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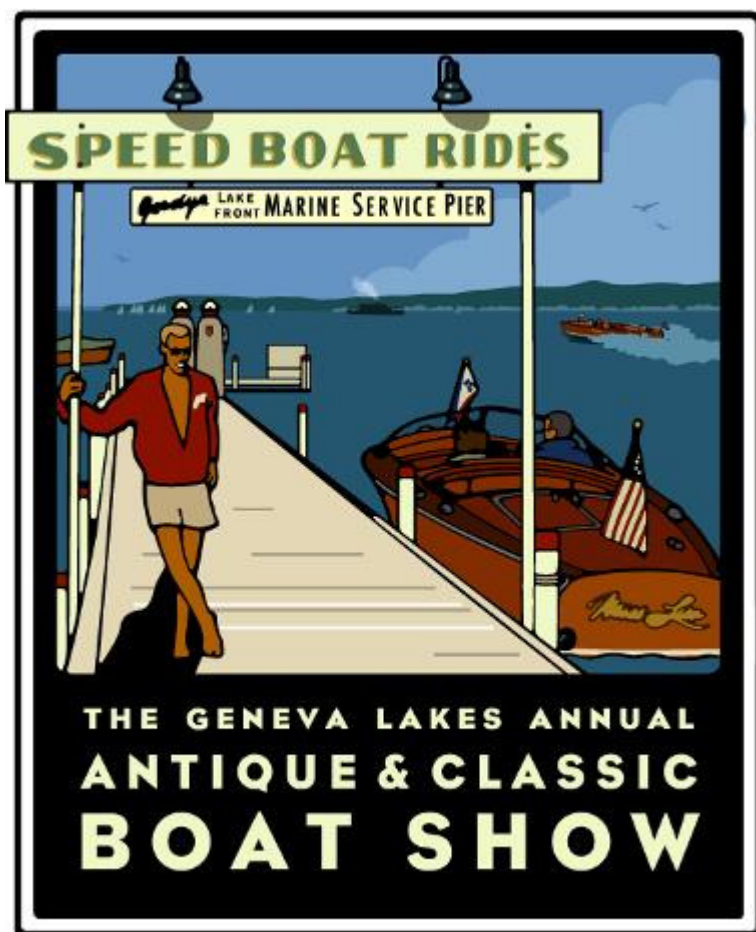
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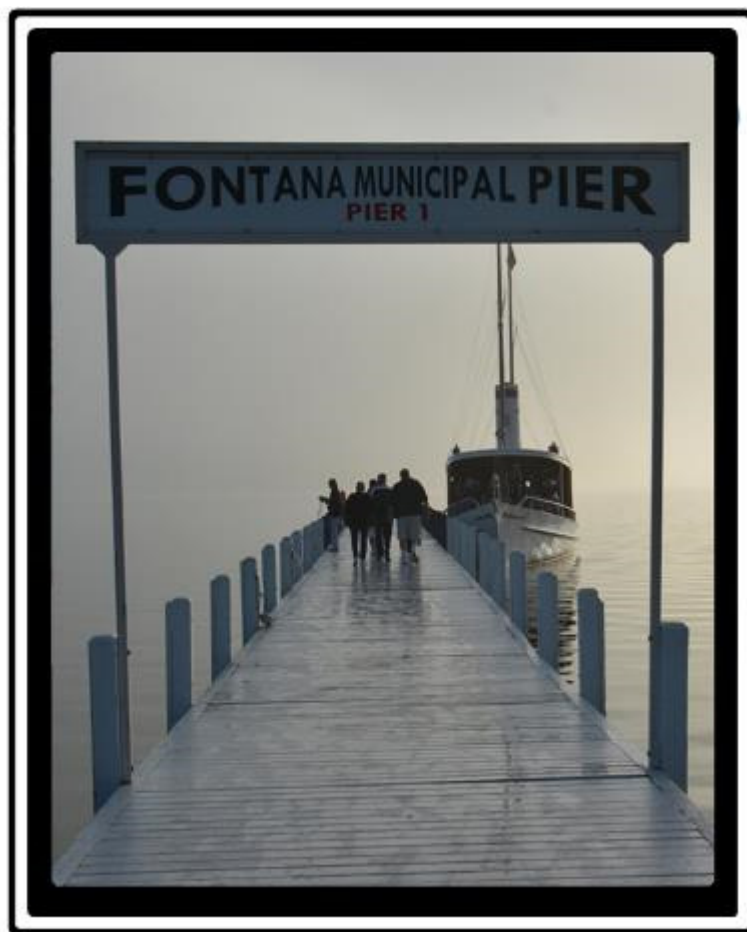
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## Geneva Lakes 2014 Boat Show Wins!



