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Geneva Lakes Boat Show

Another great boat show goes down in the history books with a very successful Geneva Lakes Boat Show September 22-24. The Geneva Lakes Boat Show is one of the main events that The ACBS Blackhawk Chapter has sponsored, and each one keeps getting better!

This year, an antique and classic boat “pre-boat show” cruise was held on Friday, September 22. At the end of the cruise lunch was provided at Gordy’s Restaurant in Fontana. After lunch cruise participants were welcomed to return to the Abbey Harbor to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the Geneva Lake shore and take in many interesting homes that inhabit it.

On Friday evening Blackhawk members Charles and Diana Coleman hosted a fabulous reception for boat show participants at their home on the shores of Geneva Lake. Over 100 people enjoyed a tasty dinner, cocktails, and a complimentary ride in Larry Larkin’s famed “Sea Lark” that we’ve been watching him build for the past few years.

On Saturday the weather was less than ideal—it rained on

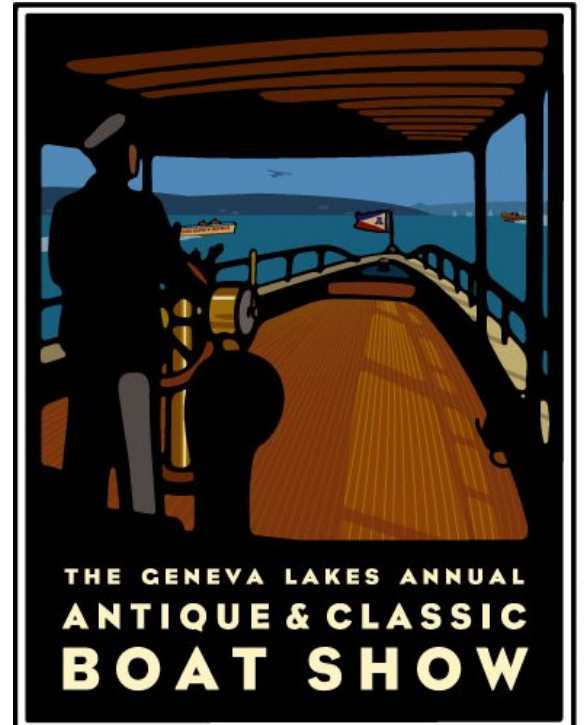
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It has been a great fall. Sadly its here, and all our beautiful babies have been winterized and put into their respective hibernation until next season. Some are in our shops and our passion continues through the winter. We will be continuing our shop tours this winter with several visits that are detailed in this newsletter.

I feel that we have had a very successful season with numerous shows, both Geneva Lake, and the Fox River show. We've had fun on the Chicago River with the ACBS Quarterly meeting held here, and the Tall Ships show. Additionally, we've had a nice technical workshop this spring, and very well attended Spring and Fall dinners, and our Fathers Day Cruise. It truly has been a great year, and my thanks goes out to all of my board for their help, our show committees, and all of you, our members and volunteers, for a truly fun year.

This is our annual Geneva Lake issue in glossy print. Please enjoy, thank the committee for their hard work, and a very successful show. We thank all of the members and guests that traveled far to bring their boats to show. We thank the Coleman family for sharing their home with us on Friday night. Most all, thanks to all of the volunteers and our Vice President John Barrett, that helped make the show a great success.

I urge anyone interested in helping with the newsletter, either with articles or creating it every two months, please speak up, we welcome your participation. We are planning our calendar, anyone with an interesting project, please let us know. It's fun for the club to visit on a Saturday morning to learn more about your work. My plan is to continue to set up some more shop tours as the calendar fills in.

In closing for this column, I hope all of you are enjoying your winter holidays, be safe on the road, and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next event. Lets all hope for an easy winter and an early Spring. Happy Holidays to all of you!

Andy Ievins
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It's time to pay your annual ACBS / Blackhawk dues. By now you should have received a renewal notice directly from ACBS headquarters in the mail. Please mail your dues back to headquarters promptly if you have not done so already.

