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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Blackhawk Members:

As I sit down to compose this message we have just completed the Geneva Lake Boat Show and the Fall Dinner. The summer sure went by fast. It seems like just yesterday it was hot and dry and now today you can feel fall in the air. Days ago I was planning events and now I need to make plans to get all the boats laid up for the winter!

The Geneva Lake Boat Show was amazing this year. Blessed with fabulous weather and huge crowds the show was one of our best events yet! We had over 100 boats on display with many new exhibitors in the mix. Thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers that helped to make this event possible. Look for the details about the show later in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

This past weekend the Fall Dinner was held at Fox River Valley Boat Company's Ringwood Showroom. 70 members and guests attended the dinner. It was an enjoyable evening and the perfect cap to a grand season. A special thanks to Tom & Marge Wager for allowing us to use their facility and being such gracious hosts for our final event of the year.

As we look forward to the 2013 season we hope to have a schedule of events put together in the next few weeks. One of the things we hope to add for next season is Cruise Dates. These will be simple events where we get together and just go boating. Whether it's a cruise on the Chain O'Lakes or a tour of Geneva Lake or any other local body of navigable water, I would like to see us get out and run our boats. Add in a raft up for lunch or a stop for dinner and the day will be complete. Look for more details in the next Smoke Signal.

As always watch your email or snail mail for the latest Blackhawk updates. Regularly check the Blackhawk web site at www.blackhawkacbs.com for the latest information on club events and meetings. I look forward to see you all out on the water at our shows and events.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MSV', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Geneva Lakes Boat Show

September 28-30, 2012

by Kathy Moberg

Who says 13 isn't lucky? In the 13 years since we've had the Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at the Abbey in Fontana Wisconsin, I don't remember ever having three perfect weather days for it. The predictions of sunny with temperatures in the 70's rang true, and it was a fantastic weekend for boating and hanging out sharing stories.

Also lucky were the Friday passengers in the pre-show event. The Estate Tour and Cruise is an annual favorite, and sells out quickly. The overwhelming early response was answered with additional tours being added on, which kept the Sea Lark, Polaris, and steam boat Louise busy ferrying passengers all day. It was a delightful day! At each of the three estates that we visited, our gracious hosts, Dean and Rosemarie Buntrock, Bertil and Ulla Brunk, and Bonnie Deutsch and Joe Kinnebrew shared their homes and their stories as our eyes feasted on the gorgeous gardens, unique art, amazing collections, the ultimate man cave, and fantastic views from the large but warm and cozy rooms and patios of their homes. The feast continued at the Lake Geneva Country Club as we enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch before returning to the Abbey.



Polaris docking at the Deutsch-Kinnebrew Estate with one of the many sculptures & show volunteers in foreground



The Brunk's 1910 Peterson



Ken Boeschen operates the steam engine on Louise



← Passengers disembark Sea Lark for Estate Tour



Entrance to what we called "the ultimate man cave" at the Buntrock Estate

The show attendees spent the rest of the afternoon getting themselves settled into the hotel; and their boats into their assigned docks, or relaxing either harborside, in the Abbey spa or at the pool. The Blackhawk Reception Dinner on Friday evening was held at Pier 290, the new lakeside restaurant at Gage Marine. Diners came by boat or car, and socialized at the outside bar, taking in the view of the lake at sunset, lounging in comfortable chairs near the fire pits. Dinner was served in the warehouse which had been transformed into a private boating-themed banquet area for us for the evening. A slide show presentation of photos from the Estate Tours entertained us during the meal, followed by presentations by Blackhawk President Mark Svoboda, then Pier 290 and Gage Marine owner, Bill Gage. The Blackhawk Youth Group began selling raffle tickets to help fund their group project boat. The drawing was held on Sunday for prizes of an iPad, a landscaping consultation and also a weekend at the Abbey.



