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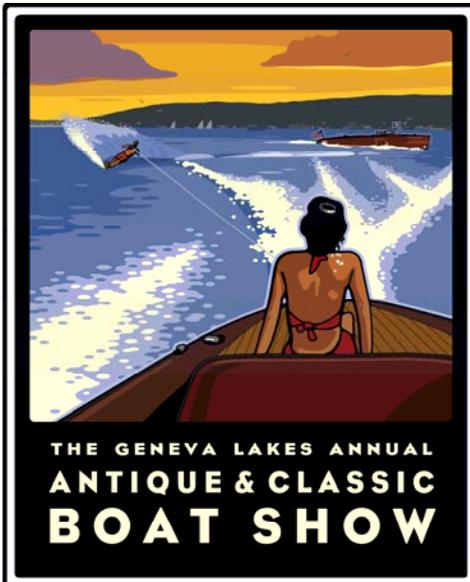
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## It's a Wrap! Blackhawk 2016 Summer Report



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## Presidents Notes:

Hello fellow Blackhawk members,

Unless you are part of the lucky few who head south for the winter you are probably regretting this time of the year like me. Yes, it is that time of the year again when we say goodbye to the warm sunny weather and prepare our boats for winter storage.



As I take time to reflect on the past year, I realize how quickly it went. Yes there was a lot of work that went into being the president but the opportunities made up for it. I want to thank the board for all of their hard work, and especially to all of our volunteers that made our jobs easier.

We had a successful 2016 season.....here are the numbers!

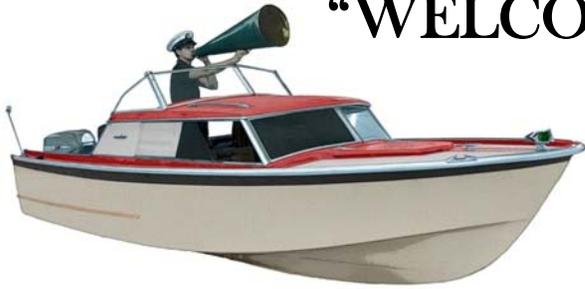
The Blackhawk Chapter hosted 2 boat shows this year, and participated in one special display for the Chicago Tall Ships at Navy Pier. All together we had over 200 boats on display for these shows that were admired by thousands of spectators. We had 217 people attend the Friday Estate Tour at the Geneva Lakes show with 280 attending the Dinner at Mecum's and another 200 for the Saturday night awards dinner. We drew participants from 11 different states and the District of Columbia.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to participate in the 2017 planning meeting for the ACBS. It was well attended by the ACBS board along with 4 Blackhawk members. There was much discussion at this meeting about the new Executive Director and his/her duties. They hope to have the new E.D. in place by the start of the new year. It was also encouraging to hear discussions on how the parent organization can better help the individual clubs. I am hopeful that they will come up with plans to support the clubs youth development programs, membership expansion and scholarships. Your new Blackhawk board will be meeting in the next month to work on the 2017 calendar which will be available in our next newsletter.

For now stay warm and dry.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Dave



# “WELCOME ABOARD”

## BLACKHAWK CHAPTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS

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



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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](mailto:president@blackhawkacbs) 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.

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# ACBS BLACKHAWK CHAPTER 2016 Geneva Lakes Boat Show Lake Cruise, Estate Tour and Welcome Dinner

By Mark Svoboda

The 2016 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show was held at the Abbey Resort and Abbey Marina September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The event was a showcase for over 90 boats in the water and over 50 boats on land. The weekend started off early Friday morning with the Estate Tour. Over 200 members and guest enjoyed a beautiful morning to see some of the most interesting properties on Geneva Lake. We visited three estates, traveled on classic lake launches and enjoyed a luncheon at the Lake Geneva Country Club.



This year the transportation to each property was special. In addition to the Gage boats we had the opportunity to ride on three wonderful boats from the collection of Larry and Sue Larkin. Sea Lark, Hathor and Normandie were all in service for our tour. Just a few years ago Larry completed the restoration of Hathor and earlier this summer Larry completed the re-commissioning of Normandie. It was a rare treat to see all three of these boats out on the lake!

Our first stop was at the summer home of Bob Kelly and Carolyn Smeltzer. This home is located on the Westgate Estate, a large property that takes its name from Charles Westgate, the husband of Gertrude Allen, who was heir to Central Leather Company fortune. The property has been subdivided twice over the years and now includes seven homes.



