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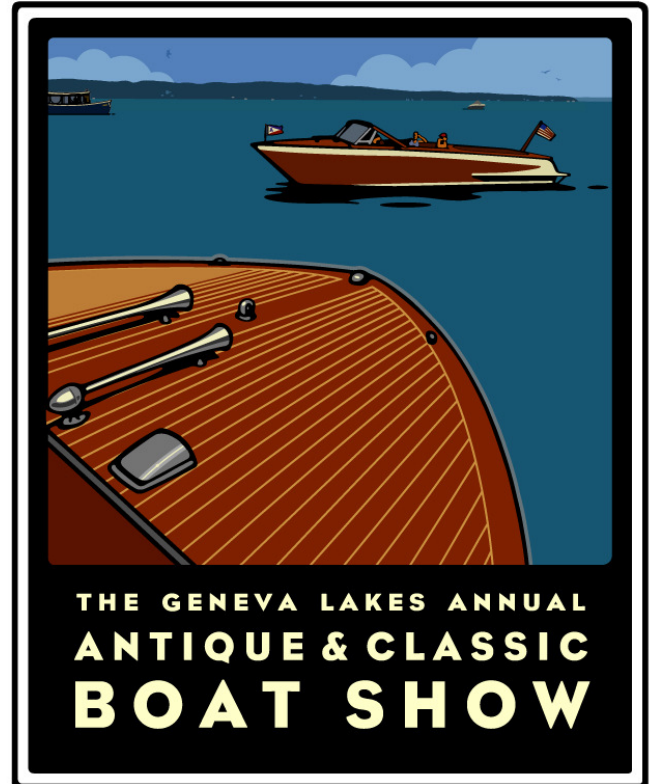
June 13-16, 2013 • The 31st Street Harbor



Story and more photos of
this fun 4-Day Event inside!



THE BLACKHAWK CHAPTER OF THE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY PRESENTS



SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH, 2013

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Special Request for Blackhawk Members!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

The 2013 boating season has arrived! Mother Nature is finally cooperating and we can get out on the lakes and enjoy our boats. With a number of events now in our wake we will be focusing our efforts on making our premier shows a success.



This past weekend we participated at the Chicago In-Water Boat Show promoted by the National Marine Manufacturers Association at the 31st Street Harbor. Our group was represented by 12 boats and many other members that came to the event to see the show. The weather varied for the four day run of the show but Sunday, Father's Day, was fantastic. The show management put us in a great location along the main walkway. Normally at a show like this the boats come in for the show and sit for the duration of the event. With our display, boats were constantly moving in and around the harbor and out on the lake. Our captains were offering rides to show VIP's, attendees, friends and family. I received many compliments on our display and also the opportunity to see and hear the boats moving about the harbor. On Saturday evening we had 32 members and guests at the Chicago Yacht Club dinner. The weather cleared and we enjoyed a beautiful evening and a picturesque view of the Chicago harbor and skyline. I would like to thank each and every member that participated in the show. Your dedication to the Blackhawk Chapter is greatly appreciated.

Our next event is the Chain O'Lakes Show on Saturday July 20th at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. The show runs from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM with an awards presentation at 1:30 PM. A barbeque buffet will follow at 2:00 PM. This is always a fun event and attracts a wide variety of antique and classic boats from the area. More details and registration for this event can be found on page 10 of this edition of the Smoke Signal.

Registration for the 2013 Geneva Lake Antique and Classic Boat Show is also open. New this year is the ability to register and pay fees online. Online registration is preferred. As in past years, we are publishing a show directory that will include information and a picture of your boat. The online registration will allow you to easily upload an image of your boat to include in the directory. More information can be found on pages 4-7 in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

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 2013 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MS', which is the signature of Mark Svoboda.

Mark Svoboda

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Click on the Smoke Signal tab, click on any issue



Chicago In-Water Boat Show

By Ted Cartner

Photos by several members on pages 8 and 9



The in-water boat show at the new 31st Street Marina was certainly a different venue than our typical ACBS show. There were vendors selling everything from \$2,000,000 yachts to jars of pickles. For \$43,000 you could buy the new aqua-ATV, similar to the classic AquaCar but a combo Jet ski/ATV. One of the more interesting new gadgets was a Flyboard, a kit that attaches to a Jet Ski, diverts the water through a 6" diameter 50' long hose to a small platform that you attach to your feet. The water exits through two jets under the platform thrusting the rider up into the air. On pages 1, 8 and 9 you can see photos of them, as well as the aqua ATV and some other fun water toys that were available at "Try-it Cove", right there in the harbor next to where our boats were docked.