Saturday morning greeted the show participants with abundant sunshine, coffee and rolls in the Harbor House, and friendly volunteers at the registration desk, launch ramp and at the show Sales and Information tent. There was a large array of tents on the lawn with artisans displaying their work for viewing pleasure and sale. Live music along with food and beverages graced the patio area.

The Youth Group, sporting 'JUDGES' blue shirts and red hats from Hagerty Insurance, traversed the docks with ballots in hand in search of their favorite boat at the show. All the Captains (sans the judging outfits) were encouraged to follow suit to decide on their favorites from several categories. There were over 80 boats at the docks and more than 20 on land. Winners chosen by captains were announced at the Awards Dinner Saturday evening in one of the Abbey ballrooms. Thousands of spectators viewed the boats throughout the two day show. The Streblow company continued the tradition of taking spectators for thrilling rides out on Geneva Lake. Another crowd favorite is always the "Start your engines" and ensuing boat parade when the spectators can experience the sights and sounds of all those wood beauties heading out to the lake.



A Cocktail Reception got the Awards Dinner off to a start, with a slide show presentation throughout both showcasing all the boats and show activities. Steve Horton of Streblow Custom Boats narrated a slide presentation in tribute to Randy Streblow, who passed away recently. Awards and accolades were presented to the winning boat owners and people who contributed their time and talents to the Blackhawk Chapter throughout the year and to produce this large, comprehensive show. The dinner concluded with a raffle drawing with top prizes of a \$1,900 watch accompanied by a model wood boat, and a \$500 jewelry gift certificate. Awards are listed on the next page.

The most momentous event of the three days for many of us occurred at sunrise on Sunday. It was a chilly morning; our boat windshields were frosted, but our hearts were warm with memories of Randy Streblow. Forty eight Streblow boats gathered at the Fontana end of Geneva Lake to pay tribute to this wonderful man and the amazing legend he created in his lifetime. As the sun appeared above the trees on the east coast of the lake, we began our memorial cruise, side by side to "Wake the Lake". There is no doubt that Randy was loved and respected; he will surely be missed, and never forgotten.



Wake the Lake photo above is printed with permission from Kelly Olmstead. To see more Wake the Lake aerial photos, go to www.kellyolmsteadphotography.zenfolio.com Click on the photo, use password: wakethelake or call Kelly 847-830-9539



Back at the docks Sunday, we were blessed with another sunny, warm day. The show closed with everyone gathering on the lawn hoping to hear their name called as either winner of the People's Choice Award, or one of the Youth Group raffle prizes.

The Blackhawk Chapter would like to thank all the show participants and the volunteers for coming and making this such a fabulous show! Thank you also, to the many sponsors, most notably, The Abbey Resort and Spa, The Abbey Marina, Gordy's Marine, Gage Marine, Razny Jewelers, Ryco Landscaping, Lisa Byrne & Baird & Warner Realtors.

