



The Smoke Signal



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View of the west end of the Abbey Harbor during GLBS Story and more photos pages 6-10



Young members show off their boats on Lake Geneva (from top) Andrew Vogeler in his 1956 Milo Craft, Nick Wagner w/Mitchell O'Day in Nick's 1951 Wolverine, & Remington Reid in Blackhawk's 1953 Wolverine Wagemaker. PHOTO COURTESY OF CLASSIC BOATING MAGAZINE.



Lower Chain O'Lakes Rendezvous Story page 5, more photos page 8

Surrounded by boats, we wrap up the season at the Fall Dinner. Story and more photos pages 3-4

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Blackhawk Members:



This has been a busy fall for the Blackhawk Chapter. A lot has happened since the last edition of the Smoke Signal! We held the Lower Chain O'Lakes Cruise, the Geneva Lake Boat Show and the Blackhawk Fall Dinner. We have had wonderful participation at all of our events this year and I would like to personally thank each and every member of the Blackhawk Chapter for making 2013 a successful year.

This was a record season for the Chapter. In addition to our usual shows, workshops and dinners, we added 3 significant events including the Chicago In-Water Boat Show in June and the Chain O'Lakes Cruises in August and September. None of this would have been accomplished without the support of the Blackhawk volunteers that make these events possible.

2014 will present a new challenge; how will we top 2013? Well, let's take this one event at a time. I hope to get a finalized events schedule out in early December. We will be off to a quick start with the Chicago Boat Show January 16-20, 2014 at McCormick Place. If you have an interest in showing your boat please drop me a quick email at president@blackhawkacbs.com. (See page 12 for show times and address.)

As always watch your email or snail mail for the latest Blackhawk updates. Regularly check the Blackhawk web site at www.blackhawkacbs.com for the latest information on club events and meetings. I look forward to seeing you all out on the water at our 2014 cruises, shows and events.

Best regards,



Mark Svoboda

The Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show has presented our club with the opportunity to participate in the 2014 show. The show management was extremely supportive of our participation in past events and would like us to be a part of the show in 2014.



Editors Note:

We just received information about participating in the Chicago Boat Show Jan 16-20, 2014 as Mark mentioned above. Turn to page 12 for complete details and mark your calendars for this fantastic event.

Blackhawk Chapter Annual Fall Dinner

by Kathy Moberg

Saturday, October 19, 2013
Fox River Valley Boat Co.
Ringwood Showroom
Ringwood, IL



Thank you again to Tom and Marge Wagner of Fox River Valley Boat Company who graciously hosted the Blackhawk Annual Fall Dinner and Meeting. We mingled amongst the beautiful boats enjoying cocktails and each others' company, then continued on at our tables as we dined on a delicious beef and chicken buffet dinner with all the trimmings. Throughout the evening, pictures of the 2013 Geneva Lakes Boat Show ran on one screen, while the rest of the 2013 season ran on another. These images really captured what a great season it was for the Blackhawk Chapter!

After dinner, President, Mark Svoboda narrated a multi-media presentation of the year in review as well as Chapter business. It began with a photographic review of the following: Spring Workshop, Spring Dinner, new show this year at Chicago's 31st Street Harbor, Fox Lake Boat Show; 2 new events of Upper and Lower Chain O'Lakes Cruises, Geneva Lakes Boat Show followed by the plan of events and dates for the 2014 schedule. As always, Mark's presentation style accompanied by his wife Shelly's photographs made the meeting enjoyable and the evening seemed to go by so quickly.



The first order of formal business was the presentation of charitable contribution checks to two organizations; the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol and the Geneva Lake Level Corporation (maintaining, preserving and protecting the water level of Geneva Lake since 1894).



Next was the presentation of gifts to those members who contributed to the SOS (Share Our Stories) portion of the Smoke Signal. Thank you to all who contributed!

The Sharpest Arrow is a Blackhawk exclusive, annual traveling trophy bestowed upon a member's boat that is selected by the committee of previous recipients of the award. The 2013 winner is Bill Budyach's 1962 Budyach-Hacker "Thumper".



The always fun (in hindsight) Blackhawk Oops! Award was presented this year to Al Bosworth, for the Trailer vs. Trailer contact, which occurred at the Chicago Show.



