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2019 Blackhawk ACBS Geneva Lakes Boat Show

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Presidents Notes:

Greetings fellow Blackhawk members,

As another year is coming to a close, I hope everyone has had an awesome boating season.

For us on the Fox River, it was another year of you guessed it, "too much water". With all of the rain, the river was either no-wake or closed for almost 50% of the boating season. A huge thank you goes out to all of our officers, board members, chairpersons and volunteers that make everything the chapter does possible. Please make it your chapter and do what you can to volunteer and participate at our events.

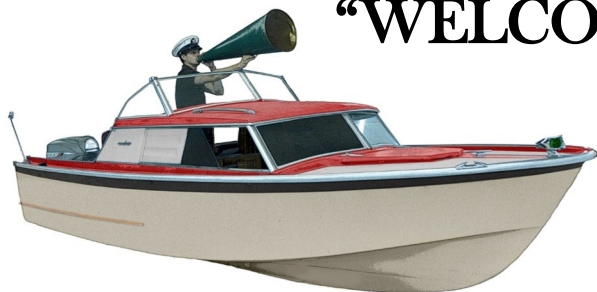
Well, as most of you know, after not seeing the water in 34 years and after a 6-1/2 year restoration, my 18' Chris Craft Riviera finally hit the water for the first time. No pressure of course as this day happened the day before the GLBS started! Luckily, there were no leaks or mechanical issues!



Thanks to all of the Captains that awarded my boat the Captains choice award at the GLBS! A big thank you goes out to Tom Wagner of Fox River Valley Boat Works and Don Dannenberg and his loyal forum participants as without their guidance, this would have never been completed. Also, I cannot thank my wife enough for putting up with me disappearing into the garage many night a week.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and remember to think spring!

Best wishes to all,
Bob O'Day



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ALL HANDS ON DECK

Ahoy Blackhawk Members! This is a shout out to any and all to lend a helping hand at some of our upcoming boat shows and events. If you are interested in volunteering your time and energy please contact Bob O'Day at boboday@warehousedirect.com or 630-936-1656



S O S Share Our Stories

Attention Blackhawk members: The newsletter belongs to you and you can make it better. It is all about our stories. Whether hanging out at the docks during a show or dining together as a group, we all share our stories...the restoration project, bringing an engine back to life, a boating event, the maiden voyage, the mishaps as well as the glorious days when all goes well.

To keep the newsletter fresh, exciting and providing new viewpoints to the readers, we need your stories... the funny, the interesting, the informative. There are over 300 members now and I invite all of you to share your stories of a day, a boat, or a lifetime of your experience.

Please send your stories and pictures to stmfittr@aol.com Thanks, Terry Dickson, Smoke Signal Editor

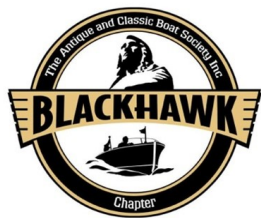
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BLACKHAWK CHAPTER 2019 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

Lake Cruise, Estate Tour and Welcome Dinner

Contributed by the 2019 GLBS Committee

We kicked off the 2019 Geneva Lakes Boat Show on Friday morning with the Estate Tour and Luncheon. While the weather was overcast and grey, we were all excited for what the day would hold. We visited three wonderful estates that we have not visited in the past. This combined with travel aboard classic Geneva Lake launches, always makes this event the perfect opening for an antique and classic boat show weekend.



Joy Rasin's home is known as Flowerside Inn was the first property we visited. It was built in 1899 by Simeon B. Chapin, a stock broker in Chicago (later New York) and was owned by Mr. Chapin and his family until 1955. It is among the few Lake Geneva homes that still survive from the 1800's. Designed by Chicago architects Wilson and Marshall, it is a blending of American and English Country style homes and is surrounded even today by extensive gardens. The home is quite spacious with a large screened in porch, and several multipurpose rooms for dining and relaxing. The living room is 70 feet in length and 30 feet wide, and at one time housed the largest organ in Wisconsin.

