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Newsletter of the **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS**

Classic Boats of Blackhawk Chapter Shows off their brightwork at the Tall Ships Chicago Event

George Plamondon, Blackhawk Chapter director worked with the City of Chicago to have classic boats displayed along the Chicago River near Navy Pier during the Tall Ships of Chicago show, August 3rd-9th. There were a total of 17 ships that participated during the event. They ranged in length from 65 feet to 198 ft. They came from Michigan, Wisconsin, Canada, Maryland, California, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The Blackhawk Chapter provided nine boats for the land display along the Chicago River, below Wacker Dr.

The Blackhawk list of exhibitors were: Jim Wilkin-1947 Globe Runabout, Wil Vidal-1928 Chris Craft Runabout, Bill Gage-1940 Gar Wood, Bill Gage-1962 Gage Hacker, Tim Settle-1946 Wickens Hydroplane, Matt Byrne-1962 Century Resorter, John Spoeri-1956 Astrocraft, William Nicholson-1955 Chris Craft Co-

bra, and George Plamondon-1937 Chris Craft Custom Runabout.

It was a great event. The boat owners delivered their boats on August 3rd and picked them up August 10th. It was reported that 1,700,000 people attended the Tall Ships event.

George Plamondon was there every day to make sure everything was handled properly. He said that the spectators seemed to be more interested in the



classic boats than the tall ships. He said that they had lots and lots of questions. Thank you to George in all his efforts and to those bringing their boats.

George Plamondon talking with WGN News



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Blackhawk Members,

The summer is in full swing. The weather is great, I hope everyone is out and enjoying the water and their respective "Woodies". We're having a great summer with numerous shows, including the Tall Ships, Fox Valley Show, and the upcoming Geneva Lake Show.

This issue has lots of pictures from some of our summer activities. Please enjoy, and feel free to send us lots of your own pictures and stories. This newsletter is for sharing our stories with the other members.

Everyone please mark you calendars for the Geneva Lake Show. The show committee promises lots of beautiful boats, fun people, and of course, really great weather. It's a chance to see at least 50 great boats and chat with their owners. I find it a great time to learn new things about how others work on their boats. The really great finishes some of these classics have are beauties to behold.

Next, mark your calendars for our Fall Dinner and elections. It will be held in Fox Lake at Docker's on October 29th, 2006. It is a nice restaurant overlooking the Chain of Lakes, and again, I promise you a colorful sunset. One will have several choices from beef and pork, seafood, and pasta.

The Fall Dinner will also be the time of our annual elections. Please, please, anyone interested in helping us run this great club, let us know. We always need more help as the regular crowd is getting old and a bit tired. It is a great chance to be more active. We need help with the newsletter, and general administrative work. One can due as much or as little as your time allows. Feel free to discuss your interests with me or anyone on the board.

In closing for this column, I hope all of you are enjoying your summer, be safe on the water, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Geneva Lakes Show.

Andy Ievins
President
Blackhawk Chapter
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2006 Fall Dinner Meeting

