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2015 ACBS International Boat Show



Bar Harbor, Gull Lake Minnesota

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Congratulations to the ACBS and the Bob Speltz Land-O-Lakes Chapter for hosting a spectacular event last fall on beautiful Gull Lake. The Bar Harbor Supper Club with its vintage atmosphere and interesting history was the perfect setting for this fantastic event.
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Presidents Notes:

ON YOUR MARKS!
GET SET!
GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hello fellow Blackhawk members,

Spring has finally arrived and so begins the boating season. Or almost. With the warm weather just over the horizon we all look forward to getting our boats prepared. A new coat of bottom paint or maybe even a fresh coat of varnish. Clean the upholstery and polish up the bright work and we're ready to go. With the 2016 season upon us (All-be-it a short 5 months) we carefully plan out those precious days on the water. Rest assured, your new board is hard at work putting the finishing touches on the many events we have planned.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: The Blackhawk Spring Workshop is scheduled for Saturday April 16th. It will be held this year at The Bergersen Boat Co. in Springfield WI. It has been several years since we last visited Lars and his wife. If you were not fortunate to visit his shop last time, you will not want to miss it this time. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 12 noon, with a light lunch to follow. Due to the date change, registration for this event has been extended. Please RSVP to Dave Vogeler at 847-477-3373 or dvogeler214@ameritech.net by April 11th. See page 3 for additional information.

With the change at the helm come new ideas. This year we would like to try something different. Our Spring kickoff this year will be a Sunday afternoon Brunch instead of a dinner. It will be held at Port Edwards in Algonquin. A critically acclaimed sea food restaurant for 50 years, their Award Winning Champaign Brunch Buffet has been featured in the Daily Herald, WGN TV's Chicago's Best and on Check Please! For more information see page 4 of this newsletter.

The Tall Ships will be returning to Chicago July 27-31, 2016. We are currently putting together the final touches with the folks at Navy Pier Event Operations. They would like us to provide 10-12 boats for display. We will receive 10 FREE parking passes for exhibitors along with 10 VIP Invitations to attend the Parade of Sail Reception on the roof top at Navy Pier, Wednesday the 27th. We also will be receiving 10 tickets to sail on board the Tall Ship Windy along with 240 free admission tickets to the Tall Ships Event. The parking passes, VIP and sail tickets will be first come first serve for exhibitors. More information will follow as we finalize the details. Contact me ASAP if you are interested in displaying your boat as we have limited space and VIP tickets. 847-477-3373

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Dave





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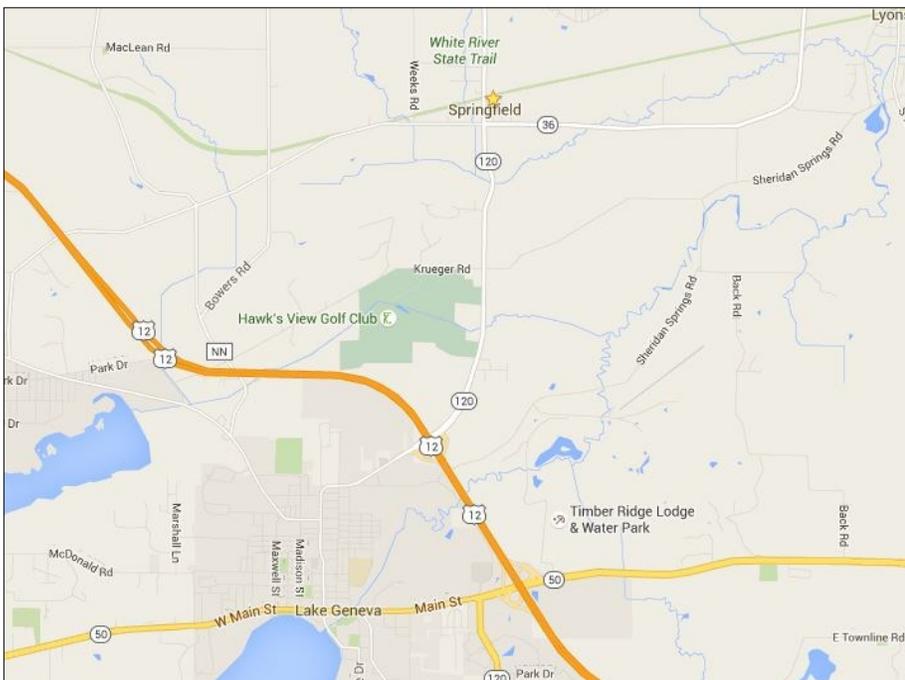
2016 ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Spring Workshop Bergersen Boat Co. Saturday April 16, 2016

The Blackhawk Chapter, featuring Lars Bergersen, will be holding a workshop at Bergersen Boat Co.

