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Presidents Notes:

Greetings fellow Blackhawk members,

I hope all of you had an awesome boating season this year! For us on the Fox River, it wasn't the greatest due to flooding, but it's better than cold and snow. As I write this, we have already had our first snow! I hope everyone has got their boats put away for the winter, but are already thinking about spring coming – It's only about 5-1/2 months away!

Thank you to all of our members that have entrusted me to lead the Blackhawk chapter this year. First, I would like to thank Dave Vogeler for being President of the club for the last 3 years. He has done a fine job and has left the chapter in excellent shape. Dave will continue to be active in the club as a board member going forward. Please give Dave a thank you, for his efforts.

A big thank you also goes out to all of the present and past officers, directors, chairpersons and volunteers that have put in the time and effort to keep the club running and in ship shape. Without these volunteers, there would be no club and I appreciate all that they do for the Blackhawk chapter!

I would also like to welcome Mike Furibondo as our newly elected Vice President. Mike has been on the board for a while and always has his boat "Overkill" at the club boat shows. Thanks Mike for stepping up to assist in making sure the club continues on.

Mark Svoboda (I guess Mark just can't let go) and Phil Olsen have also graciously accepted a position on the board of directors. Thank you both for your commitment to the chapter.

Terry Dickson has been doing an excellent job in publishing our newsletter, and hats off to him as this is a never ending project! Terry can always use some stories to publish so please help him make it "your" newsletter by sending him stories and photos of a wood boat adventure, boat show or restoration project. I personally will be sending in an article on the 5-1/2 year (to date) restoration of my 1949 Chris Craft Riviera. It is closer to getting finished every day (just stained the hull) and I hope to christen it on its 70th birthday, June 20th 2019.



As the new board has not met yet, we do not have any specific information on upcoming events, but in addition to our two boat shows, I am already working on our spring workshop and dinner along with an opportunity where you can use your boats and have fun. I might even try to organize some sort of impromptu function over the winter so look for more information soon!

I would like to encourage all of our members to consider volunteering and/or participating in club events. This is a great way to meet people, use your boats and have fun all while helping the chapter. We need participation to ensure the success of our events and to ease the workload of all of the volunteers. Please help to make Blackhawk, YOUR chapter.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday season and am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Best wishes to all,
Bob O'Day

Past Presidents Message:

Hello Fellow Blackhawk Members:

It has been my privilege to stand at the helm of the best chapter in the ACBS. I have met so many great people in the Blackhawk Chapter and will cherish their friendships for the rest of my life.

I can't thank enough all of my board members over the past 3 years. Their hard work and dedication to the club made my job so much easier. I would also like to thank all of you, the members. The platform I chose to work under was volunteerism and boy have you stepped up to the plate. Our events were always well supported and attended. From the Spring Workshop to the Geneva Lakes Show you participated and helped out with the enthusiasm that drew me into the club some 10 years ago.



I now hand over the presidential duties to my Vice President of 3 years Bob O'Day. I am confident that you will all welcome him with open arms and show him the same support that you gave me 3 years ago. Boating runs in Bob's blood and his passion for old wood and classic boats makes him a great successor! I wish him all the best and will continue to support him throughout his reign.

My very best to all of you and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Warmest regards,
David Vogeler

Editors Note: My apologies for the late mailing of this issue.



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Membership Chairperson, Jan Vogeler
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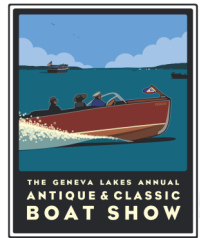


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BLACKHAWK CHAPTER 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

Lake Cruise, Estate Tour and Welcome Dinner

Contributed by the 2018 GLBS Committee

The 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Friday estate tour was a fantastic opportunity to kick off a wonderful classic boating weekend. With three picturesque estates, transportation on classic lake launches and lunch at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club there is no better supporting event!



The first home visited was the residence of Tom and Geri Whowell. This amazing home sits on 12 wooded acres and took ten years to build, fifty years of collecting Indian, lake, and nautical memorabilia to reach the point you will see today. The home is a 6500 sq. ft. of post and beam construction with 36 6 by 8-foot picture windows. There is no drywall, wallpaper, paint, or sealer inside or out on this house. Many tons of granite boulders line the perimeter and it has many unique architectural features including a wooden bath tub and sink.