The weather varied quite a bit over the 5 days of the show. Set up Wednesday was hot, humid, & very windy. Thursday was cool, dry, but still windy. Lake waves were 7-9 feet! Friday was sunny with moderate temps, but the morning cruise & parade were cancelled as the waves were still breaking over the seawall. On Saturday it rained on and off all day. The weather on Sunday turned out to be near perfect, with a good crowd attending the show. Lake Michigan on Sunday morning was dead calm, which gave us a chance to burn some gas in our boats while enjoying the Chicago skyline.

Of course the main attraction were the A.&C.B.s on display from the Blackhawk Chapter. We showed a variety of boats from the canoes and 17' Youth Project outboard to a beautiful 28' 1932 Garwood with a V12 Scripps. The "came the furthest by water" award goes to the Rodecks, who drove their Streblov "RODAN" down Lake Michigan to the show from Kenosha.

Sensing a need to attract more attention to the Blackhawk tent, George Plamondon took his rare 1960s BMW AQUACYCLE out of storage and drove it to the tent & put it on display. Most don't know the history of this rare, one of a kind, motorcycle. At first glance it looks like any run of the mill classic BMW with a side car. Pinewood Studios (re. 007) asked the Bavaria Motor Werks to create a special bike which had a side car that would detach when it hit the water, the motorcycle would fall away and the side car would then be a crude sort of Jet ski. But the scene never made it to the final cut as when filming, the sidecar suddenly submarined and almost drown the stuntman. George declined to demonstrate.

The dinner Saturday evening at the Chicago Yacht Club was indeed a special venue. The view from the second floor dining room overlooking the Harbor was spectacular.

By Sunday afternoon most were tired after 4-5 days. To avoid the rush and gridlock at the 31st Street Marina ramp after the Show, there was a parade of mahogany to Burnham Harbor by water to ramp out the boats. This worked out well as the trailers were already stored at Burnham.



Hot Fun in the Summertime!



Upper Chain O' Lakes RENDEZVOUS!



AUGUST 24th



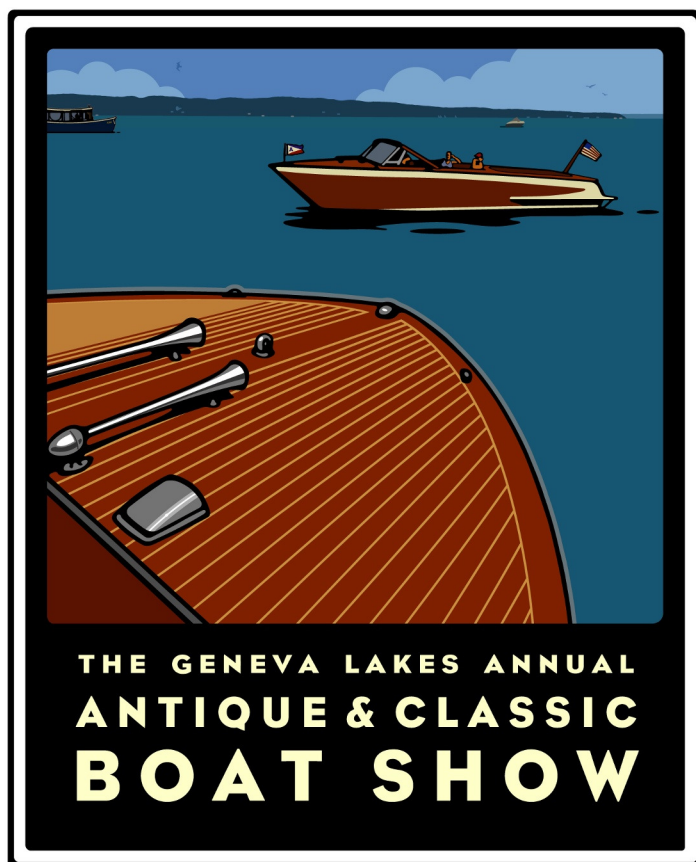
The Chapter has had picnics on the lower Fox River, cruises to Port Edwards, and boat shows in McHenry and Fox Lake. When was the last time we had an event on the upper Chain O' Lakes? Well here is your chance to explore the upper Chain, we are planning a Rendezvous August 24th. It will be an informal casual event on Channel Lake, Lake Marie, Lake Catherine (cleanest lake on the Chain), Spring Lake (where's that?), Bluff Lake etc. Some of the places you could visit are Steitz's Resort (climb the aerobic stairway), or historic Webb's Marina (say "Hi" to Frank & Nancy) where you can still buy gauges for a 1950 Chris Craft.

