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Newsletter of the BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS

18th Annual Minocqua Antique and Classic Boat Show July 24-26, 2009

Written by Erik Moberg

Gordon Moore, assisted again this year by Dave Bortner of Mahogany Bay, as well as Al Hanley of Up North Action magazine, put together the 18th annual installment of the Minocqua Boat show benefiting Multiple Sclerosis.

As in previous years, the fun started with a tour of the beautiful 5700 acre Minocqua chain. Unlike here near the Illinois-Wisconsin border, there has not been much rain up north, and the lakes were down about a foot, but all the channels were still plenty deep. A little rain during the day provided some insurance just in case. It also justified those of us who drove up on Friday and opted not to spiff up our boats for the drive up. Regular readers will know that it always rains on that Friday at some point.

A good showing of about 30 boats went out to line up for the Friday night boat parade that opens the Min-Aqua Bat water ski show. Unfortunately, that is when the serious rain started, and most headed for the cover of the Hwy 51 bridge, although a few very intrepid crews donned jackets, hats or seat cushions over their heads and did the parade in the rain. Anyone who stayed past the rain was treated to an exceptional rainbow as the sun again appeared briefly before dusk.



Chris Craft Silver Arrow

The public display opened Saturday morning to more intermittent rain showers. Yours truly missed the morning session, instead searching the county for a carb rebuild kit to no avail.

"carburetor? – no one uses those anymore", or "I'll sell you a new one" (I will need two to match) "Ok, I'll sell you two", or "what is that from?" In the end we made do with the old gaskets and arrived about the time the sun came out again, although there were more sprinkles in the afternoon. The public turnout was very good considering the weather. If you can't go fishing you may as well go into town.



Sunday was much better, although still cool, like the midwest has been all summer so far. There was a great assortment of about 45 boats on display, from beautiful canoes, some very nice outboard boats, a rare fiberglass Chris Craft Silver Arrow, up to a 26' twin screw Continental, and crowned by a stunning reproduction the 1923 33' Gentlemen's racer Baby Gar V, courtesy of Mahogany Bay, which took the spectator's choice award hands down.



Baby Gar V

The remaining awards went as follows:

Best Prewar Chris Craft – Jim Gould – 1930 Model 202 Run-about

Best Post war Chris Craft – Ralph Marrinson – 1956 Continental

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each summer, we do a trip in August to see children and grandchildren. Being members of the ACBS, we all have certain skills which distinguishes from just plain people who might be members of other groups. Some are gifted at varnishing while others are accomplished at elaborate restoration. My level is superb chrome polishing. My association with antique and classic boats has allowed me to push towards new perimeters. Each summer I attend to the metal on my son-in-laws sports car. It has gotten easier because of the great care I took originally started this service. Nevertheless, this year he made a remark to the effect wondering if I was licensed and authorized to do this type of work, to which, I had to remind him of the merits of a gifted father-in-law, least he forget. All of this is about August, what a great month hopefully to just hang out and get in a few laughs.

Now, on to matters of a September boat show. This is a hot ticket! Don't wait to sign up because it has all the possibilities of being a sell out. I was told last week that the winner of the of the Most Coveted Oops award is not wanting to give it up because he thinks he can win it again this year. I can feel compition mounting in the air boat, show chairmen have always have those weighty decisions, this year is no different. I hearing rumors of some new, never seen before, boats on tap for this years show. Gordy's on Friday night promises to be a party not to miss and the Abbey dinner on Saturday. Looks like we finally have some weather to finish off the summer, let's get boats on the water, see you at the show!

Best Regards,
George Plamondon

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Youth development gets a boost



Andy Ievins presents a check to our Treasurer as Bill Struve looks on.

Through the generous efforts of several parties, the youth development committee received significant contributions. Bill Struve has donated several of his watercraft. One was raffled off at the Spring Dinner, an open kayak won by Al Bosworth. Another of his donated craft is a Rowing Dory purchased by Andy Ievins. There are several more waiting for the right owner. Through the efforts of Ron Van Horn, a hydraulic marina yard trailer was obtained. At first we thought it might make a good project for the Chapter to rebuild, but it was later determined it was not as useful to the Chapter as we thought. It was recently sold to a marina in Connecticut. We are open to suggestion as how to best put these funds to use. If anyone knows of young people who are enthusiastic about a Classic Boat project, let us know.

The 25th Annual Show was a Great Success

Written by Ted Cartner

After JOEY Ts burned down it was determined the site was too dangerous to have our 25th Annual Show there, and so it was cancelled. Back in the 80s and early 90s the Show was held at Andres On The Bay (later called Capo's Cove) in Meyer's Bay on Pistakee Lake. This location is now Famous Freddie's. So with less than a month before the show date, Ron Van Horn approached the management of Famous Freddie's with the idea of bringing the Show back to that location. They were enthusiastic.

We already had returned all the registrations and checks that were received and generally put out the word that the Show was off. Now with the Show on again and about 4 weeks to go would anyone show up? As always pre-registrations were slow to come in, as of the day before the Show we had only 11 registered boats. But we decided that was OK, at least we didn't break the chain of annual shows.

