

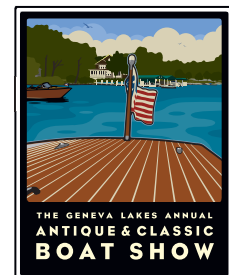
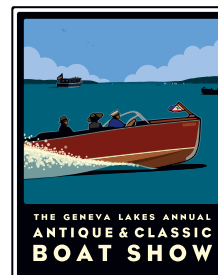
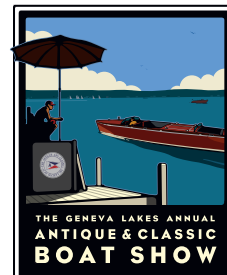
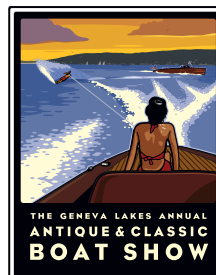
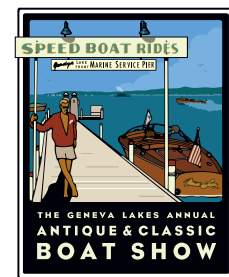
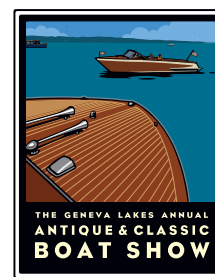
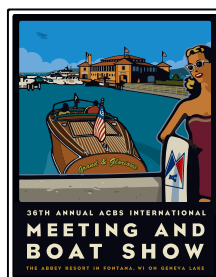
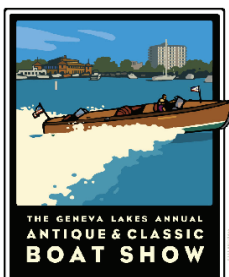
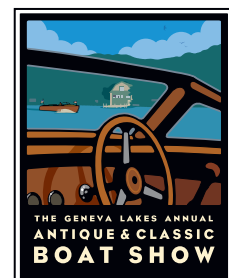
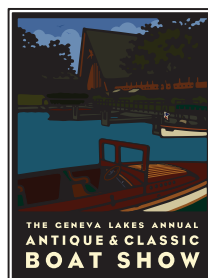
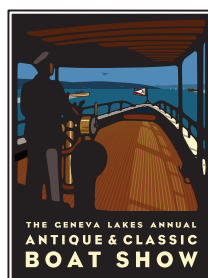
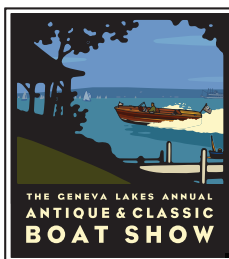
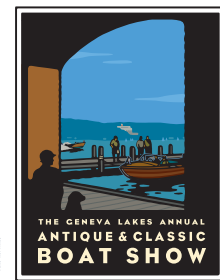
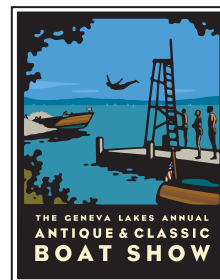
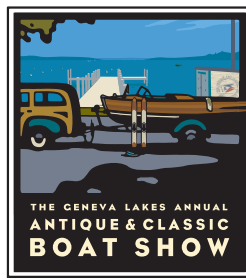


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Hello Fellow Blackhawk Members,
My name is Michael Furibondo, and I have been elected to serve as the next President of our great ACBS chapter.

While we have gone through some tough times in recent years due to Covid and other factors, I truly believe there is a path open for us to get the club moving in the right direction. I am excited to take on this role and have already started working on the main objectives I hope to achieve as President.



Those objectives are:

1. Increase club communication - I will be sending out updates and reminders related to club activities, so please be sure that your email address is up-to-date on the ACBS web portal. If you need any assistance with the ACBS portal, please reach out to me directly. Additionally, I welcome you to contact me with any thoughts, concerns, or suggestions as to what we could do better and how to grow this club into the future.
2. Introduce more boating activities/shows - The primary purpose of our club is to bring interesting people together who share a love of classic boating. To achieve this, we need to get events on the calendar, but the events will not be successful without also achieving my final goal...
3. Increase new membership and participation of existing members - This is my challenge to each of our members – come out and join in the fun! Of our 175 current members, only a handful of individuals have stepped up to keep the club running through the difficult Covid years. Now we need your participation to make their efforts worthwhile. I cannot stress this enough - your participation is critical to the future of this club. A number of individuals have started planning for the 2024 events, but we need more help to make these events successful. If you see an event you'd like to be part of, we would welcome your help in organizing it. But, more than anything, we need our members to show up at the events.

