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*Newsletter of the* **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS**

## **Winter Tech Session**

On a cold and blustery day, members of the Blackhawk and Glacier Lakes Chapter got together to have workshop gathering in Wilmot Wisconsin. The hosts were Ted Cartner and Dean Morris with Dean hosting at his workshop. Close to 50 members braved the weather to attend.

Dean Morris demonstrated his technique for making compound curves and laminating pieces together. Then scarfing shorter pieces together to get a long piece of board. This is particularly helpful as it is becoming more difficult to obtain long pieces of wood. The members were able to view a current project of Dean's.

Next, Ted Cartner demonstrated how to dismantle a Chris Craft paragon transmission. Then how to adjust it properly. Guests were then treated to lunch, coffee, and drinks.

After the workshop, a Blackhawk board meeting was held. It was a very good workshop, and all had a great time as is evidenced by the photos in this issue.



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

So here's the thing, it's January, but we all think about our boats because we are obsessed and even haunted by them. Just the other day, I was recalling one of my many trips on the Chicago River. I would get underneath a bridge, slide the gearshift into neutral, get out my cell phone and call my son in New York. I would race my Chris Craft engine so he could hear it. You see, there's just nothing like the rumble of a well-tuned antique boat engine. It appeals to our sense of sound. Now this type of activity might classify us as a little bit on the weird side. At least, in the case of my son, I'm sure he may think I may have lost it, but my purpose is to pass this experience on to the next generation. It really doesn't make much difference whether he gets it. I will continue to do the same thing because I am clearly obsessed and he should be too. I think the modern psychiatric term for this may be "controlling behavior" on my part, but when it comes to old boats, I don't imagine I'll change.

All this leads me to the members of the Blackhawk Chapter. We are geographically a diverse group. We don't live close to one another, so for our chapter to put together a Saturday morning workshop and to have close to 50 of our members attend tells me this is turning out to be one motivated and interested group. Going down the road, this also tells me the events we put on are only going to get bigger and better. The Smoke Signal will have more coverage on this event, so I won't dwell on it, but again, it was an impressive turnout and thanks for all of us to those who made it so successful.

I have just returned from the ACBS quarterly meeting hosted by the Southern California chapter at the San Diego Yacht Club, a beautiful facility. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Polaris Software Functions. This company designs software for many associations similar to ours, which they describe as being web-based membership management. It will enable our headquarters group to better communicate with chapters and assist our staff with timeless hours of membership organization. Although it was a lengthy presentation, it will definitely bring our organization into the twenty-first century. In addition to that, we were given a tour of the USS Midway, a large carrier put into service during World War II. I think as most of you know, we are co-hosting the June quarterly meeting in Milwaukee together with the Glacier Lakes chapter. This will also be a most interesting weekend and I urge you to come.

In closing, don't forget the "THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW" boat show in Muscatine, Iowa on May 16 and 17. I went last year and it was terrific, I hope to see you there.

Best regards,

George Plamondon

# 2008 Spring Dinner Meeting

## Docker's in Fox Lake

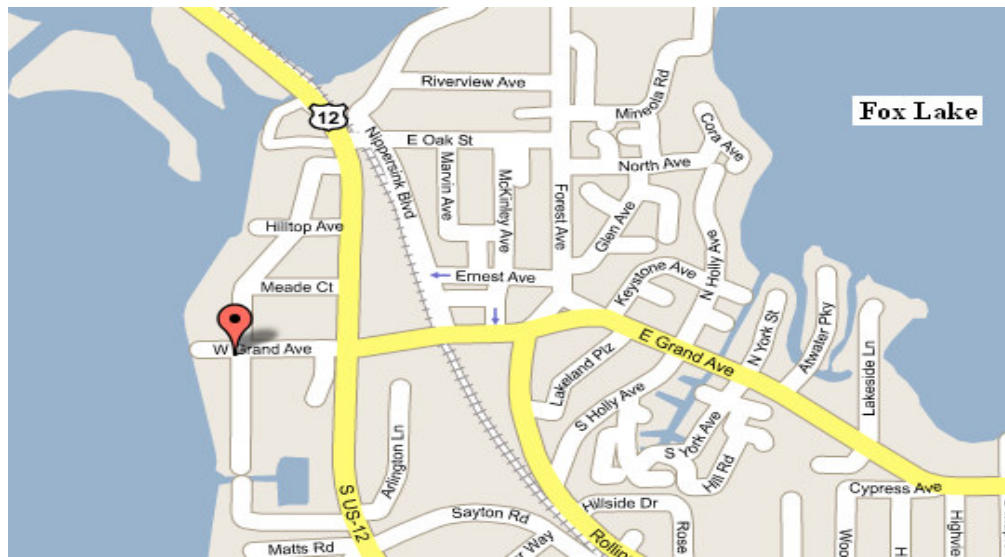
### Sunday, April 27th, 5:30 p.m.