The President's Cup is an ACBS sponsored award, for one individual the President chooses who has shown a strong commitment, investing time and energy above and beyond the call of duty. This year's honoree is yours truly, Kathy Moberg, Editor of the Smoke Signal. I am very honored to have received this prestigious award, and believe that Mark chose me because 1) I have relentlessly hounded him by phone and email prior to each issue requesting dates, places, details, President's letter, etc., in order to create an accurate, informative, on-time newsletter and 2) He appreciates the effort I have put forth and doesn't want me to retire. NOTE: The LAST issue was supposed to have been my LAST issue! I mean it this time, my tenure as Editor is done once this issue is mailed and on the website :) Thank you again to all who helped me "send up Smoke Signals".





Larry Larkin also presented to Al Bosworth a very prestigious award, the Larkin Award for Outstanding Achievement. This has only been awarded to four other people in 11 years. As Larry explains, it is only for someone who has done something outstanding, something really special that Larry thought should be recognized. He felt that Al earned it because of his outstanding contribution to the Blackhawk's Geneva Lakes Boat Show over many years.

The nominating committee presented the slate of Officers for the coming term. The slate was unanimously approved by the membership at the meeting. Remaining as President is Mark Svoboda; a vote was taken and it was approved that there would be an extended term and extension of consecutive terms, (or something like that, I missed the details, but I think because he continues to do an outstanding job in the position, he has it "for life".) Vice President is still Larry Lange, Terry Dickson remains as Secretary, and Treasurer is now Matt Byrne. New Directors for a 2 year term are Ed Snyder and Mark Christensen. See page 2 for names and contact information for all Blackhawk Chapter Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen.

We closed the evening with a raffle drawing benefitting the Youth Group, and many wonderful prizes were won by happy members, and the ladies all received Sweetest Day roses from the centerpieces.





Hot Fun in the Fall



Lower Chain O' Lakes RENDEZVOUS!

by Eric Moberg

Once again we were blessed with another beautiful, although somewhat chilly morning, as the first group of boats set out from Fox Lake for the second Blackhawk Cruise day. The idea behind these cruises is to get a chance to get out and run our boats a bit, and run them we did.



The cruise route started at the Route 12 bridge and headed south across Pistakee Lake and down the river toward the McHenry Dam. Those of you familiar with that section of the river may wonder about the prudence of running it on a Saturday, but mid morning is a whole lot different than later in the day, and it was all ours. We picked up the second half of the group at the docks of Fox River Valley Boat Co. in McHenry, where each boat was provided a Bingo card featuring common sights on

the lower Chain to make it more fun. While most of us buzzed on south to the Dam, Dave Voegler hung back to finish fixing a fuel leak. That done, he raced on towards the dam and caught up with us, and by the time we had returned to McHenry for the rest of the trip, Dave and his crew, Bob O'Day, had already won the Bingo game.



From McHenry we returned up the still placid river and toured Pistakee Bay, where some of the finest old homes on the Chain can be seen. Next stop was Famous Freddie's for lunch, where a couple additional boats joined the group, including a non-Blackhawk Century Palvo who just happened to be out for a ride. Another of these later arrivals was captain Ron Van Horn, with his Semi-Enclosed Chris Craft, sister to that of Captain Ted Cartner. This was the first time that these two beautiful large woodies had ever been seen together, and what a sight it was. The after lunch itinerary took us around Fox Lake, past the Mineola Hotel and on to Petit Lake, where Captains Ted and Ron demonstrated their twin engine prowess, making their crafts dance together, to the delight of everyone with a camera.



The success of both of these cruise days proves that 1) old woodies can be reliable for running around all day, and 2) it is a lot of fun to do so. Let's plan to do a lot more of these in 2014!





New, More, Best

Geneva Lakes Boat Show

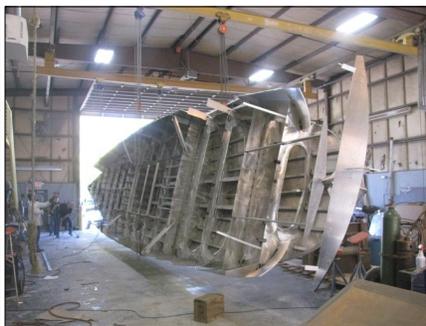
By Kathy Moberg



In my notes from talking with people at the Geneva Lake's Boat Show and having conversations with attendees afterwards about the show, the words "new, first time, more, most, better and best" were all over the page. There were many aspects of the show that have become traditional after 15 years, with some improvements along the way, and also several new elements that made it feel fresh. There were more boats than ever (with the exception of the International Show), and overall, most felt it was the best GLBS yet! This show continues to grow and improve, attracting new, interesting, unusual and fantastic boats from far and wide, while maintaining the core of local boats and members who attend each year.