Our next stop was the home of Michael and Marie Keefe. This remarkable home, designed by architect Justin Bucy of BSB Design and built by contractor John Engerman, is modern in every respect with crisp clean lines while maintaining a warm inviting feel. It is based on the philosophy expressed by Louis Sullivan that artistic “form follows function,” with a blend in this case of modern contemporary living while exploiting remarkable views focusing on the lake. The extraordinary steel structure that supports the house and cantilevered balconies on the steep hillside is cleverly worked into wooden floors and wall panels that are hand rubbed to bring out the natural warmth of the wood.



The third home on the 2018 tour was House in the Woods, owned by a Blackhawk member. This home is truly amazing and is among the finest on the lake. It is the result of a harmony of design and decoration throughout the home that subtly blends into a decorative masterpiece. It was designed by Howard VanDoren Shaw and built in 1905 by Adolphus Bartlett a partner of Hibbard, Spencer and Bartlett Hardware Company that eventually became True Value Hardware. It was a gift for his wife and was built under a circus tent so work could progress throughout the winter without interruption.



After seeing the main house, guests had the opportunity to see the swimming pool and the guest house. The home was honored by Ladies Home Journal as being among the twelve best summer homes in the country, and another national magazine described it as “one of the most beautiful country homes in the land.”

The Bartlett’s art collection, which was given to the art Institute, included Seurat’s La Grande Jatte and Van Gogh’s Bedroom at Arles, among many other prized gifts.

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Our final stop was the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and Buddy Melges Sailing Center for lunch. As many of you know, Buddy Melges was an Olympic Gold Medalist and the helmsman on the America³ when it won the America's Cup. We chose to go to the Yacht Club this year to give our membership and guests an opportunity to see this new and interesting facility. Our group had the opportunity to walk around inside the building and see the pictures and the memorabilia from earlier historic yachting events.



We hope you enjoyed the Blackhawk Chapter's 2018 Lake Cruise and Home Tour. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Boats used for transportation the 2018 Estate Tour



SEALARK: Owned by Larry Larkin, completed in 2006, is a re-creation of an 1890's historic Lake Geneva steam yacht. Although powered by a modern Crusader 8.1 liter V-8 engine, the boat captures the essence of the earliest boats on Lake Geneva.

POLARIS: This 73-foot long craft owned by Gage Marine was built in 1898 by the Racine Boat Manufacturing Company and brought to Lake Geneva by rail car. It was owned by Otto Young, a wholesale jeweler and

land speculator who also built Stone Manor. Purchased in 1940 by the tour boat company it has been used as a charter boat for the last 80 years.



HENRY KNOX: Owned by a Blackhawk member, this 88-foot vessel was just completed and launched on June 9, 2018. Designed by Mark Pudlo of Seacraft Design, hull built by Andersen Boat Works, Styled by Bill Prince, decorated by Alessandra Branca the yacht is simply outstanding in every respect with exquisite veneers, specially selected fabrics, and craftsmanship of the highest quality. Its mechanical equipment is equally sophisticated. It is battery powered with twin Torqeedo electric motors for propulsion, a Seakeeper gyro stabilizer, and B & G Marine Electronics.

Geneva Lakes Boat Show Friday Evening Welcome Dinner

The 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Welcome Dinner was held at Michael Ferro's Apple Orchard and Entertainment Center. This unique facility is located on Mr. Ferro's farm and features homemade apple cider and other comestibles grown on site. The building also includes bowling alleys and a virtual golf course. We had over 200 members, friends and guests at this event. After a wonderful catered dinner, we were entertained with a presentation on the story of the commissioning of the Henry Knox presented by Larry Larkin. Larry was intimately involved in the project and shared the inspiration and technology that is employed in this remarkable lake launch.



The 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that contribute to the success of these events. We hope to see all of you at the 2019 show !

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

By Terry Dickson

I went back through previous issues for the weather reports and could find no mention of boaters waking up to frost on the windshields of their classics so this year was another first. Last year we baked and this time around we shivered a bit but it was all good and we had another fantastic outing at Abbey Harbor on beautiful Geneva Lake.



We had a couple hours to enjoy Sunshine on Saturday morning but a front moved in and by noon our boat show was sun blocked.



This here is Streblow Country my Friends. Always with awesome interiors as seen in 'The Real McCoy'.



Ron and Nana are ready for a day of skiing and picnicking aboard the fully outfitted 1960 Chetek Princess 'Why Not'.



Daryl's Continental has the coolest original interior ever. The Hula dancer and 9-transistor radio only add to the 1960's kitsch.



Charles' 1961 Glastron 'E HOLA KIA' adds a touch of Classic Glass to Abbey Harbor.



