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Blackhawks and Classic Boats Highlight Chicago Boat Show



2015 exhibit crew members for the 85th Annual Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail Show

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Blackhawk Chapter Antique and Classic Boat & Motor Exhibit Summary By Mark Svoboda

The response to the Antique and Classic Boat Exhibit presented by the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Blackhawk Chapter was incredible. Every day of the event many attendees expressed to our team that the exhibit was the highlight of the Chicago show.

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President's Message



Fellow Blackhawk Members:
The 2015 boating season is getting under way and I am looking forward to getting out on the water as soon as the weather allows.

Spring is always an exciting time as we start thinking about getting our boats out of storage and preparing for that first launch. Every spring I look forward to the tasks, both large and small, that get me closer to that first day on the water!

Our first event for 2015 was the Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail show at the McCormick Place South Hall. The show was significantly larger this year and the Blackhawk Chapter had over 4000 square feet of space. We had 12 boats on display and 15 outboard motors. The show was very well attended and the crowds were huge on Friday afternoon and Saturday. We signed up 12 new members for the Blackhawk Chapter at the show!

I would like to thank all of the Blackhawk members that braved the Chicago winter and brought boats to the show. We had a fabulous group of boats at the show that ranged in age from 1904 to a 2014 reproduction. We had many wonderful comments during and after the show. As in past years, I heard many times that we are the best feature at the show!

Our next event will be the Blackhawk Spring Workshop at Fox River Valley Boat Company on Saturday April 11th. Tom Wagner and his staff will be offering tours of his shop and discussion around the various projects in the shop this spring. We will also be featuring the Blackhawk Chapter Youth Group. They will be working on their current project boat. The workshop will be from 10:00 AM to 12 noon with a complementary light lunch to follow. Look for additional information to register for this event later 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 2015 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MSV', written in a cursive style.

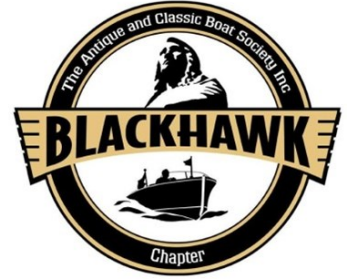
Mark Svoboda



“WELCOME ABOARD”

NEW BLACKHAWK MEMBERS IN 2014-15

Membership Chairperson, Jan Voegler, reports Blackhawk membership has grown to 300+ members



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 Don Anderson, Waunakee WI
 Christopher & Kathleen Fox, Bonita Springs FL
 Zane Bussler, Presque Isle WI
 Bruce & Judith Renquist, Three Lakes WI
 Lorayne & Sidney Bradshaw, Ontario CAN
 Patrick & Anne Cahill, Hinsdale IL
 John Conley, Crystal Lake IL
 Scott & Sheryl Stier, Huntley IL
 Gregory & Nancy Holvay, Crystal Lake IL
 Ted J. Roubas, Hampshire IL
 Lee Wangstad, Nisswa MN
 Steve MaLinski, McHenry IL
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 Glenn Elston, Rock Island IL
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 Karl & Debbie Weber, Naperville IL



Blackhawk Chapter name badges are again available. These tasteful badges are a great way to let other members know who you are at outings, and to show your affiliation at non-Blackhawk events.


Contact Membership Chairperson Jan Voegler, SOS
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Corrections: And apologies for names misspelled in the last Smoke Signal Issue 3 on page 3. Phil and Susan Hagenah, Carol Hays, Jim Wilkin, Lawrie Weed, and Lael Vandenburg

Glacier Lakes Gala Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Ted Cartner



In November the Glacier Lakes Chapter celebrated their 10th anniversary with a spectacular dinner at the  in Milwaukee.

The evening began with a cocktail hour which extended into the dinner hour as guests were eager to catch up on the latest with their fellow members. The room was a-buzz, you could catch phrases throughout the hour such as “what kind of varnish?”, “how’s your bottom”, “maybe next year”, etc. All the while the dining room staff circulated with trays of tasty canapés.



Music was provided by Pete Wood and his “Woodys” Orchestra (actually the Mississippi Mud Cats) with vocals by Julie Thompson.

Commodore Lepping with some hesitation called the pre-dinner activity to a close as the food was ready to be served. After dinner, recognition was given to those founding members, especially to Frank Petran who was most responsible for reorganizing MACBA into the ACBS Glacier Lakes Chapter. A boost was needed and the conversion to an ACBS chapter was just the ticket.

MACBA (Midwest Antique & Classic Boat Association), created in the mid-seventies, was possibly the first Midwest area classic boat club, predating all ACBS chapters in the area, but active.

Ted Cartner was given recognition for assisting Frank with the ACBS formalities of creating the Chapter. Also honored were past Commodores Wil Vidal, John Bauman, Mark Walters, Jack Schneiberg, & Rich Lepping. Karl Johns received a Founders Award for his hosting of a yearly show at his home.

Also celebrated at the dinner was Glacier Lakes’ ACBS Chapter of the Year Award. In the last 10 years membership has grown from just a handful to almost 200 members. Their award winning newsletter compliments a full schedule of events with two major boat shows and a host of other activities.