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This year's ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show was a winner in every way with the largest turn out of boats on record and the best weather in recent memory. We had 90 boats in the harbor and nearly 40 boats on land. Sunshine every day and temps in the low 80's with mild winds that kept the lake relatively calm for great boating .

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## President's Message

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

Well the 2014 boating season has ended much the same way it started, cold and wet. As I am writing this note we are experiencing near record cold with snow and it only early November! We are working to develop a schedule of events for next year and we hope to publish this soon.



It's always great to wrap up our boating season with one of our most popular events, the Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show. I am proud to report that this show was one of our most successful events ever! With over 90 boats in the water and more than 35 on land, this was one of our largest shows to date. We had record attendance at every event. It was especially fun to see over 40 new boats and many new faces at the show this year. Thank you to the show committee, our loyal volunteers and the Blackhawk membership that make this event possible. I would also like to thank the many sponsors that help make this event a reality for our chapter.

Our final event of the year was the Blackhawk Chapter Fall Dinner hosted by the Fox River Valley Boat Company at their Ringwood showroom. Thank you to Tom & Marge Wagner for sharing their facility with the Blackhawk Chapter. Seventy members attended the evening with many new members in the crowd. Congratulations to all of the Blackhawk members that participated in our events throughout the 2014 season. We had a wonderful year with many new boats and members participating in our events.

Our first event for 2015 will be the Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail show at the McCormick Place South Hall. The show runs Wednesday through Sunday January 14-18, 2015. As the name suggest, this year the show is merging with Strictly Sail. To support the show we are hoping to add a few antique & classic sailboats to our display. Please take a moment to review the registration form later in this edition of the Smoke Signal. If you are interested in presenting your boat at the show do not hesitate to give me a call with any questions. We have a large space to fill and I hope we can get more boats to commit for this year's show. As always watch your email or snail mail for the latest Blackhawk updates. Regularly check the Blackhawk web site at [www.blackhawkacbs.com](http://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 2015 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards,

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

Mark Svoboda



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## Geneva Lake Estate Tour by Jan Vogeler

Every year I look forward to Blackhawk Chapter hosting the ACBS Geneva Lakes Boat Show. We have been fortunate enough to attend the show for the last 7 years. Most definitely though one of the highlights of the show is the Estate Tour that kicks off our grand weekend. Please allow me to recap my privileged experience through these homes. As I was fortunate enough to act as tour guide on the first launch, some of my words may be taken from a script that was so graciously provided by Larry Larkin.



Our tour began with an intriguing fog that allowed us to see our Captain Larry Larkin using his masterful skills in navigating to our first location. Slow and steady was our pace.

Thanks to our Captain, we arrived safely at the home of Jerry Newton and David Weinberg where we were greeted at the dock by Mr. Weinberg himself. The home was designed in what could be called "Modern Mediterranean" style. Following retirement from his first career, Mr. Weinberg began his second career in artistic photography. His photographs, described as "modern contemporary", create a photographic narrative telling a story, more graphic and less abstract than what is usually considered Modern Art. As scripted, the home was designed with strong vertical lines and abundant windows on the exterior, and thoughtfully placed interior open spaces. The home was furnished with many paintings and sculptures that Mr. Weinberg has collected throughout the years. Our gracious host captivated all of us as he shared the passion of his interests. Many thanks to Jerry Newton and David Weinberg for sharing your beautiful home!

After another relaxing ride, our second launch took us to the home of Christie and Sam Eddins. Disembarking the launch, we gathered up the stairs and around a traditional southern Carolina Kettle. In the 19th century, pots such as this were used in making syrup. We were told by our hostess (Sue Larkin) that these pots were made of cast-iron and needed to be oiled in order to maintain their good condition. Their usefulness was not only for cooking hot dogs and roasting marshmallows for s'mores, but more extensive cooking could be done by placing an oyster roasting surface on the top. It was mentioned that the Eddins' family likes to end their day by gathering around a bright and cheery fire while enjoying their lake view.