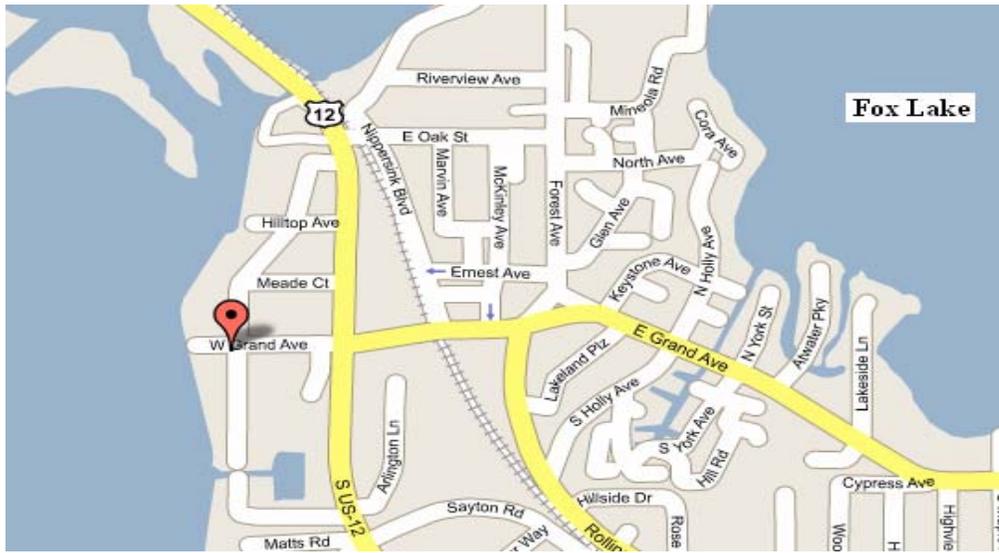
Docker's in Fox Lake

Sunday, October 29th, 4:30 p.m.
 Second floor party room, overlooking the water

Docker's is located at 33 W Grand Ave in Fox Lake (at the corner of Rte. 12 and Grand, go West two blocks to the water). The cost is \$16.00 per person. You will be able to order off a menu of several items, including :

- 1/2 Broasted Chicken
- BBQ Ribs 1/2 slab
- Broiled Salmon
- London Broil 9 oz.
- Parmesan Chicken
- Broiled Cod

Cash bar will be open



2006 Blackhawk Chapter Fall Dinner

Send your reservation by Wednesday October 20th, 2006

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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NUMBER UNDER 18 _____

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- Broiled Salmon
- London Broil 9 oz.
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- Parmesan Chicken

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MINOCQUA SHOW PICTURES



The Blackhawk Chapter ACBS invites you to participate in

The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Resort, Fontana, Wi Sept 22-24, 2006

NAMES(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

	Number of Boats		Total Per Event
Boat Registration			
"IN WATER" Boat Registration, includes launching and dock space for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.		\$40.00 ea. Before 9/3 \$60.00 ea. After 9/3	
"ON LAND" boat registration		\$25.00 ea Before 9/3 \$35.00 ea After 9/3	
Additional charge for "For Sale" boats.		\$25.00 per boat	
	Number Of People		
Friday, September 22			
2 Hour Narrated Geneva Lk Tour on Historic Launches followed by Lunch at Gordy's		\$25.00ea Before 9/3 \$35.00 After 9/3 Children under 16 FREE	
Colman's Lakeside Cocktail/Dinner Reception		\$35.00ea (Before 9/3) \$45.00 (After 9/3)	
Saturday, September 23			
Dinner: includes entrée, salad, sides, dessert, coffee, tax and tip			
	qty		
Please chose: Lemon Chicken w/ rice		\$35.00 ea. (Before 9/3)	
or Top Round of Beef w/ potatoes		\$45.00 ea. (After 9/3)	

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to: "Blackhawk Chapter, ACBS"
REGISTRATION, TOUR/ LUNCH, DINNER, & EVENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

For lodging information see rate sheet enclosed. Use Promo # WBS06 for ACBS discounted rates.

For additional info:
www.genevalakesboatshow.com
Cindy Cartner 847-395-8902

SEND REGISTRATION BEFORE 9/10 TO:
Blackhawk Chapter
C/O Ted & Cindy Cartner
PO Box 683
Antioch IL 60002-0683

**DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IS SEPT. 10th.
But events may close before then as SPACE IS LIMITED !!**

**The Blackhawk Chapter 2006 Geneva Lake Boat Show
September 22-24, 2006**

BOAT INFORMATION

Make _____ Model _____

Name _____ Year _____ Length _____ Beam _____

Engine: Make _____ Model _____ HP _____

BOAT AWARD CATEGORY: Please check all that apply.

Wood _____ Fiberglass _____ Steel _____ Aluminum _____

Utility _____ Runabout _____ Launch _____ Outboard _____ Cruiser _____

Canoe _____ Sail _____ Rowing _____ Raceboat _____

Other _____ (please explain) _____

Would you like your boat to be judged for most Original/Unrestored? YES _____

INSURANCE WAIVER FOR ALL BOAT ENTRANTS

This statement certifies that I am the owner of the above listed boat. I am entering it in the Blackhawk Chapter ACBS Geneva Lake Boat Show, September 2006. I certify that I currently have effective insurance to cover damage to my boat, and to cover my liability for damage to other boats, or their property, arising from any use of my boat during this event.

