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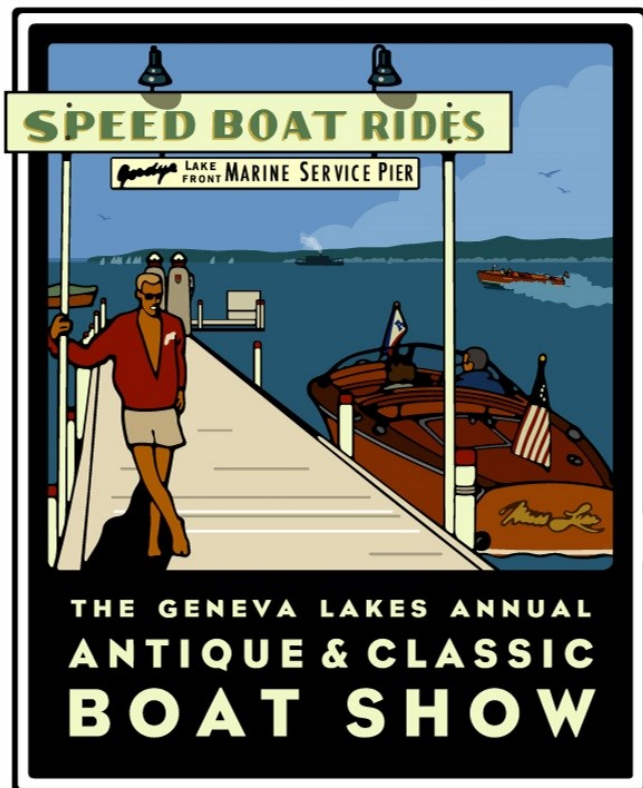
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THE BLACKHAWK CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY PRESENTS



SEPTEMBER 27TH & 28TH, 2014

At the Abbey Resort on beautiful Lake Geneva

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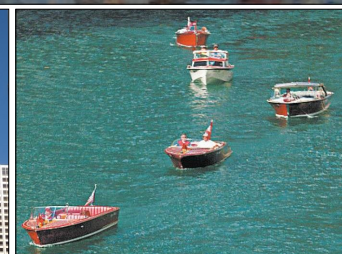


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Held June 5-8, 2014 at the 31st Street Harbor



See Page 3 for more on this fun event



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Special Request for Blackhawk Members!

Please verify that the ACBS National office has your correct mail/email address on file. Our webmaster is getting a lot of emails coming back as undeliverable when we send out email blasts of updated information or important messages between newsletters & some newsletters are delayed/returned due to old addresses. **CONTACT ACBS MAIN HEADQUARTERS:** To update your email, postal addresses or phone numbers, Contact ACBS by email hqs@acbs.org or by phone at 315-686-2628 or Fax 315-686-2680 . Thank you ☺

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President's Message

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

The Polar Vortex brought a slow start to the 2014 boating season but summer weather has arrived and our chapter has been busy. Since the last Smoke Signal we have participated in the Chicago In-water Boat Show and the 30th Annual Fox

Lake Antique & Classic Boat Show. The youth group has been busy with workshops and they are continuing to work on the Correct Craft and the Wolverine.

We had a good crowd for the Chicago In-Water Boat Show. The rain held off and the Sun was out for most of the four day run of the show. We had 10 boats participate in the event. My thanks and appreciation goes out to the Blackhawks that came down for the show. I know it can be a hassle towing a boat through the City of Chicago but the exposure for our chapter is phenomenal. Our display enjoyed great press coverage this year. We had a live news team from WGN covering our exhibit on Thursday and we gave them a tour of the show from one of our boats. We also had numerous other media members reporting on our display.