13th Annual Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show Awards

Hagerty Youth Judges Award – Bertil Brunk, 1910 Peterson - 'The Peterson'
Best Canoe – Peter Mueller, 1902 JH Rushton Arkansas Traveler
Best Fiberglass – Terry Dickson, 1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan - 'Mama Mia!'
Outboard 2nd Place - Moss Cartwright 1947 Trojan Hot Shot Cottage Racer - 'lil' suzy'
Best Outboard - Sheil Kottkamp 1954 Thompson Hi-Speed TVT
Best Contemporary - Tom Wagner, 2002 Hacker Craft Twin Cockpit - 'And Baby Makes Three'
Lapstrake 2nd Place - Andrew Kubicsko Jr, 1966 Lyman hardtop Sportsman - 'Freedom'
Best Lapstrake - Tony Musso 1970 Lyman Sportsman - 'Shorty'
Classic Utility Under 21' 2nd Place - Karen Birch 1957 Chris Craft Continental - 'Birchwood'
Best Classic Utility Under 21' - Bill Shultz 1957 Chris Craft Continental - 'Miss Kimmy'
Classic Utility 21' & Over 2nd Place - Mark Svoboda 1967 Century Coronado - 'Miss Millie'
Best Classic Utility 21' & Over - Lars Bergersen 1955 Shepherd Express Cruiser - 'Gigi Marie'
Best Classic Runabout - Larry Lange 1948 Ventnor Sport Runabout
Best Antique Utility - Tom Nickols 1940 Chris Craft Utility - 'Wooden Nickols'
Best Antique Runabout - Matt Byrne 1939 Gar Wood Runabout - 'Miss Lisa'
Best Historic - W.J. Goes 1905 Johnson-Lakeport Laker - 'Laker'
Streblow 2nd Place - Ken Rodeck 2009 Streblow Custom Utility - 'Rodan'
Best Streblow - John Simms 1997 Streblow Cuddy Sport - 'Jean Marie'
Best Chris Craft - Russell Hagen 1934 Chris Craft Custom - '"S a Gem'
Best Century - Joe Norton 1947 Century Sea Maid
Captain's Choice - Matt Byrne 1939 Gar Wood Runabout - 'Miss Lisa'
People's Choice - Andrew Kubicsko Jr, 1966 Lyman hardtop Sportsman - 'Freedom'
ACBS Most Original - Dan Lynch - 1948 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Sport'n A Woody'
Blackhawk Chapter Best Preserved - Nick Caselli - 1959 Chris Craft - 'Sportin A Woody'
President's Award - Nick Wagner
Special Recognition – Don Taylor, Wil Vidal, Kathy Lange, Kathy Bosworth, Andrew Vogeler

Be sure to join us September 27-29, 2013 for the 14th Annual Geneva Lakes Show



A few of the boats in the Saturday boat parade

More Photos from the Geneva Lakes Show



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20th Anniversary-Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show

by Kathy Moberg



A Young Eagle

The Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show is unique and special for many reasons. As with most shows, this one is about getting the boat owners and public together to share their love and stories of these antique and classic beauties. In addition to that, this show's goal is also to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. A good time is had by all in this fantas-

tic setting of the Northwoods, hosted by a fabulous restaurant with sturdy docks, in a friendly, charming town; all seasoned with appearances by eagles, loons and deer...and woodie cars, too! This is a great place to come for the show and stay for a week to fully enjoy all there is to offer here-- including boating, fishing, biking, hiking, swimming, horseback riding, shopping, great dining and more.

This year the show raised \$6,200, the highest in many years. Founder and Chairman, Gordon Moore was a gracious host, as always, and was appreciative of all those who helped put the show on and made it successful. Al Hanley of 5 Star Marketing and Distribution excels at promoting and organizing this group effort. Pete Ekstrom again donated and sold T-shirts, which were a huge hit this year, selling out the large inventory of shirts designed just for this show. The grilled brats generously donated by Trig's Grocery sold out by the awards ceremony on

Sunday. The accommodating Matt Morgan's provided their never ending hospitality and the docks (which were greatly improved last year) to showcase the 47 boats. Freedom Boat Service of Mound, MN also sponsored this MS event. Mother Nature smiled down on us and granted perfect weather as we listened to the music of Brett & Frisk. Special recognition to the efforts of 8 year old Blackhawk Youth Group member Lily Horn and 7 year old Blackhawk/Glacier Lakes Ellie Eckert (granddaughters of Mobergs and Vidals, respectively). The two young girls took the initiative to collect donations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and passed out party bead necklaces to the generous public for their donations, raising \$225 on Saturday.



Lily and Ellie present Gordon Moore with the donations they collected for the Multiple Sclerosis Society



Gordon Moore's Town and Country



Spectator's Enjoy Viewing the Boats

The show kicked off Friday night with the video taping of the parade of over 20 boats rumbling past the cheering crowd gathered for the Min-Aqua-Bat Ski Show. (To see the video of the boat parade and boat show created by Russ Kuepper of Diverse Design Group, go to <http://youtube/B5j14mh-5io>).

Saturday morning the boats cruised across crystal clear Lake Minocqua to the edge of this cozy island town to dock for the show.

