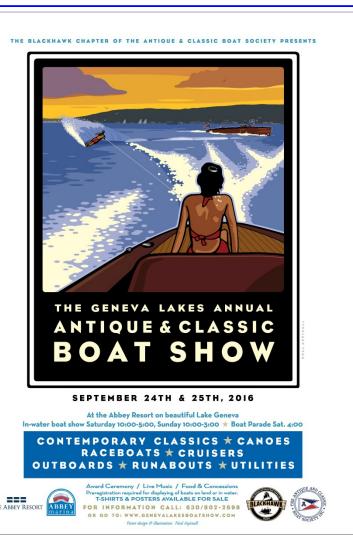


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Presidents Notes:

Hello fellow Blackhawk members,

The much anticipated 2016 boating season has arrived and we have a lot planned for you to do. If your calendar is anything like my family's, it will be a fun filled year. In this newsletter you will find signup sheets for our annual Fox Lake and Geneva Lakes Boat Shows, along with a few new ones.



Our Fox Lake show is on its 32nd year and is running strong. If you live on the chain, you can boat right up to the piers. If not Ben Watts Marina is a great place to launch and is only a short boat ride away. This is a terrific show to attend and participate in.

The next show on the schedule is the Tall ships at Navy Pier. I am happy to report that after months of phone calls and emails everything appears to be set. We still need a few more boats to round out the show and of course volunteers to man the event. Please consider spending a few hours to help represent our club and keep an eye on member boats. The event will be similar to the Chicago Boat Show that we have participated in before. All volunteers will receive FREE admission to the event. Remember....The more people that sign up to help out means less time for everyone to work, and more time to look around and enjoy this wonderful show. Additional tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. Contact me at 847-477-3373 to get yours!

Also new for this year is Downtown Docks which is scheduled for August 28th. This will be a day show on the Chicago River in the heart of Downtown Chicago. There will be no cost for this event. Launching and parking will be available for all boats (at no charge) at Marina City Marina. See page 15 for additional information.

Last but not least is the Geneva Lakes Show. The estates are set for the Friday estate tour and the Friday night cocktail reception and dinner which will be held at the spectacular Mecum Estate.

Registration for all events is now open. You can register online at www.genevalakesboatshow.com. Please remember that space is limited for boats and most events. REGISTER EARLY!!

Enjoy the weather and hope to see you on the water or at a show, Dave



BLACKHAWK CHAPTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS

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



Brian Basillico, Aurora IL Jonathan & Kristen Root, Rosemont IL Joe Badame, Lake Villa IL John & Ladd Mengel, Delavan WI

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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 Vogeler membership@blackhawkacbs.com (847) 477-3358

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





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.

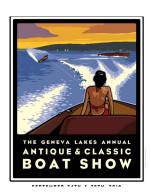
To keep the newsletter fresh, exciting and providing new viewpoints to the readers, we need your stories...the funny, the interesting, the informative. There are over 300 members now and I invite all of you to share your stories of a day, a boat, or a lifetime of your experience.

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

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Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show

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Blackhawk Chapter

of the Antique and Classic Boat Society



September 23-25 with pre-events on Friday September 23 at The Abbey in Fontana, WI

Friday September 23 Estate Tour and Lunch

This year's ACBS Blackhawk lake cruise and house tour has three absolutely incredible homes as well as four historic boats and is not to be missed! Tours will depart from the Abbey Harbor House in Fontana. Lunch will be provided at the historic Lake Geneva Country Club. Tour time is approximately 4 hours 45 minutes.



The first home is Flower Cottage, the home of Bob Kelly and Carolyn Smeltzer. This ten thousand square foot summer home is built on a portion of the former Westgate Estate using many materials and artifacts preserved from this estate as well as other historic homes. Surrounding the home are a cutting garden and three welcoming gardens. Inside you will see extensive use of rare woods, some over a hundred years old, and unique furnishings including an 1850 grocery cabinet from Denmark, a custom 14-foot dining room table made from barn wood, and a bar made from an old wooden sail boat. Many paintings and works of art are also displayed throughout. And don't miss the chicken coup!

The second home belongs to Mark Licht. It is located on a portion of the former estate of furniture store magnate John M. Smyth, with the natural beauty of the setting with a stream flowing through it framing the home. The house was originally built in the early 1980's in the style of a California Deck House. The house has undergone an extensive two-year remodeling program based on a theme of informal lake living and reflecting the owner's love of water and nature. You will see a built-in 650-gallon salt water aquarium and an amazing office overlooking the lake that is lined with teak, decorated with nautical artifacts, and with a stained glass back lighted Mariner's Star recessed in the ceiling. Also extensive use of polished nickel fixtures and special tiles throughout.