I hope you share my desire to come back out and join our fellow club members for some truly memorable times in 2024.

Sincerely,
Michael Furibondo
President, Blackhawk Chapter ACBS



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

"WELCOME ABOARD"



Blackhawk Chapter's Newest Members

Membership chairperson Jan Vogeler
reports Blackhawk
membership at nearly 200 members



Todd Rieke, Longboat Key FL

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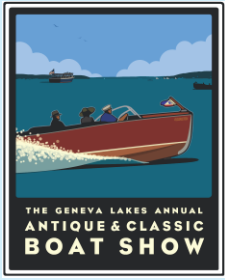
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ALL HANDS ON DECK!

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 Mike Furibondo.

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Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show

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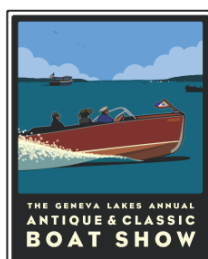
Blackhawk Membership:

This past September the chapter held our first Geneva Lake Boat show of the post pandemic era.

Thank you to the show committee for the hard work and effort work to get one of the premier national events for the ACBS back up and running. This year's show was much smaller that past years with over 40 boats in the water and 50 on land. Larry and Sue Larkin opened their lake front estate for a Friday evening welcome dinner. We had over 80 members and guests in attendance. A very big thank you to Larry and Sue for allowing us to once again visit one of our most popular dinner venues on the south shore of Geneva Lake !

The show for 2024 promises to be back to much of our original format. As we move into 2024, please watch our web site and membership emails for opportunities to volunteer and participate in not only the Geneva Lakes Boat Show but other club event.

Best regards,
The Geneva Lakes Boat Show Committee



Special thanks to Neil Aspinall for his 20 years of creating magical Geneva Lake images.

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Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show 2023 Award Winners



Captain's Choice - Jeff & Demaree Heeren 1947 Chris Craft U 22 Sportsman - 'Nostalgia'
Home Port: Lac du Flambeau, WI



Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show 2023 Award Winners



Peoples Choice - Todd Rieke 2008 Peter Breen Launch 31 - 'Flyer'
Home Port: Longboat Key FL



Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show



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Home Port: Rockton, IL



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Owner: William Budych
Home Port: Lake Geneva, WI



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Home Port: White Pigeon , MI



1967 Lyman Sportsman - 'Seventh Heaven'
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Home Port: Lake Geneva , WI



1978 Streblow Straight Drive
Owner: Lars Bergersen
Home Port: Lake Geneva, WI

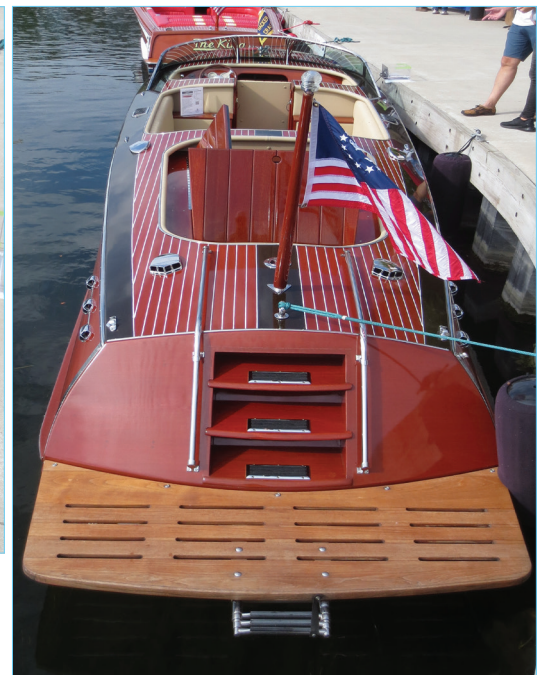
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The 2023 Chicago Boat Show was held downtown at McCormick Place from January 11-15.

Chicago Boat Show was a HUGE Success!

Wood boats stole the show at the Antique Boat Display Booth thanks to the Blackhawk Chapter of Antique & Classic Boat Society in collaboration with Bergersen Boat Co.

An impressive collection was on display including a 1953 27' Shepherd Express Cruiser Falcon, 2008 31' Peter Breen Ditchburn Launch Flyer and a 2024 22' Shepherd Runabout Could Be Yours.