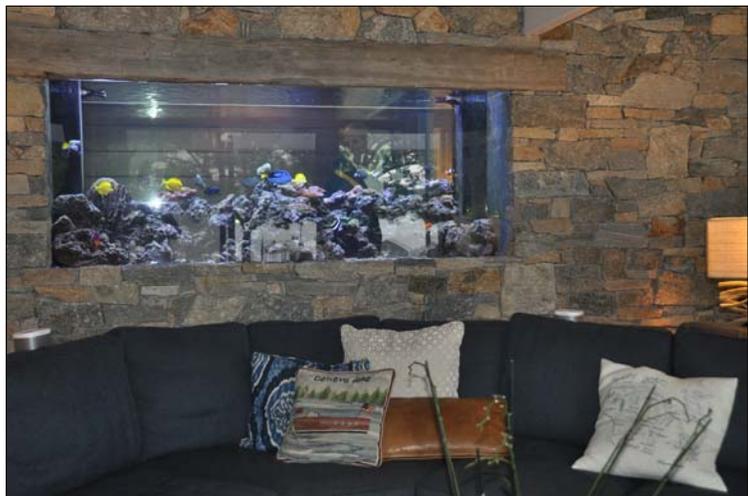
Mr. Kelly was the founder of National Investment Management specializing in institutional investment funds, now retired, and Dr. Smeltzer, a nurse who was Vice President of nursing at University of Chicago Hospital and more recently a partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers. She has written a number of books depicting the history of homes and institutions around Lake Geneva, most recently a book about the early camps on the lake titled Camps of Geneva Lake.



The home was built in 2012 by Michael Keefe, a local realtor, and was remodeled when Bob and Carolyn purchased the home last year, renaming it Flower Cottage. The ten thousand-square foot home is surrounded by a cutting garden on the lake side, and three welcoming gardens on the other sides, as well as a rock garden. The owners enjoyed bringing the outside beauty of the gardens inside, every room having flowers worked into the decor. Cindy Wilson assisted the owners in decorating the home.

Carolyn met us at the door and conducted the tour and shared with us many of the unique aspects of their home.

Our next stop was at the home of Mark Licht, the former owner of Licht Paint Company which operated many paint stores in the western suburbs of Chicago. This home is located on the estate of John M. Smyth, founder of a high-end furniture company in 1890, and later, in the 1960's, created Homemakers. The home was originally constructed in 1970 by Karl Otzen and is based on a California Deck House design.



The home has recently undergone an extensive two-year renovation, and the interior, especially the office of Mr. Licht, is spectacular. We saw custom woodwork throughout, wonderful ceramic tile floors, specially designed light fixtures, and a 650 gallon salt water aquarium.

Our final stop was at the home of Ken and Sue Koranda. It is modeled after Fallingwater, the famous 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. There are a number of waterfalls, both inside and out, that were in operation. The home is surrounded by natural landscaping, enhanced by Mr. Koranda who serves on the board of Morton Arboretum.



We wrapped up a wonderful estate tour with a luncheon at the Lake Geneva Country Club. The club sits on the south shore of Geneva Lake and the beautiful manicured grounds and clubhouse are the perfect venue for our group to get together. We enjoyed a diverse buffet of sandwiches, salads and desserts. We would like to thank the club and their management for sharing their facilities with our event.

The Friday Welcome Dinner was held at the estate of Dana and Patti Mecum. 300 members and guests attended this remarkable evening. Dana and Patti were extremely kind and generous to share their wonderful lake home with us. With over 33,000 square feet of space under roof, there was so much to see and enjoy! Not only did we have an opportunity to see their home but we also had the unique privilege to see some of Dana and Patti's private car collection.



After dinner Dana spoke for a few minutes to share with us a little history of Mecum Auctions. "We've come a long way from our first official auction at the Rockford Airport in 1988," Dana shared. "We're really a family business that grew up and got big. Our goal has always been to give Mecum Auction attendees an amazing experience and unite them with an incredible car they will enjoy."

Mecum Auctions is now headquartered in Walworth, Wisconsin, and since 2011 has been ranked No. 1 in the world with number of collector cars offered at auction, No. 1 in the world with number of collector cars sold at auction, No. 1 in the U.S. with number of auction venues, No. 1 in the U.S. in total dollar volume of sales, and is host to the world's largest collector car auction held annually in Kissimmee, Florida.



Dana and his organization has been a strong supporter of the Blackhawk Chapter. Since we first teamed up at the 2011 International Show, Dana and the Mecum organization have supported our shows and events and we look forward to our continued partnership and success.

We would like to thank all of the chapter members, sponsors and volunteers that invest time, energy and effort to make our Friday events a success.

The Estate Tour and Friday Welcome Dinner have become signature events and important component of our annual Geneva Lakes Boat Show. The show committee seems to outdo themselves every year and the 2016 show was no exception! Thank you again to everyone that helps to make these events and our show a success.

# ACBS Blackhawk Chapter 2016 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

By Terry Dickson

We have yet another fantastic Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show “under the belt” and this was surely one to savor. And this was a record breaking event with more boats and vendors compared to previous Geneva Lakes shows.



