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The Blackhawk Youth Group Makes The Cover Of Classic Boating !

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The March/April edition of Classic Boating featured the Blackhawk Chapter Youth Group on the cover. Inside there is a wonderful article and pictures of the team in action. This is an impressive accomplishment for our youth group. This would not have been possible without the leadership and direction from our Youth Group Directors, Tom Wagner and Dave Vogeler. Tom and Dave have worked to develop a great group of kids and young adults and have done some amazing projects. Of course this would not be possible without having the hardest working group of youths in all of classic boating. Later this summer they will be launching their latest project, a Correct Craft Ski Nymph. They hope to have this boat ready to go for the Fox Lake show in July. The group is always looking for more help from both adults and kids. If you are interested in helping out or know a youth or two that would like to participate please reach out to Tom and Dave. Their contact information is on page 2 in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

RIGHT: Spring, 2013, youth group meeting at Fox Valley Boat Company in McHenry, Illinois, with their current project, a '62 Correct Craft about to be flipped over to begin work on the bottom. From left to right are: Youth Director Dave Vogeler, with Youth Members Nicholas Svoboda, Alexander Svoboda, Gina Wagner, Anna Bidlack, Nick Wagner, and Youth Instructor Andrew Vogeler.



Photo by Tom Wagner



Photo by Tom Wagner



RIGHT: Mitchell O'Day, Remington Reid, and Anna Bidlack cutting the transom frame for the '62 Correct Craft.

OPPOSITE LEFT: Kathy and Eric Moberg's seven-year-old granddaughter, Lily Horn, sanding.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Blackhawk Members:

After a winter of record cold and snow we are finally on the brink of spring with warm weather and boating just around the corner. I am a good 4 weeks behind schedule trying to get all of the boats prepped and seaworthy for the 2014 boating season. Hopefully I will have everything floating just prior to Memorial Day weekend.

We started the year with the Chicago Boat show in January. We had 2000 square feet of space and ten boats at the show. Thank you to all of the Blackhawks that made the event possible. Only one of the ten boats participated in a previous Chicago show ensuring that we are always presenting something new at this event. We had a diverse collection of boats at the show including runabouts, utilities, canoes, outboards, and a 1960's version of a personal water craft. The chapter enjoyed great local media promotion including TV spots on NBC and WGN. A special thank you goes out to Jan Vogeler our new membership director who signed up 7 new Blackhawk members at the show. Please see page 6 & 7 in this edition of the Smoke Signal for pictures from the show.

Our next event is the Spring Dinner at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club on Saturday May 10, 2014. Weather permitting; this is an excellent opportunity to make this a boating event. We have special permission to use the Abbey Marina launch ramp and parking for the event. Please see the registration form in this edition of the Smoke signal. After dinner there will be a short presentation on the plans and events for the 2014 season. I hope to see everyone there.

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 2014 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards,

Mark Svoboda





PROGRESSIVE CHICAGO IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Blackhawk Members:

The Chicago In-Water Boat Show organization has presented our club with the opportunity to participate in their 2014 show. The show management was extremely supportive of our participation in previous events at McCormick Place and the 2013 in-water show and would like us to be a part of the in-water show for 2014.

The show will be held at the new 31st Street Harbor. There are launch ramps at this facility and remote trailer parking will be available. The show will provide convenient parking and a complementary shuttle. We have been allocated both parking lot space as well as slips for as many as 30 or more boats in the water. We will need to staff the display for the show hours and will look to the boat owners and volunteers to assist with this effort.

Dates & Location

June 5-8, 2014

31st Street Harbor

3155 South Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL

Show Hours

Thursday–Friday, June 5-6, 11am–7pm

Saturday, June 7, 10am–7pm

Sunday, June 8, 10am–5pm



We are asking for interested boat owners to respond as soon as possible. We will work to accommodate as many boats as the space will allow. Each presenting owner will receive show credentials that will allow access to the show prior to the public opening. In addition, Blackhawk members will receive a small quantity of free admission passes for the event.