Lars is an expert wood boat restorer who learned the trade as an apprentice at Streblow Custom Boats under the “nothing less than perfection” mentorship of the late great Randy Streblow.

Lars is currently working on several different boats in his shop in various stages of restoration. He will be demonstrating several of his restoration techniques along with answering any questions you may have.

A light lunch, compliments of the Blackhawk Chapter and Bergerson Boat Co., will follow the presentation around noon. All members and guests of ALL ages are welcome to attend. Come with questions, talk with the experts, support the Blackhawk Chapter and stay for lunch! Is there a better way to spend a Spring day?



Bergersen Boat Co.

7163 Commercial St.

Springfield, WI 53176

**Please RSVP to:
Dave Vogeler at 847-477-3373 or dvogeler214@ameritech.net
Please reply no later than Monday April 11th, 2016**



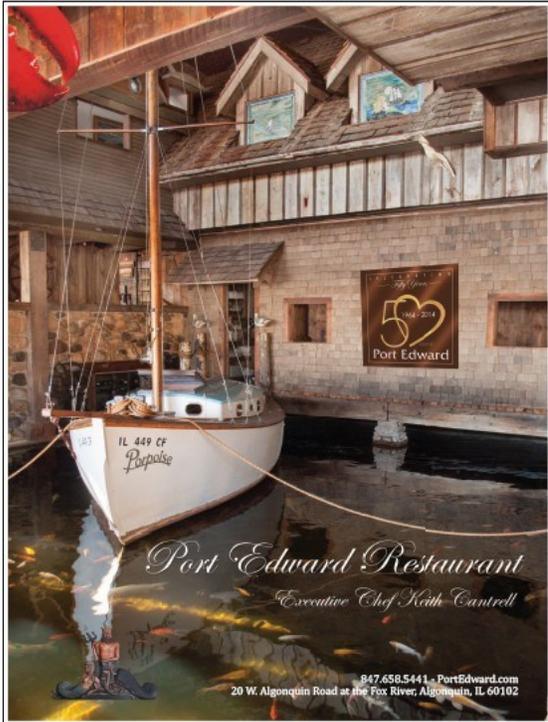
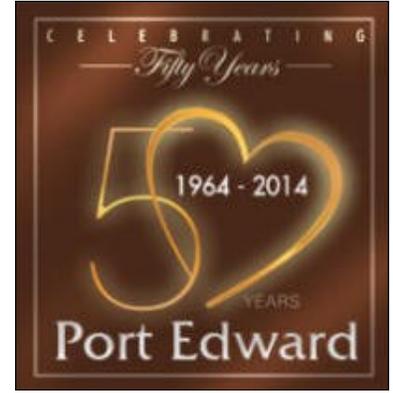
BLACKHAWK CHAPTER



2016 ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Spring Brunch Port Edward's Restaurant Sunday May 15, 2016

Come join the Blackhawk Chapter 2016 Spring Kickoff Brunch.

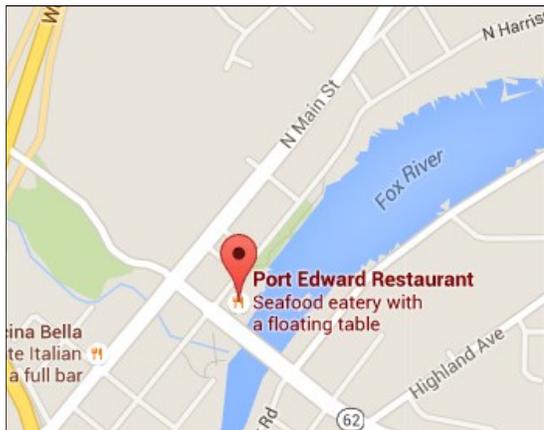
This unique nautically inspired restaurant has been serving guests for over 50 years and is located on the lower Fox River in Algonquin, IL. A critically acclaimed sea food restaurant, serving an Award Winning Champaign Brunch Buffet which has been featured in the Daily Herald, WGN TV's Chicago's Best and on "Check Please!"



