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Newsletter of the BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS

Lake Geneva Boat Show Right Around the Corner

As the ACBS ramps up for another great Geneva Lakes Boat Show, we'd like to tell you about two modern wooden boats that you won't want to miss. Gage Marine's "Gage-Hacker" and Charles and Diana Colman's "Nenemoosha" will certainly turn heads with their unbelievable craftsmanship and attention to detail. If you haven't already sent in your registration for the show, time is running short. Space is limited. Friday's tour of Black Point Mansion is sure to be a hit, as well as Captain Crooner's nautically entertaining performance Friday night at Gordy's. Pray for good weather Saturday so all attendees can enjoy the ever-popular "starting of the engines" at 4:00, followed by the traditional boat parade around Lake Geneva. For a full breakdown of the weekend's events, see page 5.

Gage-Hacker

-back in production

Gage Marine is once again in the business of selling wooden boats with the introduction of the "Tradition 26", christened and launched July 1, 2007.



The Honduran mahogany cold molded hull is built by Van Dam with a beautiful African mahogany interior. Some of the features include two coolers, one with it's own bilge pump for melted ice water, a motor box which opens up to a sunning platform, dark covering boards, wooden banjo wheel, oiled mahogany lattice floor, swept back wooden windshield framing, and vinyl upholstery feeling as if it were fine suede.

The new 26' Gage-Hacker utilizes the John Hacker Maierform design bottom (see the Classic Boating article page 16 in the May/June 2007 issue) giving it a very good ride in the typical Geneva Lake chop. A small section turned downward at the chine also gives an exceptionally dry ride. The lines are classic, especially the curved plumb transom.

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Nenemoosha

Iroquois for "Sweetheart"

Charles and Diana Colman have taken delivery of their new replica of a Ditchburn launch. Built by Peter Breen, the workmanship is breath taking. The 32 foot hull and interior construction is classic Ditchburn.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The summer is in full swing. Hope everyone is enjoying the great summer, family, and all the old wooden boats. I've been out a few times with my son and it's great to be on the water.

The club just had a great show on the Fox River this July. You can read about it and see the pictures in this issue. The show had a great turnout and the club and I thank the Wagner family and the show staff, for a great job. The weather was no too hot, and of course, no rain.

During the morning hours, the club held a board meeting and we had a great turnout of board members. I thank all of you for finding the time to show up and help with the direction and ideas for the club. Again, I reiterate, the club is for all of us, so if anyone has any ideas for workshops or tours, please tell me or any board member. The club is financially sound, members are enjoying the shows, and the Geneva Show committee is busy working towards our fall show at the Abbey.

We are looking into another venue for our fall dinner. I have a few suggestions, but if anyone else has some ideas, please let me know. Enjoy the summer, be safe, and lets all have fun on the water.

Sincerely,
Andy Ievins

Towing Power!



Blackhawk Chapter Annual McHenry Boat Show

The Blackhawk Chapter Of ACBS held it's 23rd annual show Saturday July 21st at Joey T's on the Fox river in McHenry, IL. Of the about 40 boats that attended top awards went to:

Skippers Choice-Don Bauer 1929 28' Triple Cockpit
Best Runabout-Rial Chaplin 1939 19' Barrelback
Best Century-John Incaudo 1955 Century 21' Coronado

Spectators Choice-Pete Cook 1965 15' Cook-Craft
Best Utility-Ernie and Kathy Sawyer for their 1958 18' Continental
Best Outboard-Dave, Susan & Amy Diggle 1958 Shepherd 15.5



CorrectCraftFan.com 2007 reunion

July 13th – 15th Green Lake, Wisconsin

By Pete Brainard

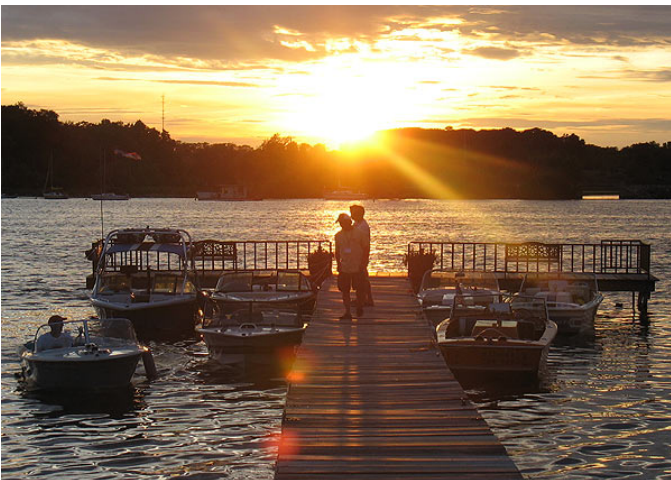
Being a Correct Craft fan all my boating life, I have gotten involved with a web site that has been built up around Correct Craft enthusiasts. Although Correct Craft started building boats in 1925 most of this group have fiberglass but it is a mix of all years. The first glass boat was the 1961 Ski Nautique that has grown to be the preferred ski and wake board boat today. Most early wood models were considered to be throw-away boats so there aren't many around anymore. Many were burned in the early 60's as the glass boats were becoming popular.

