relatively tight quarters; avoid stumbling over oars; and enjoy the additional space inside the boat.



Figure 8: View of oars fitted on gunnels of Wolverine