



The Smoke Signal



Newsletter of the BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS

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2011 Geneva Lakes Boat Show

A many of you already know the Blackhawk Chapter is hosting the ACBS 36th Annual Meeting and International Boat Show at this year Geneva Lakes Boat show September 19-25 in Fontana, WI on Lake Geneva. This is going to be a week long event with pre-events the week prior of the show. This is the first in a series of articles that will highlight those pre-event. In this article we will cover Monday and Tuesday. Registration for pre-event and the boat show will be available in the next issue of the Rudder.

Monday, September 19: Welcome Reception, Architectural Lecture, Buffet Dinner, Musical Entertainment

Arrive at 6:00 pm at George Plamondon's 36th floor Park Tower residence located at 800 N. Michigan Avenue on Chicago's "Magnificent Mile." After the 6:30 lecture by architect Bill Bickford describing the architecturally significant buildings you will be seeing on Tuesday, you'll enjoy cocktails, buffet, and music provided by pianist Justin Hayford .

Bill Bickford is a founding principal of Northworks Architects & Planners. While a Chicago based company, Bill is a licensed Architect in several states where he oversees a variety of residential and retail projects. A respected architectural historian, Bill has extensive experience in critiquing Chicago skyscrapers. He spoke on our of the river last summer, we will be pleased to hear talk further about the next day's trip to see these Chicago icons.

During the day on Monday, you can shop at numerous stores along North Michigan Avenue or, if you are interested in some of the finest museums in the country, the Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Field Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of Science and Industry are a taxi ride away, while the 96th floor observation deck of the Hancock building just up the block offers a magnificent view of the city skyline. Valet parking will be available at The Park Tower (800 N. Michigan Ave.) for \$15.00.

For Monday night, 15 rooms have been reserved at the historic Racquet Club of Chicago, 1365 N. Dearborn Parkway, just a few blocks up the lake shore. For reservations, call 312-787-3200. Tell the reservation agent that you are a member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society for the special rate of \$140.

Additional rooms are available at the Hotel Indigo, 1244 N. Dearborn Parkway. For reservations call 312-787-4890

Driving directions: It is best to be headed south on Michigan Ave. to approach Park Tower. From I-94, take the Ohio Street east. Follow Ohio St. to Rush St. Turn left (north) on Rush to Pearson. Turn right (east) on Pearson to Little Michigan Ave, then turn right (south) on Michigan. #800 will be immediately on your right

Park Tower was built in 2000, designed by socially prominent high-end architect Lucien LaGrange. The building is described on its web site as "...representing everything that makes the Magnificent Mile magnificent: pencil thin, tanned, dripping in luxury, and reaching for the stars." Ranking 11th tallest in Chicago it is a landmark in modern skyscrapers. The first 20 floors are occupied by a Hyatt Hotel, but the residences above are among the finest and most luxurious in the city.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Blackhawk Members:

Spring is here and it just about time to launch. After a fresh coat of bottom paint and some cleaning topsides, Miss Millie should be ready to go as soon as we get a break in the weather. This week we have biting cold, rain and snow but this will end soon. I can finally stop web surfing for a wooden boat fix and start seeing a few out on the lakes.

There are a number of great events planned this spring. Here are some highlights for May:

Blackhawk Spring Events:

- **Sunday May 1**, Blackhawk Youth Program Restoration Project Kickoff and Fox River Valley Boat Open House Ringwood, IL.
- **Sunday May 15**, Blackhawk Spring Dinner, Gordy's Cobalt Lounge Fontana, WI.
- **Saturday May 21**, Blackhawk Spring Workshop and Open House at Altounian Builders Lake Bluff, IL.

On Sunday May 1st we are launching our youth restoration project at the Fox River Valley Boat Open House. The Ringwood Showroom is located at 5103 Mann Drive Ringwood, IL. Come join our project leaders Tom Wagner and Dave Vogeler along with our youth crew as we launch the summer project. With the help of Larry Lange, we found a mid 1950's outboard runabout. The cold molded plywood hull is in decent shape and will be a great project for the group. There is room for more young adults and we encourage everyone to come forward and participate. We will make sure we are age appropriate for everyone that wants to participate. Watch for the progress reports in the next editions of the Smoke Signal.

The Blackhawk Spring Dinner will be at Gordy's Cobalt Lounge on Sunday May 15th. Gordy's is located at the west end of Geneva Lake at 336 Lake Street Fontana, WI. Get the latest on Blackhawk activities including the 2011 ACBS International Show and Geneva Lake Show this fall at the Abby Resort and Abbey Marina. This will be a Grand & Glorious event and we will need the help of the entire chapter to ensure success. Cocktails will be at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$8 for kids. Please see the registration form later in this Smoke Signal to reserve a spot.