The show garnered excellent attendance from across the country and the booth was located in a high traffic area directly under an upper-level court for a unique bird's-eye view. Crowds marveled at the sheer size, craftsmanship and features of these new and restored wood boats. Ahoy!



January 10 - 14, 2024

Blackhawk Membership:

We have an opportunity to have a display at the Chicago Boat Show this January. This is an exciting event that will help to promote our chapter and start the new year with a fun activity. We have been allotted a space that is 40 x 50 feet. We can get additional space if we require. The show management this year will support the chapter with our expenses for this event. With this financial support, we will cover show admissions and parking expenses for our membership. If we can quickly get a commitment for support for the show with both boats and people to man the display, the chapter will order embroidered shirts with our chapter logo.

Please help our club by supporting this event. Over the next 2 weeks we can provide pictures for our feature boats and the show management will add this to their promotional events and web site.

If you have any question please feel free to email, text or call me at:
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 We are looking forward to kicking off the new year for our chapter !

Best regards,
 Mark Svoboda



Chicago Boat Show

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A CASUAL STORY

By Ted Cartner

This is not just a story of a boat, but of the various lives that were impacted as it passed from one owner to another.

I first met Ron Van Horn at an old boat show in 1985. A group of 17 wood boat lovers were planning to petition ACBS to form a local chapter, "The Prairie State Boaters" Chapter, later changed to the "Blackhawk" Chapter. It was accepted by ACBS on 22nd Feb 1986. As most of you know Captain Ron was a colorful



1954 28' Super Deluxe Semi-Enclosed Cruiser. "Casual Elegance"

It's powered by twin 105HP Model KL engines, has seating for at least 12, and a V berth. Ron bought the boat from Rodi Marine in Chicago. At Rodi it was up on the 5th or 6th floor of a building next to the Chicago River. After the deal was struck, it was slid out of a door on that upper floor and lowered down directly into the water from a beam extending over the river. The name came from an old Chris Craft advertisement that stated something like "imagine sitting in your Semi-Enclosed Cruiser in casual elegance".



Captain Ron & friends take a Bloody Mary timeout aboard *Chrysalis* (maybe the another story) at Famous Freddies Boat Show 2018.

It was always a pleasure to ride along with him in any weather, knowing he had enough bilge pump capacity to keep it afloat. The original Chris Craft ice locker was often stocked with Captain Morgan, Korbel Brut, and a case or two of beer. Cindy & I were so impressed with the features of Casual we wished we had a boat like her. So when one was found at Gage Marine, we bought it, but that's another story.

As time went on, Ron decided it was time to pass Casual on, but wanted someone who would love and respect the vessel as he did. He found that person in his friend Barry Hynes, also a Captain with a 100 Ton Masters License. Barry and his first mate Vanessa had a 1958 Chris Craft 15' Cavalier. He thought they needed something else like a vintage car to round out their stable. One day he came home announcing to Vanessa he has just bought a great addition, but instead of a car, it was "Casual Elegance", although it needed just a bit of work. Barry went on to make improvements, 12 volt conversion, new throttle cables, some bottom work, rebuilt the trailer, and many others.



Barry & Vanessa

Sadly both Ron and Barry have gone, leaving Vanessa to find the next caretaker. There were a few people interested, but not the type who would do the boat justice. One fellow said if he bought the boat he would scrap it and sell off the parts. Finally the folks at Hands On Deck, a 501c3 in Green Bay, heard of Casual and were anxious to acquire it. They thought it would fit in nicely with their goal of educating people of all ages, especially youth, the basics of wood working and STEM, through their boat building and restoration programs. Check out their web site www.handsondeckgb.org and if you would like to help finance the work, make a donation. Casual is now properly stored in Green Bay at their facility waiting for the work to begin. I think Ron and Barry are up there somewhere smiling.



Captain Ron & Captain Barry aboard 'Casual Elegance' Geneva Lakes Boat Show 2018.



Author Captain Ted and Vanessa hand over the keys to Luke and Mike of 'Hands on Deck' the new caretakers of Casual.

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Barry and Allison at Famous Freddie's July 2018



What'll it be? An ice cold brew with a few fresh shrimp always hit the spot aboard Casual.