The third home is that of Ken and Sue Koranda. It was built in the 1990's on the Colman estate and is modeled after Fallingwater, the Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in southwestern Pennsylvania. It is an incredible home with interior design elements, furniture, carpets, lighting fixtures, and accessories all custom made in the same Wright style. Rarely can you see a home where the unique decorative elements and architectural design blend so harmoniously with all the original furnishing still preserved as the designers envisioned them. The cantilevered balconies and floor-to-ceiling windows create unforgettable vistas. There are a number of waterfalls, both inside and out, that will be in operation. The home is surrounded by natural landscaping that has been enhanced by Mr. Koranda, a director of Morton Arboretum.





The Lake Geneva Country Club: Founded in 1895 by a group of Chicago businessmen, 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.

Friday September 23 Reception, Cocktails and Dinner



The Friday evening reception will be at the new home of Dana and Patty Mecum located on South Lake Shore Drive in Fontana, just west of the Yacht Club. The estate is absolutely amazing, 33,000 sq. ft with several accessory buildings and landscaped terraces overlooking the lake. The main building has accommodations for Dana and his wife Patty, plus accommodations for parents and grandchildren, with an additional private area for the estate manager and family. The house has individual garages for ten automobiles – and these are not simply automobiles. These are special cars from Dana's personal collection: Mercedes, Maybachs, Bugatties, and numerous others - the cream of the crop.

There is an accessory building with another ten garages, which has a catering kitchen and stainless steel swimming pool on the roof. There is a building by the entrance in the shape of an old time gas station and, next to the pier, another summer house. The veranda overlooking the lake has a Bugatti carousel. Curators of Dana's collection will be available to answer questions about the cars, and Dana will present a short program talking about his vision for the estate and the collection.

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With all this going on, there is not room for guest's cars at the estate or room for boats at his pier, so we are arranging for parking at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and we will provide two shuttles for rapid transportation to the estate.

This is a premier event, spectacular in every sense! Space is limited so get your reservations in early! You won't have another chance to see this remarkable estate.

The bar will open at 6:00 PM serving, beer and wine, and be open through dinner. Dinner will be served at 7:30. The cost for event is \$90 per person.

Saturday September 24 Boat Show





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.

Saturday evening's dinner will be held in the Ball Room at the Abbey Resort. Cash bar will open at 6:00 PM, followed by a dinner at 7:30, cost is \$30 per person. This is an event you won't want to miss, as boat show awards will be presented at Saturday evening's dinner.

The People's Choice award will be presented on Sunday at 2:00pm. 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.

Award Categories

- Blackhawk Chapter Sharpest Arrow
- ACBS Most Preserved
- Best Chris Craft
- Best Century
- Best Streblow
- Best Contemporary
- Most Historic
- Best Fiberglass
- Best Outboard
- Skippers Choice
- People's 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



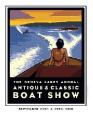




Sunday September 25 Boat Show



Sunday, boats will be on exhibit again at 10 am. People's Choice award and drawing winners announced at the 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 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 23-25, 2016

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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 2016 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: Matt Byrne Send Registration Www.genevalakesboatshow.com

Blackhawk Chapter, ACBS 2257 Red Maple Ln Aurora, IL 60502 or 630-802-2698

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Register online at www.GenevaLakesBoatshow.com

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, **captains must present to win**. People's Choice to be awarded on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Blackhawk Chapter Sharpest Arrow	Pre-War
ACBS Most Preserved	Best Utility under 22'
Best Chris Craft	Best Utility 22' & over
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Best Streblow	Best Runabout 22' & over
Best Contemporary	Post-War
Most Historic	Best Utility under 22'
Best Fiberglass	Best Utility 22' & over
Best Outboard	Best Runabout under 22'
Skippers Choice	Best Runabout 22' & over
Peoples Choice	

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 6th.

Please send us a short description/history and picture of your boat. We use this information in the boat show program booklet and on the web site. You can send all boat information to GLBS@BlackhawkACBS.com. The deadline for the boat show program is September 1.