Each year CCfan hosts a mid west and an east coast reunion. By on line talking with this group, I felt that I had gotten to know most but it was time to meet them in person. I signed up and went to the Green Lake reunion, had a great time and meet a new group of boating friends that I have added to my already large list!

Green Lake is the 5th largest body of water and is the deepest in the state of Wisconsin so I was a little apprehensive about boating on it with my little 14' 6" atom. Yes, as luck would have it, on the big day of the parade, the wind was out of the WSW so it was coming across the full width of the lake. It was one of those "white caps on top of the rollers" days! I kept in the middle of the group and as close as possible to the person in front of me. At least this rough water prevented the parade from turning into an all out race to the sand bar for lunch. The turnout was 33 boats (I was the only wood) and 110 people.

Editors Note: Pete is too modest to mention it but his boat won Best of Show at the reunion. Congratulation Pete, great work!

Trust me, It doesn't look rough but it was!!



GENEVA LAKES 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DESCRIPTION

NEW EVENTS FOR FRIDAY! We'll board the steam-powered Louise (1902), an all-weather historic day launch and arrive at Black Point Mansion for a private tour. Built in 1888 in the Queen Ann style, the museum has 13 bedrooms and features a 4 story crow's nest, which served as an observation tower to the panoramic views of Geneva Lake. This private viewing is available via this launch only. The property is on 6 acres with 600 feet of shoreline, with a fair amount of steep steps up to the Mansion. Meet at the Abbey Launch Ramp for check-in prior to a short walk to the Fontana Pier where we will board the launch. Cash beverages will be available aboard. After the tour the launch will take us to Gage Marine for lunch. Approx 2:15 the launch will return us to the Fontana Pier.



The remainder of the afternoon is open, allowing you for you to launch your boat and see more of the lakeshore, antique in nearby Walworth (10 min drive), or check out the shops of Lk Geneva on the east end of the lake (20 min drive).

The **Friday evening Cocktail/ Hors d'oeuvres Reception 6:00**. Wisconsin cheeses, wings, meatballs, & calamari will be among the offerings, there will be a cash bar and a special appearance by nautically-themed Capt. Crooner (www.captaincrooner.com)! Our private room at Gordy's Lakeside Restaurant, a short 2 block walk from the Abbey, has a classic nautical theme overlooking Geneva Lake.



Friday launching is available from 7:00-9:00 AM till the Tour, or 2:00-8:00 PM.

Show day packet & launching assignments will be available 7-9:30 Saturday at Abbey's Harbor House near the ramp. **Launching** is at the same time. Come in and pick-up your dock assignment before driving up to the ramp. **A complimentary continental breakfast for boat registrants** is available here until 10am.

Seventy+ in-water and many on-land antique, classic and current contemporary wood boats from the early 1900's on up highlight this Show. The public attends free.

The **4pm Boat Parade** allows another opportunity to get out onto one of Wisconsin's largest and deepest lakes, enjoying the fall scenery. If taking your boat be sure to attend the Skippers meeting @ 3:30 in the Show Tent.

Saturday's Cocktail Party and Dinner will be held at the Abbey. **Bill Gage Jr**, from Gage Marine will discuss the history of **Gage/Hacker boatbuilding and the reintroduction of the line!**

Sunday morning have a leisurely breakfast or go boating, but be sure to attend the Show by 10am. At 1:00 the **Awards Ceremony** will take place. Also on Sunday there will be hundreds of classic cars on display at the Interlaken Resort nearby.

The Abbey Resort has a limited number of rooms reserved at the Blackhawk Chapter ACBS Show rate. Use **PROMO WOOD BOAT SHOW WBS07** when making your reservation by Sept 1 for **ACBS rates**.

We look forward to having you join us for any of the activities. It's always been a fun weekend that we hope you'll have fond memories of. See you in September!

For additional information: www.genevalakesboatshow.com or 847-395-8902



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**The Blackhawk Chapter 2007 Geneva Lake Boat Show
September 28-30, 2007**

BOAT INFORMATION

Make _____ Model _____

Name _____ Year _____ Length _____ Beam _____

Engine: Make _____ Model _____ HP _____

BOAT AWARD CATEGORY: Please check all that apply.

