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By Marge Wagner

The lazy days of summer led us into the quickly approaching fall boat show at the Abbey. With our fingers crossed and a few prayers we were blessed with perfect weather.

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Presidents Notes:

Hello fellow Blackhawk members,

As I begin my duties as your new President I cannot help but think about the big shoes I will attempt to fill. As a 7 year member of the Blackhawk Chapter I have seen firsthand the unbelievable job Mark has done. His organizational skills, professionalism and enthusiasm will be hard to follow. A big heart felt "Thank you" goes out to him and his family for a job well done.



Even though winter is upon us and our first snow is on the ground, I begin the process of planning the upcoming year. The Progressive Insurance Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show was held January 14-18, 2016. The show organizers had offered us space again for this year's show. Unfortunately due to budget cuts, NMMA was unable to provide us with staging, carpeting or railings. After some discussion with the board it was decided that the added expense would be more than what we would benefit from attending..

The Blackhawk Spring Workshop is scheduled for Saturday April 9th. It will be held this year at The Bergersen Boat Co. in Springfield WI. It has been several years since we last visited Lars and his wife. If you were not fortunate to visit his shop last time, you will not want to miss it this time. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 12 noon, with a light lunch to follow. To register for this event please RSVP to Dave Vogeler at 847-477-3373 or dvogeler214@ameritech.net no later than April 1st.

Along with our usual boat shows in Fox Lake and Geneva Lakes, we are planning additional events designed to get us out and enjoy our boats as a group. The Tall Ships will be returning to Chicago July 27-31, 2016. We are currently having conversations with the folks at Navy Pier Event Operations for possible participation. They would like 10+ boats on display, and are offering many perks, including FREE parking for exhibitors and free admission. They are also working on Tickets for the Parade of Sail Reception and a sail excursion aboard the Tall Ship Windy for exhibitors. More information will follow as we work out the details.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of our members to consider participating in, and volunteering for events. The success of our events and our club is directly related to participation and volunteers. Without strong participation, the shows and events are less enjoyable. Without volunteers there is no show/event. The past events have been run by the same people year after year. Eleanor Roosevelt once said "It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself". We need to get some new members involved in these events or we risk the chance of burning them out.

Best Regards,

Dave Vogeler

Past President's Message

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

This past December I completed my 6th year as the president of the Blackhawk Chapter. As I look back I am pleased with what we have accomplished and I know there is still so much more we can do. After the completion of my last term I felt it was important to breathe some new life and energy into our chapter so I have elected to step down as Chapter President.

This has been a wonderful experience for me and my family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chapter membership for your support over the last 6 years.

It is the membership and your participation that makes this chapter work. Together we have built an incredible organization with many engaging events and activities. The best part of this assignment is meeting our membership and engaging with our boating activities. I am especially pleased that our youth group is growing and we continue to develop new projects.

Please join me in welcoming Dave Vogeler as the Blackhawk Chapter President for 2016. Dave brings energy, passion and new ideas into the organization. I look forward to supporting Dave and expanding our chapter and delivering value to our membership. Dave is planning a number of new events this year and I look forward to what the future holds for the Blackhawk Chapter. I am committed to help in every way I can.

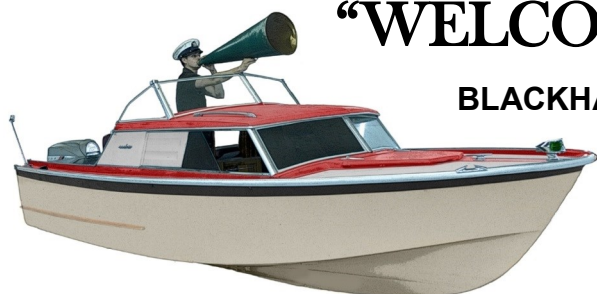
Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water this summer !



Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MSV'.

Mark Svoboda



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



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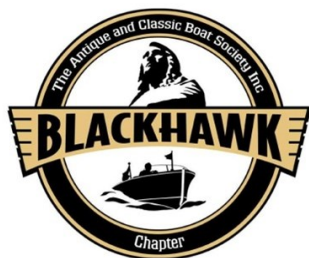
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ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2015 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

Estate Tour and Luncheon

By Mark Svoboda

The 2015 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Estate Tour was a wonderful combination of the old and the new here on Geneva Lake. This year we visited 4 properties belonging to, Ken and Sue Rodeck, Mike and Kay O'Malley, Bob and Jean Couffer and Robert and Jean Clifford.