Make it a boating day!!!! Limited Boat slips available so show up early .



Come early and browse their unique gift shop.



PORT EDWARD RESTAURANT
20 West Algonquin Road
(On the Fox River)
Algonquin, IL 60102
Phone: 847-658-5441

2016 ACBS Blackhawk Chapter Spring Brunch Registration

Location: PORT EDWARD RESTAURANT

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On the Fox River

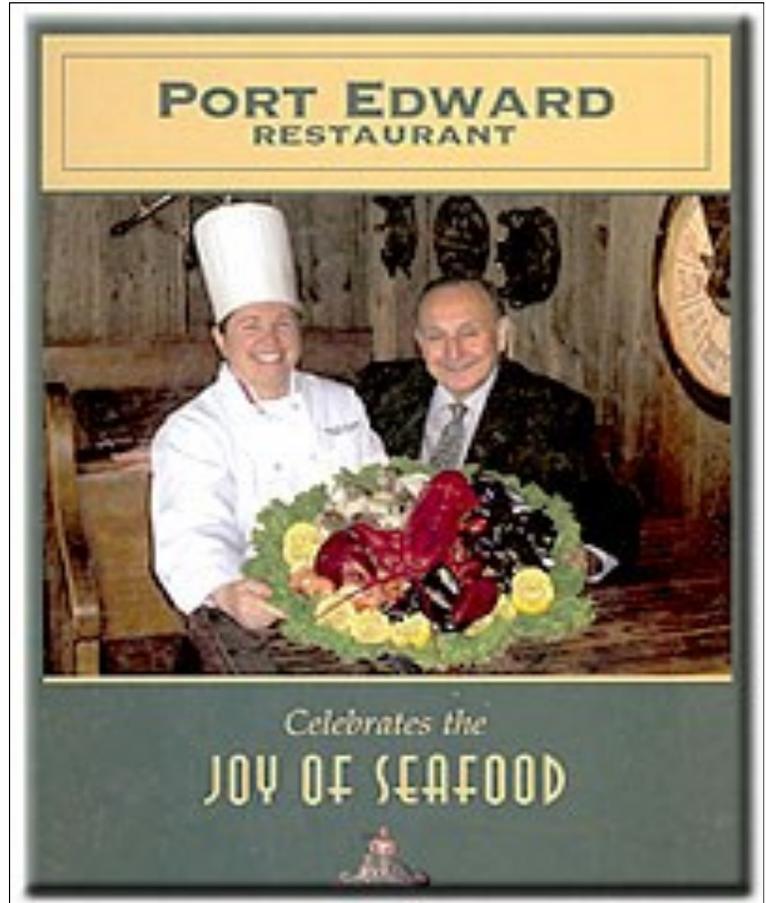
Algonquin, IL 60102

Phone: 847-658-5441

Time: 10:30 AM

**Cost: \$45.00 Adults,
\$15.00 Children ages (5-11)**

**Bar: Full Service Cash,
Champaign included with
Brunch**



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Kids	X \$15.00 =
Total	
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Mobile Phone	
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Fax: 847-639-7396

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★ ★ ★ 32nd ANNUAL ★ ★ ★

ANTIQUE & CLASSIC IN-WATER BOAT SHOW



Saturday ★ July 16, 2016

Presented by

BLACKHAWK ACBS

at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake

510 Park Avenue Fox Lake, IL

★ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM ★

Awards presented at 1:30 PM

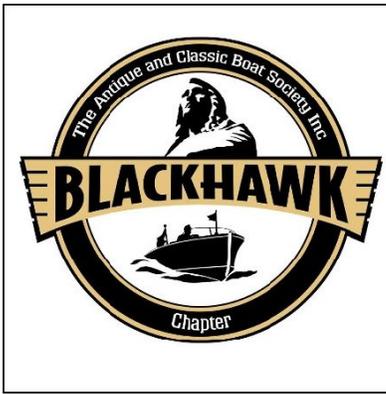


For more information:

Ron Van Horn 708.347.8951

Ted Cartner 847.395.8902





**The 32nd Annual Antique & Classic
in-water Boat Show at
FAMOUS FREDDIE'S
Saturday July 16, 2016
on Pistakee Lake, 510 Park Ave, Fox Lake IL**

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN 4 TROPHY CLASSES:

- ◆ **BEST RUNABOUT**
- ◆ **BEST UTILITY**
- ◆ **BEST OUTBOARD**
- ◆ **SKIPPERS CUP**

FOOD, DRINK, & MUSIC WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Set up is 8:00am to 9:00am Show 9:00am to 2:00pm

Awards presented dockside at 1:30pm

Western BBQ Buffet at 2:00pm

Tossed garden Salad
Grilled BBQ Chicken
BBQ Rib Fingers

Corn on the cob
Coleslaw
Baked Potatoes

Cash Bar

\$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

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

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **MFG BOAT** _____

MODEL _____ **YEAR** _____ **LENGTH** _____

ENGINE _____ **HP** _____

Boat Name _____



Junior Blackhawks Update

By Andrew Vogeler

Catching-up with Drew



Since the last time that I was able to attend a Blackhawk Chapter event, I have been quite busy at college. For those who do not know, in the spring of 2014 I was accepted into the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in Glen Cove, New York. This school is highly respected in the maritime industry and I am so fortunate to have been accepted into their program. I am on track to graduate in the spring of 2018 and when finished, I will be heading straight to work in the marine industry.

If you were not aware, Webb Institute is home to just 90 undergraduate students. The school provides each scholar a bachelor's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering after four years of study. With this degree, I will be able to design hull forms for ships of all shapes and sizes, and outfit them with the appropriate machinery. The program here at Webb is unlike any other and has provided me so many experiences already, a few of which I would like to share with you.

At Webb, I am exposed to a plethora of opportunities, each one providing some benefit to my education. Every year, during the months of January and February, the school requires every student to complete what we refer to as a Winter Work Term. These work terms provide students with substantial experience in the industry that give us an advantage when applying for jobs at the end of our four years. As freshman, students work in a shipyard doing hands-on labor and understanding just how hard it is to build a ship from the documents provided by us engineers. As sophomores, students spend time at sea working on commercial ships all over the world. During the Junior/Senior year work terms, students apply for internships at actual design firms where they might be interested in working. As a second semester sophomore, I have completed the first two of these Winter Work Terms.

During my freshman year Winter Work Term, I worked for Marinette Marine Corporation in Marinette, Wisconsin. At this yard, I was employed as the supervisor of compartment closeout for LCS-9 (Littoral Combat Ship #9). It was quite the experience as I was in charge of inspecting individual compartments (rooms) on the ship and ensuring they were complete before the Navy arrived for final inspection. It was a valuable experience as I became quite aware of the obvious separation between manufacturing and engineering in the ship building industry.





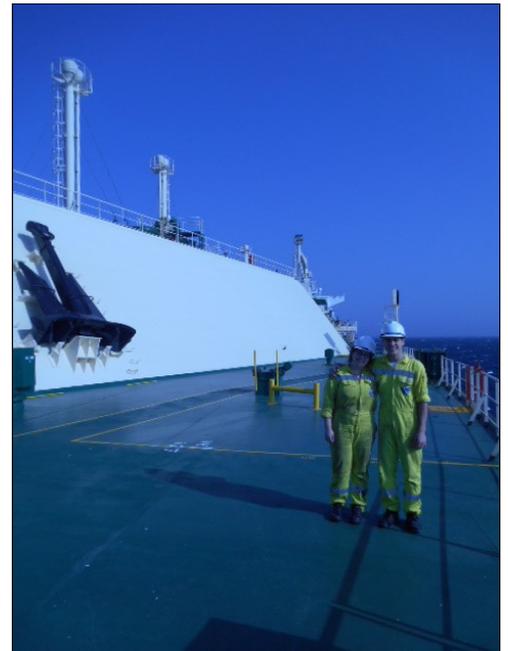
As a sophomore, this year, I went to sea for my Winter Work Term. On January 1st, 2016 I boarded the Maran Gas *Al Jassasiya* in Zeebrugge, Belgium. The *Al Jassasiya* is a 900-foot-long liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker. During the course of this term I sailed from Belgium, to Ras Laffan Qatar (through the Suez Canal), and then back to Rovigo, Italy where we disembarked on February 13th, 2016. During the first week on board we experienced the effects of a Sea State 9 condition (12 is a hurricane).