CUB SCOUTS MEET THE REBEL

When a local Johnsburg Cub Scout Pack asked if the Blackhawk Chapter could send someone to talk a bit about boats, we thought let's bring a boat to speak for itself. Eric Moberg graciously trailered his 1958 Streblow "Rebel Without A Cause" to the Scout meeting even though he had just got it dried out for winter storage and it was raining that evening.



After a short introduction to what the ACBS was about, we led the 65 plus Cub Scouts out to the parking lot to check out the boat. Taking turns, groups of 8-10 scouts stood on the sides of the



trailer with enthusiasm. Some so much so that the boat and trailer were bouncing quite a bit until we settled them down.

After the viewing we went back inside for a question and answer session. There were so many questions that the Scout Master had to call an end while there were still at least 15 hands still raised.

If anyone knows of any other group that would like a presentation to young people, please contact Ted Cartner 847-395-8902.

January Tech Session: Visit the “HATHOR”

Sat January 13th at 10:30 AM

We are going to visit the shop where Larry Larkin is currently rebuilding the Hathor in Lake Geneva. The Hathor is a 1897 73' steam launch built by the Racine Boat Company. Nearby, another location will be available to see the 1947 Lathrop 1200 cu in engine for the Hathor also undergoing a rebuild along with a DUKW. Lunch will be served.

Send in the registration below, directions to the locations will be given later. Possible car pooling may be arranged if there is interest. We should be breaking up early afternoon.

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and off most of the day. The good news is, the weather was never bad enough to keep a large crowd of people from admiring the 70+ classic and antique boats registered in the show. The rain paused in the afternoon just long enough to have the traditional “starting of the en-



Larry Lange, Andy Ievins, Charles and Diana Coleman, Captian Ron

gines” and boat parade around Geneva Lake. Unfortunately it didn’t hold off very long, and boats without tops or rain gear were forced to return to the docks a little sog-gier than then any boater would like.

On Saturday evening the boat show participants enjoyed a nice dinner at the Abbey and heard a very informative presentation by Geneva Lakes Water Safety Patrol Operations Director Ted Pankau. Ted talked about the history of the Geneva Lakes unique Water Safety Patrol.



Ted Pankau, Larry Lange and Andy Ievins

Sunday gave us the best weather of the weekend. The sun was shining, the lake was calm, and the antique and classic boats were finally able to run free in the waves. Each year, the vendor base at the show continues to grow

and we see more and more people coming out to share our passion for antique and classic boats. Thank you to the entire Geneva Lakes Boat Show Committee which includes Larry and Kathy Lange, Al & Kathy Bosworth, Ted & Cindy Cartner, Matt Byrne, Andy Ievins, John Barrett and Steve Fleming. Special thanks to all the members that volunteered throughout the weekend and to Charles and Diana Coleman for their wonderful hospitality on Friday night.

Plans are already underway for the 2007 Geneva Lakes Boat Show. Exact dates will be given in a later issue of The Smoke Signal. We’ll see you then!



