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2017 Blackhawk ACBS Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show

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Presidents Notes:

Hello fellow Blackhawk members,

Another year draws to a close and my first thought is to thank everyone for making it so great. The Blackhawk chapter is an active group with great participation but it is the people who volunteer that make it work.



From serving on the board to directing traffic in the parking lot at a show every job has an impact on the members and guests. That impact is reflected in our membership growth which continues to grow every year.

I am happy to announce that the Blackhawk Chapter had the largest increase in membership of all chapters in the ACBS and was recognized at the International show in Racine with an award. We were also presented with an award for our outstanding newsletter. I would like to thank Terry Dickson (newsletter editor) and Jan Vogeler (membership chair) for all of their hard work.

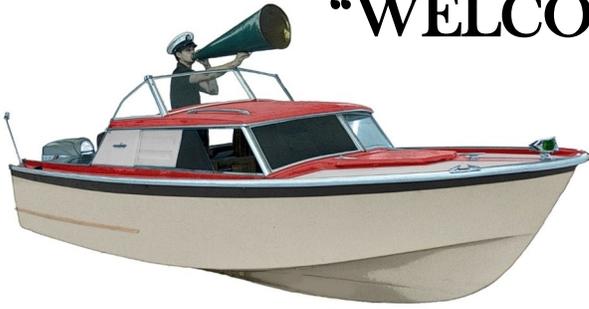
As I reflect on my second year as President of this wonderful club I realize what an honor it has been to serve you, the members. Over the years my family and I have met so many great people at our events and you all have impacted our lives for the better. Thank you!

Stay warm and dry and think Spring.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

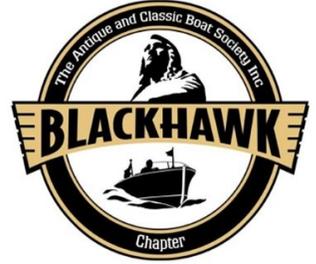
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“WELCOME ABOARD”



BLACKHAWK CHAPTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS

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



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ALL HANDS ON DECK



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 Dave Vogeler at president@blackhawkacbs or 847-477-3373



Share Our Stories

Attention Blackhawk members: The newsletter belongs to you and you can make it better. It's all about our stories. Whether hanging out at the docks during a show or dining together as a group, we all share our stories...the restoration project, bringing an engine back to life, a boating event, the maiden voyage, the mishaps as well as the glorious days when all goes well.

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.

Please send your stories and pictures to stmfittr@aol.com Thanks, Terry Dickson, Smoke Signal Editor

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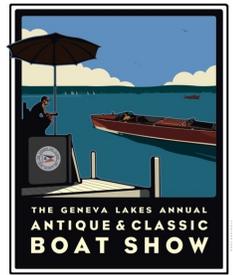
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BLACKHAWK CHAPTER 2017 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Lake Cruise, Estate Tour and Welcome Dinner

By Mark Svoboda

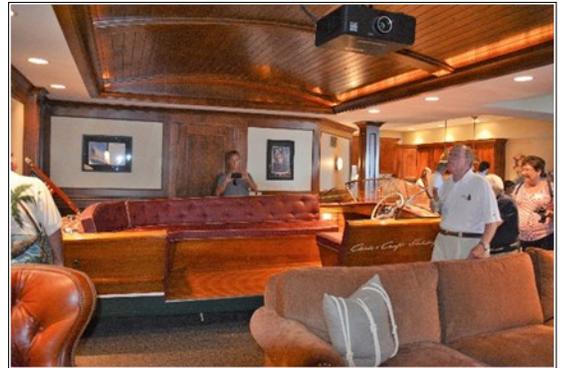
The 2017 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Friday estate tour was a fantastic opportunity to kick off a wonderful classic boating weekend. With three picturesque estates, transportation on classic lake launches and lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club there is no better supporting event!

This year's cruise and house tour visited three amazing estates on Geneva Lake, each with truly memorable features. Transportation was provided aboard four of the more interesting boats on the lake, the SEA LARK, POLARIS, DUCHESS and the steam boat LOUISE. Lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club was included and a delightful way to conclude the tours prior to returning to the Walworth pier.



