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Newsletter of the **BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-ACBS**

That was Then... This is Now Muscatine Boat Show

May 15-17, 2009

By Eric Moberg

To say there was something for everyone at this show is an understatement. The sights of all the old pleasure boats, new and old race boats, old cars, cycles and models; the sounds of the boats and cars; the smells from the food concessions, racing fuel and old mahogany; the pleasant company of all the registrants and visitors; and the tasty meals provided to the boaters all contributed to a case of sensory overload of the best kind. Dave Moritz and his well orchestrated crew of volunteers really outdid themselves.

A caravan of Blackhawks left northern Illinois Friday morning in the rain, fought gale force crosswinds all day (nice parachute Ted), and dealt with road construction all in the name of weekend fun. The rain broke for a while early Friday evening and some of us decided to launch to get a jump on Saturday's festivities. Unfortunately the break was short lived and we ended up launching and motoring to the docks in a thunderstorm. Host Dave Moritz and a couple brave Century Boat Club members humored us and helped out. Hopefully there are no pictures of those Disney rain ponchos.

After a return to the hotel for dry clothes, it was back to the Riverfront for registration, which was a breeze due to the efforts of Pam Moritz and her crew. Then on to the hog roast hosted by the Muscatine Power Boat As-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good morning fellow Blackhawk members. Could it be summer is starting the day after our Club's Chicago River Cruise? The sun's out, brave boaters are on Lake Michigan and the temperature is resting just above seventy. That was not the condition yesterday. We arrived at our launch site with rain that didn't seem to want to let up. A hardy bunch are the river cruise boaters; we came this far, let's go. This is a real test of even the best of helmsman, stuff roaming around the river you can't see through the rain. It seems like everyone is a candidate for the Ooops Award, except for me. I won that award once for my mishaps on the Chicago River. I figured for sure I'd win again, so I decided not to put my boat in, "What Fun", which would of been no fun at all! At the last moment, I hooked-up with a nice boat with covered top.

All that aside, seeing Chicago from the canyon of the river is just about the only way to get the true magnificence of the city. Even leading up to Loop going though industrial Chicago makes you think what life must have been like in generations passed. Was there an engineering competition for all the great bridges? How about reversing the flow of the river? Then passing by a scrape metal yard with piles of metal neatly arranged for reprocessing. Where does it all go? A concrete yard for building the new Chicago? Then I couldn't help but think of the great Studs Terkel who spent a life time examining this side of the city.

At the end of day, one of the more senior members (age, that is, just like me) came up and said, "boat shows are fine, but given a nice day, this is a real learning experience. I wish we had more of these trips". We should be bringing our younger friends and students on these trips, get a Chicago historian and have a day of school with boating.

I would like to thank our friends from the Glacier Lakes Chapter for their journey to our fair city and their support of this event. My intention was to have everyone sign the sign-up sheet, but hard to do in the rain so I hope I didn't forget any one, but here's the list I have of people who made the trip.

