



# The Smoke Signal



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Newsletter of the **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS**

## Fall Dinner and Elections

This year's fall dinner and elections were held on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Fox River Valley Boat Co. Ringwood Showroom. Tom & Marge Wagner were gracious hosts, offering the use of their Ringwood Showroom as the setting. This facility is unique in the Midwest, in that it offers the ability to see a collection of over 50 boats for sale under one roof. Tom & Marge have also given the building a look and feel of a 1950's era marina. What a fantastic setting for our dinner! Mark Svoboda did great job organizing and MCing the event. Mark gave a presentation reviewing the year's activities and talked about what we have to look forward to in the year ahead. One of the priorities of the evening was to elect a board of directors for the chapter. The results of the elections are as follows:

President	Mark Svoboda	(Directors at Large)	Steve Fleming
Vice President	Matt Byrne		John Barrett
Secretary	Larry Lange	Boat Show Chairmen	Al Bosworth
Treasurer	Michael Stolz		Larry Lange
Directors		Safety Officer	Gary Braker
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(2011 term)	Roger O'Neill		Tom Wagner
	Tom Nickols	Membership Chairman	Kathy Lange
(2012 term)	Ted Cartner		
	Al Bosworth		



## The Warner Collection Mecum Auction - A Weekend To Remember -

By Matt Byrne

The Warner collection of boats, parts, engines and one fire truck were auctioned off by Mecum Auctions on October 16 in Winsted, MN. I made the trip purely as a spectator with no intention of buying another boat.

The evening before the auction Nelson Boat works, Sierra Boat Co, Antique Boat Center and Woody Boater sponsored "WoodyStock - A Peaceful Gathering of Classic Boat Lovers". WoodyStock was held at Bryan John Grill Works where appetizers and drinks were served. It was a full house that evening, bringing together wooden boat enthusiasts from all over the country.

The auction began Saturday morning, starting with the motors and parts. Many motors went for as little as \$100. Around noon they transitioned to the boats. The most expensive boat sold that day was "Gerry Lo", a totally custom designed and built triple cockpit runabout by the Joseph Dingle Boat Works of St. Paul, Minnesota. The Dingle sold for \$285,000



I ran into several Blackhawk members including, Larry Larkin, Jim Staib, W.J. Goes, Bill Gill, Hans and Violet Hnatkowycz, Gary Rechcygl, Randy Strblow and Bill Gage. One of our newest members, Bill Gill, is now the proud owner of a Chris Craft Sea Skiff that he purchased at the auction.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

I am pleased to be able to serve the Blackhawk Chapter as president for 2011. We have a great team of officers and directors in place for the coming year and we are already making plans for the upcoming season.

On behalf of the Blackhawk Chapter I would like to thank our Past President, George Plamondon. George has had incredible success during his tenure as President. George's vision and leadership have helped to develop a solid base of shows and events giving us many opportunities to participate. Under George's watch, our shows have grown in popularity and our financial reserves have mirrored this expansion. In 2010 alone the Blackhawk Chapter has donated more than \$6000 to charitable organizations like the ACBS Scholarship Fund, the Geneva Lakes Water Safety Patrol and the Geneva Lakes Conservancy. This past September the Geneva Lakes Boat Show was a huge success, setting records for participation and attendance in every category. George's passion for our hobby is enormous. He has committed his time and energy to bring the 36th ACBS Annual Meeting and 10th Annual International Boat Show to our Geneva Lakes venue for 2011.

On Saturday October 23rd we held our fall dinner at the Fox River Valley Boat Co. showroom in Ringwood, IL. The dinner, hosted by Tom and Marge Wagner, was a great event with over 75 members and guests in attendance. The showroom, complete with its 1950's era marina theme, was the perfect backdrop for the Blackhawk Chapter fall dinner.

We have already started to plan for next year's events. Starting in January we have been asked to participate again at the 81st Annual Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show January 12 to 16, 2011 at McCormick Place. If you are interested in showing your boat or volunteering at the event please contact the show committee for the full details. We will also hold the Chicago River Cruise again this summer as well as the 27th Annual Fox Lake Show at Famous Freddie's Roadhouse. Watch for these event details early in 2011. Of course, the big event for the year will be the ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show with pre events starting September 18th and the boat show running September 23rd to the 25th. Using the theme "Grand & Glorious" this show promises to be a memorable event.

In closing, I would like to thank every member for your participation and support of the Blackhawk Chapter. I am committed to making 2011 a memorable year and continuing to expand on the tradition and success of the past.