A Blackhawk Spring Workshop will be held at Altounian Builders on Saturday May 21st hosted by Jim Altounian. They are located at 13110 West Rt. 176 Suite 1 Lake Bluff, IL. This will be a great opportunity to see the progress on a 1927 Chris Craft Triple that Jim is restoring and network with other Blackhawks members. To reserve a spot please contact George Plamondon at georgeplamondon@hotmail.com or call at (312) 787-7455.

There will be many other events throughout the year. See the schedule later in this edition of the Smoke Signal and keep eye on future editions for more details.

Thank every member of the Blackhawk Chapter for your participation and support. I am looking forward to warm summer days and I hope to see all of you at Blackhawk events throughout the year.

Best Regards,



The Blackhawk Youth Project Spring Launch at the Fox River Valley Boat Open House

Sunday May 1, 2011
Fox River Valley Boat Company
Ringwood Showroom
5103 Mann Drive Ringwood, IL 60072
(815) 385-0454

The Blackhawk Chapter of the ACBS is kicking off the new youth program on Sunday May 1st, 2011 at Fox River Valley Boat's Ringwood Showroom. We have acquired a project boat, a mid 1950's cold-molded plywood outboard runabout. This will make a great project for the team.



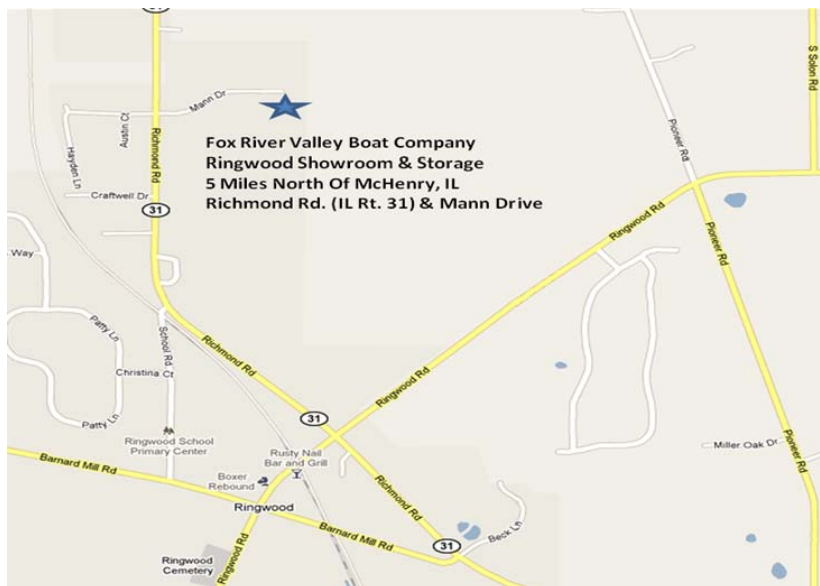
There is room for more to join the crew. If you know a young adult that would like to participate please contact the committee or just show up on Sunday !

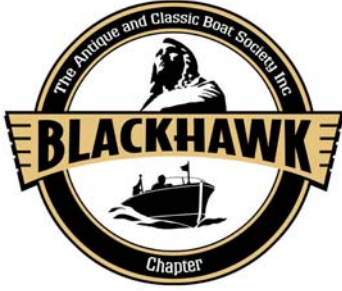
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Come and support the group and enjoy a wide variety of restored and project boats on display. There is typically 40 – 50 antique and classic boat for sale in the showroom. While the weather may not yet be perfect for boating it is always warm and dry in the showroom.





**The 27th Annual Antique &
Classic in-water Boat Show
at FAMOUS FREDDIE'S
Saturday July 16, 2011
on Pistakee Lake, 510 Park Ave, Fox Lake IL**

Set up is 8:00 to 9:30

Show 9:30 to 2:00

Boating on your own 2:30 to 5:00

Cocktails at 5:00

Western BBQ Buffet at 5:30

Tossed garden Salad
Grilled BBQ Chicken
BBQ Rib Fingers
Cash Bar

Corn on the cob
Coleslaw
Baked Potatoes

\$15.00 Boat entry fee (before 7/7/11, \$20 after 7/7/11)

\$12.00 per person for BBQ Buffet

There is no launch ramp at Freddie's, you could launch at any of the other Marinas around the Lake. Ben Watts Marina ramp is 3 minutes by car or water. NOTE: A Waterway Permit Sticker is required, it can be purchased at Watts Marina.