Throughout the home there was a recurring design theme of Xs. Whether they were in the ceiling, or in the floor, it was fun to try and locate all of them in each room. Going thru each room was a treat. Colors and themes were extremely well chosen and were so complimentary of a lake home. One particular theme I personally enjoyed, were the cows. Being from WI, I found the faces to be very fun and exciting. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Eddins for sharing your wonderful sunny new home on Lake Geneva!



The third launch took us to the Hagenah Compound. This compound consists of 16 acres of land, with a half-dozen buildings on the north shore of Lake Geneva. First purchased in 1876 by General Henry Strong (who was the president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad) after he had camped all around the lake for several years before declaring that this was the "finest property on the lake shore".



In 1921, the estate was sold to O.N. Tevander. He was the inventor of what was known at that time as the "sanitary milk bottle cap". In 1965 the estate was purchased by the Wrigley family, and is occupied by the three Hagenah brothers, 4th generation descendants of William Wrigley Jr., founder of the Wrigley chewing gum company.

While there were many buildings on the property, we toured only the summer residence of Phil and Susan Hagenah. Their home was designed by Phil's brother John, and built just four years ago. Most of the features and details of this house are based on magazine clippings and photographs collected by Susan.





Our hosts described their home with these words: "What we wanted was a great, old, lake house". Phil and Susan took us through their gorgeously warm home, and shared with us the features that made it truly unique. Our appreciation and thanks to Phil and Susan Hagenah for the historical background and charming tour of your delightful home.

Our final destination was the Lake Geneva Country Club for a luncheon. As always the food and staff were fabulous! Again, we thank our hosts and their willingness to allow us to enter their homes. Without them, this memorable day would not be possible. See you next year!!



## An evening at Colman Woods

by Jan Vogeler

Friday evening of the Geneva Lakes Boat Show was nothing less than spectacular thanks to Charles and Diana Colman! We were treated to a gala at Charles' "Man Cave", complete with food, fun conversations, and fabulous friends!



As we drove up the drive, our eyes gazed upon beautiful vehicles featuring Bentley and Rolls Royce. These cars were to also be shown at the Abbey in the following days. What a great opportunity to view them closely prior to the crowds.



Upon entering the “Man Cave” I immediately felt the warmth and love that was put into planning this building. With its spacious rooms and spiraling staircase I was in awe.

As my daughter Megan, and I, checked in the attendees for the evening, we informed them to roam about the home so as to experience all of its beauty and intricate touches. With its several bedrooms, kitchen, office, wine cellar, and playroom, this was an exceptional “man cave”.



The largest room doubles as a place for Charles to have meetings and store his many boats for the winter. This is where we had our dinner and Charles gave an wonderfully informative talk as to the planning and detailed ideas that went into the building of this structure. A very eco friendly building!



Following dinner, Larry Larkin presented a “massive” Rudder Award to Charles. So heavy, that it had to wheeled out on a dolly. Charles’ many contributions to the club have been greatly appreciated. As the award states, his vision, commitment and integrity are greatly appreciated by all. All attendees were invited to share their heartfelt words on the back of the award. Congratulations Charles, and Thank You for all you have done throughout the years!!!

All particulars were perfectly planned out, and the evening was a huge success! So many thanks to Charles and Diana Colman for their generosity in hosting this event. Very cool “Man Cave”!!!



The early autumn weather was absolutely perfect for a weekend on the water in Southern Wisconsin.

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The Abbey Resort was once again an excellent venue for this spectacular event and became a hubbub of activity over the three day weekend.

All the fun started Friday morning at the Harbor House for the Estate Tour Guests and a pleasant surprise awaited the first group boarding the Sea Lark at municipal pier. Geneva Lake was socked in with a dense fog which made for an interesting early morning cruise. The fog burned off quickly and beautiful weather enhanced our morning on Geneva Lake aboard a classic yacht.



With Captain Karen at the helm all passengers were confident knowing the vessel was in skillful hands.

The hustle and bustle continued into the afternoon at Abbey Harbor with all the classic boats launching and with the Arts & Craft vendors setting up tents and bringing in their wares.



The days cruise and tours were fun and interesting and guests also enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Lake Geneva Country Club. Robert and Amy O'Day were on hand to help quench our thirst.

The fine day on Geneva Lake was topped off by a soiree at Colman Woods. Charles' too cool "Man Cave" was a great setting for members and guests to enjoy cocktails and dinner and ACBS fellowship.



The **Blackhawk Chapter Youth Group** had a great presence again this year and even demonstrated their classic boat restoration skills on-site.