We made it through the storm without injury, but the ship did sustain damage (mostly due to shifting equipment). My duties were limited, given my lack of experience, but I kept busy with the massive project provided by my school. It was definitely quite the opportunity to be aboard a ship and observe its operation in all sorts of conditions. If you would like to read more about my trip around the world, you can visit the blog I kept while on ship at: <https://avoglerwebb.wordpress.com>



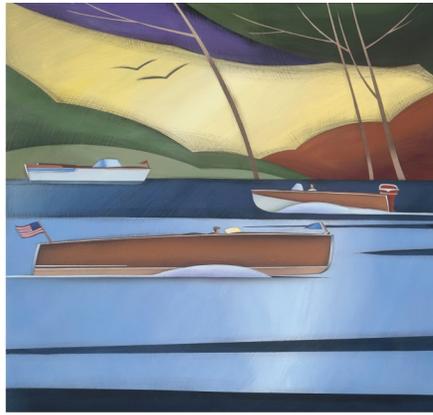
Life at school is quite stressful most of the time, but as Tom Wagner always used to tell me, “If it were easy, everyone would do it.” The workload is heavy, and the pace is fast. In a normal week, I will spend roughly 70 hours doing homework. Somehow outside of all the classes, homework, and sports, I still find time to work on various carpentry jobs around campus. I do not plan to go into the wooden boat industry, but I will never lose the passion I have for doing a little woodwork every once in a while.

On a side note, during my first month at school, we were split into groups and given materials to build sailboats. With my wood working experience, and the help of my partner who was on the US Sailing Team, our team crushed the competition. We not only placed first in the race, but we also were the only boat to sail the course in its entirety, without having to paddle.



Though I have been here for over a year and a half, I feel as if it were just the blink of an eye. I hope to attend the Tall Ships show with my parents this summer and I cannot wait to share my stories with you all there. I miss everyone from the Blackhawk Chapter so much and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Andrew



WOODS & WATER

THE LURE OF THE LAND OF LAKES

40TH ACBS ANNUAL MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW 2015 GULL LAKE, MINNESOTA



Photos and story by Terry Dickson

Mary and I took the long drive up to Nisswa from Chicago for the BSLOL ACBS International Show on Gull Lake. As we crossed the bridge over Gull Lake, and saw the warm neon lights of the historic Bar Harbor Super Club glowing in the distance, I knew immediately that this is my kind of place and we would surely have a great time in the Land of the Lakes.

We put lots of work in on our boat over the summer and were not sure to have it ready for the show. Then I didn't get registered in time for the pre-events or to show her in the water. Even with the last minute planning we arrived on Wednesday evening just in time to crash the ACBS Welcome Aboard Reception at the Supper Club. The Gull Dam beer was cold and the walleye was superb.

The show set-up was in full swing early Thursday morning under overcast skies and some drizzle. This gave me the opportunity to see some of the boats up close and get some good shots before the show officially opened on Friday and the spectators lined the docks.

I realized immediately as I stepped out on the beautiful docks of Bar Harbor that this was a gathering of the most diverse and eclectic display of classic boats I have ever had the privilege to see.



1929 36' Bell Labs Limousine "Tolka", This outstanding historic boat was built at Alexander Graham Bell Laboratories in Nova Scotia. It was found abandoned in the woods of Muskoka Ontario in 2005 and restored by Peter Breen for Lee Anderson and won Gold in the Launch Category.