The first home we visited was the shingle-style residence of Greg and Deborah Kunes. This spectacular lake home was built in 2006 by premier homebuilder John Engermann and is rich with lake and nautical memorabilia. The exterior walls are constructed of granite boulders split to expose the grain within the stone while the mortar joints are recessed to give the walls texture. There are Chippendale styled wooden railings lining the upstairs balconies on the exterior and spindles made to simulate rope on the interior balconies and overlooks. The home is enlivened with extensive use of tile

including a mosaic mariner's compass rose inlaid in the foyer floor, Italian tiles brought back from Rome in the wine room which is located adjacent to the dining area, and marble for sink bases in the bathrooms. The walnut is used extensively throughout the home for many cabinets, especially in the wine room. Brazilian Cherry, selected for its accented grain is used in the library. Other unusual features include a bar and lounge in the basement made from a 1953 19-foot Chris Craft Holiday, a shower big enough for ten in the master bedroom, and a third floor craft room.



The second home we visited was Clear Sky Lodge owned by Jolynn and Michael Blair. This remarkable and absolutely unique 18-room 10,000 sq. ft. home was built in 1918 for Harley Clarke, an early investor in the electric power industry and later in Fox Films which would eventually merge into 20th Century Fox. Designed by Roscoe Harold Zook and landscaped by Jens Jensen, the home is based on an Austrian hunting lodge.

The home is surprisingly original with birch bark wall paper and native wood structural parts and furniture construction. Leather is also woven into wall coverings and furniture and light fixtures incorporate animal motifs. The ceiling in the entrance hall is decorated like the caves at Lascaux, France. There were seven other structures on the site, one being a personal movie theater which was frequented by several Blackhawk members in the 1950's.





The third home we toured was My Blue Heaven and belongs to Susan and Tom Santefort. This is a terrific shingle-style home designed by architect R. R. Browne of West Dundee, IL. Furnishings and design are by Philip Sassano of Lake Geneva's Design Coach. The 10,000 sq. ft. home features seven bed rooms on three levels culminating in uniquely designed children's bedrooms on the third level. The

home features both an indoor and outdoor pool and nautical accessories abound everywhere. The truly remarkable result of the harmony of design and decoration throughout the home is that it subtly blends into a decorative masterpiece.



Finally we enjoyed lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club founded in 1895 by a group of Chicago business men, it is one of the oldest 18-hole golf courses in the Midwest. The course was originally laid out by the golf pro from St. Andrews in Scotland while on a tour of the United States and it is still basically unchanged from his concept. Indeed, many of the bunkers and course features have recognizable characteristics similar to St. Andrews.

This year's Friday evening Welcome Reception was held at John Simms, Jr's new boat house. This boathouse is not on the lake but is located on John's equestrian farm south of the lake.



The building is spectacular and is capable of housing any two of the lake's largest private boats. The floor is heated with the latest technology and is decorated with stained patterns in the concrete.



The shops have the latest equipment, and the support facilities are amazing. The building contains John's latest project, a 67-foot long re-creation of a 19th century Lake Geneva yacht that John is in the process of finishing himself. We enjoyed a delightful buffet dinner and dessert. After dinner John shared a brief presentation of the boat project. It was very interesting to see the progress that has been made.

Fascinating project and everyone in attendance will be anticipating a launch in the not too distant future.



Thank you to the estate owners and the Simms family for sharing your homes and shop with us. And a big thank you to the show committee and all of the volunteers that made this day possible!

ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2017 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

By Terry Dickson

Summer returned to Wisconsin just in time to add some sizzle to Abbey Harbor. Digits in the mid 90's were tempered occasionally with a breeze and that, with any shade one could find, was a cooling comfort. The place to be was out motoring on the lake and even with the breeze the water was relatively calm. Conditions were great for boating all weekend out on magnificent Geneva Lake.



Blackhawk Youth Group aboard the Morehouse 'More Kids!' (l-r) Gina, Alex, Sammy, Lily, Mitchell, Nick & Nick



Mike & Jen are all smiles putting the Ole Lind and that sweet ol' Merc through its paces.



Anyway you look at Ken's Streblov 'RODAN' she always looks awesome.



Paul & his navigator Myles touring Abbey Harbor aboard the old Sears.



Allan & Dana parading their beautiful Correct Craft 'Soul Mate'



Larry's 'Sea Lark' is truly Grand and Glorious.