Next we stopped at Al and Kathi Bosworth's new summer home located at Lake Geneva Pier #1, the consummate lake home. This property has been in the Bosworth family for three generations since his grandfather purchased it in 1953. It is filled with custom woodwork and cabinetry made by Al's company, Hire Nelson, that is remarkably detailed and finished. Interesting and unusual woods are used throughout and extensive stone work and masonry highlight the exterior and driveway. The décor is special and the result of careful and tasteful selection by Kathi. There are many special features such as a hidden passage to the lake and a garage that is specially built to hold every imaginable type of water accessory.



Finally, we visited John and Sara Cobb's recently built home in the historic Loramoor neighborhood which was designed by Chicago based Morgante Wilson and built by Matustik Builders. The home was designed to see and enjoy all of Lake Geneva with over 150 windows that creates a dazzling panorama of light while allowing guests to see all of the lake and look through the house. Family and friends were the primary vision with a master bedroom that faces the lake, a child's lakefront bedroom room with a Juliette balcony and guest rooms and bunk room for all their guests. The three-story interior with the 4th level "lookout tower" also features a 40-foot long suspended walkway at the second floor level that allows guests to see the bright, airy, modern interior and decor throughout the house. Their home focuses on family, friends, lake and comfort.

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For lunch we stopped at Lake Geneva Country Club, founded in 1895, and is one of the oldest in the country. Originally laid out by the golf pro from St. Andrews in Scotland, it is steeped in tradition. The current club house built in 1915 was designed in the "prairie style" by Robert Spencer, Jr., and replaced an earlier club house destroyed by fire the year before. Lunch was served in the dining room overlooking the lake.



Boats used for transportation the 2019 Estate Tour

SEALARK: Owned by Larry Larkin, completed in 2006, is a re-creation of an 1890's historic Lake Geneva steam yacht. Although powered by a modern Crusader 8.1 liter V-8 engine, the boat captures the essence of the earliest boats on Lake Geneva.

NORMANDIE: Owned by Larry Larkin is 63 feet long and was built by Consolidated Shipbuilding in 1913 for Norman Harris, founder of the Harris Bank in Chicago. It was rebuilt in 2016 and is now powered by a Chrysler V-8 engine. Everything below the deck is new, everything above the deck is original.



POLARIS: This 73-foot long craft owned by Gage Marine was built in 1898 by the Racine Boat Manufacturing Company and brought to Lake Geneva by rail car. It was owned by Otto Young, a wholesale jeweler and land speculator who also built Stone Manor. Purchased in 1940 by the tour boat company it has been used as a charter boat for the last 80 years.

Geneva Lakes Boat Show Friday Evening Welcome Dinner

Friday evening, we enjoyed our Welcome Dinner at the Geneva Lake Museum. Catered by Celebration On Wells, we enjoyed a delicious beef tenderloin dinner with all the sides.

The museum is a treasure chest of display and artifacts from the Geneva Lake area. Uniquely displayed in yesteryear street scenes, it is easy to appreciate the rich and detailed history of the town of Lake Geneva, WI and Geneva Lake !



At the dinner we were treated with a special presentation from the Row 4 Kids team of Charles Tillman and Jacob Beckley. Charles and Jacob built a boat this summer and rowed across Lake Michigan to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Charles and Jacob shared some fun details of their experience building the boat and the challenges of a 24 hour row from St Joseph, MI to Chicago.

The Blackhawk Chapter presented a donation to the Row 4 Kids team and we are eager to see what challenge they will attempt next ! www.row4kids.com/

The 2019 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that contribute to the success of these events. We hope to see all of you at the 2020 show !

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2019 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

By Terry Dickson

Mama Nature once again tossed a curve ball. This was the last weekend of September, so we had just a bit of breeze, and it was kinda cool, and a little damp, but the Blackhawks still hit one out and again put on a fantastic event. We didn't see a huge turnout on the docks as we have when late September gifts us with beautiful late summer days. Saturday was nice and the sun actually made a brief appearance. Sunday morning was raw for sure but folks still came and out walked the piers at Abbey Harbor.



Blackhawk Youth Group members, (l-r) Nick, Andrew, Mitchell, Brenden, Remington, Gina, Lilly and Alex.



Blackhawk Youth Group judge one of the crowd favorites. 2019 Berkley Micro Tug 9 - 'Nep'Toon'



Huck and most kids like the cozy cuddy aboard Mama Mia!



Finn & Effie heading out for the Classic Boat Parade



Thanks to all the Blackhawk members for their time and effort to come out and share their classic boats.