(L-R) Youth Crew Leader Dave Voegler with Remington Reid, Mitch Horton, Nick Svoboda, Mitchel O'Day, Lily Horn, Gina Wagner, Alex Svoboda, Will Haeberle, and Nick Wagner.



Lily and Alex honing their skills on the Correct Craft Sea Nymph which is the latest Blackhawk Chapter Youth Program project.



Charles Colman pointing out the classic elegance of the Van Dam built 'Nokomis' to The CREW.



Soon after boarding and a short cruise The CREW awarded 'Nokomis' The Blackhawk Youth Award.



Matt Byrne aims his GoPro as he cruises by on the impeccably restored 1939 Garwood 'Miss Lisa'



'Louise' Built in 1902 and now restored to steam power. One of Geneva Lakes five surviving original historic yachts.



# And the winners are:



Best Canoe, Peter Mueller  
1914 Peterborough Cedar Rib



Best Fiberglass, John & Julia Gambill  
1973 Chris Craft XK22 - '22 SkiDoo!!'



2nd place Outboard, Richard Kasmar  
1961 Sportcraft Sportsman - 'Dory J'



Best Outboard Moss Cartwright  
1947 Trojan Hot Shot Cottage Racer - 'lil' suzy'



2nd place Contemporary, Larry Streblow - 2014  
Streblow Gentleman's Runabout - 'Bucket List'



Best Contemporary & Blackhawk Youth Group  
Award, Charles Colman  
2003 Van Dam Saloon runabout - 'Nokomis'



2nd place Lapstrake, Mark Licht  
1967 Lyman - 'Seventh Heaven'



Best Lapstrake & People Choice, Lars Ber-  
gersen 1964 Lyman Islander - 'Happiness Is...'



Best Classic Cruiser, Jeff Oppenheimer  
1948 Higgins Deluxe Sedan Cruiser  
'The Andrew J'



2nd plc Classic Utility under 21', Brad Flodin -  
1960 Century Resorter - 'Gini'



Best Classic Utility, Under 21', Erik Petry - 1957  
Higgins Sport Speedster - 'Lil Buddy'



2nd Classic Utility, 21' & Over, Keith Pozulp -  
1952 Chris Craft Holiday - 'Lucky Penny'





Best Classic Utility, 21' & Over, Chris Fox  
1949 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Sweetie'



2nd place Runabout, Under 21', Tom Wagner -  
1947 Chris Craft Custom Runabout - 'Gina'



Best Classic Runabout, Under 21',  
Larry Lange - 1948 Ventnor Sport Runabout



Best Classic Runabout, 21' & Over, James Wil-  
kin 1948 Truscott Runabout - 'ROOTS'



Best Antique Runabout, Chris Millard  
1937 Chris Craft Custom Runabout - 'Sanibel'



2nd plc Best Streblow, Ken Rodeck  
2009 Streblow Utility - 'Rodan'



Best Streblow, Streblow Family  
1969 Streblow Triple Cockpit - 'El DO'



Best Chris Craft & Captains Choice  
Bob VanOrsdel  
1949 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Uncle Buster'



Best Fly By, Dave Vogeler  
1960 Chris Craft Continental - 'At Last'



Best Century, Brad Flodin  
1960 Century Resorter - 'Gini'



ACBS Most Original , John Dort  
1956 Shepherd Runabout - 'No School Today'



Blackhawk Sharpest Arrow, Terry Dickson  
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan - 'Mama Mial'



## "FLY BY" Cup Rolleth Over

By Al Bosworth

It was an honor for me to be the judge of this years "Fly By" competition at the Geneva Lakes Boat Show! I was filling in for George Plamondon, founder of the award, as I was the recipient of the prestigious silver cup in 2013.

I felt I was up to the challenge as we left the Abbey Marina leading the Geneva Lakes Boat Parade aboard Svoboda's Century captained by Mark along with his wife Shelley, their friends and Steve Fleming.



Starting off the competition a 1947 Chris Craft Sportsman "Big W" owned by Mike & Linda Stolz and Tom & Debbi Bosworth flew by as they proceeded down the lake. Next up was a large cruiser 1951 Chris Craft Super Deluxe Semi Enclosed - 'Chrysalis' captained by Ted Cartner. After Ted's two fly-by's at close range those onboard Svoboda's Century started questioning the sanity of the competition.