I hold free and harmless the officers and volunteers of the Blackhawk Chapter and the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., and the owners and staff of the Abbey Resort and Abbey Harbor, and Sponsors from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability which in any manner arise or be alleged to arise from any and all activities connected directly or proximately with the event listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This must be signed before entering the Boat Show area.

We could use volunteers to help during the Show, if you can help please check here _____

SPACE IS LIMITED, ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE ON A FIRST COME / FIRST SERVE
BASIS. RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10th.

2006 GENEVA LAKES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DESCRIPTION

Friday launching is available from 7:00 -9:00 AM prior to the Tour, or 2:00-8:00PM.

FRESH, NEW EVENTS FOR FRIDAY ! We'll board 2 all-weather historic day launches for a **2 hr narrated tour**. The entire lake will be seen, with it's shoreline mansions and accounts of it's rich history. This is a great way to get acquainted with one of Wisconsin's largest lakes. Meet at the Abbey Launch Ramp for check-in prior to a short walk to the Fontana Pier where the launches await. Cash beverages will be available aboard. We'll return to shore in time for **lunch at Gordy's Restaurant** on the Fontana waterfront. Lunch includes broccoli soup, a chicken wrap, salad and soda served buffet-style. You can't beat this package!

(Partial cost of this Tour/Lunch is provided by the Blackhawk Chapter, a benefit of membership.) The remainder of the afternoon is open for you to launch your boat to enjoy more boating, to antique in nearby Walworth (10 min drive), or check out the shops of Lk Geneva on the east end of the lake (20 min drive).

Friday evening rendezvous 5:00-6:00pm at the Abbey Waterfront for directions/gathering prior to departing for Charles & Dianna Colman's lakeside home. Located on the lake's North shore, the Colman's hospitality includes ample pier docking and is a short cruise from the Abbey. Due to limited parking, carpooling is urged for those coming by car. This **Pre-Show Dinner Reception** takes place from 6:30 till 9:30pm. Space is limited, we recommend early registration.

Show day packet & launching assignments will be available 7-9:30 Saturday at Abbey's Harbor House near the ramp. **Launching** is at the same time. Come in and pick-up your dock assignment before driving up to the ramp. A **complimentary continental breakfast for boat registrants** is available here till 10am.

Seventy+ in-water and many on-land antique, classic and current contemporary wood boats from the early 1900's on up highlight this Show. The public attends free.

The **4pm Boat Parade** allows another opportunity to get out onto one of Wisconsin's largest and deepest lakes, enjoying the fall scenery. If taking your boat be sure to attend the Skippers meeting @ 3:30 in the Show Tent.

Saturday's Cocktail Party and Dinner will be held in the Abbey's Wisconsin Room. It's located on the upper level of the resort with large windows offering views of the grounds and your wood boats in the Marina. **Ted Pankau, Water Safety Patrol Operations Director, is the guest speaker.**

Sunday morning have a leisurely breakfast or go boating, but be sure to attend the Show by 10am. At 2:00 the **Awards Ceremony** will take place in the Wisconsin Room. Also on Sunday there will be hundreds of classic cars on display at the Interlaken Resort nearby.

The Abbey Resort has a limited number of rooms reserved at the Blackhawk Chapter ACBS Show rate. **Use PROMO# WBS06 when making your reservation.**

We look forward to having you join us for any of the activities. It's always been a fun weekend that we hope you'll have fond memories of. See you in September!

For additional information: www.genevalakesboatshow.com or 847-395-8902

THE THINGS WE DO FOR FUN OR REBUILDING THE BOTTOM OF A 1958 STREBLOW

By Eric Moberg

It all started innocently enough. That butt joint just above the waterline looks funny. Like a fly to wet varnish, my finger was drawn to the spot, and oops, I just poked a hole in our boat.