See more information: <http://www.tolkaboat.com/>



Another beauty is Jane Larson's very original 1959 Cruisers Inc. Commander with 59 Merc Mark 78A and is appropriately named 'Buster'.



Del VanEmmerick's sweet 1959 CarAqua with twin 45 HP Scott-Atwater motors is scoring points with judges and won Gold in the Outboard Category.



Our friend Jerry Peterson aboard his "Swingin' Shepherd", a beautiful 1954 Shepherd powered by a 220 HP Chrysler Marine Hemi.



The "Bar Harbor Clipper" (right) was launched on Gull Lake in May of 1938. The nifty 26' Chris Craft-Clipper provided "Captains Service" to guests at Gull Lake resorts for an evening of Cocktails & Dining by Candlelight and dancing in the moonlight at the magnificent Bar Harbor Night Club. The boats whereabouts is now unknown but was near identical to the Clipper "Klondike" seen below.



One of my favorites was this all original 1930 hand built powered by a rare 1930 Johnson P50 20HP. Blake is an authority on the history of the boat which was a barn find scratch built by Glen Bucks from Glencoe MN. Blake said it was patterned after the "Baby Gar" and she won OB Gold.



Paul and Bobbi Anderson brought 'Klondike' all the way over from CA. We saw this 1938 25' Chris-Craft Clipper at the Geneva Lakes International Show in 2011 where she was awarded Best of Show. Here Klondike won that same prestigious award, Best of Show Restored.



Fridays treat was a beautiful fall morning with warm sunlight breaking through the clouds and spectacular classic wood, glass and metal boats filling the harbor.



I finally had the opportunity to meet the renowned ThompsonboatMan Andre Jordahl Rhude with his great 1955 Thompson Thomboy 'Thommy' with Johnson 35.



We also did some cruising with friends Bill and Nancy Anderson and the crowd pleasing 1958 15' Barnes Shark with 75 HP Hiawatha. Won Outboard category Platinum.



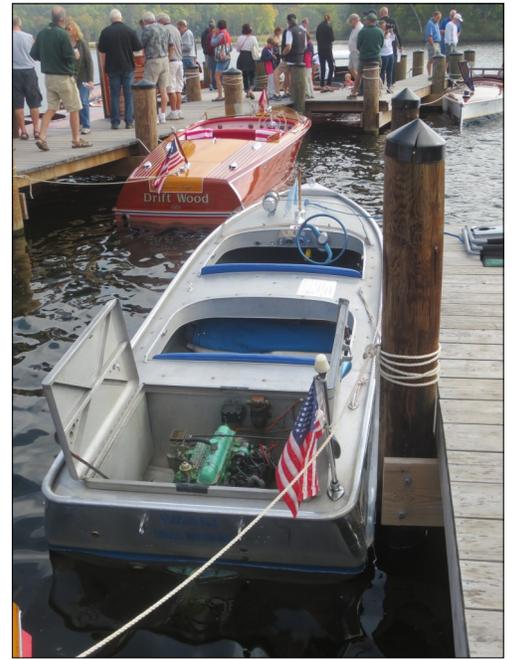
Will Vidal filling in as mate aboard his 'In the Mood' 1940 22' Chris-Craft Sportsman on Gull Lake. Won Antique Utility Restored Silver.



1961 21' Chris-Craft Continental Hardtop "Fin & Tonic" Derk Brill took home Classic Utility Preserved Platinum.



1961 21' Chris-Craft Continental Hardtop "Over the Top" These fabulous fins won Classic Utility Restored Gold.



'Evangline', this 1924 33' HackerCraft was built for Henry Ford and is powered by the Ford Liberty 450 HP V-12. Brian Robinson completed the restoration in June of 2015 and in August won Overall Best of Show and Best Marque at Lake Tahoe. See more: <http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2014/10/09/ford/>

Did I mention metal boats? Fred Bursch's 'War Canoe' is a very rare 1955 AlumnaCraft M16 powered by a Crosley 30 HP with an Aero-Jet V-Drive.



Tom and Jennifer relax aboard 'Roamer', a 1920 33' semi-enclosed launch built by Jos. Dingle Boat Works in St. Paul MN. The boat originally was an open launch and the cabin was added by Dingle in 1934 and also repowered at that time with the existing Universal 45 HP 6cyl motor. Tom bought Roamer in 1959 and she continues to ply the waters of Cass Lake MN as she has for over 90 years.