The Abbey Harbor was chock-full of amazing antique & classics and the parking lot was filled to the brim with a mix of great classic and contemporary boats.



Dave Wilson from AOMCI Motorheads Chapter showed his 1955 14' Larson Cedar Strip Cartopper with 1946 Merc KD3-S 3.2 HP



Blackhawk Youth Group's latest project. The Volksboat was generously donated to the chapter by club members Dan and Jackie Callahan.



Al and Jim and Jan were kept busy signing up new Blackhawk members. See page 3.



People could not figure this one out. Is it an airplane or a boat? Yes, its actually a Aqua-Air Car.



Andrew Vogeler's Chicago built Milo Craft looks and smells great in her fresh varnish.



Bertil Brunk's 1910 Peterson - 'The Peterson' is always a pleasure to see in Abbey Harbor.



Ross Lynch aboard the beautiful 'Irish Ayes' 2003 Grand Craft



Joe Improta's 'The Legend' a 2000 Notika

Thanks again to everyone that helped make this event happen including all the great folks that came out to see the show. And thanks especially to all the Captains and Mates and Crew for showing and sharing their fine old boats.

# Geneva Lakes 2016 Award Winners



Best Fiberglass - George Duczak  
1975 Home Made Tug  
'The Mighty Little Tug'



2nd Outboard - Michael Furibondo  
1940 Ole Lind Boatworks Runabout  
'Overkill'



Best Outboard - Kyle Knoke  
1957 Trojan Sea Breeze  
'Walleen 2.1'



2nd Contemporary - Peter Mueller  
1980 Millerick Fan Tail Launch  
'Pink Hour'



Best Contemporary - James Zakos  
2007 Gage Hacker  
'After Three'



Best Lapstrake - Mark Licht  
1967 Lyman Sportster  
'Seventh Heaven'



Best Classic Cruiser Under 30' - Gerald Petersen  
1954 Shepherd  
'Swingin' Shepherd'



Best Classic Cruiser 30' & Over - Patrick Maher  
1924 Consolidated Speedway  
'CHEROKEE'



2nd Classic Utility Under 21' - Doug Tracy  
1950 Chirs Craft Gentleman's Racer  
'Just Cruisin'



Best Classic Utility Under 21' & Best Century Pat  
Wichman 1961 Century Resorter  
'Wicked Wood'



2nd Classic Utility 21' & Over - William Budyh Jr.  
1962 Budyh-Hacker Utility  
'Thumper'



Best Classic Utility 21' & Over - Mark Svoboda  
1967 Century Coronado  
'Miss Millie'

# Geneva Lakes 2016 Award Winners



2nd Classic Runabout Under 21' - Tom Wagner  
1958 Chris Craft Rocket  
'Finn'



Best Classic Runabout Under 21' - Gary Conger  
1947 Century Sea Maid  
'ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH'



Best Classic Runabout 21' & Over - John Dort  
1956 Shepherd V-Drive Runabout  
'Hound Dog'



Best Antique Utility - Don Bergman  
1936 Sunflower Deluxe Guide Boat  
'Elsa Dee'



Best Antique Runabout & Blackhawk Youth Award - David Brown  
1932 Hacker-Craft Triple Cockpit Runabout 'Madison Nicole'



2nd Streblov - John D. Simms  
1997 Streblov Cuddy Sport  
'Jean Marie'



Best Streblov - Donald Taylor  
1970 Streblov Sport Utility  
'Mr. T III'



Best "Fly By" - Peter Mueller  
1962 Shepherd 120-s  
'His Bad Habit II'



Best Chris Craft & Blackhawk Sharpest Arrow  
David De Horn, 1941 Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout  
'RUMOUR'



Captain's Choice - Lars Bergersen  
1953 Shepherd  
'Falcon'



Peoples Choice - Paul Miller  
1947 Christiansen Aqua-Air Car  
'Prop Wash'



Editors Choice - John Maack  
2016 Viking Skuldelev III  
'Skagerrak'

# How 'Bout That 2016 Fox Lake Show?



- Who:** Antique & Classic wood and fiberglass boats and owners.  
**What:** In-Water and On-Land free-to-the-public boat show.  
**Where:** Famous Freddie's, on Pistakee Lake, Fox Lake, IL.  
**When:** July 16<sup>th</sup> 2016, preferably by 0900, but most just came when they could...  
**Dress:** Casual; flip-flops, deck shoes, Hawaiian shirts. Blazers, ties & captain hats were left at Home...