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Don and Dorothy Emigholz
Victor Elting
Ted and Cindy Cartner
George Harnish and guest
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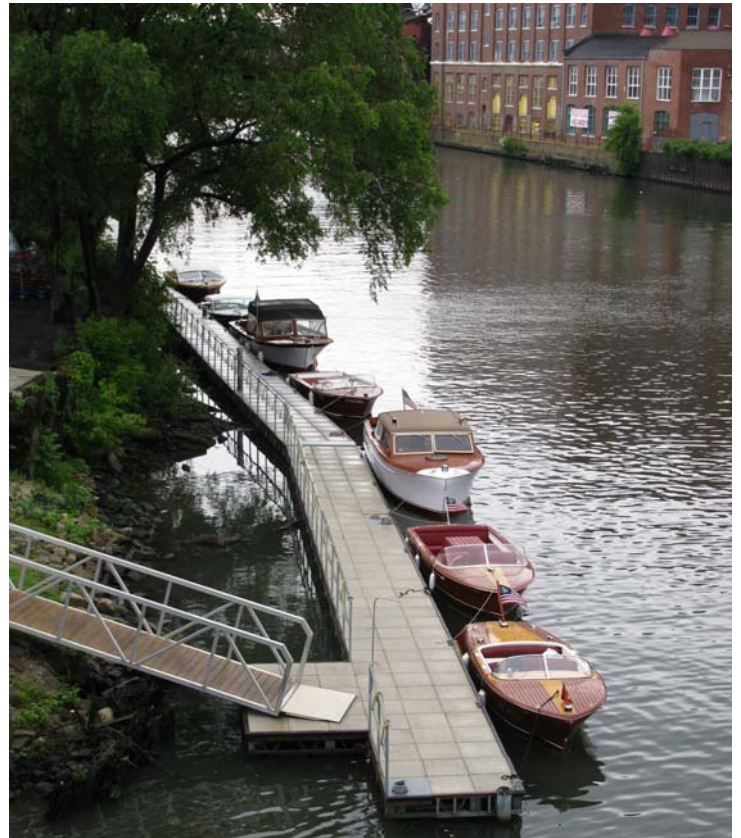
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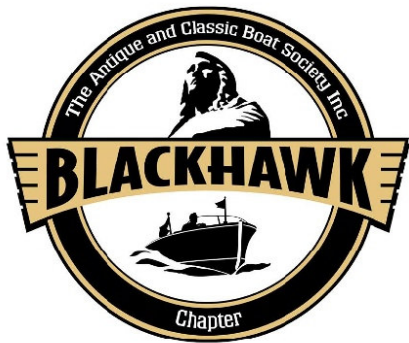
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Chuck Kelly and his wife
Steve Miller

Good boating, have great summer and let's all get our registrations in early for our September boat show!

Best Regards,
George Plamondon





**The 25th. Annual Antique & Classic
in water Wooden Boat Show is back
on at FAMOUS FREDDIE'S**

Saturday July 18 2009

FOOD, DRINKS, & MUSIC WILL BE AVAILABLE

**Unfortunately due to a major fire at Joey T's, we cannot have the Show at that
location.**

**However we are having it at one of our former show sites, now "Famous
Freddies" on Pistakee Lake. 510 Park Ave, Fox Lake**

**Same times, same date, set up time is 8:00 – 9:00
Show is from 10:00 to 2:00 \$10.00 entry fee**

**There is no launch ramp at Freddie's,
but you could launch at any of the other Marinas around the Lake.**

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sociation, which provided a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Many of the boaters, representing Blackhawk, Glacier Lakes, MPBA and Century Boat Club closed out the night (and Sat night too) at the Holiday Inn Bar.

Saturday morning found the Friday launchers drying down their soggy boats, while the more sane ones launched in the bright sun on Saturday morning. Even so, the strong wind and stronger currents at the ramp made this less than a cake walk.

There were plenty of exercise opportunities if you wanted to see it all. The festivities took up most of the Riverfront Park, with the in-water woodies (and classic glass) at the far north end. Walking south from there were the on-land boat displays, swap meet and vendors, food concessions, race boat displays, and race boat pits. When the race boats were off the course, the pits were opened to the public and the drivers were on hand to sign autographs for fans. Further down were the car show, motorcycle show, model displays and more. Several times over the weekend a nitro fueled dragster was fired up to add to the auditory stimulus. There was also a record breaking semi tractor on hand.

The race course was a 1.5 mile oval right off shore from the park, and at times it seemed the racers might actually come ashore, the action was so close. Saturday's test and tune sessions were a little sparse as some of the racers may have been concerned with the very strong crosswind blowing all day. Even so the action was terrific and the sound was awesome. Sunday's weather was perfect and the racers really turned it up. There are some great shots on the website at Muscatineboatshow.com.

The cardboard boat racers took their turn in between test and tune sessions on Saturday. Various intrepid souls braved the course which was shortened due to the wind. Even so, the end of many runs against the clock was a soaking in the very chilly water.

When the racers, both motorized and cardboard were off the course, the river was opened up for general boating, and the classic pleasure craft took full advantage of these opportunities. It was hard to resist the urge to take a lap or two around the race course, although it seemed to take forever after watching the hydros cutting hot laps. I may be biased, but the sound was just as cool, only not as loud. Several groups of boats went upriver through the locks, or downriver to see the sights.

In addition to the Friday hog roast, breakfasts and Saturday's dinner were also provided to the boaters, courtesy of various sponsors. Saturday night the street was closed off



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for a Rock & Roll street dance and beer fest.