Best regards,



Mark Svoboda

# TACO BELL JUMPS ON BOARD WITH ACBS

By Wil Vidal

Rich Lepping, franchise owner of 28 Taco Bells in southeast Wisconsin signed an ACBS Platinum Sponsorship for The Geneva Lakes ACBS International meeting and boat show to be held September 14-17, 2011. Also signing the document is John Bergstrom, incoming ACBS President for ACBS. This was John Bergstrom's first order of business as the new ACBS President. Other Annual meeting organizers present were George Plamondon, Blackhawk President and Larry Larkin, Blackhawk Chapter ACBS international event key organizer. As a fund raiser and to cover expenses, ACBS offers sponsorships to businesses that want to be part of an international annual meeting and boat show. The Platinum level is the highest at \$10,000.00. The Geneva ACBS pre-event agenda will be a beneficiary of a portion of these funds. Most sponsors have been classic boat related. Taco Bell is a first to get involved with ACBS as a food vendor. Rich and Beth Lepping live in Madison Wisconsin. They own a 1946 30ft Wilbur Ketcham Picnic Launch "Claribel" and a 1958 Chris Craft 17ft Deluxe Runabout, "Rebound". Rich and Beth have made numerous contributions at the chapter level in recent years. Thank you Rich and Beth for your involvement.



Front LR John Bergstrom, ACBS President, Rich Lepping, Taco Bell Franchise owner  
Back LR George Plamondon, Beth Lepping, and Larry Larkin



## Blackhawk Donates to Scholarship Endowment

By George Plamondon

During the 2010 Annual International Meeting in Bay Harbor, Michigan your chapter was able to make a very special gift to The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Last winter, I got a call from a widow whose husband had passed away twenty years ago. His boat was sitting in her garage. She was referred to me by the manager of the marina where my boat is stored ( he likes to save old boats). I looked at the boat and told her, the chapter could take the boat away, we could sell it, do all the work and the proceeds would go to our scholarship endowment fund. She would get a dollar for dollar tax deduction. Your board approved this, and the gears were in motion.

I got the tires pumped and hauled it from Chicago to Ted Cartner's shop, where he got the engine running. (He did tell me I made it just in time since a trailer wheel was about to fall off.) Jim Wilkin agreed to store the boat in his garage. He thought an improvement should be made so Jim had the trailer painted. Ted had the boat for sale on E-bay. No luck!

At The Glacier Lakes Madison Boat Show, a man was in the parking lot looking at a boat for sale for his fifteen year old son to restore. The boat was too much money. I told him to take a run over to Lake Geneva to look at the 1963 Thompson with a 90 hp Johnson engine in Jim's garage. He bought the boat ( a young man now joins the ranks of boat restoration). The ACBS got the money for scholarship. And the donor got her tax deduction... plus the boat out of her garage. Thanks to Ted and Jim for their time and dollars for making this happen.

In all, with money from the chapter coffers, anonymous donors, and the boat, The Blackhawk contributed over \$4000 to the scholarship fund. Incidentally, go to the ACBS web site and click on this year's ACBS Award Winners to see how young artisans are helping restore boats.



**Blackhawk Members:**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show have presented our club with the opportunity to participate in 2011 show. The show management was extremely supportive of our participation last year and would like us to be a part of the show in 2011.

This year we have been allocated floor space that is approximately 50' X 120'. As we did last year, we are planning for a raised platform that would run the length of the space and would be used as a viewing platform to give the display an "in water" feel. This will also serve as a buffer to protect the boats from curious viewers. The perimeter of the space would be partitioned by a line of stanchions with roping to help safeguard the boats. We will need to staff the display for show hours and will look to the boat owners and volunteers to assist with this effort.

**Dates & Location**

**January 12-16, 2010**

**McCormick Place--North Building  
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60616**

**Show Hours**

**Wednesday: 2:00pm - 9:00pm  
Thursday: 11:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday: 11:00am - 9:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm**

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 allow access to the show floor 2 hours prior to the public opening. In addition, owners will receive a small quantity of free admission passes for the event. The club will also provide the presenting owners with a long sleeve embroidered shirt with the Blackhawk and ACBS logos for the event. Additional shirts will be available for volunteers and significant others at a nominal charge.

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

Attached is a Q&A document that the show management prepared to answer basic questions that you may have. To participate in the show or for additional questions and information please contact Mark Svoboda at (630) 208-1775 or via email at [msvoboda@ameritech.net](mailto:msvoboda@ameritech.net).

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

Best regards,

The 2011 Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show Committee

Al Bosworth, Moss Cartwright, Mark Svoboda

# Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show

## Antique and Classic Boat Pavilion

### Questions & Answers

1) How will I know when and where to bring my boat?

Exhibitors will be provided with a move-in date and time approximately three weeks prior to the show. A windshield card and directions on how to get to the North Hall (B-1) at McCormick Place will be e-mailed to the appropriate individuals. We can mail hard copies if necessary.

2) Once I get to McCormick Place, who will handle my boat? Will I be able to bring it in myself?