By Cindy Cartner

The Blackhawk Chapter ACBS hosted its' 32nd Annual In-Water Show on a sunny July Saturday. 36 Woodies and Classics were displayed for the owners and public enjoyment. The vintages ranged from a brand new sparkly Chris Craft Capri to a well-preserved 1937 Chris Craft Deluxe. Owners arrived from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

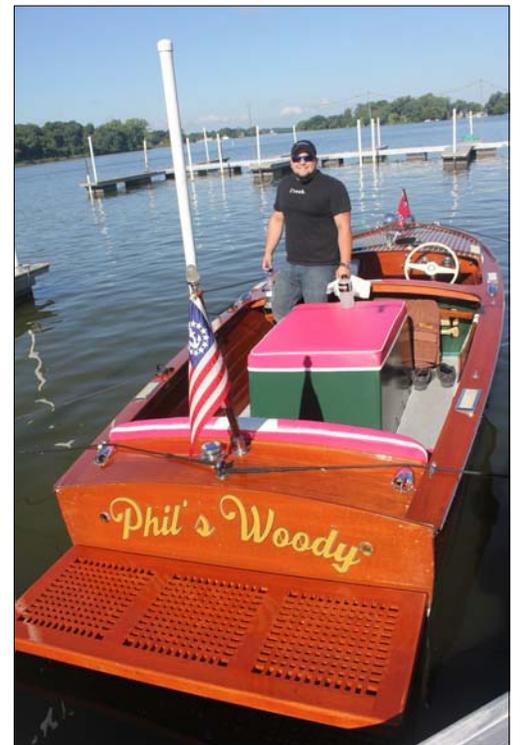
2 Local newspapers announced our public-friendly show and featured an interview with members of the Club's Youth Group. Young Nick Wagner explained the Youth Group's mission of encouraging youth's interest and the continuing care of these classics. See:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lns-fox-lake-boat-show-st-0718-2-20160717-story.html>



**THE 2016 AWARD WINNERS:**

- SKIPPERS CHOICE: Don Chapman, Algonquin IL  
2002 Hackercraft "AND BABY MAKES 3"
- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE FIBERGLASS: Bill Anderson, Hudson IL  
1958 Aero-Glass "SWEET LITTLE 16"
- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE RUNABOUT: Tom & Marge Wagner, Bull Valley IL  
1958 Chris Craft "FINN"
- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE UTILITY: Mark Newell, Chicago IL  
1957 Century Coronado "MARCUS AURELIUS"
- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE OUTBOARD: Nick Wagner, Bull Valley IL  
1950 Wolverine "OLD TIMES"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE FIBERGLASS: Terry Dickson, Sleepy Hollow IL  
1959 Glasspar "MAMA MIA!"
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE RUNABOUT: John Wenstrom, McHenry IL  
1937 Chris Craft Deluxe "OLIVIA ROSE"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE UTILITY: Eric & Kathy Moburg, Johnsburg IL  
1958 Streblov "REBEL"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE OUTBOARD: Ken Klein, McHenry IL  
1954 Wagemaker



On behalf of my husband, Ted, and our co-host, Ron Van Horn, I thank you for your interest and participation in this Blackhawk summer event.

To all: mark your calendars for the 2017 Show next July 15th!



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By Terry Dickson



ACBS Blackhawks had the opportunity to participate in the Tall Ships Chicago event last July at Navy Pier. We were treated royally by the event coordinators and included were perks such as crew passes, meals, parties, and parking. And they are already planning on inviting us back for the 2019 event.



Of particular interest to many attending was the 'Draken Harald Hårfagre'. This strikingly beautiful 114' Viking Longship replica sailed from Norway across the North Atlantic and onto the Great Lakes.



Our classic boats were displayed on the east end of the pier. All the spectators that came out were great and happy to see our short power boats as they worked their way around the pier to see the Tall Ships.

Captain Toby and 'Robert Allen II' had a prominent mooring alongside 'Draken'



'El Galeon Andalucia' The 170' ship is a replica of 16th century galleons that were part of Spain's West Indies fleet. This vessel is an awesome sight to behold and was a fascinating experience to be aboard.



'Friends Good Will' Replica of a merchant ship turned man-o-war which had a role in the War of 1812

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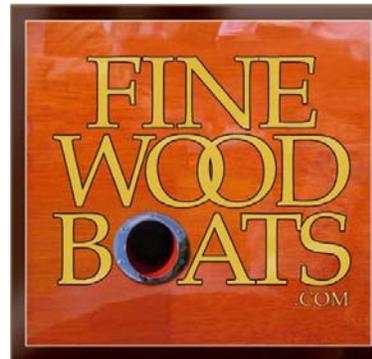


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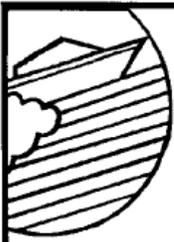
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Date TBA	Spring Workshop
July 15, 2017	Fox Lake In-Water Boat Show at Famous Freddie's
Sept 22-24, 2017	Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show at the Abbey Resort
Date TBA	Fall Dinner