Wood _____ Fiberglass _____ Steel _____ Aluminum _____

Utility _____ Runabout _____ Launch _____ Outboard _____ Cruiser _____

Canoe _____ Sail _____ Rowing _____ Raceboat _____

Other _____ (please explain) _____

Would you like your boat to be judged for most Original/Unrestored? YES _____

INSURANCE WAIVER FOR ALL BOAT ENTRANTS

This statement certifies that I am the owner of the above listed boat. I am entering it in the Blackhawk Chapter ACBS Geneva Lake Boat Show, September 2007. I certify that I currently have effective insurance to cover damage to my boat, and to cover my liability for damage to other boats, or their property, arising from any use of my boat during this event.

I hold free and harmless the officers and volunteers of the Blackhawk Chapter and the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., and the owners and staff of the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor, and Sponsors from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability which in any manner arise or be alleged to arise from any and all activities connected directly or proximately with the event listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This must be signed before entering the Boat Show area.

We need volunteers to help during the Show! If you can help please check here _____

SPACE IS LIMITED, ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME / FIRST SERVE
BASIS. RESERVATIONS **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14th**.

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There is a choice of engines up to 300 HP coupled to a V-drive through a reduction gear. The drive train is smooth and the engine muffled so that conversation in the rear seat is not a strain.

The attitude of the hull accelerating from idle to on-plane was a pleasant surprise. Because of the Hacker design bottom there is almost no rise of the bow in the transition from slow to planing speeds, visibility over the bow is good at all speeds.

Bill Gage Jr will be speaking more about this project at the Saturday night dinner during the Geneva Lake Boat Show.

TRADITION 26

Length	26 ft
Fuel	55 gal
Beam	8 ft 4 in
Displacement	4481 lbs
Draft	30 in
Power	300 HP



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Rather than a replica of one particular model, the Colemans chose to combine features they liked from several models of the era. Much of the hardware is original Ditchburn, some it reproduction, but all of the hardware, interior, wiring, accessories,



quadrant steering and rudder are true to Ditchburn of the era. The wood steering wheel is a restored wheel from the 1920's, and the engine is a restored Chrysler straight 8.

This is truly a magnificent craft, if you want to see what dreams are made of, it will be at the Geneva Lake Boat Show.



PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

#40 update

Here is a photo of Ted practicing his pie making skills rolling out the glued canvas on the hardtop. Hopefully #40 will be done in time for Lake Ganeva.



“Byrne Pile”

Restoration of a 1953 Resorter

By Matt Byrne

It all began when I was finishing up the restoration of my 1962 19' Century Resorter. I had an issue with the engine that a local mechanic was looking into, and when I went to pick up the boat he asked if I was interested in doing another one. My first reaction was “absolutely not”! I had just finished up an arduous 4 year project and was ready to enjoy using a boat rather than working on one. The mechanic continued on and said that his brother had a Century wooden boat, wasn't sure what model, and he was going to burn the hull in the near future. He went on to say that, if I wanted it, his brother would give it to me for free. This got my attention. “You should at least go look at it” he said. I agreed and the next weekend I went to take a look.



Upon arrival I found a 1953 16' Resorter, stripped of all hardware, upside down on a burn pile with a few bottom board removed. After a little investigation I discovered the following: The guy that owned the boat acquired it as a bonus when purchasing a different boat. The boat had been retrofitted with a V-8 at one time and this was too much power for its modest hull. When the boat began leaking due to the extra power the owner decided to fiberglass the hull. Well, the fiberglass only lasted a season or two and the boat began leaking again. At this point the owner stripped the hull of the fiberglass and removed a couple of bottom planks. He discovered just how poor of shape the boat was in and he threw in the towel. The current owner attempted to sell the boat. It was listed in an old issue of the

Thoroughbred (I found the issue - shame on you guys for not buying the boat then!). After failing to sell and getting tired of paying for storage, the owner decided to destroy the hull and sell the hardware. This is where I enter the picture. For \$300 I had an old trailer from the guy storing the boat, some hardware and a major project on my hands. After taking inventory I found that I was missing the steering wheel, windshield brackets, rub rail, and an engine. It was time to start searching eBay on a regular basis.

A couple weeks later I went back out to the burn pile, put the boat on a trailer, and the owner of the land agreed to store the boat for me until spring. In the spring of 2002 I brought the boat home and began the work. This boat was in the worst shape possible. It was like a big piece of jello, very loose. After a lot of bracing I flipped it over and began removing the bottom. I was amazed at how many screws, bolts, and frames were broken. And, yes, the keel was broken from the over powering of the V-8. All the broken material made it difficult to even use some pieces at patterns. It's funny, whenever I show someone a project like this they say “how do you know how to do this?”. I say, “It's easy! You just take a piece off, make a new one, and then put it back on”. This is what I did for the next 4 years until the boat was completely reframed and re-planked. The only original wood is the 2 engine stringers and the back seat bottom. Everything else is new wood. Finally, in summer of 2006, I was done with woodworking for the hull and began applying the finish. After hours of sanding, some above normal temps, and many coats of varnish, the hull had a shiny finish by the end of 2006. Since then I've installed chrome hardware, plumbed the gas tank and ran the electrical. My target date to finish was May 19, 2007, for a boat show in Muscatine, Ia. I met that