The 30th annual Fox Lake Boat Show was held on Saturday July 12th. There were over 30 boats that participated in the show and barbecue. The weather was a little iffy in the morning due to early passing storms but with luck it cleared for the event. See more details and pictures from this event later in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

Our next event will be the Geneva Lakes Boat Show at the Abbey Resort and Abbey Marina on September 26-28, 2014. Registration is open and there is still space in each of the signature events, the Friday Estate Tour, the Friday Welcome Dinner and the Saturday Awards Banquet. The registration forms are included in this edition of the Smoke Signal but I encourage you to register on-line. For those that register boats for the show, make sure to include a short description and upload a picture of your boat. Timely entry will ensure that your boat will be in the show directory. Again, this is easily accomplished on-line at www.genevalakesboatshow.com.

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 seeing you all out on the water at our 2014 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards

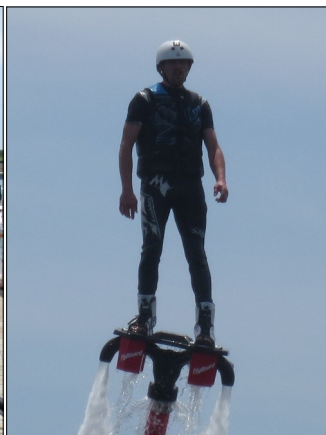
Mark Svoboda

Summer in the City

Chicago In-Water Boat Show

By Terry Dickson

We had a great weekend on Chicago's beautiful lakefront early this June with near perfect weather. Many spectators came out to see all the beautiful new boats and were pleased to see our beautiful classic boats there as well. A summer on the water vibe was in the air with a jumping Reggae band and all sorts of water sports including Flyboarding, Standup Paddle Boarding and Kayaking.



On Friday morning we had an early start out of the harbor for the Boat Parade. We cruised up the shore on Lake Michigan to the Stratton Lock and we were blessed with an Inland Sea that was as smooth as a mirror. After locking through we went down river and rendezvoused at Roosevelt Road with "Robert Allen II". We ended up with 6 classic and 4 contemporary boats for a leisurely parade cruise through the canyon the Chicago River carves through the beautiful City of Chicago. It is a wonderful way to see our great city. Thanks to Mark Svoboda and all that volunteered and participated. See more on page 8.

30th Annual Fox Lake Boat Show

FAMOUS *Freddies* **ROADHOUSE**

By Terry Dickson

The weather on Saturday for the Antique and Classic In-Water Boat show in Fox Lake was cloudy and we had a few sprinkles pass through. But clearly not cloudy enough to dampen the fun of what was another beautiful summer day on the water enjoying classic boats.

Even with the rain we still had a good turnout of nearly 30 boats. And again we enjoyed the excellent Famous Fred-dies barbeque following the awards presentation.

Congratulations to all and thanks for coming out and helping to make this a successful event. Many thanks to Captains Ron and Ted for their efforts in organizing the event and giving us the opportunity to show our boats on the great piers and enjoy the cheap eats and cold drinks at Fred-dies. Also thanks to all that volunteered their time and to everyone that attended. See more on page 9.





SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2013

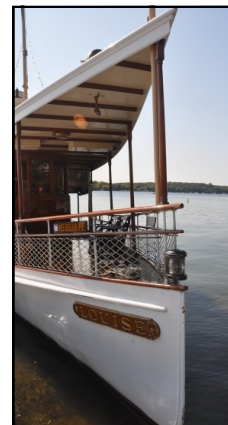
**Estate Tours Friday
Boat Show Saturday
and Sunday**



Abbey Harbor and Lake Geneva



Colman Woods



Launches
on
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Step back in time aboard three magnificent lake launches for the ever popular Friday Estate Tour on beautiful Lake Geneva! Whether you've taken the tours before, or you've never gone, this year's tour promises to be one you surely will enjoy. Along with cruising in the launches, we will be visiting three new estates this year, 1) the Weinberg estate, 2) the Eddins estate, and 3) the Hanenah estate. Friday afternoon is yours to do as you wish; boating, spa or pool, or just hanging out with old friends or making new ones. This event always sells out quickly, be sure to reserve now.