Our first stop was at Ken and Sue Rodeck's home. The Rodecks designed and built this home in 1999, incorporating design elements characteristic of Frank Lloyd Wright but adapted to fit the two-story structure of the home and the lifestyle of the Rodeck family. The home features high ceilings and extensive woodwork as well as a variety of unique custom features. The Rodecks are members of the Blackhawk Chapter and have exhibited their Century and Streblow at a number of previous boat shows.



The home of Kay and Mike O'Malley next door is probably the oldest and most authentic summer cottage on Lake Geneva. HAZELDORE, as the home is known, dates from the 1880's. Designed and built by an architect named Spencer, the home is composed of three separate buildings under one roof, the main living area, the summer kitchen, and the bedroom wing. Doctor Frederic "Tombstone" Greer, Kay O'Malley's father, bought the home in 1936. The home is known for its beautiful original woodwork, particularly the walnut and tiger maple-inlaid stairway and the patterns worked into the walls and ceiling in the entrance hall and living room on the first floor.

Our next stop was at the Couffer home in Elgin Club. The Elgin Club subdivision dates from 1874 when a group of men from Elgin, Illinois, who enjoyed fishing, bought 16 acres with 1450 feet of lake frontage for a fishing camp. They promptly erected a clubhouse so they would have a place where they could get out of the rain and bad weather as well as sleep overnight. A few years later, the land was subdivided into twenty 50-foot lots and more permanent homes were built. Today it is considered one of the preferred places to live on the lake.



The Couffer home was built in 1892. It was purchased by Bob Couffer's great grandfather in 1924. The architecture is Victorian style. The home was not heated or air conditioned when it was built and was strictly a summer home. It was converted into a year-round home in 1980, while still retaining its original charm. It is a short walk down the shore path is the home of Robert and Jean Clifford where we viewed the gardens and Mr. Clifford's boats. The view of the lake is spectacular. It was well worth the short walk just to see the gardens and outdoor entertainment area.



Our final stop was at the Lake Geneva Country Club for lunch. This was a fitting cap to an unbelievable morning. Great weather, gorgeous boats, wonderful properties and fabulous people! How can we top that? How about an Antique & Classic Boat Show! Thank you very much to our hosts at each property and the many volunteers that help make this event possible. I hope to see you all at the Estate Tour next year!

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2015 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

Welcome Dinner

By Mark Svoboda

The 2015 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Friday Welcome Dinner was held at the Geneva Lake Museum. This is the first time we have held the dinner at the museum and it was fabulous! The museum staff was very accommodating to our group and made us feel at home. This was a great event to kick off the Geneva Lakes Boat Show weekend.



A visit to the Geneva Lake Museum is a trip back in time for southern Wisconsin. From the log cabin with Patawatami tools at one end to the 1920's fire truck and train station at the other end there is much to see! The main hall is set up to be a cobblestone street from turn of the century Lake Geneva. With numerous storefronts including a general store, a blacksmith shop, and a dentist office it's a trip down memory lane. You really get a feel for life in the late 19th and early twentieth century.



We enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner with over 120 members, friends and guests. The tables were set up on the main street in the central hall. Following dinner, Chapter President Mark Svoboda shared a short presentation recapping the Estate Tour that took place Friday morning. Mark also talked about the key events for the boat show on Saturday and Sunday. The museum staff also shared a short presentation on the history of the museum and a few of the unique exhibits that our group should be sure to see.

The Blackhawk Chapter would like to extend a special thank you to Pat Mangan from Moët Hennessy for sponsoring the bar at our dinner. Pat brought a collection of wines and Veuve Clicquot Champaign to accompany our meal. Thank you to Rob Hanna from Chicago Yacht Yard for bringing the Veuve Clicquot Comitti that was parked on the street in front of the museum!



ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2015 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

By Marge Wagner

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Even though boats are meant to get wet...rain shouldn't play a role in this event. The early hours of Saturday were the usual, with people setting up and boats at the ramp.



All day long the sound of a classic woody starting up for a cruise out of the harbor was the background for a wonderful weekend at the Abbey.



One more story to share, another coat of varnish. This is what wood boats are all about.



As my dad once said "many hands make light work". Thanks to all the volunteers.