(l-r) Commodore Rich Lepping presents Helen Petran^{1st} Commodore for Founder Frank Petran and Founder Ken Bourgeois in support



The Blackhawk Chapter was well represented in Milwaukee by Past President George Plamodon (top center) flanked by Ted & Cindy Cartner and seated (l-r) Dave, Andrew and Jan Vogeler.



Commodore presents Ted Cartner, liaison to ACBS who made it possible for Glacier Lakes to become a chapter 10 years ago.



Wil Vidal received recognition as 2nd Commodore and also 'The Spirit of the Lakes Award'.

After the general meeting and honors, the Orchestra played while people danced 'til late in the evening.

For more on this event see:

<http://www.glacbs.org/Portals/0/AtTheWaterline/2014/AtTheWaterlineOctNovDec2014.pdf>



★ ★ ★ 31st ANNUAL ★ ★ ★
**ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
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Saturday ★ July 11, 2015

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★ **9:00AM - 2:00PM** ★
Awards presented at 1:30PM



For more information:

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**The 31st Annual Antique & Classic
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Coleslaw
Baked Potatoes

Cash Bar

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<http://blackhawkacbs.com/Events/FoxLakeBoatShow.aspx>

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85th Annual Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show Summary



Blackhawk Chapter Antique and Classic Boat & Motor Exhibit

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Along with our partner in this event, The Antique Outboard Motor Club, Motorheads of Illinois Chapter, we presented 12 boats ranging in age from a 1904 canoe to a 2014 Dart reproduction. We are pleased to report that we signed up 12 new memberships for the ACBS Blackhawk Chapter. Thank you Jan Vogeler, Membership Chairperson!



Most of the larger boats were viewed from an elevated platform that offered a view as if they were walking down a pier at almost any marina in the late 1960's. At each boat we had a large sign board with the boat and owner information as well as a brief paragraph that included interesting facts and history about the boat. The motors had smaller signs with a similar set of information and facts. This gave the display a bit of a museum feel that the show attendees enjoyed.

A special thank you to all of the club members who helped make this event possible. With the help of over 20 Blackhawks and 10 Motorheads, we had great coverage of the exhibit for the duration of the show. The Chicago show committee would also like to thank the National Marine Manufacturers Association for working with us to help make this show possible. The NMMA team was a pleasure to work with and we look forward to partnering at future events.



Displayed Boats and Presenters:

- Ken Boeschen, 1958 22' Chris Craft Sportsman
- Len & Toni Bonnevier, 1978 23' Streblov Runabout
- Ron & Nana Campana, 1960 18' Chetek Princess
- Walter J. Goes, 1973 28' Melges E-Scow
- Barry & Vanessa Hynes, 1958 15' Chris Craft Cavalier
- Paul Miller, 1915 16' Canadian Canoe Co.
- Paul Miller, Early 1900's 16" Wm. English Canoe Co. Model 20
- Ramsey Brothers Restorations, 2014 16' Dart Boat Company Baby Dart
- Marion Roskowski, 1955 14' Wagemaker Wolverine Deluxe
- Kenneth & Barbara Uher, 1958 14' Wolverine Mohawk
- Dave & Jan Vogeler, 1960 18' Chris Craft Continental
- Nick Wagner, 1950 14' Wagemaker Wolverine
- Tom & Marge Wagner, 1951 16' Chris Craft Riviera
- Ken Boeschen, Ron Campana, Vince Heywood,
Jeff Hagstotz, & Keith Warning, Motorheads Chapter AOMC Illinois



View From the Canoes

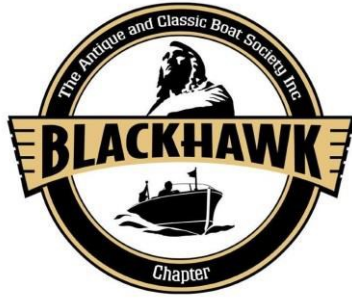
By Paul Miller

I had two canoes in the booth, a restored turn of the Century Wm. English Model 20 racing canoe and an unrestored Canadian Canoe Co. pleasure model from about 1910; both built in the Canadian Board & Batten method.

The unrestored canoe was displayed with a mast & sail along with a leeboard thwart; a classic sailing canoe set up. Many visitors were surprised you could sail a canoe and wondered if it wouldn't be easy to heel over. When I pointed out the leeboards used in place of a keel they mentioned they thought those were part of the canoe rack.

One visitor was viewing the sailing canoe closely with great interest. When I approached she mentioned her mother was not much of a risk taker in her older years but had always told of sailing a canoe as a young girl. The only picture the family had was from a distance only showing the sail but no detail of the boat she was in. The family always wondered how she could have sailed a canoe. I assured her this was the way her Mom sailed her canoe. The lady took a number of pictures and I think walked away satisfied she had discovered a piece to the family puzzle.