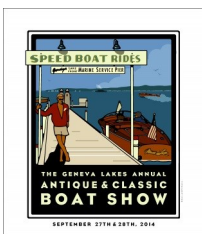
Charles and Dianna Colman will be hosting the Friday night's Welcome Reception Dinner at Colman Woods. This is a unique and spectacular facility created by Charles Colman, and you would not want to miss the opportunity to experience it! The building provides a location for his office as well as an environmentally controlled storage facility for his boats and nautical memorabilia collection. The building is impressive, the 40 acres of surrounding woods even more so, with over 140 species of plants. Space for this event is limited, be sure to sign up early. Parking will be at Chapel on the Hill, N2440 Ara Glen Dr, Lake Geneva 53147 and shuttles will run throughout the evening to/from Colman Woods.

The two-day boat show in the Abbey Harbor on Saturday and Sunday features over 100 boats of all makes and models, some old favorites, and many new arrivals each year. Besides the Captain's Choice voting for boats in multiple categories, the Youth Judges will be voting also. There is always a constant stream of spectators in awe as they stroll the docks, admiring the boats and talking them up with boat owners. The Abbey grounds come alive, also, for two days of music, plus art vendors, the Blackhawk tent with Show posters, shirts, and memorabilia, with both food and beverages available outside or inside. Crowd favorites of En Plein artists, "Start your Engines" and the Boat Parade on Saturday will again be a part of this wonderful show. The Awards dinner on Saturday night returns to the Harbor Ballroom overlooking the harbor and grounds filled with those magnificent woodies, classic boats, canoes and ice boats. The boat show concludes Sunday afternoon by the tent with the People's Choice Award presentation and the raffle drawing winners.

More details can be found on page 7 and sign up for the estate tours, boat show and dinners are available on pages 5 and 6, as well as on the website. Sign up early to ensure that you are not left out; space is limited for all events at this show. Take advantage of the online registration, where you can sign up using your credit card. Book your room directly with the Abbey Resort now (hotel room availability is going fast!)

Obviously, it takes a lot of people to bring this kind of event to fruition, AND to take it all apart at the end of the show. Please contact John Barrett at 630-584-3107 or johneeb@ameritech.net to volunteer for the many varied positions that need to be filled to enhance the show and your enjoyment of it!

For Show Registration and Hotel: Go to www.Blackhawkacbs.com, Click on Events, then select Geneva Lakes Boat Show, Registration (print form to mail in, or register online). There is also a link for the Abbey Resort to make hotel reservations online or call the Abbey at 262-275-9000.



The Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society
present

The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI Sept 26-28, 2014

Name: _____ First Mate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

ACBS#: _____

Additional Crew: (First and Last name) _____

Boat Exhibit Information - Saturday & Sunday Boat Show

☐ In Water (\$50) ☐ On Land (\$35) ☐ For Sale (Additional \$35)

*i.e. Model Boats, Outboard Motors etc. A nautical exhibit may not have items for sale. If you would like to be a for sale exhibitor please submit a "Boat Show Exhibitor" form. A boat can be displayed as a nautical exhibit but it will not be considered for awards, is not allowed to launch and cannot be for sale.

Boat Name _____ Year _____ Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Length _____ Engine _____ HP _____

Use separate sheet for any extra boats

Boat Registration Fee \$ _____

Events

Friday, September 26

Estate Tour – Tour estates by boat aboard historic Geneva Lake tour boats, followed by lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club.

Note: Guests of ACBS members will be charged at the member rate.

Attending _____ @ \$75/Adult
Non Members _____ @ \$100/Adult
_____ @ \$25/Child \$ _____

Reception – The Friday evening reception will be held at Colman Woods, a unique and spectacular facility created by Charles Colman. The building provides a location for his office as well as an environmentally controlled storage facility for his boat and nautical memorabilia collection.

Attending _____ @ \$60/Adult
_____ @ \$20/Child \$ _____

Saturday, September 27

Awards Dinner - The Abbey Resort

Dinner includes your choice of West Shore Sunset Chicken, Braised Short Ribs or Grilled Mahi Mahi Cancun, Salad, Dessert and beverage.