Geneva Lakes 2015 Award Winners



Best Non-Wood Peter Mueller
1980 Millerick Fan Tail Launch - 'Pink Hour'



Best Fiberglass Daniel Callahan
1958 Shell Lake Rocket



Best Outboard Nicholas Wagner
1960 Thompson



Best Contemporary Jeff Cavanagh
2007 Grand-Craft Grand Sport - 'Checkers'



Best Lapstrake & Blackhawk Youth Award
Bob Klockars 1964 Lyman Gulfstream - 'Vasa'



Best Classic Cruiser Nicholas Loniello
1946 CC Express Cruiser - 'Sentimental Lady'



2nd Classic Utility Under 21' Blackhawk Youth Group- 1955 Morehouse Utility



Best Classic Utility Under 21' Michael Motherway
1956 Chris Craft Continental - 'Cool lady'



2nd Classic Utility 21' & Over Ken Boeschen
1955 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Capt'n Bob'



Best Classic Utility 21' & Over Tom Whowell
1948 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Effie'



2nd Classic Runabout Jeff Davey
1947 Higgins Deluxe run-about - 'Covergirl'



Best Classic Runabout John Dort 1956
Shepherd V-drive Runabout - 'No School Today'

Geneva Lakes 2015 Award Winners



Best Antique Utility Tom Nickols 1940
Chris Craft Deluxe Utility - 'Wooden Nickols'



Best Antique Runabout & Captains Choice
Chuck Wegner 1940 CC Barrel Back - 'Double Barrel'



2nd Streblow Gregory Holvay
1958 Streblow Rebel



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



Best Chris Craft Nick Caselli
1959 CC Continental - 'Sportin' A Woody'



Best Century Pat Wichman
1961 Century Resorter - 'Wicked Wood'



ACBS "Most Original" Jim McAvoy
1946 Chris Craft U-22 - 'Fearless'



People's Choice Chris Millard
1937 Chris Craft Custom Runabout - 'Sanibel'



Best "Fly By" Mark Stanke 1955 Century
Imperial Sportsman Runabout - 'Dad's 55'



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Another Fun Day at Famous Freddie's

By Cindy Cartner

See you next year, on Saturday, July 16th. Whaaat? Well, it's never too early to start filling up next year's boat show calendar.

The ACBS Blackhawk Chapter held its 31st annual in-water boat show at Famous Freddie's waterfront restaurant/bar on Pistakee Lake in Fox Lake, IL on a fantastic summer day, Saturday, July 11th.

Ample floating pier slips afforded all 34 participants room to safely tie-up and prep their boats for showing. Beverages and food were available dockside.

To further enhance the interesting history of this Northern Illinois body of water, local author, David D. Lester, displayed his recent book, "The History of Boating on the Fox Chain O'Lakes".

Prior to heading out on the lakes, many enjoyed the Western-style Bar-B-Q held in Freddie's' banquet room. Ribs, chicken, fresh salad, huge baked potatoes and corn on the cob was included in the reasonably-priced (\$16) buffet. I know of one participant who went back for 7 pieces of corn...

Following is a list of the worthy award recipients. Thank you for sharing your boats with our Club and the Public. Congrats, and see you next year!

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

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2ND RUNABOUT:	John Wenstrom, McHenry, IL	1937 Chris Craft Deluxe OLIVIA ROSE
BEST UTILITY:	Pat & Christina Wickman, Carpentersville, IL	1961 Century Resorter WICKED WOOD
2ND UTILITY:	Karen Birch, Barrington, IL	1957 Chris Craft Continental BIRCHWOOD
BEST OUTBOARD:	Pete Cook, Antioch, IL	2007 Cookcraft SCOOTER
2ND OUTBOARD:	Ron & Nana Campana, Thompson, IL	1960 Chetek Princess WHY NOT
BEST FIBERGLASS:	Richard Frederick, Libertyville, IL	1971 Century Coronado BLACK TOPPER
2ND FIBERGLASS:	Brett Kaminski, Grayslake, IL	1959 Glasspar Sport Lido
BEST NON-WOOD:	Bill Anderson, Hudson, IL	1958 Barnes Shark
SKIPPER'S CHOICE:	Kenneth Klein, McHenry, IL	1954 Wagemaker Wolverine

Just a smattering of the many beautiful boats in the water for the 31st Annual Fox Lake Boat Show



Special thanks to the Carterners and Captain Ron and all Blackhawk volunteers and participants.

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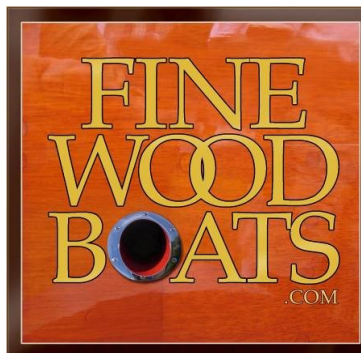
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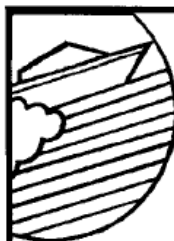
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