Peter Mueller based his fly-by run on quantity not quality. His 1980 Millerick Brothers Boat Works Edwardian fantail motor launch - 'PINK HOUR' continuous circling of the judge's boat at 3 knots brought him a second place finish being awarded a jewel encrusted ice scooper. A very cool 1966 Donzi owned by Tony Boudos powered by, impressing all those on board. A very cool 1966 Donzi owned by Tony Boudos powered by, impressing all those on board.



Dave Vogeler in his 1960 Chris Craft Continental 'At Last' idled in the waters as I proudly displayed the Ice Bucket award on the Century's hard top. As we watched Dave fly by on the port side we were blindsided by a rogue wave that hit us on the star-board side. Forsaking my own safety I made sure we had not lost the cooler (or passengers). I skillfully stayed on my feet as the boat rocked back in forth just in time to see the cup "rolleth over" the edge of the boat into the clear, dark blue waters. I felt like the elderly woman watching the jewel disappear into the ocean at the end of the Titanic movie.

Needless to say the judging abruptly ended with Mark Svoboda's fitting comment "you lost the f'ng Cup!!!" Steve Fleming kept repeating "I can't believe it".

Dave Vogeler was deemed the winner and presented at the Awards Banquet a fine "MacGyver" replacement trophy....a chrome coffee table borrowed from the halls of the Abbey Resort along with my room's ice bucket.

Update on the original Cup; A team of seven divers recently spent almost two hours looking for the cup. Unfortunately it was not found and they believe it is in the abyss of Geneva Lake.

A generous contribution was made to the Lockwood Pioneer Scuba Museum for their efforts in the dive. Needless to say....you never know how much boating will end up costing you. The search goes on for the old cup or a suitable replacement.



## Now for the rest of the story.

What was conveniently omitted from Al's account of his miscalculation and the unfortunate results is that it qualified him for the 'OOPS!' Category' race. It was a close run with Mark Svoboda for his holing of the Youth Group Wolverine Wagemaker at the Chicago In-Water Boat Show.

Al's performance in this category was on a much larger stage at the Geneva Lakes Show compared to his competition. Although Mark did happen to have Chicago news personalities aboard his vessel during his attempt.



Finally at the fall dinner the Blackhawk Judges voted and awarded Al Bosworth the First Place 'Broken Prop' trophy. Way to go Al!

This is Terry Dickson - Good Day



The Blackhawk Chapter of the ACBS  
invites you to participate in

## The Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show

McCormick Place South Hall Chicago, IL  
January 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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<b>Model</b>		<b>HP</b>	
<b>Name</b>		<b>Motor Year</b>	
<b>Length</b>		<b>Beam</b>	

**Add a brief paragraph about your boat that we will include in the show signage:**

<p>Interesting facts and history about your boat. Some examples would be: this has been in our family since it was purchased by my father, I am only the second owner, this boat was in the Chicago Boat Show in 19XX, this is one of 4 surviving models, or any other information show attendees and other club members would find interesting.</p>	
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Each boat registration includes one long sleeve embroidered shirt. Please select size:

Shirt Size	Quantity
Extra Small	
Small	
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Large	
Extra Large	
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3X Extra Large	
Additional shirts are available at \$55 each.	



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All exhibitors will be required to help staff the display. Enter your availability in the form below and we will do our best to accommodate every request. The safety and security for the display during show hours will fall on the club. Outside of the show hours security staff will be provided by the show organizers at no cost to the club or exhibitors.

### Show Hours:

Day	Function	Show Hours	Days & Times I am Available to Staff the Show
Tuesday	Setup	Noon to 4:00 PM	
Wednesday	Setup	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	
Thursday	Public Hours	12:00 PM to 9:00 PM	
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Sunday	Teardown	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM	

### INSURANCE CERTIFICATION:

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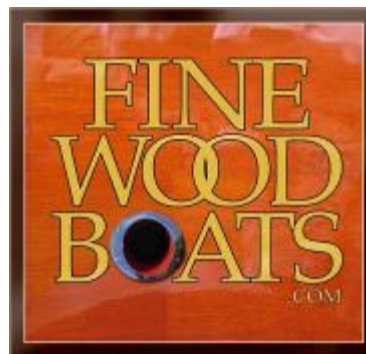
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Date TBA	Spring Chain O' Lakes Cruise
July 11, 2015	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddies
Date TBA	Summer Geneva Lake Cruise
Date TBA	Summer Chain O' Lakes Cruise
Date TBA	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
Date TBA	Fall Dinner at Fox River Valley Boat Company Showroom