Each of the 20 years of this show has attracted boats of different ages, types and origins. This year displayed a very wide assortment of Chris Crafts, a larger than usual showing of Centurys, plus other boats including various utilities, outboards, canoes and classic fiberglass.

The newly expanded award categories this year accommodated the larger amount of boats and types of boats that this show has drawn in recent years.

Over the weekend, show volunteers grilled up over 700 brats and served them along with beer or Coke and a smile. Chef Matt and the family and crew at Matt Morgan's rounded out the days beginning with Bloody Mary's at the outdoor tiki bar and ending with the delicious dinners in the restaurant. Tasty ice cream and bakery treats were available throughout the day in the ice cream shoppe also.



Herb Wheling starts off the boat parade with his granddaughter in tow.



Vidal family cruises toward Matt Morgan's past ski show audience.



Min-Aqua-Bats step out to barefoot during the ski show



Award Winners

Sunday at show's end, accolades were bestowed upon the following:

Best Century - Dave Bortner-1973 21' Coronado

Best Pre-War Chris Craft - Herb Wehling-1939 17' CC Model 925

Best Post-War Chris Craft Utility - Carl Wussow-1957 17' CC Holiday

Best Post-War Chris Craft Runabout-Jeanette Goluska 19' Racing Runabout

Best Antique or Classic Wood Boat (Other than Chris Craft or Century)-Eric & Kathy Moberg- 19' Streblov Rebel

Best Classic Fiberglass - Keith Warning-1958 19'CC Silver Arrow

Best Non-Powered Wood Boat - Michael Wasilczuk,-17' Cedar Strip

Best Outboard - Bill & Mary Hermanson-16' Thompson Sea Coaster Special

People's Choice - Ralph Marrinson- CC Twin Engine 1956 Continental

Captain's Choice - Jeanette Goluska - 19' CC Racing Runabout

Don't miss next year's show! July 26-28, 2013

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Boat Show at Famous Freddie's

By Eric & Kathy Moberg, Photos by Shelly Svoboda

The 28th Annual Antique & Classic In-water Boat Show on the Fox Chain of Lakes was full of surprises. The morning of the boat show started with some desperately needed rain in the area of the Fox Chain of Lakes, which had been way below seasonal levels. Unfortunately, this is not the ideal way to start a boat show. None the less, the more intrepid souls launched or boated in the light rain to the excellent docks of Famous Freddie's. As the sun came out, and temperatures soared, more boats cruised in, with a final total of over 20 boats. (Those of you who decided not to brave the weather, really missed out!) All classes were still well represented, including classic glass, race boats, and the traditional runabouts, utilities, launches, and the outboards (Youth Group boat included, and we heard rumor that it is destined to have the name "Rainy Day" painted on the transom).

Freddie's bar and dining room were open all morning and afternoon, doing a brisk business. There was a steady flow of spectators all day. The feeding of French fries to the local giant carp population, gulls, and ducks kept the kids (and some adults) entertained. The big question on everyone's mind was which way that big grey cloud was moving. Once it became evident that rain was headed our way, the question became "Will the rain get here before, during or after the awards ceremony?" Luck was with us, as the wind kicked up and a light rain began to fall *after* the conclusion of the awards ceremony, with minimal impact on the festivities. It wasn't long before the sun was in full force again, gracing the trip back home for some, while others enjoyed an afternoon cruise before returning for the Western BBQ dinner. Freddie's new chef did a knock out job with his great spread of succulent pork ribs, tender and juicy chicken, corn on the cob, garden salad, coleslaw and dessert.

Awards presentation...