The Blackhawk Youth Group is a hearty bunch and headed out to the lake aboard the 1956 Morehouse 'More kids'.

Geneva Lakes 2018 Award Winners



Best Fiberglass - Steve Reuter
1958 Herters Flying Fish



Best Outboard - Kyle Knoke
1957 Trojan Sea Breeze
'Walleen 2.1'



Best Contemporary - Ross Lynch
2003 Grand-Craft Grand Sport
'Irish Ayes'



Best Lapstrake - Lynn Richter
1956 Chris Craft Sea Skiff
'BOEINGS'



Best Classic Cruiser & Captains Choice
Bob Gee - 1959 Shepherd Commuter
'Mimi G'



2nd Classic Utility Under 21' - Doug Tracy
1948 Chris Craft Rocket
'My Time'



Best Classic Utility Under 21' & Peoples Choice
Daryl Konrad—1961 Chris-Craft Continental
'Over the Top'



2nd Classic Utility 21' & Over - Jim Wilkins
1952 Chris Craft U22 Deluxe Sportsman
'FANTASTIC'



Best Classic Utility 21' & Over - James Miller
1951 Chris Craft Sportsman
'Emily'



2nd Classic Runabout Under 21' - Doug Tracy
1950 Chris Craft Speical Utility/Gentleman's
Racer - 'Just Cruisin'



Best Classic Runabout over 21' - Lars Bergersen
1953 Shepherd Express Cruiser
'Falcon'



Best Antique Runabout under 21 - David De Horn
1941 Chris Craft 105 Deluxe Runabout
'RUMOUR'

Geneva Lakes 2018 Award Winners



Best antique Runabout over 21' - Chuck Wegner
1930 Dart Silver Dart
'Miss Geneva'



2nd Streblow - Eric Moberg
1958 Streblow Rebel
'Rebel'



Best Streblow - Ken Rodeck
2009 Streblow Custom Utility
'RODAN'



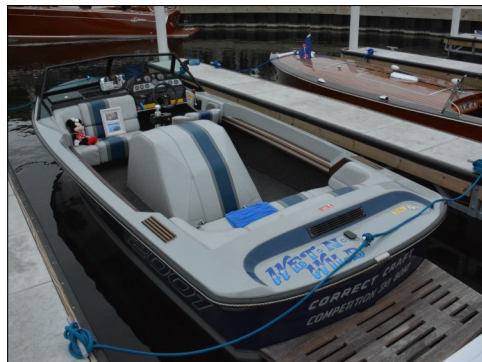
Blackhawk Youth Award - Nick Caselli
1959 Chris Craft Continental
'Sportin A Woody'



Best Century - Gary Conger
1947 Century Sea Maid
'Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah'



Chris Craft Stewardship Award - Micheal Favilla
1936 Chris Craft Special Race Boat
'MARJORIE'



Best Non-Wood - Doug Tracy
1987 Correct Craft SN 2001
'Wet-n-Wild'



ACBS "Most Original" - Danny Lyons
1950 Chris Craft Custom Sedan
'Snowcloud'



Plamondon Cup - Remington Reid
1970 Checkmate MX-14



Sharpest Arrow - Nick Wagner
1947 Wagemaker Wolverine
'Old Times'



Editors Choice Best RC - John Larkin
'Sea Lark'



Editors Choice – Don Anderson
1950 O. Aanesen
'Ruggen'

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2018 Geneva Lakes Boat Show



Shown here side by side is Michael's 1936 Chris Craft Special Race Boat - 'MARJORIE' and Matt's 2016 replica of the same model. Each boat is a fine example of Chris Craft racing history. Fantastic work guys and thanks for coming out and showing the eye candy.



Midday darkness will not stifle the Captain Bear & Crew party aboard 'Casual Elegance'.



Johns 56 Sweet AristoCraft Typhoon is appropriately named 'TAIFUN'.



It appears to be a serpent and sure enough it's Howard's Cobra slithering across Geneva Lake.



Its still dark and cold but Remington's smile and the bad roar of his FrankenMerc warmed the day.

26th ANNUAL MINOCQUA ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

HOSTED AT THE BOATHOUSE ON LAKE MINOCQUA

June 22-23 2018 Benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society
A Special Salute to Captain Gordon Moore “Our Founder”



By Donald Allen, Courtesy of the Sunnyland ACBS Chapter as published in the Sheerline magazine

At the 2017 Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show, show participants and viewing public endured cold, windy and overcast conditions. Gordon Moore, the show's founder and guiding spirit, promised ideal weather conditions for the 2018 show.