We all know how the story goes from there. A little exploratory surgery opens a can of worms. This was fall of 2005, so I had all winter to plan my attack and gather materials. By February 2006, I was on a first name basis with Jamestown. Even before I had opened up the area to reveal the full extent of the project, I was determined to have everything completed in time for the annual pilgrimage to Minocqua at the end of July. The key to my plan was to start early in the spring, and to do that, I needed shelter. Shelter Logic's instant garage was just the trick. Once my play house was built and the boat was on jacks inside, I could proceed with disassembly to finally assess the scope of the project.



Eric's playhouse

The problem was clear enough. Water had seeped into a butt joint just above the chine at about windshield distance from the stem. Over a period of time, it ate into the chine, which on the Streblov is a two piece affair rather than the usual double rabbetted deal. From there it ate into the end grain of the plywood inner bottom, every boat owner's worst case scenario (except you Century guys).

The good news was that only about a 2' x 4' section of inner bottom was bad. The bad news was that all of the planking still had to be removed to replace that bad section of inner bottom. The forward portion of the in-

ner bottom consists of 6" strips of 1/4" plywood running diagonally from chine to keel to about amidships, where larger sheets are used. And to make it interesting, there are no seams in the outer bottom- all planks are full length.

As I removed the outer planks, I was amazed to see the canvas moisture barrier almost completely intact, and even the original construction markings were still visible. Not bad for almost 50 years of use.



The steamer, guaranteed to not meet any recognized codes

With the exception of the aforementioned bad spot in the oak chine, all of the framing was still rock solid, but I opted to replace the intermediate oak frames anyway since they were so easy. The chine was a little tougher, but after soaking in the steamer for a couple hours, it went into place.

The next step was to cut and fit the new inner bottom. Although only 2 strips were actually bad, I replaced the entire forward section so that everything could be fit together with new fasteners. With the inner bottom lightly tacked in place, the real fun began. I could have reused some of the original outer planks, but I thought it would be better to replace all of them. All of the bottom planks have a complex double bend and twist, and even after hours in the steamer, still did not want to cooperate.

Myself imposed deadline was staring me in the eye as plank after plank split on the jig. Eventually I perse-

vered, and had all the pieces bent, cut and fitted onto the boat.



Boy, that's ugly

Then everything had to be removed and slathered in 5200, and then reassembled in one day so it cured as a single unit. 5200 may be the most tenacious and sticky material known to mankind, but when you are forcing curved and twisted planks onto a layer of the stuff it is like grease. By the end of the day, everything was assembled, and I was covered from head to toe in 5200. So were my tools, the shelter, and 2 hapless friends who happened by to see what I was up to.



All the new pieces in place and final fairing. Might float after all.

Fairing and sanding the bottom seemed to take forever. By now we were into June. In addition to bottom planks (easy enough to paint) several bright planks were replaced, and so the business of hand sanding the entire hull, building up layers of varnish on the new stuff and then re-varnishing the whole boat was necessary.



Where did that bug come from?

Oh, I forgot to mention, the floor also had to be replaced too, due to a soft spot developing under the rear seat. Well, that all went according to plan, and to make a long story short, this was all accomplished in time to be in the water on July 4.



July 2006 – Beer Can Island in Minocqua (Best happy hour in the North Woods)-We made it!



MCHENRY SHOW PICTURES





2006 Award Winners

Best Runabout - 1939 Chris Craft 19' Barrelback owned by Rial Chaplin

Best Utility - 1965 Chris Craft Super Sport owned by Craig Shocken

Best Century - 1955 Century Coronado owned by John Incaudo

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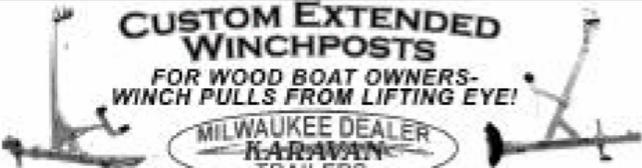


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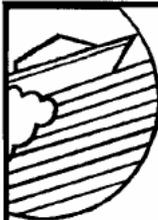


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Calendar of Events 2006

Event	Date	Location	Contact
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Fall Dinner	Oct 29	Docker's in Fox Lake	Andy Ievins