Most Original - Karen Birch's 1957 Chris Craft Continental
2nd Place Outboard - Bill Goodman's 1956 North American
1st Place Outboard - Ken Klein's 1954 Wolverine
2nd Place Utility - Dan & Chris Kerwin's 1952 Chris Craft
1st Place Utility - Capt. Ron Van Horn's 1954 CC Semi-enclosed Cruiser
2nd Place Runabout - Joe Girten's 1976 Lund
1st Place Runabout - George Plamondon's 1937 Chris Craft Custom Skipper's Choice, as well as a recognition gift for longest travel to the show were awarded to Steve Durban of Peoria for his 1948 Chris Craft Runabout

A big thank you to Captains Ron Van Horn and Ted Cartner, Cindy Cartner and Famous Freddie's for their time and efforts in making this fun show and dinner come together!



Don't miss next year's show! July 20th, 2013

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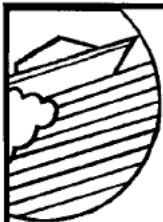
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Safely Fueling your Boat

by Kurt Rothe

When it is time for us to add fuel to our antique craft, many of us take for granted that this is not a complex job. We have done it all of our lives and never had any problems. After all, we are just adding a little gas to the tank and why should we be worried about such a small matter in the first place?

Well, there are plenty of reasons to be concerned when adding fuel to your boat as many things that can go wrong when performing this task. We tend to take a lot for granted, like "what could possibly go wrong?" I once witnessed a gentleman, who owned a 25' 1976 Carver, filling up his gas tank at the gas dock. His wife was calmly sitting on the motor box while he was removing the gasoline cap from the fueling system. He then put the gas nozzle into the filler connection and started pumping gas into the boat. After about 30 seconds of fueling, there was an explosion and his wife (along with the motor box) when up in the air about 15 feet and landed in the water about 10 feet from the boat with the motor box coming down beside her. A fire erupted in the engine compartment and he quickly extinguished it with his fire extinguisher.

People came out of the bar next to the gas dock to help him. After making certain that the fire was out, they rescued his wife from the water. A few more knowledgeable boaters stood around and tried to figure out why this happened. In summary, he left his ignition switch turned on so that she could listen to the music from her cassette tape player and there was an electrical short in the fuel system and it somehow ignited after refueling had begun. Again, a perfectly innocent afternoon ruined by not having a pre-determined refueling checklist that should be followed..

Here are some necessary fueling precautions:

Before fueling

- Make certain that the boat is securely tied to the gas dock. .

- Stop engine (s), motors, fans, and other devices capable of producing a spark. Turn off any battery switches if the electrical system has one. Close all doors, and hatches so that fumes cannot blow aboard and below.

- Ask all passengers and crew members not needed for fueling to leave.

- Prohibit all smoking on board and in the vicinity.

- Have a filled fire extinguisher at hand.

- Measure the fuel in the tank(s) and do not order more than the tank will hold; allow for expansion.

While fueling

- Keep nozzle in contact with the fill opening to guard against static sparks.

- Do not spill gasoline.

- Do not overfill. Filling until fuel flows from the vents is highly dangerous.

- For outboards, remove portable tanks from the boat and fill on shore.

After fueling

- Replace all fuel caps.

- Wipe up any spilled gasoline; dispose of wipe-up rags on shore.

- Open all ports, windows, doors, and hatches; turn on bilge power exhaust blower. Ventilate boat this way at least five minutes – time it, don't guess.

- Sniff low down in tank and engine compartment (s). If any odor of gasoline is present, do not start engine; continue ventilation actions until odor can no longer be detected.

- Be prepared to cast off lines as soon as the engine starts; quickly get clear of the gas dock.

We wish you a pleasant boating experience and an enjoyable afternoon or evening of antique and classic boating. Take care.

References

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Event Calendar 2013

TBA	Spring Workshop
TBA (May)	Spring Dinner
TBA	Spring / Summer Chain O'Lakes Cruises
Sun, June 16	Fathers Day Cruise
Sat, July 20	29th Antique & Classic Boat Show at Freddie's, Fox Lake, IL
Fri-Sun, July 26-28	21st Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show at Matt Morgan's, Minocqua, WI
TBA	Geneva Lake Cruise
Sept 27-29	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey, Fontana, WI
TBA (Oct)	Fall Dinner