Sadly, 2 months after the 2017 show, Gordon passed away. Gordon's passing left a void in the Northwoods antique boating community. Boaters were determined to make the 26th Annual Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat show a tribute to Gordon Moore.

However during the week leading up to the 2018 show, the Northwoods experienced record rainfalls. Several areas south of Minocqua were flooding, thus the DNR was unable to lower the Lake Minocqua water levels. Two days before the show was to begin, water was lapping over the docks at the show venue—The Boathouse.

Show promoter—Al Hanley, considered canceling the show. **But**, on Thursday the lake level dropped a couple of inches, and then again on Friday. Al declared the show “**a go**”! But out of caution for protecting the boats, the Friday evening boat parade was canceled.

On Saturday morning, 47 show participants were greeted by a spectacularly sunny day. The temperature was in the low 80s with a light breeze. The Minocqua Show was held in the best conditions that anyone could recall.

The docks and the land display were filled with a wide variety of beautiful antique and classic boats. Spectators crowded the docks and all enjoyed the outside dining and music.

For 26 years all proceeds from the Minocqua show have been donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The show this year raised over \$5,000.

All agreed that Gordon Moore had kept his promise.



“Exit Cruise”

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GLACIER LAKES ACBS 26th ANNUAL MINOCQUA ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

By Terry Dickson

Our friends of the Glacier Lakes Chapter hosted their 26th annual show at the Boathouse on Lake Minocqua and it was a perfect summer weekend in the beautiful Wisconsin Northwoods. We met lots of really friendly folks everywhere we went up there and this is on my list to attend again next year. The show venue with its close proximity to town and walking distance to bars, breweries, restaurants and shops is a big plus. Over 40 gorgeous boats were on display with the majority in the water.



A stunning win there for Glass aficionados was this cool 1966 GW Invader with the 66 Merc 500. Galina proudly won the Captains Choice "Best in Show" and "Best Outboard".



Although Galina's father David did not medal for his 1958 Thompson, the boat is impeccably restored, and it's clear that David and Galina make a great classic boating team.



Another very cool Glassic was Dick's "Dick'N Around". A very original 1972 Century Resorter with a Chrysler 318. I went out on the lake with Dick and man this thing really moves. Gotta love that genuine Naugahyde. Dick went home with Best Fiberglass.





I am partial to Century boats and this 1955 Arabian 'Luu Lee' is just too sweet. According to the owner John, the beautiful blue stain was a prototype color that never went to Production.



Pat and Christina's freshly restored 1958 Carver Colonel 'Blondie' with 30 hp Evinrude.



Perry & Jill are all smiles aboard their new 55 Chris Craft Holiday.



And Irish eyes are smiling aboard Ross and Ruth's grand 2003 Grand Craft 'IRISH AYES'.

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GLACIER LAKES ACBS 26th ANNUAL MINOCQUA ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW



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Classified Corner



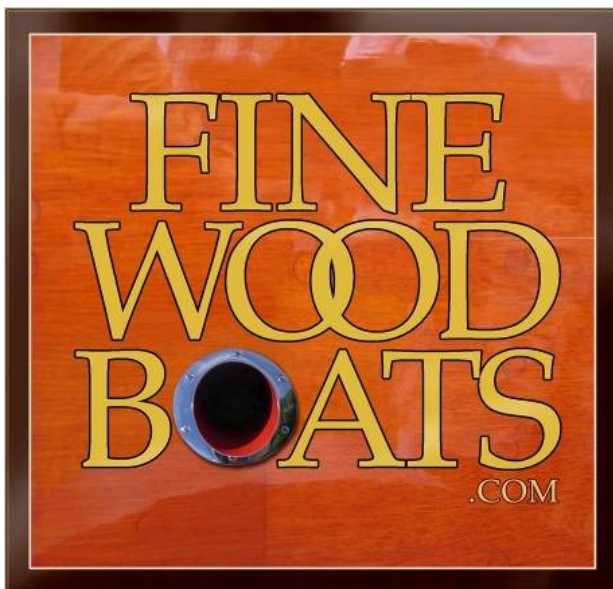
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To keep the newsletter fresh, exciting and providing new viewpoints to the readers, we need your stories... the funny, the interesting, the informative. There are over 300 members now and I invite all of you to share your stories of a day, a boat, or a lifetime of your experience.

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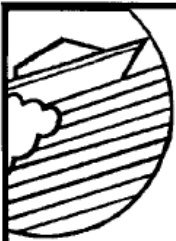
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Sat July 13, 2019	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
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Fri-Sun Sept 27-29, 2019	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
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