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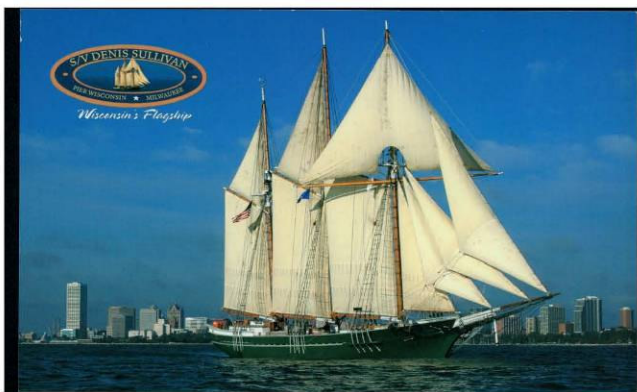
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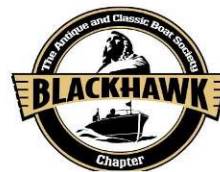
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The S/V Denis Sullivan cruises against the Milwaukee skyline.



**The Blackhawk Chapter and The Glacier Lakes Chapter  
invites you to the June 2008 Summer Quarterly meeting  
in Milwaukee, WI... the City of Gemütlichkeit**

**The following is a tentative schedule. Mark your calendar. This will be a great time.**

**WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2008**-Out of towners, call The Astor Hotel, ask for ACBS block: Toll Free 800-558-0200

**THURSDAY morning June 26th**-There will be a launching of boats at South Shore Yacht Club. We will cruise the inner harbor and the Milwaukee River. You will enjoy lunch at one of the river front micro-brew restaurants. Ken Bourgeois is coordinating this part of the event. Boat mooring Thursday night will be available at Discovery World for Friday boating.

**THURSDAY afternoon June 26th-**

**THIS MARKS THE OFFICIAL START OF THE ACBS QUARTERLY MEETING AND AGENDA**

Depart for The Wisconsin Club for a magnificent dinner. This was the home of Billy Mitchell's Grandfather, a prominent banker. Billy Mitchell is considered the Father of Air Power. The evening will include a tour of this beautiful turn of the century mansion and a talk by John Eastberg, a noted historian about Milwaukee, the famous Milwaukee Beer Barons and Billy Mitchell. A sport coat is appropriate attire. You are in for a treat.

**FRIDAY morning June 27th**-Today will start Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin. Learn about "The Ghost Ships of the Great Lakes! Speakers will include Steve Daniel, President of The Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society, Kimm Stabelfeldt of The Great Lakes Shipwreck Foundation and Keith Meverdon of The Wisconsin Historical Society. Learn first hand from the divers who search for the missing ships. You've heard the famous Gordon Lightfoot song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald". Ask the divers that have been there. After lunch, find out about the building of the S/V Denis Sullivan. You will also want to check out the aquarium and the various exhibits at Discovery World. A tour of the Pabst Mansion will be offered. Those wanting to take their boats out for a cruise will have that option in the afternoon after the speakers.