For more info: Ron Van Horn 708-347-8951 or Ted Cartner 847-395-8902

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Address: _____

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Phone _____ MFG BOAT _____

MODEL _____ YEAR _____ LENGTH _____

ENGINE _____ HP _____

Send to: Ted Cartner PO Box 683 Antioch IL 60002
MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "The Blackhawk Chapter"

CHICAGO RIVER CRUISE

FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2011

Father's Day The Blackhawk Chapter will cruise the beautiful Chicago River. We'd like to get underway 10:30 am, so try to be at the ramp between 9:00 & 9:30 am. Coffee will be served. We will go through the river's locks as a group, tour and return to The Columbia Yacht Club for a buffet lunch. Noted cabaret pianist Mark Streder will be supplying us with some of his favorite arrangements. Captains must register all their guests!

FROM THE GRILL AT THE COLUMBIA

Grilled chicken, pulled pork, corn on the cob and all the good stuff to go with it!
Soft Drinks are included.

Lunch: \$30.00 includes tax and gratuity.... beer and wine on your own!
(children under 12 \$12.00--children under 4 are free)

DIRECTIONS:

Burham Harbor---the launch fee is \$25.00/ payable at the ramp
1559 So. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60605

If entering the city from the north(Kennedy Expressway Route 90), exit Taylor/Roosevelt Rd. go east 1.3 miles to So. Columbus Dr., turn right (south) for .5 miles (Soldiers Field will be on your left) to East 18th Dr., turn left, go under the viaduct for .3 miles to East Waldren Dr., turn right to boat ramp.

For more information:

George Plamondon, Chairman
312-787-7455
Cell 312-505-5455
georgeplamondon@hotmail.com

Bob Zedek Co-Chairman
815-978-7245

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Send to: George Plamondon
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2011 Blackhawk Spring Dinner

Sunday May 15th

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Gordy's
BOAT HOUSE & COBALT LOUNGE



In the Cobalt Lounge at Gordy's Boat House restaurant in Fontana, WI The cost is \$25.00 per adult and \$8.00 for children 12 & under. This will include a Buffet Dinner with hamburger and Chicken, Rolls, Salads, Warm Vegetable, Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Condiments.

A Cash Bar (Soda, Beer, Wine, Basic Mixed Drinks) is also available.

If the weather cooperates there is a launch facility and slips available for those who want to make it a boating event.

Please RSVP to Matt Byrne 630-802-2698 or mattbyrne@mrbtech.com, no later than May 1. We hope you can join us!

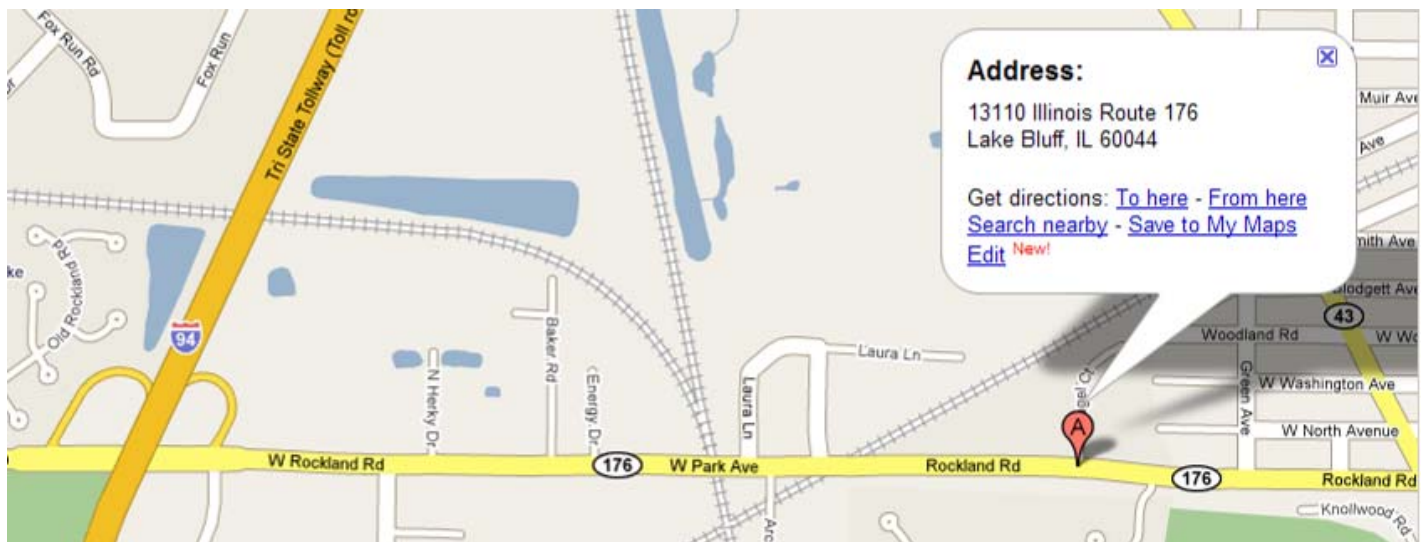


Blackhawk Spring Workshop

Saturday May 21
10:00 am to noon at Altounian Builders
at 13110 West Rt. 176 Suite One
In Lake Bluff, Illinois