Geneva Lakes 2019 Award Winners



Best Fiberglass - Lee Fickau
1973 Carver 2585 Monterey
'SEA STAR'



Best Outboard - Mike Furibondo
1956 Ole Lind Cedar Plank Utility Runabout
'OVERKILL'



Best Contemporary - Dave Bortner
1990 Hackercraft
'Raven'



Best Lapstrake - Lynn Richter
1956 Chris Craft Sea Skiff
'BOEING'S'



Best Classic Cruiser & Chris Craft Stewardship
Award - Danny Lyons
1950 Chris Craft Custom Sedan 'Snowcloud'



2nd Classic Utility Under 21' - Tom Wagner
1957 Chris Craft Rocket
'Finn'



Best Classic Utility Under 21' Jane Shepard
1957 Chris Craft Continental
'Little Gem'



2nd Classic Utility 21' & Over - James Miller
1951 Chris Craft Sportsman
'Emily'



Best Classic Utility Over 21' & Best Century
Cindy Cartner
1962 Century Coronado 'Equus Silva'



Best Classic Runabout Under 21' & Captain's
Choice - Robert ODay
1949 Chris Craft Riviera



Best Classic Runabout 21' & over
Chuck Wegner 1970 Riva Aquarama
'CHARA'



Best Antique Utility - Tom Nickols
1940 Chris Craft Deluxe Utility
'Wooden Nickels'

Geneva Lakes 2019 Award Winners



Best Antique Runabout under 21'
John Wenstrom 1937 Chris Craft
Custom Deluxe Runabout - 'OLIVIA ROSE'



Best antique Runabout 21' and over & ACBS
"Most Original" - David Watts
1936 Greavette Dictator 'Miss Muskoka'



Best Historic - Walter Goes
1897 L.E. FRY Long-deck Launch
'MAJEN SAWASMO'



Best Streblow - Ken Rodeck
2009 Streblow Sport Utility
'Rodan'



Blackhawk Youth Award- Kyle Knoke
1957 Trojan Sea Breeze
'Walleen 2.1'



Best Non-Wood - Jane Shepard
1972 Chris Craft Lancer
'Han me Down'



Peoples Choice - Peg San Felippo
1932 Chris-Craft 300
'Ragtime'



Sharpest Arrow - Cindy Cartner
1962 Century Coronado
'Equis Silva'



Broken Prop Award - Walter Goes
1897 L.E. FRY Long-deck Launch
'MAJEN SAWASMO'



Editors Choice Best Shorts - Dave Bortner
Freedom Boat Service



Editors Choice Best RC - Nick Wagner
Fox River Valley Boat Company
'SCOUNDREL'



Editors Choice Best Larson- James Cichowski
1959 Larson All American
'Blue Heaven'



BLACKHAWK CHAPTER



WINTER Workshop JANUARY 2020

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The Blackhawk Chapter, will be holding it's 1st WINTER workshop at Delevan Lake Boat Shed.

The exact date is not set but keep a look out!

We will start at 10am with Coffee and Doughnuts.

You will have the opportunity to explore the vast collection of vintage boats as well as cars. Winter is a great time to visit as this is when the real work takes place, replacing ribs and installing bottoms. Come see what's behind those 16 coats of varnish!

A light lunch complements of the Blackhawk Chapter will also be served.

Members and guests of ALL ages are welcome to attend. Come with questions, talk with the experts, support the Blackhawk Chapter and stay for lunch! Is there a better way to spend a Winter day than talking about boats?



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**Please RSVP to:
Bob O'Day at 630-936-1656 or Rivierabob1949@gmail.com
More details coming soon!**

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BLACKHAWKS HELP KIDS

Contributed by Ted Cartner

About a half a dozen Blackhawk members attended a fund raiser for the Chicago Maritime Arts Center (CMAC) this past November. CMAC is a recently formed 501c3 organization based in Chicago with the aim to help young people find themselves and new positive pathways by building boats and learning about the maritime arts and ecology.

The fundraiser was held at the Lagunitas Brewery in Chicago. The Brewery provided a large meeting room at no charge with music, food, and merriment. There were about 145 attendees. With the entrance donation and the silent auction, over \$12,000 was raised.

In 2019 over 130 young kids attended various CMAC events including 60 or so building 12 foot skiffs which they actually launched and rowed about the Chicago River.