**FRIDAY afternoon June 27th**- After dinner you will return to Discovery World and embark on The S/V Denis Sullivan, a replica 19th Century 137-foot Great Lakes Schooner for a late afternoon cruise. It accommodates 50 people. Reserve early! Arrangements will be made for another wooden cruiser to make the trip onto Lake Michigan, accommodating any overflow.

**Saturday morning June 28th**-You'll start the morning with a "Newsletter Workshop". Find out how the various chapters put together their newsletters, magazines and special boat show promotion sections. Find out what it takes to get community and advertiser support. Also find out what it costs to put out a chapter publication. There will be lots of samples and "How To" information sheets. "How To Take Good Pictures" will follow. Jim Wangard of *Classic Boating* magazine will conduct this session. These workshops replace the President's Round Table. The Directors meeting will follow. Participation is welcome. There will be sightseeing for those not attending the sessions.

**Saturday afternoon June 28th**- About 3pm, transportation will be arranged to travel out to Pewaukee Lake for cocktails, boat rides and a cookout.



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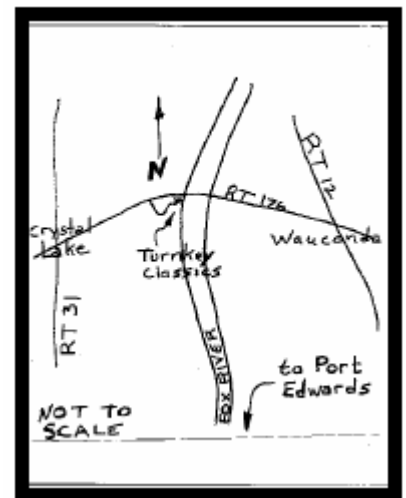


# Annual Father's Day Port Edwards Champagne Brunch & Fox River Cruise Sunday June 22

The Blackhawk Chapter is pleased to announce the annual Father's Day Cruise to Port Edwards Restaurant in Algonquin for the sumptuous Sunday champagne brunch. For those of you not familiar with this cruise, it's not one to miss. The lower Fox River is always calm, the brunch at Port Edwards is extraordinary and the atmosphere is very nautical. This is also a good early season shakedown in the company of helpful companions.

The cruise will start with a free launch at Turnkey Classics in Burtons Bridge, Highway 176 and the Fox River, courtesy of member Chuck Kelley.

Plan to be launched and ready to run by 9:30, at which time we will head south to Algonquin. We will be seated for brunch around 11:00. After gorging ourselves, we have the whole day for the leisurely trip back north. Brunch, includes coffee, brunch, champagne...the works! Look for a registration form and pricing info in the next issue of the Smoke Signal.





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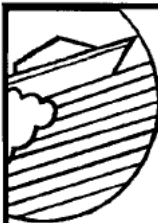


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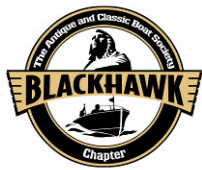
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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

March 27 - 30	<b>Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival</b> , hosted by the Sunnyland Chapter. Location: Lake Dora at Tavares, FL. 21st Annual Lake Dora Antique Boat Festival. Featuring large flea market, amphi-cars, woodie cars, jersey skiffs, waterski show train rides and much more. For more information, contact Terry Fiest at <a href="mailto:terry.fiest@cubic.com">terry.fiest@cubic.com</a>
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### APRIL

April 19	Spring Quarterly Meeting of the ACBS Board of Directors; Madisonville LA, Hosted by the new Bayou Chapter. All ACBS members are welcome. Related events are planned.
April 26	<b>Spring Tour '08</b> hosted by Toronto Chapter. Located in Muskoka, Ontario. Join us and see what Ontario's boat restoration shops have been working on this winter. Day includes a hot sit down lunch in Port Carling. Local accomodation is available. For more information, contact Tim Aikenhead at <a href="mailto:taikenhead@sportables.ca">taikenhead@sportables.ca</a>

### May

May 16-18	<b>Muscatine Boat Show</b> Visit <a href="http://MuscatineBoatshow.com">MuscatineBoatshow.com</a> for for information
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