The ever popular, always exceptional Estate Tours were once again declared to be the best ever. This year's tour was hosted by three couples who so generously opened their marvelous homes to us. John and Michelle Simms's classic French Chateau harmoniously furnished with French antiques sustained a tasteful décor throughout, reflecting the Simms's refined tastes. Brent and Sharon Brodesky recently updated their home and it now features the latest design concepts for a modern home and is marvelously decorated with interesting artifacts. Bob and Rita O'Brien's amazing home was completed in 2012 and has many unusual features for a Lake Geneva summer get-away, including the lower level designed as an Irish Pub with walk-out access to a deck and swimming pool. This exceptional home abounds in creative ideas and thoughtful execution. Lake Geneva Country Club, one of the oldest in the country, kept the tradition of serving a delicious buffet lunch while offering the view of the gorgeous grounds and lake. Possibly the best part of this amazing day is the chance to cruise to and from each location aboard each of three historic launches, Polaris, Sea Lark and Louise. The weather could not have been more perfect for this day on the lake! See photos on page 8.

Very, very special thanks must go out to Larry and Sue Larkin. To begin with, Larry once again set up the Estate Tours, then he and Sue also hosted the outstanding Friday night Welcome Reception Dinner. There were more guests than ever before at this event (close to 200), the setting was gorgeous, the food fantastic, the dining and viewing accommodations were unprecedented, and the presentation Larry gave about "Normandie" was fascinating. The evening was simply the best!



Shown above is the builder's plate in the front deck of Normandie. The restoration of this 63 foot long beauty is almost complete. The photo on the left shows Larry's garage with the canopy and cradle awaiting the arrival of a completely new hull, shown here during reconstruction. It is made from the original construction drawings with the help of modern technology and lots of aluminum. The cabin, engine and transmission (not pictured) have been reassembled, repaired and are ready to be installed. Indeed, Larry, you have helped preserve the past and given some promise for the future!

Saturday morning brought abundant sunshine again, and warm temperatures that lasted the entire weekend; it was even better than you could hope for at the end of September! There were some nasty gusts of wind on Saturday, however, that actually made a few of the canopy tents take flight! I don't believe I have ever seen more spectators at this show—the docks and grounds were full of people navigating their way through all there was to see and do all weekend. We had the most vendors we've ever had on the lawn this year, and the Blackhawk tent sales were the best ever. More new members than ever before signed up at the Membership tent. Artists creating beautiful, original paintings at dockside became a first time event in the Abbey Harbor this year, (and will probably become a mainstay) with the paintings being sold to attendees through a silent auction at the awards dinner. The Saturday boat parade, even with the wind, was great fun.

The "Fly-By Award" (Plamondon Cup) was also something new this year. You can't really see him, but believe me when I tell you that this photo shows Al Bosworth and his Shepherd under that wall of water—a clear winner for the cup this year. The Youth group once again spoke with some the Captains about their boats, and climbed on board to look the boats over, then presented an award Saturday night to the one they judged to be their favorite. This year's winner was a 1966 Lyman Hardtop Sportsman, as pictured here, with the Youth Judges on board. The owner, Andrew Kubisco, was impressed by their questions and knowledge of boats, and they, obviously, were impressed by his boat.

The People's Choice Award, always a high honor, was presented to John Simms Jr. on the lawn on Sunday, for his 1997 Streblov, Jean Marie. He is pictured on page 9, where he is joined by family, Kris Streblov and Steve Horton of Streblov Custom Boats, who modified the boat in 2012. (See the Classic Boating issue 175, Sept/Oct 2013 for the full story on Jean Marie.) Streblov boats, iconic to Lake Geneva, were featured on Neal Aspinall's illustrated poster for the 2013 GLBS. The posters are wonderful pieces of art, and Neal's designs (for the GLBS each year, as well as his other works) all celebrate the many wonderful aspects of life in Lake Geneva. There were more Streblovs than ever before at this year's show; sixteen on "Streblov Row" as the dock became known, and several others who stopped by to visit, and/or take visitors for rides on the lake.



