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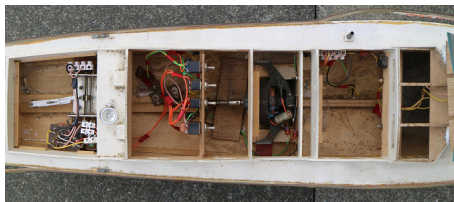
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It must have been in the early '70's when my father and brothers built this model. It had a car blower motor, a home made servo to steer (see picture), and my eldest brother built the RC system. We had fun on many boating lakes on holidays in North Wales, and I've decided to refurbish her, and get her on the water again. She was named "Endeavour", as my mother said it took a lot of endeavour to build her! I think I'm going to fit the missing chine and gunwale stringers and repaint her as a Fireboat - of some sorts! I'd like to go modern with the RC, motor (brushless?) and metal geared servo. Any advice - particularly on motor sizing would be appreciated. I saw a similar Fireboat on the water at Southport Model Boat Club open day recently, with an 850 motor, which seemed to sail very nicely



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Float Test!

So having stripped out all the old equipment - see image of home made rudder servo! - I decided to check for leaks. I used some soup cans for ballast, and after around 45 mins found some water coming up the old 3/16" x 9" prop shaft. Having asked advice on the forum, I need a new 5mm prop shaft, but will wait until I have the motor, before ordering one. I may need a different length, and now I know I'm opening the hull, I may as well fit a new metric rudder and tube too ?