In an effort to honor the winners of the award categories, and recognize the owners, you must register for the Saturday dinner and be in attendance in order to be qualified to win one of the show awards.

Short Ribs _____ @ \$50/Adult
_____ @ \$20/Child
Chicken _____ @ \$50/Adult
_____ @ \$20/Child
Mahi Mahi _____ @ \$50/Adult
_____ @ \$20/Child

Weekend Package Discount – For each adult participant registering for all three events: Estate Tour, Cocktail Dinner Buffet and Saturday Awards dinner receive a special Blackhawk discount of \$15.

_____ @ \$15/ea - \$ _____

Registration forms received after September 8, 2014 additional \$25.00 late fee (Check if late) ☐ \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

*Portions of this year's proceeds will be donated to the
Lake Geneva Lake Level Corporation & Lake Geneva Water Safety Patrol*

**Deadline for all reservations and activities is Sept 8th. Registration, dinner and event fees are not refundable.
Space is limited. All registrations are on a first come / first served basis.**

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I am the owner of the above listed boat(s), engines(s), car(s), watercraft, displays, exhibits, or other item (here after collectively known as "boat") I intend to display at this event and that I have insurance to cover any damage to my boat or equipment, and to cover any liability for damages to others or their property arising from any use of my boat during or related to the 2014 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show in Fontana, WI for which they are herein registered. I agree to hold free and harmless, the officers, directors and volunteers of the Blackhawk Chapter of the ACBS, the Antique and Classic Boat Society, the Abbey Resort, the city of Fontana WI, advertisers and sponsoring organizations from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, which in any manner arise from or be alleged to arise from any and all connected directly or proximately with the Boat Show identified above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Insurance Certification must accompany registration.

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| Make checks payable to: Blackhawk Chapter, ACBS | Send Registration To: Matt Byrne 2257 Red Maple Ln Aurora, IL 60502 | For additional info contact: www.genevalakesboatshow.com GLBS@BlackhawkACBS.com or 630-802-2698 |
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or

Register online at www.GenevaLakesBoatshow.com

AWARD CATEGORIES:

This is a non-judged show. All awards will be determined by boat captains and/or the Boat Show Committee. The Boat Show Committee has the right to change the awards depending on the type of boats that are registered for the show. Awards will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet, **captains must present to win**. People's Choice to be awarded on Sunday at 2:00pm.

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| Blackhawk Chapter Sharpest Arrow ACBS Most Preserved Best Chris Craft Best Century Best Streblow Best Contemporary Most Historic Best Fiberglass Best Outboard Skippers Choice Peoples Choice | Pre-War Best Utility under 22' Best Utility 22' & over Best Runabout under 22' Best Runabout 22' & over Post-War Best Utility under 22' Best Utility 22' & over Best Runabout under 22' Best Runabout 22' & over |
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Final notes:

The boat show runs through 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Each year we have many spectators who attend the boat show on Sunday afternoon expecting to see the full line-up of boats on display. Therefore, participants are asked to leave their boats in the water (and land displays intact) on Sunday until 3:00 pm when the boat show officially ends.