We are planning a boating scavenger hunt around the Lakes where boat teams will be asked to answer questions such as: "How many sunken jet skis are visible at the Gunk Hole Resort" or "How high is the flood high water mark at Webb's Marina". There will be BIG prizes for the winners. (as in sunken jet skis)

There are places where we can meet for lunch and, weather permitting, meet in the afternoon at the Lake Catherine sand bar for a swim.

There is no charge, but if you want to participate in the scavenger hunt let us know where to send the Questions. We can US Mail or EMAIL to you a day or two before the event.

Call or Send your request to: Ted Cartner at 847-395-8902 or Chrysalis40@att.net



SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2013

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



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 do not want to miss out on. Along with cruising in the launches, we will be visiting three new estates this year, those belonging to John and Michelle Simms, Brent and Sharon Brodeski and Bob and Rita Obrien; plus lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club. Friday afternoon is yours to do as you wish, whether it is taking your boat out on the lake, spending time in the spa or pool, or just hanging out with old friends or making new ones.

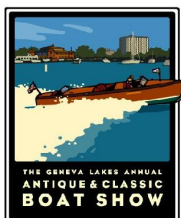
Friday night's Welcome Reception Dinner is returning to the home of gracious hosts, Larry and Sue Larkin. Events there have always been fun and delicious, and I'm sure this year's dinner will be sure to please all of us once again. You can arrive there by boat or car, and enjoy the meal out on the lakeside lawn, and feel free to look inside the Lark's Nest at their many fascinating collections.

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 "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 new online registration, where you can sign up using your credit card, and 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 27-29, 2013

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) ☐ Nautical Exhibit (Free)* ☐ 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 28

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

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

Attending _____ @ \$70/Adult
Non Members _____ @ \$100/Adult
_____ @ \$25/Child \$ _____

Reception Cocktails and Dinner – Cocktails reception and dinner and program
at the Larkin estate on Lake Geneva.

Attending _____ @ \$50/Adult
_____ @ \$20/Child \$ _____

Saturday, September 29

Awards Dinner - The Abbey Resort

Dinner includes your choice of West Shore Sunset Chicken, Prime Rib 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.

Prime Rib _____ @ \$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 10, 2010 additional \$25.00 late fee (Check if late) ☐ \$ _____

I would like to become a member of the ACBS and Blackhawk Chapter \$65/year \$ _____

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 9th. 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 2013 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.