Captain Ron entertaining at 2016 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show



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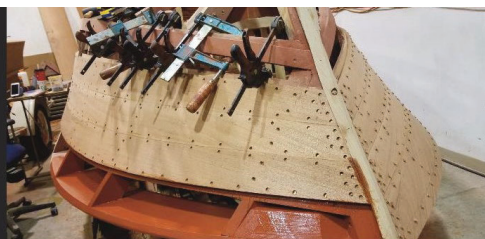


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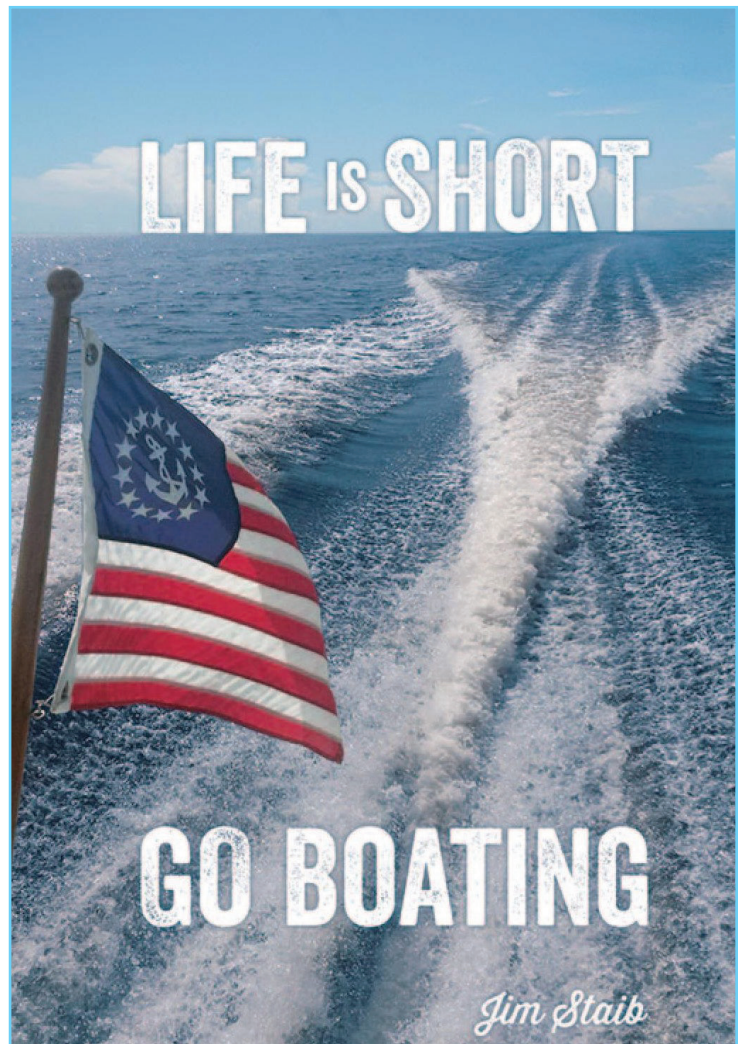
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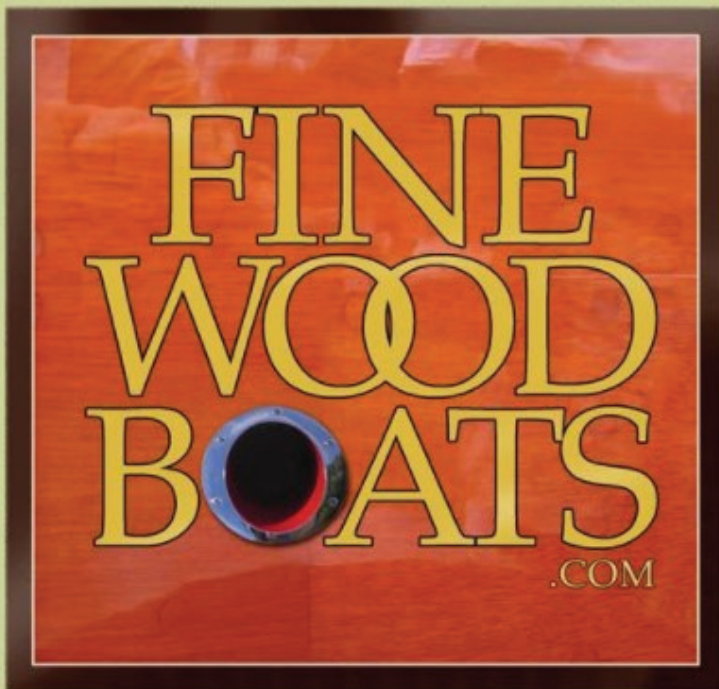