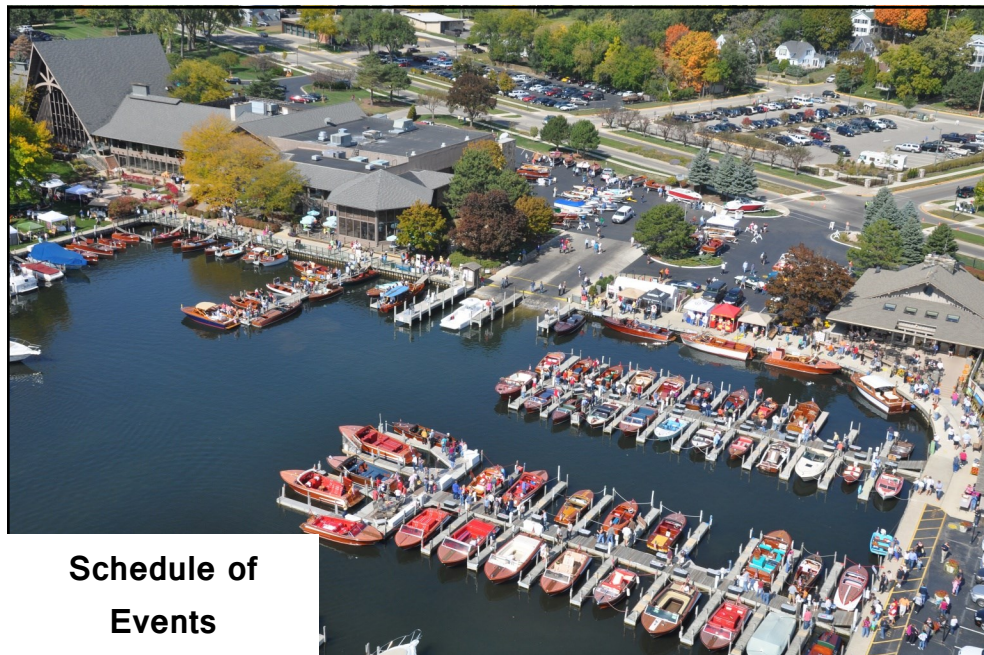
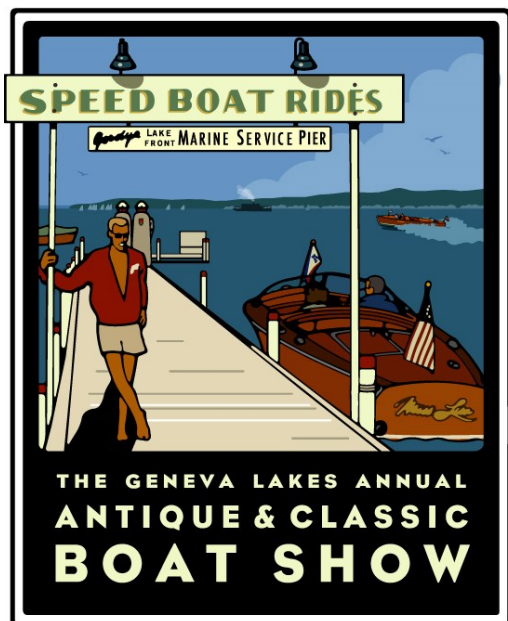
Space is limited. All registrations are on a first come / first served basis. Reservations deadline is September 8th.

Please send us a short description/history and picture of your boat. We use this information in the boat show program booklet and on the web site. You can send all boat information to GLBS@BlackhawkACBS.com. The deadline for the boat show program is September 1.

Lodging



Please make hotel reservations directly with The Abbey Resort at 800-709-1323, mention the "Blackhawk Chapter Antique and Classic Show" for group rates. Group rates are for "Run of the House Rooms". You must identify yourself as a participant when making the reservation in order to receive the Boat Show rate. Boat show rates will not be honored at the point of checkout unless previously specified.



Schedule of Events

Friday, September 27, Estate Tour and Lunch

This year's cruise and house tour will visit three of the finest estates on Geneva Lake while transportation will be provided aboard three of the more interesting boats on the lake. The boats will be SEA LARK, POLARIS, and the steam boat LOUISE. Lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club is included. Tours will depart Friday morning from the Abbey Harbor House in Fontana. Tour time is about 4:45 minutes. \$15 discount if you select the package of this event along with Friday and Saturday dinners.

Friday Evening Reception Cocktails and Dinner

Come join us at Colman Woods. Transportation provided from Chapel on the Hill, N2440 Ara Glen Drive (just off Route 50) between Lake Geneva and Williams Bay. Shuttles will run to and from Colman Woods throughout the evening. The cost for this event is \$60 per adult, and \$20 per child.