Jim Altounian has graciously invited all Blackhawk members to an OPEN HOUSE. Jim is restoring a 1927 Chris Craft 26' Triple. Some of you may have attended Jim's previous open house back in December of 2004 where he was restoring a 1954 Shepherd.

*To reserve your spot, you are encouraged to email George Plamondon at:
georgeplamondon@hotmail.com
or call (312) 787-7455*



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Clayton Boat Auction



AUCTION BEGINS SATURDAY, AUGUST
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The Clayton Boat Auction is conducted by Antique Boat America the first weekend in August every year at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY. Last year's auction attracted over 700 attendees, along with 200 registered bidders and more than 60 boats. Against the backdrop of the St. Lawrence River, the event offers a picturesque setting to enjoy the boating hobby.

The Antique Boat Museum is a nonprofit freshwater wooden boat museum with a great collection of launches, runabouts, utilities, skiffs, outboard motors and engines. The Museum receives a significant amount of its revenue from the Annual Boat Auction, and is seeking consignments and donations to assist in its efforts.



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WOODEN BOAT SHOW
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July 29 - 31, 2011 · Benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society

It is hard to believe that July 29th, 30th, and 31st will mark the dates for the 19th Annual Minocqua Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show. This show started 20 years ago with just about 15 local boats and relatively small crowds to over 50 boats (all we can accommodate) and capacity crowds every day.

The show has three very simple objectives:

1. To raise money to fight multiple sclerosis.
2. To share the beauty and workmanship of antique and classic boats with the general public.
3. Give the boat owners a chance to kick back, relax and enjoy the over 5,700 acres of lakes that make up the Minocqua Chain of Lakes.

To meet the first objective, we need you and your boat, because without a good display of boats, we cannot draw the people to the show and without the people we do not get the donations to fight MS. Your boat does not have to be wood, we welcome classic fiberglass boats.

To meet the second objective, we have enlisted the help of Al Hanley, Publisher of Action magazine, to "get the word out" to the public through magazine, radio, television, and newspaper advertising, playing up the fact that the show is free to the public.

The third objective is accomplished by having a very attentive dock crew and a beautiful chain of lakes for boat owners to explore.

To keep the show a relaxing, fun event, there is no formal judging. There will be a "People's Choice" award based on voting by the general public and the skippers will be asked to vote on the following:

Best pre war Chris Craft	Best other
Best post war Chris Craft	Best outboard motor boat
Best Century	

We have extended the show to include "woodie" cars and each year this category has grown, so if you own one of these classics, please bring it to the show.

Looking forward to seeing you in Minocqua,

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 ANTIQUE & CLASSIC
 WOODEN BOAT SHOW
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BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

Boat Registration Fee: \$20.00
 (Make check payable to: Al Hanley)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Boat Nickname: _____

Model: _____ Year: _____

Manufacturer: _____

Length: _____

Engine: _____

Horsepower: _____

For Sale Yes: _____ No: _____

Land Exhibit: _____ Water Exhibit: _____

QUESTION: Will you participate in the Friday Night Boat Parade (6:45p.m.) prior to the Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Show? Yes: _____ No: _____

For myself and any member of my family, including all minors who accompany me or who are otherwise participating in the Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show at my invitation, I hereby waive any claim for injury to my person, or personal property for damage which might occur due to my participation either personally or through the use of my boat, personal property, or equipment in the function known as the Minocqua Antique & Classic Boat Show to be held July 29-31, 2011.