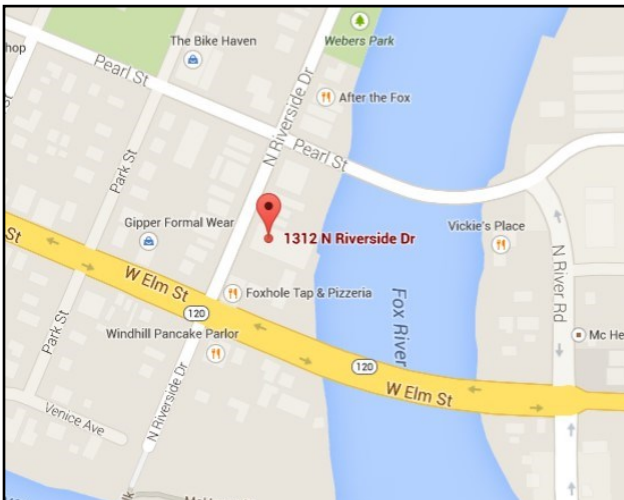


2015 ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Spring Workshop Saturday April 11, 2015

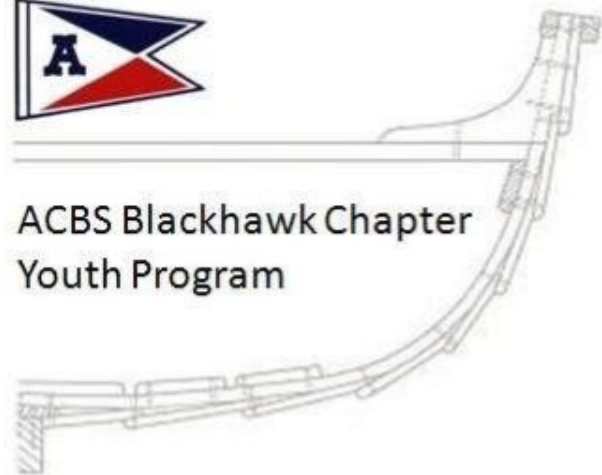
The Blackhawk Chapter, featuring the youth group, will be holding a workshop at Fox River Valley Boat Company on Saturday April 11, 2015. The Blackhawk youth group will be actively working on their current project boat. Tom Wagner and his staff will offer tours of the shop and answer questions on current projects. A light lunch complements of the Blackhawk Chapter will follow at 12 noon. Come out and support the youth group. All members and guests are welcome as well as any youths interested in joining the group. Come with questions, talk to the experts, support the Blackhawk Chapter and stay for lunch!



Workshop: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with a complementary hot dog, chips and beverage lunch. Parking is available along Riverside Drive and Pearl Street. Do not use the parking behind the bar and restaurant north of the shop.



ACBS Blackhawk Chapter
Youth Program



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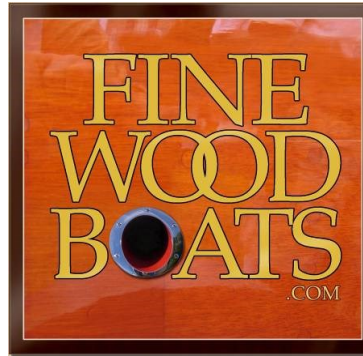


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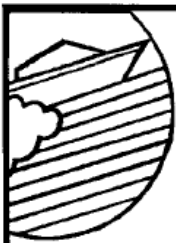
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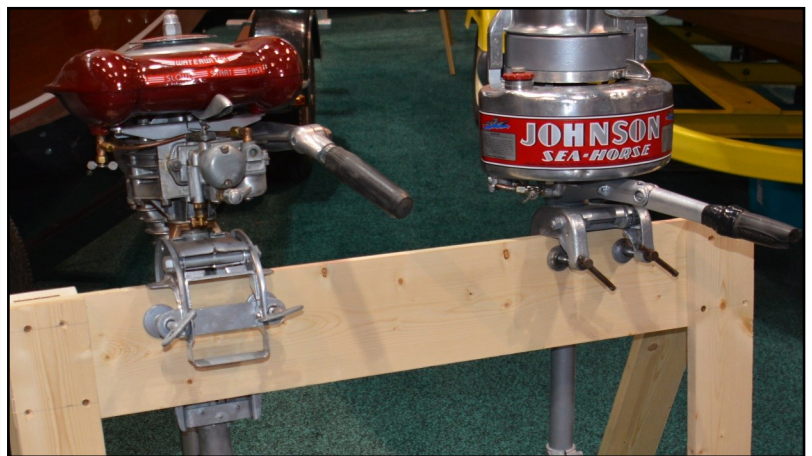


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2015 Event Calendar

April 11, 2015	Spring Work Shop at Fox Valley Boat Company
Date TBA	Spring Dinner
Date TBA	Spring Chain O' Lakes Cruise
July 11, 2015	31st Annual Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
Date TBA	Summer Geneva Lake Cruise
Date TBA	Summer Chain O' Lakes Cruise
Sept 25-27, 2015	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
Date TBA	Fall Dinner at Fox River Valley Boat Company Showroom