Saturday, September 28 Boat Show in the Abbey Harbor

Registration will be in the Harbor House, with boats on exhibit all day Saturday, beginning at 10:00 am. Be sure you have your boat in the water by then, as this show always draws a lot of spectators. Local vendors will have items on display, and the Blackhawk Chapter's tent will once again offer shirts, posters and other items. Artists will be creating original paintings of boats in the harbor. The annual "starting of the engines" and boat parade will commence at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Evening Awards Dinner

The awards dinner will be held in the Harbor Ballroom at the Abbey Resort. Cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7:30, cost is \$50 per adult, \$20 for children. The paintings of boats in the harbor done on Saturday by the En Plein artists will be up for auction at this dinner. This is an event that you won't want to miss as boat show awards will be presented at the dinner. In an effort to honor the winners of the award categories and recognize the owners, you must register for the Saturday dinner and be in attendance in order to be qualified to win one of the show awards. See registration form for the awards categories. The People's Choice Award will be presented on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 29, Boat Show continues in the Abbey Harbor

Boats will be on exhibit again at 10:00 a.m. People's Choice award and drawing winners will be announced at the Blackhawk tent at 2:00p.m. Each year we have many spectators who attend the boat show on Sunday afternoon expecting to see a full line-up of boats on display. Therefore, participants are asked to leave their boats in the water (and land displays intact) on Sunday until 3:00 p.m. when the boat show officially ends.

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 Mark Svoboda at president@blackhawkacbs or 630-208-1775

or John Barrett at 630-584-3107 or johneeb@ameritech.net

You'll enjoy being a part of the show, and your help will be much appreciated!



Summer in the City

Chicago In-Water Boat Show



By Terry Dickson
Photos also by:
Gary Lindley



Classic boats complimenting Chicago's magnificent skyline



Mark and Jan ready to sign up all the new Blackhawks



The 'Robert Allen II' was a great draw to bring the spectators down to our pier



Matt and Lisa's now famous 'Miss Lisa'
1939 Gar Wood Custom Runabout



Mark and Shelly's 'Miss Millie'
1967 Century Coronado



Youth Group's 'Rainy Day'
1950 Wolverine Wagemaker



George Haenisch's 'Hope Floats'
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Captain Don's 'Lyn Dee Bee'
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Terry & Mary's 'Mama Mia!'
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan



George Plamondon's 'What Fun'
1937 Chris Craft Runabout



Captain Toby and George and guests aboard
'Robert Allen II' 1936 Grebe Motoryacht



And lastly Harbor Master Dave aboard 'At Last'
1960 Chris Craft Continental

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By Terry Dickson
Photos also by:
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2nd Place Outboard
Ken Klein
1954 Wolverine



Best Outboard
Nick Wagner's 'Old Times'
1950 Wolverine



2nd Place Utility
Chris & Dan Kerwin's 'Yare'
1952 Chris Craft



Best Utility
Karen Birch's 'Birchwood'
1957 Chris Craft Continental



2nd Place Runabout
Marge Wagner's 'Finn'
1956 Chris Craft Rocket



Best Runabout
John Wenstrom's 'Olivia Rose'
1937 Chris Craft Custom



2nd Place Fiberglass
Brett Kaminski
1959 Glasspar Sport Lido



Best Fiberglass
Cindy Rutherford's 'Mama Mia!'
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan