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Lower Chain O' Lakes Fall Cruise

Saturday, September 14, 2013

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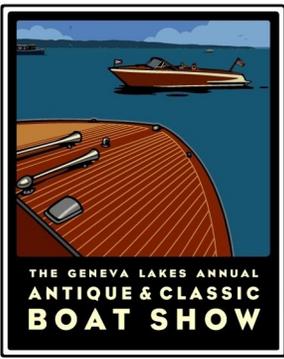


Geneva Lakes Boat Show

September 27-29, 2013

See page 6 for story





The complete list of 2013 GLBS winners, which were announced at the Saturday Awards Dinner in the spacious and beautiful Harbor Ballroom, are as follows:

Category	Specified	Winner
Hagerty Youth Award		Andrew Kubicsko 1966 Lyman Sportsman Hardtop 'Freedom'
Best Canoe		Paul Miller 1900 Rushton Indian 'Chingachgook'
2nd Fiberglass		1968 Avenco Water Wasp - 'Water Wasp'
Best Fiberglass		Scott Bruesewitz 1955 Permacraft 'Chloe'
2nd Outboard		Patrick Baron 1955 Feathercraft Vagabond 1 'B-55'
Best Outboard		Nick Wagner 1950 Wolverine Wagemaker 'Old Times'
2nd Contemporary		Joe Norton 1990 Hacker Craft Triple Cockpit
Best Contemporary		Robin & Peter Mueller 1980 Edwardian Launch 'PINK HOUR'
Best Lapstrake		Lynn Rictor 1956 Chris Craft Sea Skiff 'BOEING'S'
Best Classic Cruiser		Lars Bergersen 1955 Shepherd Express Cruiser 'Gigi Marie'
Best Gentlemans Racer		John Zea 1929 Hacker/Kramer Gentleman's Racer 'Antionette V'
2nd Classic Utility	Under 21'	Karen Birch 1957 Chris Craft Continental 'Birchwood'
Best Classic Utility	Under 21'	Tom Wagner 1956 Chris Craft Rocket 'FINN'
2nd Classic Utility	21' & Over	James Hooker 1960 Chris Craft Sportsman 'Lorelei II'
Best Classic Utility	21' & Over	Keith Pozulp 1952 Chris Craft Holiday 'Lucky Penny'
2nd Classic Runabout	Under 21'	Moss Cartwright 1947 greavette runabout 'no golf today'
Best Classic Runabout	Under 21'	Alan Bosworth 1961 Shepherd Runabout
Best Classic Runabout	21' & Over	Water Safety Patrol 1965 John Hacker Runabout 'Richard W. Scherff'
Best Antique Utility		Tom Nickols 1940 Chris Craft Sportsman 'Wooden Nickols'
2nd Antique Runabout		Tom Carlin 1940 Chris Craft Custom - 'Malibu'
Best Antique Runabout		John Wenstrom 1937 Chris Craft Custom Deluxe 'OLivia Rose'
Best Historic		W. J. Goes 1898 L. E. FRY LAUNCH 'MAJEN SAWASMO'
2nd Best Strebblow		Don Taylor 1970 Strebblow Sport Utility 'Mr T III'
Best Strebblow		Eric Moberg 1958 Strebblow Rebel 'Rebel'
Best "Fly By" Award		Al Bosworth
Best Chris Craft		Stolz/Bosworth 1947 Chris Craft Sportsman 'Big W'
Best Century		Gary Conger 1947 Century Sea Maid
Captain's Choice		John Zea 1929 Hacker/Kramer Gentleman's Racer 'Antionette V'
ACBS "Most Original "		Lynn Rictor 1956 Chris Craft Sea Skiff 'BOEING'S'

Thank you to all the many, many volunteers who helped put this show together, kept it running smoothly, and assisted in putting it all away at the end of the show.

I received an email this morning from Doug Ward of Doug Ward Photography—I told him I would quote him in this newsletter—he said,

"By the way, I attend many Boat Shows here in the Midwest Area. By far, the Geneva show is far superior to any of them. The quality and quantity of boats are over the top every year. Also, the owners are First Class and full of many wonderful boat stories. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!"

Mark your calendars for the next Geneva Lakes Boat Show, Sept 26-28, 2014.