Geneva Lakes 2017 Award Winners



Best Fiberglass - Doug Lindemann
1971 Allmand Citation hardtop
'Kimberly'



2nd Outboard - Kyle Knoke
1957 Trojan Sea Breeze
'Walleen 2.1'



Best Outboard - Mike Furibondo
1956 Ole Lind Cedar Plank Utility Runabout
'Overkill'



2nd Contemporary - Craig Brosenne
2015 Coeur Custom Wood Boat Coeur 340
'Pure'



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



Best Cruiser - Patrick Maher
1924 Consolidated Speedway
'Cherokee'



2nd Classic Utility Under 21' - Michael
Motherway 1956 Chris Craft Continental
'Cool Lady'



Best Classic Utility Under 21' - Phil Olson
1955 Chris Craft Sportsman
'Phil's Woody'



2nd Classic Utility 21' & Over - Tom Whowell
1948 Chris Craft Sportsman
'Effie'



Best Classic Utility 21' & Over - Dave Bortner
1949 Chris-Craft Sportsman
'On Point'



2nd Classic Runabout Under 21' - Tom Wagner
1948 Chris Craft Custom
'Gina'

Geneva Lakes 2017 Award Winners



Best Classic Runabout Under 21' - Gary Conger
1947 Century Sea Maid
'Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah'



Best Classic Runabout over 21', Blackhawk Youth Award, Captains Choice & Blackhawk Sharpest Arrow
Peter Mueller 1962 Shepherd 120S - 'Strange Magic'



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



Best Antique Runabout under 21 - Chuck Wegner
1939 Chris-Craft Barrel Back
'Double Barrel'



Best antique Runabout over 21' - Chris Millard
1937 Chris Craft 735
'Sanibel'



2nd Streblov - Ken Rodeck
2009 Streblov Sport Utility
'Rodan'



Best Streblov - Eric Moberg
1958 Streblov Rebel
'Rebel Without a Cause'



Best Century - Robert Nyberg
1957 Century Coronado
'Shirley Mae'



Chris Craft Stewardship Award & Peoples Choice - Robert VanOrsdel
1949 Chris Craft Sportsman - 'Uncle Buster'



Best Non-Wood - Terry Dickson
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan
'Mama Mia!'



ACBS "Most Original" - Michael Favilla
1938 Chris-Craft Deluxe Utility
'LOLLIPOP II'



Plamondon Cup - Blackhawk Youth Group
1956 Morehouse Utility
'More Kids!'



It seems the heat kept many folks inside and the docks were not elbow to elbow with spectators as we have seen at previous shows when the weather was more bearable. I know this is the first year I went inside for lunch and some cool air rather than enjoying brats out on the patio.



Parasols were fashion de rigueur. Marge catching some shade aboard her beautiful 'Gina'



Any port in a storm, or rather, any shade on this day. Eric and Kathy representing in Streblov Country.



We are seeing more pretty plastic every year and a great example is Scott & Sheryl's Plastle Lark with the Johnson Javelin.



Dave and his Cherubini Yachts are crossing lines between wood and glass.

“TRY, TRY, AGAIN”

By Cindy Cartner

If you like rain, this was the summer for you. The Chain O’ Lakes in northern Illinois rose 49” higher than normal in two days after torrential rains in early July. The folks on the lower Fox River saw the water rise almost an incredible 6’. The abundance of water refused to go down, preventing ANY boating, canoeing & kayaking included, for over 3 weeks.

The 33rd Antique & Classic In-Water Boat Show, scheduled for July 15th had to be postponed for 2 weeks. It seemed a reasonable assumption that all would be normal soon. Hmm, “not so fast”, Mother Nature said. Two weeks passed and still no boating was allowed. The water just refused to recede.

Finally, in August, after contacting all 40 participants, the Show could go on as planned.

Unfortunately, some participants couldn’t make the new date, however some that couldn’t come in July now could attend.

The Blackhawk Chapter thanks all participants who rearranged their busy end-of-summer weekend plans to squeeze in this annual show. We welcomed some new faces and their beautiful boats and thank ALL for making this 33rd annual show a success!

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Captain Ron and ‘Casual Elegance’ came prepared as usual to help slake that thirst. What will it be, Bud Light or MGD?



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**2nd Runabout "Finn" Chris Craft Rocket
Tom & Marge Wagner**



**Best Runabout "ANN-TIKI" Chris Craft Delux
John & Erin Fischer**



**2nd Utility "Lucky 7" Chris Craft Sportsman
Jim Miller**



**Best Utility "Birchwood" Chris Craft Continental
Karen Birch**



**2nd Outboard - Thompson Sea Mate
Scott Fricke**



Best Outboard - Wagemaker Wolverine
Ken Klein



2nd Fiberglass - Glasspar Sport Lido
Scott Kaminski



Best Fiberglass "Cortez" Century Cortez
Steve Anderson



ACBS Best Non Wood "Argonauts" Slick Craft
George Girten



ACBS Most Original - Starcraft Capri
Kevin Fricke



Skippers Choice "Foxtrot II" Hackercraft
Linda & Art Fox

2017 ACBS International Antique and Classic Boat Show Reef Point Marina, Racine WI

By Terry Dickson



GREAT LAKE FUN HAPPENED HERE



Our friends of the Glacier Lakes Chapter hosted the big ACBS annual show on Lake Michigan at the beautiful Reef Point Marina in Racine. Blackhawks members had great turnout for the event and many went home with ACBS precious metal.