We have also arranged for our group to have dinner at the Chicago Yacht Club on Saturday June 7th. All Blackhawk members, presenters, volunteers and guests are welcome. The yacht club offers a rich history of boating in Chicago and a beautiful view of the Chicago skyline and waterfront. More details will follow with the registration form.

For those interested in presenting their boat, a brief registration form will follow to collect key information about the boat, owner and a picture of your boat. This will be used to prepare signage for each boat presented.

To participate in the show or for additional questions and information please contact Mark Svoboda at (630) 208-1775 or via email at president@blackhawkacbs.com.

Help make this a successful event by displaying your boat or volunteering to cover the show.



Blackhawk Chapter Spring Dinner

At The Lake Geneva Yacht Club

Saturday May 10, 2014

Weather permitting the pier should be in and you can make this a boating destination !



Lake Geneva Yacht Club Pier



Lake Geneva Yacht Club Clubhouse

Come out to the Blackhawk Chapter Spring Dinner and support our group for the 2014 boating season. Enjoy a shake down cruise on beautiful Geneva Lakes and stay for dinner. There will be a brief presentation after dinner including a summary of the events for the 2014 boating season. For Blackhawk members that would like to make this a boating event we have permission to use the launch ramp at the Abbey Marina and parking will be available for cars and trailers. Please contact Mark Svoboda for details. We will need to submit a list of boats a day or two prior to the event. Weather permitting, the pier should be in at the yacht club. If not, you can still boat during the day and reload you boat prior to the dinner. There is ample parking for cars and trailers at the yacht club.

The LGYC is easy to find on the south shore of Geneva Lake !

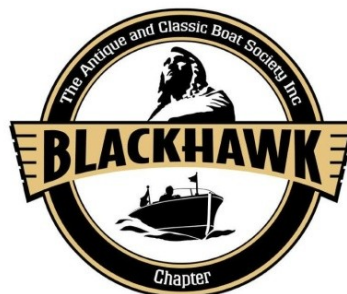


ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2014 Spring Dinner Registration Sheet

Location: Lake Geneva Yacht Club
 1250 South Lake Shore Drive Fontana, WI
Date: Saturday May 10th, 2014
Time: Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM
Dinner: Buffet Dinner
 Entree
 Rolls / Salads
 Warm Vegetables
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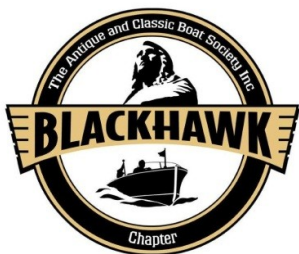
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CHICAGO BOAT, SPORTS & RV SHOW
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2014 Chicago Boat Show At McCormick Place





2014 Blackhawk Spring Workshop Saturday May 17, 2014

Paul Miller will be demonstrating covering a restored row boat with a new canvas bottom. The Blackhawk Youth Group will be on hand to assist Paul with this project. Paul will conduct a tour of his canoe collection and workshop. A complementary lunch will follow the workshop.

Workshop: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM with a complementary lunch.

Paul & Cindy Miller 0S645 Bunker Road Elburn, IL

Please RSVP to:

Mark Svoboda at 630-208-1775 or president@blackhawkacbs.com

Please Reply no later than Friday May 16, 2014

We hope you can join us!





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2014 Event Calendar

- Jan 2014 Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place
- May 10 Spring Dinner & Lake Geneva Cruise, Lake Geneva Yacht Club
- May 17 Spring Workshop, Paul & Cindy Miller Elburn, IL
- June 5-8 Chicago In-Water Boat Show, 31st. Marina Chicago, IL
- TBD Chain O'Lakes Summer Cruise
- July 12 31st Antique & Classic Boat Show at Freddie's, Fox Lake, IL
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- Sept 26-28 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey, Fontana, WI
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