SOS



Share Our Stories

We'll be 'literarily' drowning next year without your stories!

There are about 300 members plus their spouses, friends and children who attend the events. If each person wrote just ONE story per decade for the Blackhawk Smoke Signal, we would have material for many YEARS to come! Please think about writing your story sometime in the coming year...

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLLEEEASE send your stories to smokesignal@blackhawkacbs.com for future issues. I promised to be Editor for a year (six issues) and I've seen it through nine complete issues. I am definitely retiring as Editor and Cindy Chicoine (a graphic designer with no boat, who is not a member) has agreed to put the newsletter together, but she needs YOU to feed the info to her (so those of you who say you don't have the computer skills, no worries, that will be covered!) Someone can generally provide photos of events if you are not into photography, (so that's covered, too) but the Smoke Signal NEEDS the stories! Even if you read it online instead of the printed version, all parts of it still need to be created by membership, six times per year. You know about boats, you go to events, you enjoy boating, restoring, and telling your stories about it all; please share them with the membership! It's your ACBS, your Blackhawk, your Smoke Signal—this is a great way to be a part of it!

From the Spring Dinner through the Fall Dinner, there are three Blackhawk boat shows, and several outings and workshops that all need to be included in the newsletter. You can also send in stories of other shows or boating events that you have attended. Anything that would be of interest to the membership is good. In the winter months, when there are so few events taking place, stories of your past or present restoration project are especially welcome. In all, at least two dozen articles need to be written per year. Anticipating the next event you are going to attend, send an email asking if anyone else has volunteered to write an article about that event, either one written ahead of time encouraging others to attend, or one telling about it afterwards. (Both are needed for almost every issue). Inspire your family and friends to do the same. I had 8 to 11 year-olds send in stories—so I'm sure that everyone reading this can do it too... Seriously, if everyone contributes just a little bit, it will be wonderful and easy, and the newsletters will get out in plenty of time for you to sign up for your favorite events. Your help will be much appreciated. Blackhawk provided some very nice gifts to those who contributed this past year; I believe that is the plan for the coming year also. smokesignal@blackhawkacbs.com Thank you so much!

Welcome Aboard!

New Members of Blackhawk ACBS in 2013

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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 more information contact Mark Svoboda at president@blackhawkacbs.com or call at 630-841-8540. Help make this a successful event by displaying your boat or volunteering at the show.

Best regards,
 The 2014 Chicago Boat, RV & Outdoors Show Committee

Classified Corner

HELP WANTED: Membership Chairman Effective: Nov 1, 2013 Objective: Secure new members, retain those we have. Responsibilities: Welcome new members and send nametags. Staff Membership Tent at events. This is a turnkey operation. I'll have the info you'll need. Contact: Cindy Cartner 847.395.8902 or membership@blackhawkacbs.com

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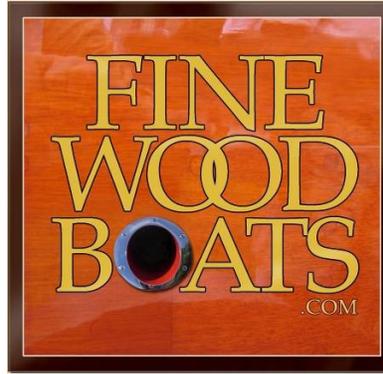


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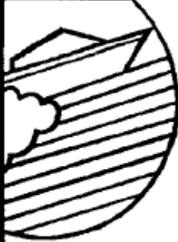
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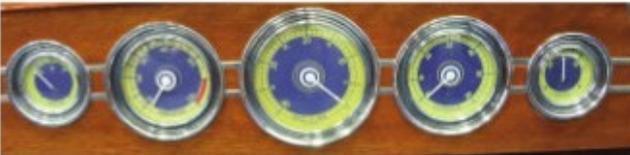


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2014 Event Calendar

Jan 16-20, 2014 Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place

TBD Spring Workshop



May TBD Lake Geneva Cruise and Spring Dinner



June 12-15 Chicago In-Water Boat Show



TBD Chain O'Lakes Cruises



Sat, July TBD 30th Antique & Classic Boat Show at Freddie's, Fox Lake, IL



Fri-Sun, July 25-27 22nd Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Boathouse, Minocqua, WI

Sept 26-28 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at The Abbey, Fontana, WI

TBD (Oct) Fall Dinner