John & Amy Zea – Best of Show Restored, Charles Mistele Race Boat Award & Antique Raceboat - Restored - Platinum
1929 Kramer/Hacker “Antoinette”



Terry & Mary Dickson - Best of Show Non-wood & Classic Outboard w/Steering - Restored - Platinum
1959 Glasspar Seafair Sedan ‘Mama Mia!’



Matt and Lisa Byrne – Contemporary- Platinum
2016 Chris-Craft Replica



Ted and Cindy Cartner – Classic Cruiser Restored - Gold
1951 Chris-Craft ‘Chrysalis’



Dave DeHorn – Antique Runabout - Gold
1941 Chris-Craft ‘Rumor’



Don Taylor - Classic Utility Restored - Gold
1963 Streblov ‘The Rebel’



Don Taylor – Classic Utility Preserved - Silver
1970 Streblov ‘Mr T III’



Eric & Kathy Moberg – Classic Utility - Preserved—Silver
1958 Streblov ‘Rebel Without a Cause’



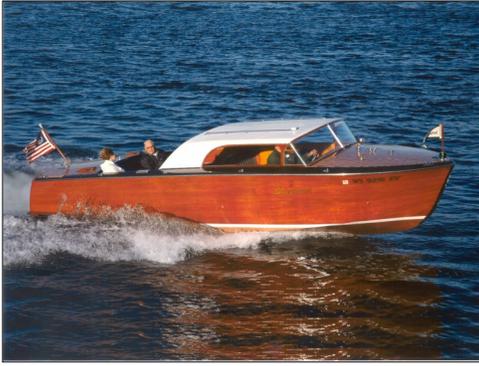
Gary & Mary Hugel –Streblov Marque & Contemporary - Silver
2000 Streblov ‘Mare El III’



Lars & Olivia Bergersen – Classic Runabout - Silver
1953 Shepard ‘Falcon’

In addition to the 10 winning boats our Chapter was also awarded Best Chapter Publication for the Smoke Signal and the Chapter Growth Award for largest increase in membership numbers. Thanks to the Glacier Lakes Chapter and the ACBS for GREAT LAKE FUN.

Classified Corner



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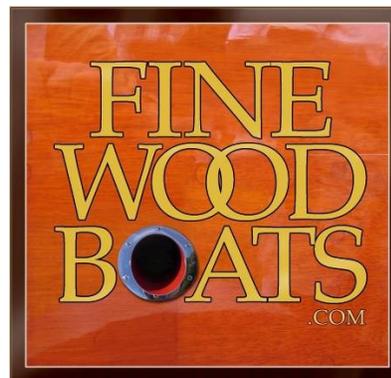


1963 19 1/2' Streblov "Rebel" This beautiful Streblov has been meticulously maintained by award winning boat restorer Jim Murdock of Vintage Boat Restorations, Bristol, CT. Five years out of college, the original owner purchased the craft from Larry and Randy Streblov at their site in Kenosha, WI. The boat spent it's early years on Geneva Lake as a family ski boat. The owner moved to Sparta, NJ where he kept it over the summers. The craft is powered by a Chris-Craft Chevy Corvette engine. The previous owner spent over \$70,000 on the boat over the past 20 years. This included a 5200 bottom, new interior, and a Little Dude tandem trailer. BETTER THAN NEW!
Contact Don Taylor - 630-632-9797. \$56k.

Good looking 1940 Gar Wood 151 utility, new prop, banjo wheel, Chrysler flathead 6 engine, all gauges, fully functional, no-soak bottom, stored inside. Overall condition is good, although some side planks have cracks. Boat used and enjoyed for 6 years, but now have less time to take advantage of it. Trailer, mooring cover included. Can be seen at Fox River Valley Boat Company, Ringwood, Illinois
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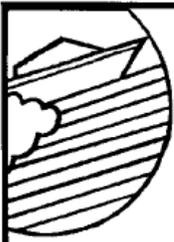
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2018 Event Calendar

Sat April 14, 2018	Spring Workshop
Sat May 19, 2018	Spring Dinner
Sat July 14, 2018	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
Date TBA	Lower Fox River Cruise
Fri-Sun Sept 21-23, 2018	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
Sat October 20, 2018	Fall Dinner