The weather could have been better, cloudy with an occasional drizzle and cooler than normal. In spite of the weather and last minute arrangements, about 50 boats showed up. If not a new record number of boats, it was close. A new group of outboard motor collectors also attended, bringing some very interesting restored racing hydros.

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Freddie's opened the dockside cabana bar early for us, so there were plenty of choices for attitude adjustment beverages. Marcia and Dean Morris manned the registration table and were busy with all the last minute people showing up. At one point they ran out of forms so copies were made in the restaurant office.

Thank you to Capt. Ron, the Morris's, the folks at Fox Valley Boat Co., and everyone else that helped make the Show happen.

At the end of the Show awards were presented as always to those voted winners by the people registered.



Best Outboard Motorboat
Best Utility
Best Runabout
Skippers Choice
Runnerup Outboard
Runnerup Best Utility
Runnerup Best Runabout
Runnerup Skippers Choice

Richard Sade
Jim Staib
Bob Jersey
Pete Cook
Andrew Vogeler
Sean Patrick
Steve Anderson
Tom Wagner

1956 Zephyr
1951 CC Sportsman
1935 Runabout
2007 Cook Craft
1956 Milocraft
1959 Chris Craft 18
1956 Shepherd
1957 CC Cavalier



The sun did peek out once in awhile to brighten up the day and after the Show there was some good boating as the lakes were not too crowded. Everyone agreed that the location is outstanding, with good docks and piers, food and drink readily available, tables and chairs; it all made for a pleasant party atmosphere. Hope to see you all there next year.

More Pictures from The 25th Annual Show



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Best Century – Dave Bortner - 1961 Coronado

Best Outboard - David Haugh – 1958 Thompson

Gordon's Special award – Kimball & Jeanette Goluska – 1930 Dodge Triple

Ralph deserves special mention for making the day for a great many children, whom he invited into his boat to have their pictures taken at the helm by appreciative parents. What an excellent way to spark the interest in a new generation of budding woodie aficionados.

Food and beverages were donated by local sponsors and served up by Gordon's relatives, who contributed their southern humor to all; and Pete Eckstrom again donated souvenir T shirts with all sales going to MS. All told \$5,000 was raised for this worthy cause.

Next year the dates to remember are July 23-25.



Award winners – from left: Dave Bortner, Al Hanley, Ralph Marrinson, Dave Haugh, Gordon Moore (back row), Kimball Goluska. Not pictured – Jim Gould

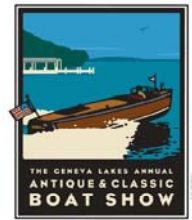


Ralph Marrinson 26' Continental





2009 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show September 25-27



Please come to the 10th annual 2009 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show. The boat show is once again being held at the Abbey Resort & Spa in Fontana, WI, and promises to be a great event.

The weekend begins Friday morning at 9:00 am with a narrated lake front estate garden tour. Boaters will be inspired by the spectacular gardens at the lake.

A "Classic Picnic Buffet" will be served at Aurora University in the Village of Williams Bay at 1:15 pm. The Menu includes; Black Angus Burgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Baked beans, Watermelon & Cookies.

Feel free to come to Aurora University by boat or car starting at 12:00 pm. Cash bar will be available. The highlight of the afternoon is a tour of the historic Yerkes Observatory! The tour is from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. A trolley will shuttle from Aurora University to Yerkes leaving at 1:45 pm and arriving back at Aurora University at 3:15. Total cost for lunch, shuttle and tour is \$35.00 per person.

Yerkes Observatory, which calls itself "the birthplace of modern astrophysics," is an astronomical observatory operated by the University of Chicago in Williams Bay. It was created in 1897 by George Ellery Hale and financed by Charles T. Yerkes. The observatory represented a shift in the thinking of observatories, from mere housing for a telescope and observer, to the modern concept of observation equipment integrated with laboratory space for physics and chemistry. A 102 cm (40 inch) refracting telescope is located inside. It is the largest refracting telescope used for scientific research. For more information on the observatory visit their web site at <http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes>.



Come join us on Friday evening at Gordy's Boat House Restaurant upstairs in the legendary Cobalt Lounge. Cash bar will open at 6:00 and be open all night. Dinner is "on your own"; Gordy's wait staff will take dinner orders in the lounge starting at 7:00 pm. Separate checks will be available. Boat docking is available. Entertainment will be provided by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio.