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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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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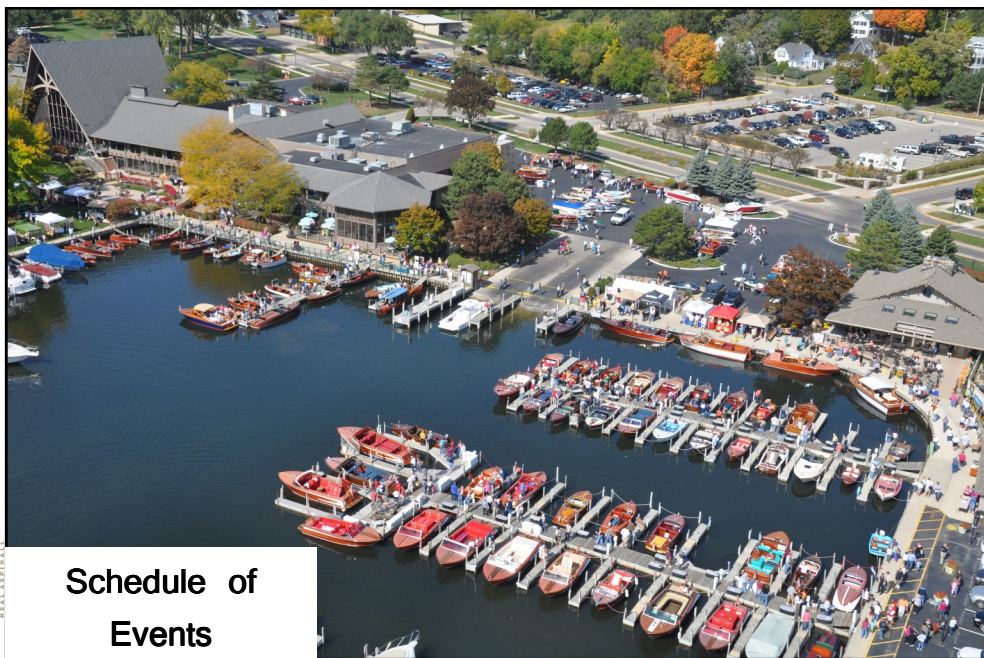
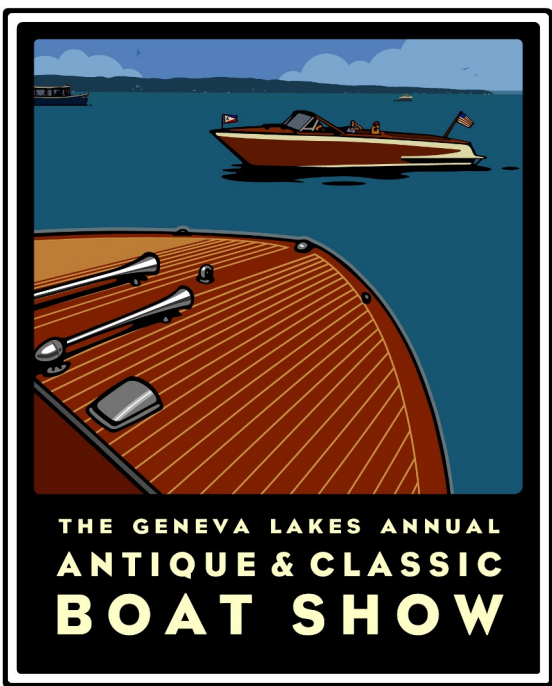
Final notes:

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 9th.

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 from the Abbey Harbor House in Fontana. Tour time is approximately 4:45 minutes.

Friday Evening Reception Cocktails and Dinner

Come join us at the home of Larry and Sue Larkin. Feel free to come by boat, there is docking space.

Saturday, September 28 Boat Show in the Abbey Harbor

Registration in the Harbor House. 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 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 t-shirts, posters and other items. The annual "starting of the engines" and boat parade will commence at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Evening Awards Dinner

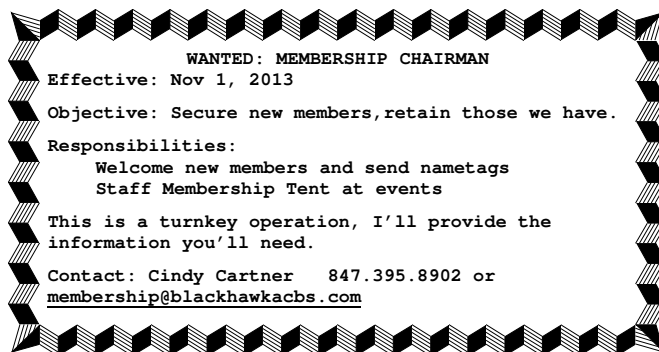
The awards dinner will be held in the Harbor Ballroom at the Abbey Resort. Cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7:30, cost is \$50 per person. This is an event that you won't want to miss as boat show awards will be presented at the dinner. In an effort to honor the winners of the 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.

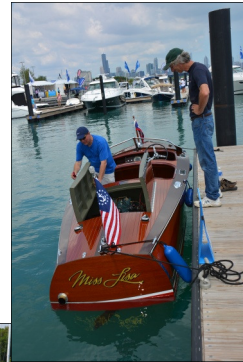
Sunday, September 29, Boat Show continues in the Abbey Harbor

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.



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.







★ ★ ★ 29th A N N U A L ★ ★ ★

**ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
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Awards presented at 1:30PM



For more information:
Ron Van Horn 708.347.8951 Ted Cartner 847.395.8902



Come Join the Fun!