Upon arriving at McCormick Place, vehicles will be guided to the appropriate overhead door and onto the exhibitor floor. Vehicles are allowed to drive onto the floor and boats will be brought as close as possible to the exhibit space so that they can be moved and put into place by hand by their owner(s).

3) In the event of inclement weather, will cleaning services be provided or will I need to clean the boat myself? Will cleaning facilities be available?

Any ice/snow/slush must be cleared off of the boats by the exhibitor prior to entering the exhibit hall. Utility sinks are provided in the exhibit hall if exhibitors need to clean off their boats. A power washer will be available in the marshalling yard if necessary, but this is not recommended for the antique boats.

4) Will I be able to store the boat cover, cleaning supplies, and other related materials on-site?

There are empty trailers provided by the decorator on-site where boat covers, cleaning supplies and other related materials can be stored. However, these trailers are not locked or guarded at anytime during the show. We are currently looking into other options and will advise you accordingly

5) How will the move-out be handled?

Exhibitors are provided with their move-out instructions before the show breaks on Sunday at 5 PM. Cars will line up and be brought up to the exhibit hall after the aisle carpet is rolled up.

6) Will credentials be provided? Will I be able to get into the hall before it opens to the public?

Exhibitor credential order forms will be provided. To allow adequate time to mail them out to you, the deadline for submission is December 1st. Any additional names can be provided after that date but the badges will need to be picked up on show site. Exhibitors have access to the show floor 2 hours prior to opening each day.

7) Will the area be secured?

Yes. 24 hour security will be provided in the exhibit hall throughout the run of the show. We will post a guard exclusively in the antique boat display during all hours in which the show is not open. It is the responsibility of the club members to protect the display and its belongings during show hours.

8) Are there any display rules we need to be aware of?

The blatant sale of any used boats is prohibited. In other words, no "For Sale signs will be allowed on the boats. If there are any restoration and related services you would like to promote, we encourage you to do so in the Blackhawk Chapter booth which will be located within, or directly adjacent to, the boat display.

9) What signage will be provided at the show and within the display?

An overhead banner will be hung from the ceiling directly over the display. In addition, the feature will be high-lighted on all feature/special events signs throughout the hall and the Blackhawk Chapter logo will be included on all "Thank you Sponsors" signs. We will provide 24" x 36" show placards and an easel/sign holder for each boat being displayed. It is the chapter's responsibility to collect the appropriate information and produce the product description that will be affixed to the signs. A template and format will be sent at a later date.

10) How will the display be promoted?

The display will be promoted through pre-show press releases, media alerts, on the show website, in the show directory and through on-site signage.

# Geneva Lakes Boat Show Gives Back

The Blackhawk Chapter presented both the Geneva Lake Conservancy and the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol with a check for \$1000 from the proceeds of this year's 2010 Geneva Lakes Boat Show. We recognize that both of these organizations are important resources in the Geneva Lakes community, so the Blackhawk Chapter is pleased to support their ongoing operations. The show was a tremendous success with over 100 boats on display at the Abbey Resort and Abbey Marina. We are looking forward to hosting The Antique and Classic Boat Society Inc., International Show will be held next year at the Abbey Resort and the Abbey Marina in September 2011.



From Left to Right: Larry Lange, Geneva Lakes Boat Show Co-Chairman; Robert Klockars with the Geneva Lake Conservancy, Al Bosworth, Geneva Lakes Boat Show Co-Chairman; Ted Pankau and Shaun Slattery with the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol; Mark Svoboda, Geneva Lakes Boat Show Co-Chairman.

## Blackhawk Name Badges

Blackhawk Chapter name badges are once again available! These tasteful badges are a great way to let other members know who you are at our outings, and to show your affiliation at non-Blackhawk events. Simply send your name as you would like it to appear on the badge, along with a check for \$10.00 made out to the Blackhawk Chapter to:

**Matt Byrne**  
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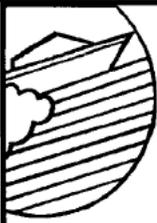
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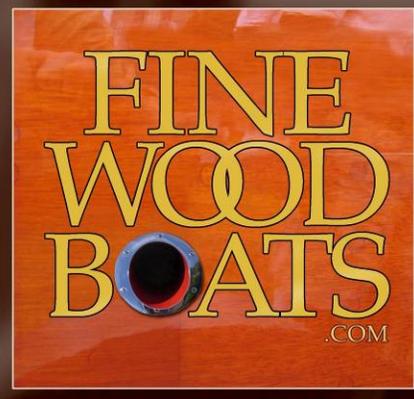



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## ***Calendar of Events***

**January 12-16** - 81st Annual Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show at McCormick Place

**May 7** - Spring Workshop

**June 19** - Chicago River Cruise

**July 23** - 27th Annual Fox Lake Show at Famous Freddie's Roadhouse

**September 18-25** - ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show, Geneva Lake