CMAC also has marine ecology events such as river clean up days. In 2020 the aim is to double the participation.

www.chicagomaritime.org



(l-r) CMAC Founder Captain Toby Lindo, Captain Ted Cartner, Cindy Cartner, Dennis Downes, Mary Dickson, Terry Dickson, Glen Steinberg, and Captain Al Bartkus representing ACBS Blackhawks



**MINOCQUA
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27TH ANNUAL MINOCQUA

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

LAKE MINOCQUA AT THE BOATHOUSE & REDMAN REALTY, MINOCQUA, WI

June 21-23, 2019



By Ruth Lynch

The 2019 Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show was held this year at The Boathouse on beautiful Lake Minocqua, Minocqua, Wisconsin from June 21-23. Lake Minocqua is part of a 10,000 acre chain of lakes that is known for clear waters and a charming Northwoods atmosphere that draws thousands of visitors year around. The Minocqua chain is home to fabulous boating opportunities with restaurant stops, beaches, and “up north” scenery galore.



This year's 27th annual show had 45 participants and a large turnout of visitors. The weather was sunny and clear for the Friday evening boat parade before the MinAquaBats ski show and for the Saturday full day of exhibits, food/drink, raffles and musical entertainment. The Sunday portion of the show was hampered by rain but overall the show was a huge success.

There were many community and boat-related groups who helped sponsor the show and make it a success including The Boathouse, 5 Star Marketing, Ace Boatworks, Bottoms Up, Dean Distributing, Freedom Boat Service, Glacier Lakes and Blackhawk chapters of ACBS, Hagerty Insurance, Redman Realty Group, River Valley Incredible Bank, Stiegler Studio and Artworks, Stoney Creek Home and Garden, The Pointe Resort and Suites, and TJ Butcher Block. A special thanks goes to Marc and Lynn Toigo, Event Directors who put an amazing amount of energy and enthusiasm into preparing for the show. They were assisted by many volunteers including Tim Krolczyk and Al Hanley, Assistant Directors.



Best Wood Boat (other than Chris Craft or Century):
Jeff Davey
1949 23 foot Higgins



Best Classic Fiberglass:
Dick Mickle
1972 18 foot Century Resorter



Best Century:
Cindy Cartner
1962 21 foot Century Coronado



Best Pre-War Chris-Craft:
Scott Martin
1939 22 foot Chris Craft

Money was generated from raffles, food/beverage and clothing sales to support several local charities including the MS Society. The show was featured on the local NBC news affiliate Channel 12 in Rhinelander as well as through the local newspaper, the Lakeland Times, and the show's new FaceBook page - MinocquaAntique and Classic Boat Show. Check out the FaceBook page for additional updates and pictures as well as news about the 28th annual show which will be held on June 26-27, 2020.

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27th ANNUAL MINOCQUA ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW



Best Post-War Chris Craft Utility:
Perry and Jill Edwards
1955 20 foot Chris Craft Holiday



Eric & Kathy Moberg
1958 19 foot Streblow Rebel



Captain's Choice - Best in Show:
Gary and Sue Rechcygl
1956 26 foot Chris Craft Continental

Ross & Ruth Lynch
2003 Grand Craft Sport Runabout

Gordon Moore Memorial People's Choice:
Kent Petersen
2012 30 foot HackerCraft

Jeff & Demaree Heeren
1947 Chris Craft U-22 Sportsman

Best Chris Craft Runabout:
John Joyce
1941 17 foot Chris Craft Barrelback

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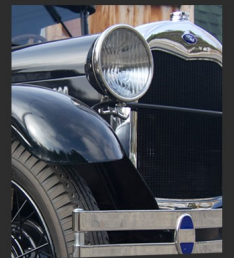


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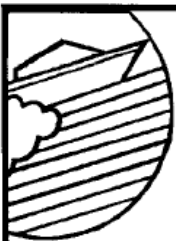
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2020 Event Calendar

Sat Jan 2020	Winter Workshop
Sat TBA 2020	Spring Workshop
Sat TBA 2020	Spring Dinner
Sat July 2020	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
TBA	Lower Fox River Cruise
Fri-Sun Sept 25-27, 2020	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
Sat TBA 2020	Fall Dinner