There were about 20 classic boats in the water and another 50 or so on land. Including all the vintage and modern race boats, the total was around 140 registered boats. Century boats made a particularly strong showing as the Century Boat Club tied in their annual roundup with the festivities. Some Century owners came from as far as Pennsylvania for this.

An interesting side note is that the Mississippi River runs to the West at Muscatine, and the sunsets are renowned. Unfortunately, we did not see one. We did however, see the Muscatine bridge all lit up at night, the only bridge in the US with lights that change colors, provided by a local company.



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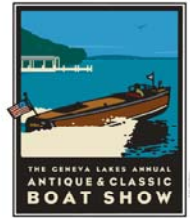


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2009 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show

September 25-27



Please come to the 10th annual 2009 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show. The boat show is once again being held at the Abbey Resort & Spa in Fontana, WI, and promises to be a great event.

The weekend begins Friday morning at 9:00 am with a narrated lake front estate garden tour. Boaters will be inspired by the spectacular gardens at the lake.

A "Classic Picnic Buffet" will be served at Aurora University in the Village of Williams Bay at 1:15 pm. The Menu includes; Black Angus Burgers, All Beef Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Baked beans, Watermelon & Cookies.

Feel free to come to Aurora University by boat or car starting at 12:00 pm. Cash bar will be available. The highlight of the afternoon is a tour of the historic Yerkes Observatory! The tour is from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. A trolley will shuttle from Aurora University to Yerkes leaving at 1:45 pm and arriving back at Aurora University at 3:15. Total cost for lunch, shuttle and tour is \$35.00 per person.

Yerkes Observatory, which calls itself "the birthplace of modern astrophysics," is an astronomical observatory operated by the University of Chicago in Williams Bay. It was created in 1897 by George Ellery Hale and financed by Charles T. Yerkes. The observatory represented a shift in the thinking of observatories, from mere housing for a telescope and observer, to the modern concept of observation equipment integrated with laboratory space for physics and chemistry. A 102 cm (40 inch) refracting telescope is located inside. It is the largest refracting telescope used for scientific research. For more information on the observatory visit their web site at <http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes>.



Come join us on Friday evening at Gordy's Boat House Restaurant upstairs in the legendary Cobalt Lounge. Cash bar will open at 6:00 and be open all night. Dinner is "on your own"; Gordy's wait staff will take dinner orders in the lounge starting at 7:00 pm. Separate checks will be available. Boat docking is available. Entertainment will be provided by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio.



Boats will be on exhibit all day Saturday, beginning at 10:00 am. Be sure you have your boat in the water by then, as we expect a lot of spectators. Local vendors will have items on display, and the Blackhawk Chapter's tent will once again offer t-shirts, posters and other items. The annual "starting of the engines" and boat parade will commence at 4:00 pm. "Burnin' Down The Docks", a celebration of Blues, will be playing live at the waterfront from 12:00-4:00 both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday evening's dinner will be held at the Shore Room in the Abbey Resort. Cash bar will open at 6:30, followed by a sit-down dinner of chicken or beef. Cost is \$40 per person. This is an event you won't want to miss, as boat show awards will be presented at Saturday evening's dinner. Awards will be given in several categories including: Best Chris Craft; Best Century; Best Runabout; Best Utility; Best Outboard Boat; Best Fiberglass Classic, the "Best of Show"; and, of course, the Blackhawk Sharpest Arrow Award.

Sunday, boats will be on exhibit again at 10 am. People's Choice award and drawing winners announced at Blackhawk tent at 2 pm. Each year we have many spectators who attend the boat show on Sunday afternoon expecting to see the full line-up of boats on display. Therefore, participants are asked to leave their boats in the water (and land displays intact) on Sunday until 3:00 pm when the boat show officially ends.

The registration form can be found on the show web site at www.GenevaLakesBoatShow.com Please return your Registration Form by September 12. We have a limited number of boat slips (entries accepted on a first serve basis).

Feel free to contact Matt Byrne with any questions at 630-802-2698 or by email at GLBS@blackhawkacbs.com.