ACBS Most Original
Cindy Cartner's 'Equus Silva'
1962 Century Coronado



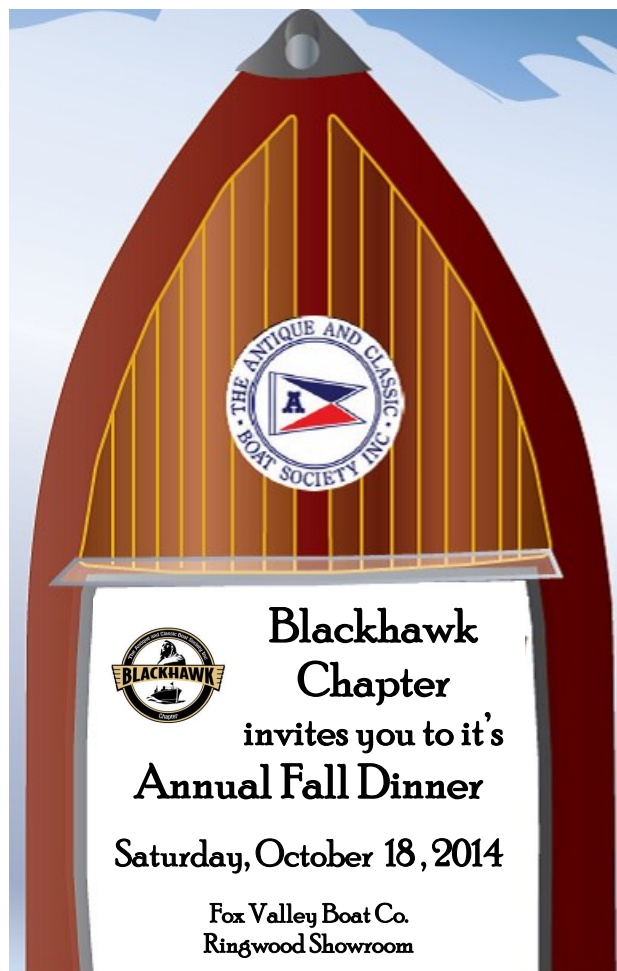
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Our Captain Ron with Joe Girtten & son aboard 'It's Ok'
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Vic Confortis 'Blue Thunder II'
1978 Biesmier K-290



Blackhawk Chapter Annual Fall Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2014
5:30pm Cocktails Dinner at 7:00pm

Once again, Tom & Marge Wagner have graciously offered to host our annual fall gathering at their Ringwood Showroom. Please join us to dine in this unique showroom built to look and feel like a 1950's era marina with a collection of over 50 boats. We will recap the 2014 season and share plans for the year 2015.

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IN MEMORY



Longtime Blackhawk member Don Moberg passed away June 1, 2014 of natural causes. His official Blackhawk name badge carried the tag line "Crabby Old Guy", which had been hung on him in jest in the 1990's by then president Jim Staib.

Don will be remembered by those who knew him as one to take liberties in his restorations, installing larger V8 engines in anything he worked on, and making modifications for the sake of usage and practicality over historic perfection. Many of the boats Don returned to the water were derelicts passed up by others as too far gone. He did all of his own work, down to cutting his own oak logs and running them across his sawmill for framing members; and he freely offered help to anyone who needed it.

His approach to boating, and indeed life in general was to go all out or stay home. His grounding at the launch ramp at the Red Wing show, his 180 at the Green Lake show, launching in Muscatine in a lightning storm, and numerous other memorable adventures provide examples of that enthusiasm gone slightly astray. No group was too small to pass up an opportunity for a fly-by, and no bridge could be passed under without a blast on the air horns.

Don formally joined the chapter in 1994, but had been active with wooden boats for decades before that. Don dropped out of the chapter only after he and Ruth were no longer able to devote their full energy to boating the way he believed it needed to be done. Many of his basic woodworking tools have been donated to the Blackhawk Youth Group.

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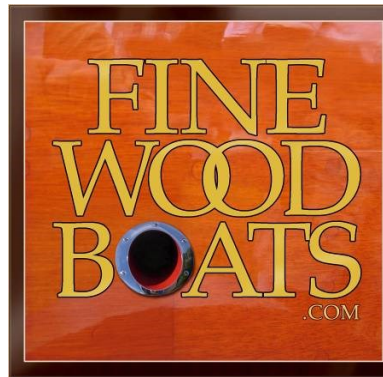


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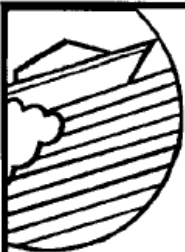
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Sat, Oct 18th

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