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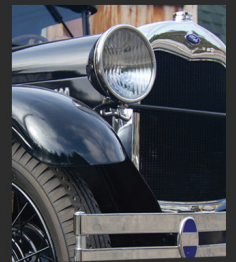
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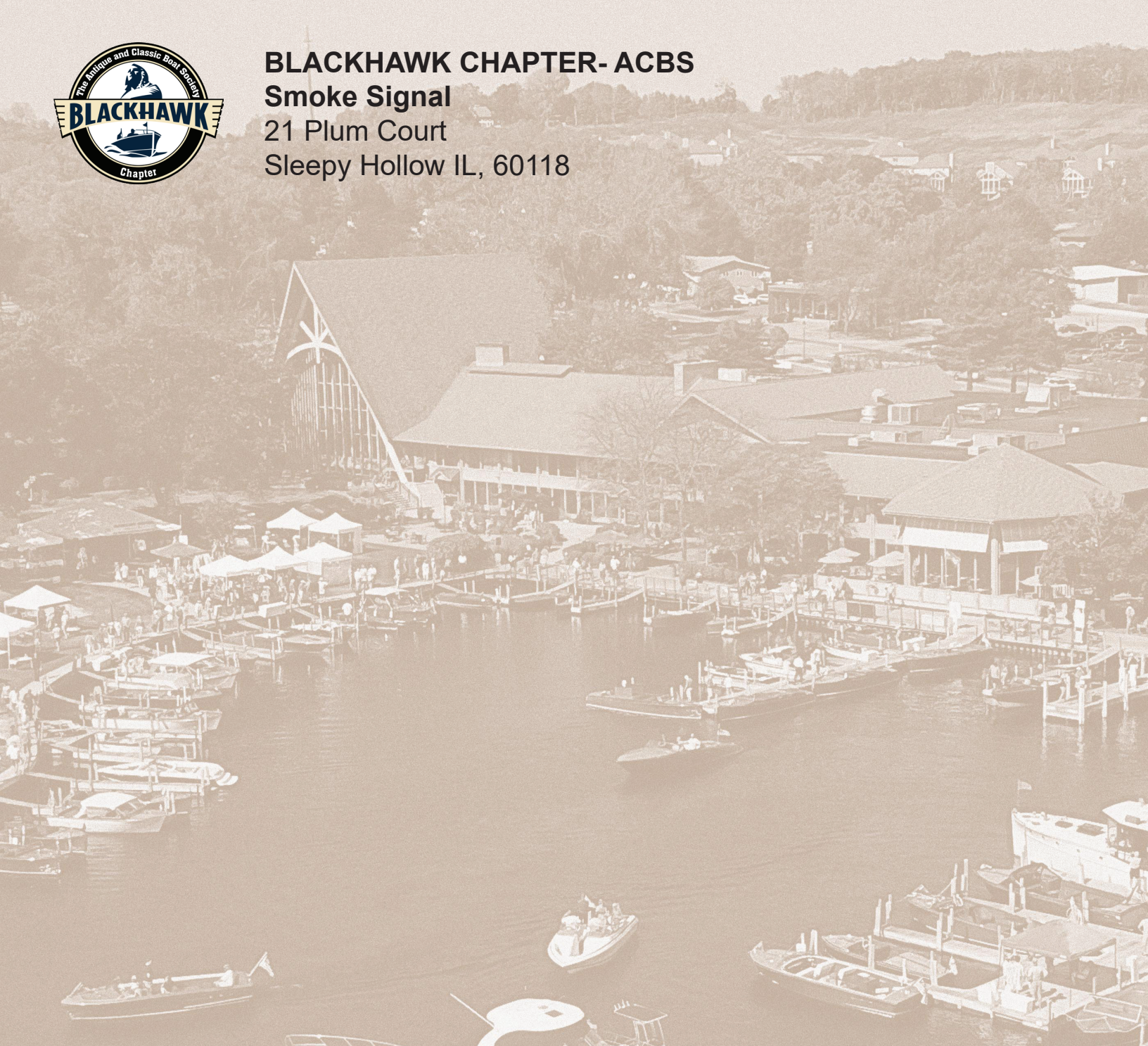
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April	Spring Event
May	Spring Dinner & Event
June	Chain O'Lake Cruise
July	Fox Lake Boat Show
August	Summer Workshop
August	Chicago River Show
September	Geneva Lake Boat Show
October	Fall Dinner & Event

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