Dean Kent's 1949 Chris Craft Sportsman 'Dutchess' was originally a Lake Geneva Boat. The boat was his grandfathers and he is planning to bring it up to the Abbey in September.

And a few more ACBS award winning friends of ours to mention:

- ACBS President's Cup Award – Matt Byrne, Blackhawk Chapter
 - Matt was recognized by the ACBS for his generous contribution in redesigning the myacbs.org site for user friendly access.
 - Publication Awards
 - from the Large Chapters – *THE BOATHOUSE*, editor Lee Wangstad, Bob Speltz Land o' Lakes
 - from Mid-sized Chapter – *AT THE WATERLINE*, editor Wil Vidal, Glacier Lakes
- Special congratulations and thanks to Matt, Lee and Wil



MINNESOTA LAKES MARITIME MUSEUM & GARDENS

Mary and I also took the time to drive down to Alexandria from Nisswa and spent an afternoon perusing the fantastic boats and displays highlighting the intriguing history of the Minnesota Lakes region. We met museum curator Bruce Olson at the show and he convinced us it is a must see. Then we ran into Lee Wangstad on the road who is on the museum board and he arranged the nickel tour for us. It was simply amazing to see and definitely worth every penny of that nickel spent. I am running out of space here but want to share a few pictures of some great old boats.



Gar Wood boats dominate the landscape here and allowed me to be up close to the Gar Wood Packard Liberty V12. We heard them running out on Gull Lake and here I was able to learn more on the fascinating history of this engineering marvel.



Cool Chris Crafts



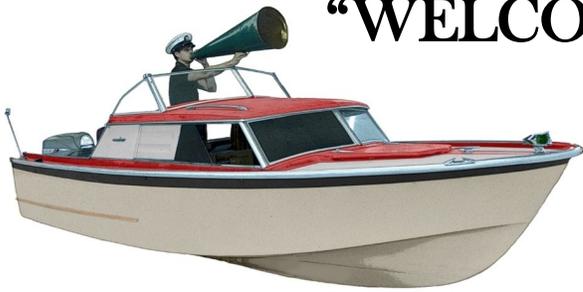
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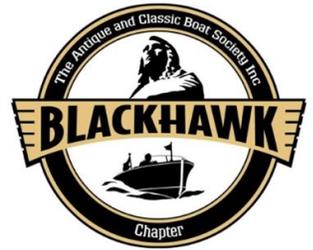
Land-O-Lakes Larsons



“WELCOME ABOARD”



BLACKHAWK CHAPTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS



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

Toby & Sharon Lido, Chicago IL
Dan Conrad & Sharon Siefert-Conrad, McHenry IL
Niko Wichman, Carpentersville IL
Joanna Rowell, Elmhurst IL
Jamie Rowell, Elmhurst IL

Leslie-Ann Olson, Chicago IL
Anthony Gutowsky, Carpentersville IL
Jerry Watron, Schaumburg IL
Chuck Erickson, Elmhurst IL



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.com or 847-477-3373



S S 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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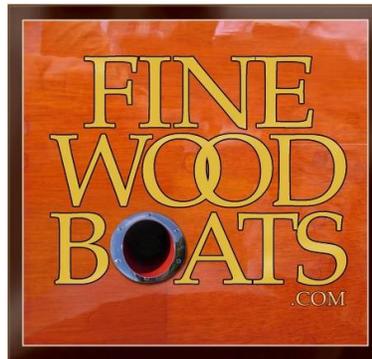


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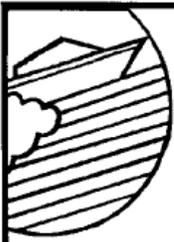
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Sun May 15, 2016	Spring Brunch
Sat July 16, 2016	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
Wed-Sun July 27-31, 2016	Chicago Tall Ships at Navy Pier
Date TBA	Summer Chain O' Lakes Rendezvous
Fri-Sun Sept 23-25, 2016	Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Resort
Date TBA	Fall Dinner