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Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show September 14-15, 2007



Registration Form

PARTICIPANT:

FEE: \$30

Skipper's Name _____ Mate's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ E-mail Address _____ ACBS # _____
(Not required)

Cell Phone _____ (boat show communication)

ADDITIONAL CREW: (Please include both first and last name)

BOAT DISPLAY:

Land Display _____ Water Display _____ Friday Boat Cruise _____ Yes _____ No

Year _____ Manufacturer _____ Model _____

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Engine Type _____ HP _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION:

1. **COMPLETE** form and send **\$30.00 Registration Fee**, payable to **MAACBS**
2. **COME PREPARED** - Bring fenders and be alert at all times
3. **SIGN** the below registration form to verify that you understand the risks and warnings; waive and release any damage claims against the show sponsor; and to confirm you and your boat are covered by your own casualty and liability insurance.
4. **MAIL** the completed & signed Registration Form and your check to: Mark Walters, 4439 Beale Street, Madison, WI 53711 – Questions – call (608) 224-0815 – e-mail waltsw Woody@charter.net

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$7.00 Launch Fee Payable at Launch Site

REGISTRATION RELEASE: By signing below, the undersigned registrant verifies that the registrant has read and understands all the foregoing important risks and warnings. Registrant voluntarily assumes the risk of damage to persons or property arising from participation in the boat show after disclosure of risks and warnings. The undersigned further waived, releases and discharges Christy's Landing, Glacier Lakes Chapter, ACBS, all Program Directors, and Volunteers from any and all claims for damages to persons or property arising from participation in the boat show. Finally, the undersigned warrants and represents to the show sponsor that the undersigned's boat registered for the show is covered under a policy of casualty and liability insurance.

Signature of Registrant: _____

Date _____

More Mchenry Boat Show Photo's



Fathers Day Cruise Photo's





2nd Annual Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show 2007 Schedule of Events:



Friday, September 14th

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Early bird launch for boat tour of the Madison lakes. Dock assistance will be provided at launch sites & Christy's piers.

10:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Boat Tour from Christy's Landing – lakes visited will include Waubesa, Monona, and Mendota (time and weather dependent). This excursion will allow participants breathtaking views of the Wisconsin State Capitol, Monona Terrace, and the Madison skyline.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Boats Docked & Refreshments Sold-Participants can dock their boats for the night (overnight security) in the slip they will have for Saturday's show. Refreshments will be sold at Christy's Tiki Hut.

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (??)

Friday Night Fish Fry - Celebrate the beginning of the boat show with a great fish fry and boat talk with fellow participants.

Saturday, September 15th

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration: Stop at Christy's Landing to pick-up your registration packet and slip assignment. Dock assistance will be provided at launch sites & Christy's piers.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Captains' Meeting: Upstairs dining room inside Christy's Landing. Complimentary donuts & coffee provided.

10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Boat Show Open to the Public - Food & Refreshments Sold. Enjoy a famous Chocolate Shoppe ice cream cone!

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. *Gentlemen Start Your Engines!*

5:00 p.m.

Presentation of Awards

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deadline just in the nick of time. The boat hit the water for the first time the day before the show, it made its debut with no issues, and it hasn't seen the water since. We do plan to hit a few boat shows this fall, including the Geneva Lakes Boat Show in September. I decided to name the boat "Byrne Pile", a play on where I found the boat and my last name.

Lessons learned: 1) When picking a restoration project, find a boat that is complete. Missing parts can be hard to find and are usually expensive. 2) A little experience is sometimes a bad thing. This is the second boat I've restored so I figured I knew what I was doing...I may have rushed a few things. This rushing came back to haunt me later. 3) No matter how long you think something will take to do, double it! 4) Try to stay motivated. There was a period in my restoration where I didn't do any work for almost a year. I always find that visiting a boat show or two will help get me ready to tackle the next problem. 4) Have fun. Don't make working of the boat a chore or you will never finish.



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Calendar of Events

AUGUST	
August 25	Third Annual Pewaukee Lake Boat Show. Pewaukee Lake front, Village of Pewaukee hosted by Glacier Lakes Chapter.
SEPTEMBER	
September 14-15	Second Annual Madison Area Boat Show hosted by Glacier Lakes Chapter. For more information contact Mark Walters 608-224-0815 altswoody@charter.net or Andy McCormick 608-222-0018 andy@mccormicklumber.com
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