

1962 Warren (Zog) Loomis and I talked recently. Zog sold his business, Logic Associates of Lebanon, NH about a year ago. "What are you up to, Warren?" I asked. "Plenty of things. I've been interested in building boats, particularly rowboats where you can see where you are going as you row." I always knew that Warren was a forward-thinking fellow, but I didn't know that he insisted on rowing while forward looking. Warren finished Thayer School of Engineering in 1963 and then went on to earn a Ph.D. in metallurgy at the University of Michigan. From there, he returned to the North Country and into the field of computers, which pretty much occupied his vocational time until recently. Now boats.

In some of his inventions the oarsman reclines, pedals, and runs a propeller. In another the oarsman activates an air propeller. There even is one where you pull on the oar that, through a gear and a split lever, reverses the pull. Keep an eye out for unusual rowboats and see if the name Loomis is on the hull.

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Don't forget to mark your calendar for our 40th reunion, Monday, June 10, through Thursday, June 13th, 2001. Rowboats, sailboats and more!

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