Please make hotel reservations directly with The Abbey Resort at 800-709-1323, mention the "Blackhawk Chapter Antique Classic Show" for a special "run of the house" room group rate. You must identify yourself as a participant when making the reservation in order to receive the Boat Show rate. Boat show rates will not be honored at the point of checkout unless previously specified.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Blackhawk Chapter

2009 Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show

Friday, September 25, 2009

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| All day | Launching at Abbey Marina |
| 9:00-10:00 | Abbey Boat Launch - Check-in & Information concerning Fridays Events at Abbey Boat Launch. (pre-registration required) |
| 10:00-12:00 | Boat on your own to narrated Estate garden tours (Weather permitting boat access only no cars). |
| 12:00-1:00 | Aurora University – Beasley Center (indoor and outdoor deck seating) arrive by boat or car. Cash bar (wine & beer) |
| 1:00 | Lunch – Classic Picnic Buffet Hamburger and hot dogs. |
| 1:45 | Trolley bus ride (included) to Yerkes Observatory |
| 2:00-3:00 | Tour of Yerkes Observatory |
| 3:00 | Trolley bus ride back to Aurora University |
| 3:00-6:00 | Open boating on your own |
| 6:00-7:00 | Gordy's Restaurant Cobalt Lounge over looking Fontana Lake front, docks available. Entertainment by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio. |
| 7:00-9:00 | Dinner in the Cobalt Lounge (individual checks and full service cash bar available). |

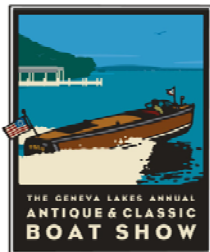
Saturday, September 26, 2009

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| 7:00-9:30 | Boat Check In & Launching at Abbey- The Harbor House |
| 10:00-4:00 | Antique Boat Show open to public. Ships Store & Exhibitors |
| 11:30-3:00 | Lunch will be available on the Abbey grounds |
| 12:00-4:00 | Burnin' Down The Docks, a celebration of Blues, Live at The Waterfront. |
| 3:30 | Skippers meeting for boat parade instructions at Blackhawk tent |
| 4:00-5:00 | Boat parade and afternoon cruise on Lake Geneva |
| 6:30-7:30 | Abbey- The Shore Room Cocktail hours (cash bar) |
| 7:30 | Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Door Prizes |

Sunday, September 27, 2009

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| 10:00-2:00 | Antique Boat Show open to public |
| 12:00-4:00 | Burnin' Down The Docks, a celebration of Blues, Live at The Waterfront. |
| 2:00 | Peoples Choice Award and drawing Prize winners announced at the Blackhawk tent.. |
| 3:00 | Boat show concludes. Reloading assistance available. |

Schedule Subject to Change
Registration Required by September 12th



The Blackhawk Chapter ACBS invites you to participate in
The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI Sept 25-27, 2009

Name: _____ First Mate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Additional Crew: (First and Last name) _____

Boat Exhibit Information

In Water (\$45) On Land (\$25) Nautical Exhibit (Free)* For Sale (Additional \$25)

*i.e. Model Boats, Outboard Motors etc. A nautical exhibit may not have items for sale. If you would like to be a for sale exhibitor please submit a "Boat Show Exhibitor" form. A boat can be displayed as a nautical exhibit but it will not be considered for awards, is not allowed to launch and cannot be for sale.

Boat Name _____ Year _____ Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Length _____ Engine _____ HP _____

Use separate sheet for any extra boats Boat Registration Fee \$ _____

Events

Friday, September 25

Garden Tour - by your own boat (Weather Permitting - No car Access)

Attending _____

Lunch at Aurora University and a Tour of Yerkes Observatory -

Attending _____ @ \$35/ea \$ _____

Lunch includes black Angus burgers, all beef hot dogs, Cole slaw, baked beans, watermelon and cookies.

Cocktails and Dinner - (on your own) at Gordy's Boat House Restaurant on Fontana water front. Entertainment will be provided by the Laura Bayliss Jazz Trio. (Head count needed for restaurant)

Attending _____

Saturday, September 26

Award Dinner - 6:30pm The Abbey Resort

Your choice of:

Chicken a la Abbey - Pan Seared Chicken Confetti Garden rice
or

Chicken _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

Herb crusted Prime Rib - with roasted Red Potatoes
or

Beef _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

Garden Penne Pasta Aglio De Olio - Garden Vegetable Sautéed in a Fresh Basil Garlic Aglio and Tossed with Penne Pasta.