Lodging



Please make hotel reservations directly with The Abbey Resort at 800-709-1323



The 32nd Annual Antique & Classic in-water Boat Show at FAMOUS FREDDIE'S Saturday July 16, 2016

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\$15.00 Boat entry fee

(before 7/2/16, \$20 after 7/2/16)

\$16.00 per person for BBQ Buffet

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

REGISTER ON-LINE

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



NAME:			
City			Zip
	MFG BOAT		
ENGINE		HP	
Boat Name			

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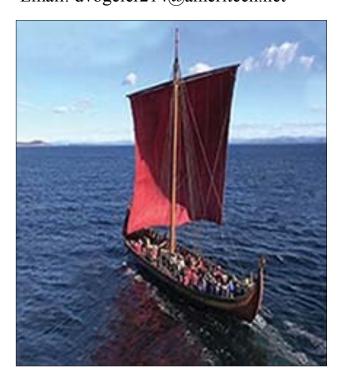
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Contact: Dave Vogeler ASAP if you are interested in volunteering or displaying your boat as we have limited space and VIP tickets 847-477-3373 Email: dvogeler214@ameritech.net

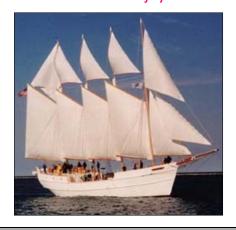


We need Boats for the display and members to represent the club. Please consider spending a few hours to help represent our club and keep an eye on our member boats. The event will be similar to the Chicago Boat Show. All volunteers will receive FREE admission to the event.



Remember.....

The more people that sign up to help, the less time everyone will need to work, and more time to look around and enjoy this wonderful show.







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CHICAGO 2016

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Schedule:

Wednesday, July 27

Setup: Navy Pier 7:00 am - 10:00 am Parade of Sail: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Opening Ceremony: 4:00 pm

Parade of Sail VIP Reception, Approximate time: 2pm - 6pm

Aon Summer Fireworks display: 9:30 pm

Thursday, July 28

Festival Grounds: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fireworks display: 9:30 pm

Friday, July 29

Festival Grounds: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fireworks display: 9:30 pm

Saturday, July 30

Festival Grounds: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Aon Summer Fireworks display: 9:30 pm

Sunday, July 31

Festival Grounds: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Breakdown: 6:00 pm



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For guestions contact Dave Vogeler 847-477-3373 Mail to: 214 River Dr. Trout Valley, IL. 60013





Spring Workshop

Blackhawks enjoyed a warm Spring day in April and had a great time visiting Bergersens Boat Company. It was obvious they are busy with lots of activity in the shops and many boats work in progress.



Walter Goes's 1929 Morris is being rebuilt after lighting struck.



Some boats are ready for show too. 'Double Barrel'



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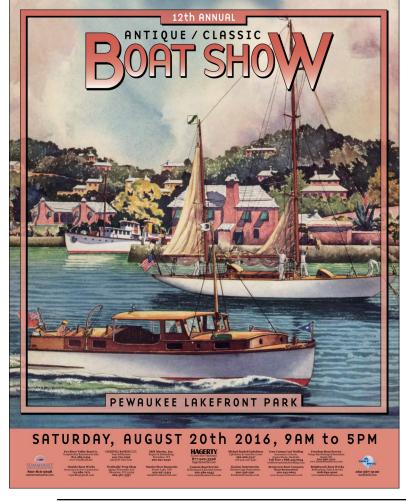
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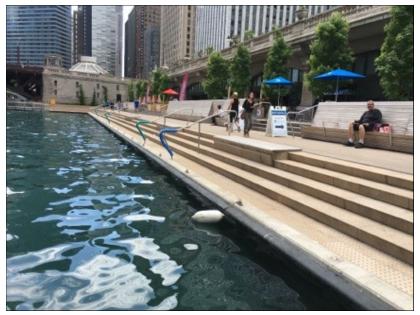


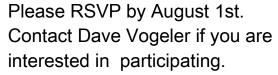


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Come out and enjoy the day on the Chicago River and bring your boat.

This event will take place **Sunday August 28th, 9am-3pm**. We will be gathering at Downtown Docks located on the **New Chicago Riverwalk** between State Street and Dearborn Street. This will be a FREE event for members and guests. Free boat launching will be available at Marina Towers along with parking for boat trailers and tow vehicle.

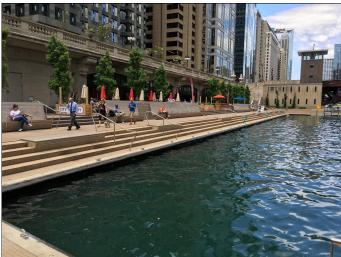




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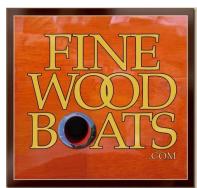
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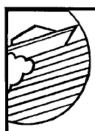
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2016 Event Calendar

July 16, 2016 Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddies

July 27-31, 2016 Chicago Tall Ships at Navy Pier

August 28, 2016 Downtown Docks on the Chicago River

Sept 23-25, 2016 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show, Abbey Resort

Date TBA Fall Dinner











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