Geneva Lakes Boat Show Pictures



2006 GENEVA LAKES BLACKHAWK CHAPTER BOAT SHOW WINNERS



AWARD	OWNER	BOATMAKE
OOPS	Bob Brehmer	
EXCELLENCE IN...	George Plomondon	
Peoples Choice	Al Bosworth	196119' Shepherd Runabout
1st Contemporary	Mike Turner	200625' Comitti Portofino
1st Fiberglass	John Gambill	196017' Lake N'Sea Arrowhead
2nd Outboard Motor Boat	Ron Hooker	195616' N.Amer.Marine American
1st Outboard Motor Boat	Christopher Matt	195613' Aristocraft SeaFlash
1st Cruiser	Ron Van Horn	195428' CC Sup Dlx Semi Ecl
2nd Classic Utility18'&under	Erik/Ellen Petry	195717' Higgins Sport Speedster
1st Classic Utility18'&under	Dan/Vicki Lynch	194818' CC Sportsman
2nd Classic Utility19-21'	John Biba	1958 21' Century Coronado
1st Classic Utility19-21'	Tim O'Brien	1959 19' Century Resorter
2nd Classic Utility22'&over	Bosworth/Stolz	1947 22' CC Sportsman
1st Classic Utility22'&over	Mark Licht	1960 26' Lyman
2nd Classic Runabout	Victor/Kathy Conforti	1955 21' CC Cobra
1st Classic Runabout	James Wilkin	1947 17' CC Delux Runabout
1st Antique	Lee Palmer	1946 30' Ketcham Picnic Launch
2nd Antique	Don/Carole Bauer	1929 28' CC Runabout
1st Historic	Bruce/Judy Renquist	1899 20' Pierce Engine Co
Best Streblow	Kathie/Don Taylor	1970 23' Streblow Sport Utility
Best Chris Craft	Gary Rechcygl	1956 26' CC Continental
Best Century	Matt Byrne	1962 19' Century Resorter
Skippers Choice	Charles/Dianna Colman	2003 36' Van Dam
ACBS Most Preserved	Terry/Mary Dickson	1959 17' Glasspar Seafair Sedan
Sharpest Arrow	Bob Brehmer	1959 17' CC Ski Boat

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

by Ted & Cindy Cartner

#40



Gary Braker hitching up #40 at Gage Marine to haul to my workshop.

After the 2005 Geneva Lakes Show, we purchased SE-27-040 from Gage Marine. It is a 1951 Chris Craft Super Deluxe Semi-Enclosed Cruiser. Some of you may be familiar with this model as it is a twin to Ron Van Horn's "Casual Elegance". The hull is remarkably rot free save for an 8" area in the lower starboard transom frame.

replace all damaged wood, rebuild the twin KL engines, install all new wiring, new flooring, new



#40 as found at Gage Marine

We're used to being able to remove the engine, disassemble the interior, and remove all hardware in a runabout in a day or two, for this boat it took almost three full weeks. For example there were over 600 varnished filled screws in the ceilings alone.

We are not going to restore this boat but make it a good reliable user boat. The plan is to repair or



Cleaning out the hull with a pressure washer. (continued on page 9)

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upholstery, new cabin topping, strip and refinish, and since it had Crash-O-Matics, update the shifting mechanism to Ted-O-Matics, using linear actuators(more on that later).

Just a typical overall repair project. But consider some of the supplies to date: 16 gallons stripper, 6 gallons Smith's CPES, 2 gallons bilge paint, 2 gallons topside primer, 600 feet misc wire, and the usual thousands of bronze fasteners.

We haven't had any gut feeling yet for a name, so for now we are calling it just #40.

We'll update in future issues.



#40 uncovered after bringing home.

If you have a project you would like to share. Send text and pictures to MattByrne@mrbtech.com. We welcome all to share their experiences with the club.

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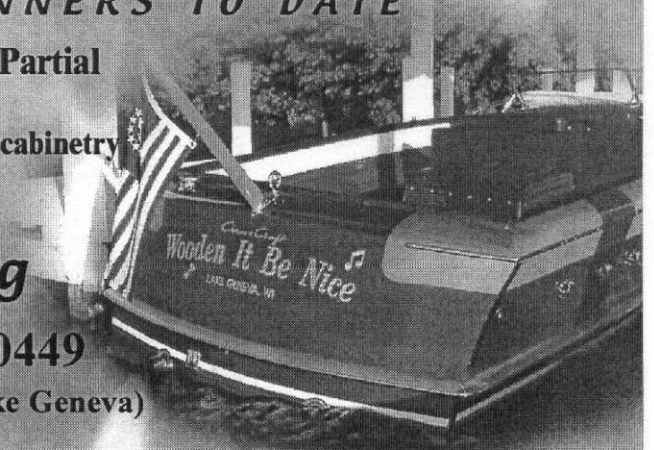
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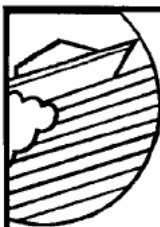


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