Pasta _____ @ \$40/Adult
 _____ @ 20/Child \$ _____

This year's Boat Show T-Shirts (order quantity by size, pick up at Blackhawk tent)

(__ Small) (__ Medium) (__ Large) (__ X-LG) (__ XX-LG)

Total # _____ @ \$22/ea \$ _____

Registration forms received after September 12, 2009 additional \$25.00 late fee (Check if late) \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Deadline for all reservations and activities is Sept 12th. Registration, dinner and event fees are not refundable. Space is limited. All registrations are on a first come / first served basis

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I am the owner of the above listed boat(s), engines(s), car(s), watercraft, displays, exhibits, or other item (here after collectively known as "boat") I intend to display at this and that I have insurance to cover any damage to my boat or equipment, and to cover any liability for damages to others or their property arising from any use of my boat during or related to the 2009 Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show in Fontana, WI for which they are herein registered. I agree to hold free and harmless, the officers, directors and volunteers of the Blackhawk Chapter of the ACBS, the Antique and Classic Boat Society, the Abbey Resort, the city of Fontana WI, advertisers and sponsoring organizations from any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, which in any manner arise from or be alleged to arise from any and all connected directly or proximately with the Boat Show identified above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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| Make checks payable to: Blackhawk Chapter, ACBS | Send Registration To: Matt Byrne 2257 Red Maple Ln Aurora, IL 60502 | For additional info contact: www.genevalakesboatshow.com GLBS@BlackhawkACBS.com or 630-802-2698 |
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AWARD CATEGORIES:

This is a non-judged show. All awards will be determined by boat captains and/or the Boat Show Committee. The Boat Show Committee has the right to change the awards depending on the type of boats that are registered for the show. Awards will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet. People's Choice to be awarded on Sunday at 2:00pm.

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| Blackhawk Chapter Sharpest Arrow ACBS Most Preserved Best Chris Craft Best Century Best Streblow Best Contemporary Most Historic Best Fiberglass Best Outboard Skippers Choice Peoples Choice | Pre-War Best Utility under 22' Best Utility 22' & over Best Runabout under 22' Best Runabout 22' & over Post-War Best Utility under 22' Best Utility 22' & over Best Runabout under 22' Best Runabout 22' & over |
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Final notes:

The boat show runs through 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Each year we have many spectators who attend the boat show on Sunday afternoon expecting to see the full line-up of boats on display. Therefore, participants are asked to leave their boats in the water (and land displays intact) on Sunday until 3:00 pm when the boat show officially ends.

Space is limited. All registrations are on a first come / first served basis. Reservations deadline is September 12th.



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Other Happenings in the Area

The Fat Tire Memorial Tour of Lake Geneva (FTMTLG) is a fun bicycle ride on paved roads around Geneva Lake Wisconsin held annually on the last Saturday of September. Beginning with a mass group start at Champ's Sports Bar & Grill in the City of Lake Geneva, it consists of nine designated stops at sponsoring taverns. Proceeding at your own pace, the ride is approximately 21.5 miles and the "rest" stops are evenly spaced. For more information go to www.fattirememorialtour.com

**18th Annual
Minocqua Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show
July 24 - 26, 2009**

Benefiting the Multiple Sclerosis Society

BOAT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (_____) _____

****Boat Registration Fee: \$20.00 (make checks payable to: Gordon H. Moore)****

Question: Will you participate in the 15-minute **Friday Night Boat Parade** (6:45 p.m.)
prior to the Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Show? Yes No

Question: Will you participate in the **Minocqua Chain of Lakes Boat Tour**
beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday? Yes No

Question: Will you participate in the **Friday night dinner** at the
Minocqua Country Club, immediately following the Boat Parade? Yes No

BOAT INFORMATION

YEAR _____ MANUFACTURER _____ LENGTH _____
BOAT NICKNAME _____ MODEL _____
ENGINE _____ HORSEPOWER _____ FOR SALE: YES _____ NO _____
LAND EXHIBIT _____ WATER EXHIBIT _____

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, boat, 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 24-26, 2009.

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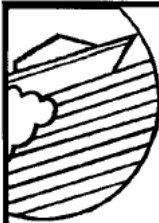
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