I agree to hold harmless all of those that sponsor or volunteer assistants including Gordon H. Moore, Matt Morgan's, staff and the Town of Minocqua for any injury or loss suffered by me, my family, or my invites during or in connection with the boat show event whether such injury or loss resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of said sponsors, employees, volunteers, assistants, or others connected with the boat show.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Tuesday, September 20: Chicago River tour with lunch at the Columbia Yacht Club

Launch your boat at Burnham Harbor, 1559 S. Lake Shore Drive, between 9:00 am and 10:00 am, travel with experienced group leaders through the locks to the Chicago River through the heart of downtown Chicago. See the Trump Tower, the Wrigley Building, the Tribune Tower, the Lyric Opera House, the Kennedy family-owned Merchandise Mart, the Wolf Point, the South River area. Then return for lunch at the Columbia Yacht Club aboard the ABEGWEIT. In the afternoon, weather permitting, cruise Chicago's lake front around Navy Pier and Grant Park. Secure parking area with security guard provided for trailers and boats Monday evening until Tuesday morning. Boat launching fee is \$25 paid directly to the attendant at the launch ramp.

Driving directions to Burnham Harbor: If you are entering Chicago from the south, use the Dan Ryan Expy (I-90/94). Exit Roosevelt Road headed east. Go 1.3 miles to Columbus Drive, turn right (south) on Columbus Drive. Go 0.5 miles to 18th Drive, turn left (east) on 18th Drive. Go .3 miles to Waldren Drive, turn right to boat ramp.

If you are entering Chicago from the north or west, or coming from O'Hare Airport, get on the Dan Ryan (I-90/94) headed south from the center of Chicago. Exit Taylor/Roosevelt Road east. Go 1.3 miles to Columbus Drive, then follow directions in paragraph above.

Lunch at the famed Columbia Yacht Club



Top deck of the ABEGWEIT where lunch will be served, weather permitting



Picture of the Columbia Yacht Club's Club House

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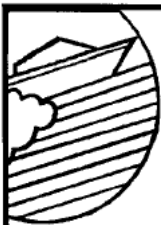
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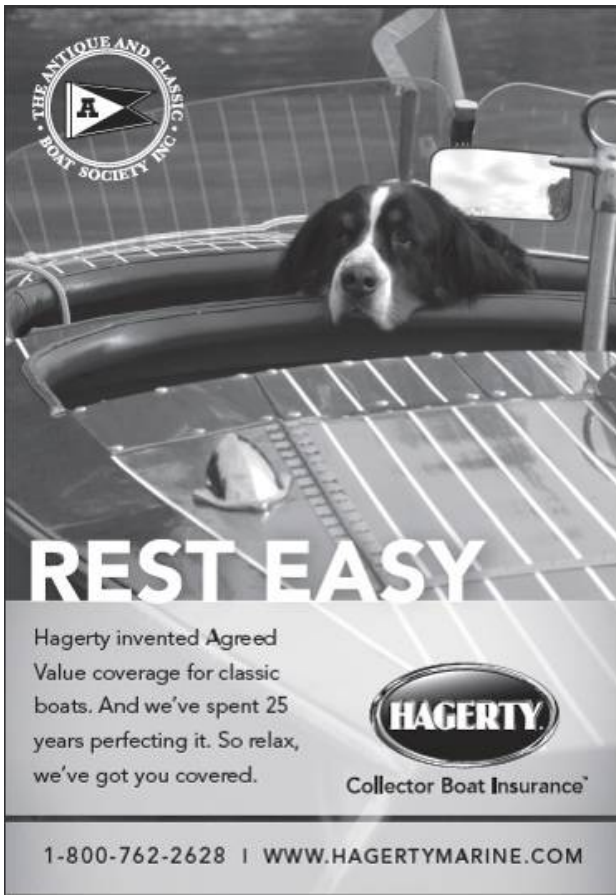
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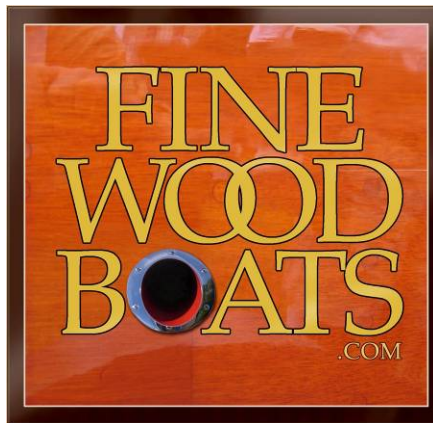


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Calendar of Events

May 1 - Blackhawk Youth Project Spring Launch

May 15 - Spring Dinner

May 13-14 - Muscatine Boat Show

May 21 - Spring Workshop

June 19 - Chicago River Cruise, Father's Day / Brunch - Columbia Yacht Club

July 16 - 27th Annual Fox Lake Show at Famous Freddie's Roadhouse

August 5th-6th - 5th Annual Madison Area Antique and Classic Boat Show

August 22th - 5th Annual Pewaukee Antique/Classic Boat Show

September 19-25 - ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show, Geneva Lake