This one-day, casual boat show is always a laid back, fun day! All classes of boats are traditionally well represented here, including classic glass, race boats, and, of course the runabouts, utilities, launches, plus outboards, (Junior Blackhawk boat included). Registration and food are reasonably priced, (especially if you sign up early).

The many floating docks are large and padded, perfect for whatever size boat you have, and they are nestled in a no-wake end of the bay. (What more could you ask for?) Freddie's bar and dining room are open all morning and afternoon, but don't fill up — save your appetite for the knock out Western BBQ!

By popular demand, the dinner has been moved to an early afternoon meal, right after the awards ceremony. It's a fantastic spread of succulent pork ribs, tender and juicy chicken, corn on the cob, garden salad, coleslaw and dessert. Sooo yummy!

There will be plenty of time afterwards to head out and enjoy Saturday afternoon and evening out on the Chain O' Lakes. Mark your calendars now, and send in your registration today!



Western BBQ Buffet at 2:00pm

Grilled BBQ Chicken ★ BBQ Rib Fingers ★ Corn on the Cob
 Coleslaw ★ Tossed Garden Salad ★ Baked Potatoes ★ Cash Bar



\$15.00 Boat entry fee (before 7/12/13, \$20 after 7/12/13)

\$16.00 per person for BBQ Buffet

Set up is 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

There is no launch ramp at Freddie's, you could launch at any of the other Marinas around the Lake.

Ben Watts Marina ramp is 3 minutes by car or water

NOTE: A Waterway Permit Sticker is required; it can be purchased at Watts Marina.

For more info: Ron Van Horn 708-347-8951 or Ted Cartner 847-395-8902

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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The Department of Natural Resources **DID NOT** send out watercraft renewal notices this year.

It is your responsibility to make sure that your watercraft registration is current.

******The online Renewal system is now available as of April 30, 2013******

Watercraft owners are able to renew their watercraft registrations by using a touch-tone telephone (1-866-867-3542) or the internet. This service operates 24/7.

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/boating/Pages/RenewYourWatercraftRegistration.aspx>

Classified Corner

HELP WANTED: Membership Chairman Effective: Nov 1, 2013 Objective: Secure new members, retain those we have. Responsibilities: Welcome new members and send nametags. Staff Membership Tent at events. This is a turnkey operation. I'll have the info you'll need. Contact: Cindy Cartner 847.395.8902 or membership@blackhawkacbs.com

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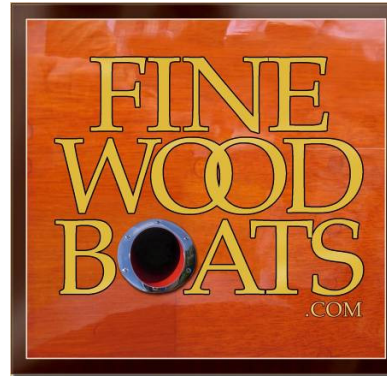


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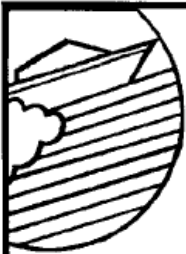
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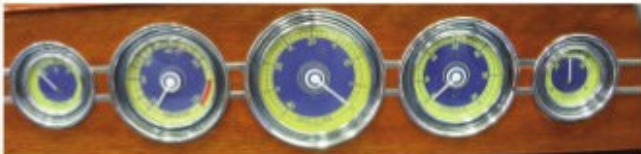


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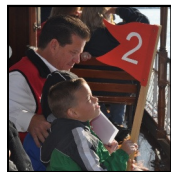
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| Sat, July 20 | 29th Antique & Classic Boat Show at Freddie's, Fox Lake, IL |
| Fri-Sun, July 26-28 | 21st Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Boathouse, Minocqua, WI |
| Fri -Sat, Aug 2-3 | Glacier Lakes 8th Annual Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show |
| Sat, Aug 17 | Glacier Lakes 9th Annual Pewaukee Lake Show & Fair at Lakefront Park |
| Sat, Aug 24 | Upper Chain O'Lakes Cruise Party |
| Sat, Sept 14 | Lower Chain O'Lakes Fall Cruise |
| Sept 17-23 | ACBS Annual Meeting & International Boat Show, Coeur d'Alene, ID |
| Fri-Sun, Sept 27-29 | Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show, The Abbey, Fontana, WI |
| Sat, Oct 19 | Fall Dinner |