Boats will be on exhibit all day Saturday, beginning at 10:00 am. Be sure you have your boat in the water by then, as we expect a lot of spectators. Local vendors will have items on display, and the Blackhawk Chapter's tent will once again offer t-shirts, posters and other items. The annual "starting of the engines" and boat parade will commence at 4:00 pm. "Burnin' Down The Docks", a celebration of Blues, will be playing live at the waterfront from 12:00-4:00 both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday evening's dinner will be held at the Shore Room in the Abbey Resort. Cash bar will open at 6:30, followed by a sit-down dinner of chicken or beef. Cost is \$40 per person. This is an event you won't want to miss, as boat show awards will be presented at Saturday evening's dinner. Awards will be given in several categories including: Best Chris Craft; Best Century; Best Runabout; Best Utility; Best Outboard Boat; Best Fiberglass Classic, the "Best of Show"; and, of course, the Blackhawk Sharpest Arrow Award.

Sunday, boats will be on exhibit again at 10 am. People's Choice award and drawing winners announced at Blackhawk tent at 2 pm. 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.

The registration form can be found on the show web site at www.GenevaLakesBoatShow.com Please return your Registration Form by September 12. We have a limited number of boat slips (entries accepted on a first serve basis).

Feel free to contact Matt Byrne with any questions at 630-802-2698 or by email at GLBS@blackhawkacbs.com.



Please make hotel reservations directly with The Abbey Resort at 800-709-1323, mention the "Blackhawk Chapter Antique Classic Show" for a special "run of the house" room group rate. 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

Blackhawk Chapter

2009 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show

Friday, September 25, 2009

All day	Launching at Abbey Marina
9:00-10:00	Abbey Boat Launch - Check-in & Information concerning Fridays Events at Abbey Boat Launch. (pre-registration required)
10:00-12:00	Boat on your own to narrated Estate garden tours (Weather permitting boat access only no cars).
12:00-1:00	Aurora University – Beasley Center (indoor and outdoor deck seating) arrive by boat or car. Cash bar (wine & beer)
1:00	Lunch – Classic Picnic Buffet Hamburger and hot dogs.
1:45	Trolley bus ride (included) to Yerkes Observatory
2:00-3:00	Tour of Yerkes Observatory
3:00	Trolley bus ride back to Aurora University
3:00-6:00	Open boating on your own
6:00-7:00	Gordy's Restaurant Cobalt Lounge over looking Fontana Lake front, docks available. Entertainment by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio.
7:00-9:00	Dinner in the Cobalt Lounge (individual checks and full service cash bar available).

Saturday, September 26, 2009

7:00-9:30	Boat Check In & Launching at Abbey- The Harbor House
10:00-4:00	Antique Boat Show open to public. Ships Store & Exhibitors
11:30-3:00	Lunch will be available on the Abbey grounds
12:00-4:00	Burnin' Down The Docks, a celebration of Blues, Live at The Waterfront.
3:30	Skippers meeting for boat parade instructions at Blackhawk tent
4:00-5:00	Boat parade and afternoon cruise on Lake Geneva
6:30-7:30	Abbey- The Shore Room Cocktail hours (cash bar)
7:30	Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Door Prizes

Sunday, September 27, 2009

10:00-2:00	Antique Boat Show open to public
12:00-4:00	Burnin' Down The Docks, a celebration of Blues, Live at The Waterfront.
2:00	Peoples Choice Award and drawing Prize winners announced at the Blackhawk tent..
3:00	Boat show concludes. Reloading assistance available.

Schedule Subject to Change
Registration Required by September 12th



The Blackhawk Chapter ACBS invites you to participate in
The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI Sept 25-27, 2009

Name: _____ First Mate: _____

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

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Additional Crew: (First and Last name) _____

Boat Exhibit Information

☐ In Water (\$45) ☐ On Land (\$25) ☐ Nautical Exhibit (Free)* ☐ For Sale (Additional \$25)

*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 25

Garden Tour - by your own boat (Weather Permitting - No car Access)

Attending _____

Lunch at Aurora University and a Tour of Yerkes Observatory -

Attending _____ @ \$35/ea \$ _____

Lunch includes black Angus burgers, all beef hot dogs, Cole slaw, baked beans, watermelon and cookies.

Cocktails and Dinner - (on your own) at Gordy's Boat House Restaurant on Fontana water front. Entertainment will be provided by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio. (Head count needed for restaurant)

Attending _____

Saturday, September 26

Award Dinner - 6:30pm The Abbey Resort

Your choice of:

Chicken a la Abbey - Pan Seared Chicken Confetti Garden rice
or

Chicken _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

Herb crusted Prime Rib - with roasted Red Potatoes
or

Beef _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

Garden Penne Pasta Aglio De Olio - Garden Vegetable Sautéed in a Fresh Basil Garlic Aglio and Tossed with Penne Pasta.

Pasta _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

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Registration forms received after September 12, 2009 additional \$25.00 late fee (Check if late) ☐ \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Deadline for all reservations and activities is Sept 12th. Registration, dinner and event fees are not refundable. Space is limited. All registrations are on a first come / first served basis

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION:

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to:
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Send Registration To:
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For additional info contact:
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or 630-802-2698

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. People's Choice to be awarded on Sunday at 2:00pm.

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 12th.



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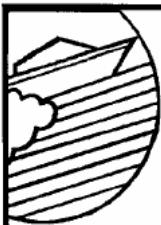
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