



at the Waterline

The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.

GLACIER LAKES CHAPTER

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The MAACBS Boat Show & Mother Nature work together What Fun!

BY MARK WALTERS

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The 5th Annual Madison Area Antique & Classic Boat Show (MAACBS) was blessed with great weather and even better camaraderie. After years of challenging conditions (rain, snow..well maybe, etc.), temperatures in the 80's with light breezes were wonderful. Some attributed this year's luck to the MAACBS Planning Committee raising the new yard arm at Christy's Landing to satisfy the boating gods.

On Friday, close to 30 boats made the boat tour on the Yahara Lake Chain. Starting from Christy's on Lake Waubesa, the tour itinerary included Waubesa, Monona, and Mendota. The lunch stop at the Elk's Club on Lake Monona provided a good perspective of the Capitol skyline and beautiful homes on Lake Monona. After lunch, most boats proceeded to the Tenney Locks to venture into Lake Mendota. Mendota is the largest lake of the Yahara Chain of lakes and is home to the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus, Governor Nelson State Park, and the Governor's Residence. More than 30 participants of the boat excursion docked at the Residence and were provided a private tour. It was the highlight of the weekend for those who have never been in the historic build-

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George Plamondon's boat was featured in Madison's 2010 poster. Here he gives a T-shirt to the Governor's mansion tour guide



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As we move towards the end of August, it is amazing how quickly the summer months melt away. I can remember in a younger day when the summer seemed endless where instances on the water were plentiful and mosquitoes were only a faint nuisance. After the years go by and your commitments escalate, your time becomes a precious commodity that everyone wants to secure. As we transition to fall, we should expend less effort parsing out our time to others and more time with our classics out on the water. After all, the old man of the seasons is lurking.

We are now in the latter part of the boating season. Many of us have had the pleasure of attending some of the wonderful events the summer has offered including the Eagle River and Madison boat shows. Our chapter also held a more intimate outing on Okauchee Lake at **Rob and Gayle Ritter's** lovely lake home (thanks Rob & Gayle). Future events, such as the Pewaukee show, are at our door step. I encourage you to get to as many remaining shows as your schedule will allow.

The fall GLACBS banquet has been scheduled. We will be trying something new this year by having the event in Lake Mills on October 1st at **Carp's Landing**. The building the restaurant is located in was constructed in 1852 and is very historic. The activities will be similar to past years which will include a cocktail hour, dinner, and some boat banter. All the information on the event can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Soon to become a new member of Glacier Lakes, we've asked **David Mahler** to share his boating experiences with us. He has been an active member of ACBS since 1975. Much of his boating has been on Lake George, where ACBS was founded in 1975. He moved to the area a number of years ago because of family.

We'll also have **elections of officers**. Let me know if you would like to be part of the board.

The GLACBS Chapter will be continuing to work on a variety issues in the coming months. This will include increasing membership (we are the fastest growing chapter in the ACBS), partnering with the Blackhawk Chapter on the National ACBS Show in 2011, and developing unique events for Chapter members to enjoy.

For those interested, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in planning the Chapter activities. Let me know if you have any ideas for the coming year.

It is time to put on the shades, fill the cooler, and go boating....Enjoy!

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July 31 Cruise & Cookout Okauchee Lake

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Glacier Lakes is at 145 families with 27 new memberships for 2010-Welcome Aboard

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ing. Later in the day on Friday, the tour made it back to Waubesa to do a “fly-by” for the Madison media. Your Glacier Lakes’ Commodore was interviewed on “Live at 5” as he pulled into Christy’s Dock inside the cockpit of McCormick’s beautiful Shepherd. Friday night culminated with a tasty fish and steak dinner on the upstairs deck of Christy’s Landing. All toasted the day with a favorite beverage and welcomed the new arrivals.

Saturday began with a glorious sunrise! Some early risers participated in a photo shoot done by the Wangaards from Classic Boating magazine. These photographs and a future article within the magazine will further the lore of the excellent shows put on by the Glacier Lakes’ Chapter of ACBS.

As the official show opened on Saturday, over 45 boats had pre-registered with additional participants signing up that morning. This was the best turnout of the five boat shows put on by the MAACBS. With the pleasant conditions, live music, and (most importantly) the timeless classic boats, the public turned out in droves. For the boat owners, the event was a chance to show-off their passion for historical

boats along with visiting old and new friends. Christy’s Landing provided for an excellent venue for this early August event.

As in all the past years of the MAACBS, the majority of proceeds raised by the event will be donated to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It is our hope donations like this will ultimately fuel the cure for this debilitating disease. Although totals haven’t been finalized, we should easily eclipse last year’s \$3,000 donation.

With such a diverse group of boats, the skippers and the public had a difficult time choosing their favorites. It was a nice problem to have. The following are the 2010 MAACBS awardees:

We would like to thank all the participants, sponsors, and attendees of the 2010 MAACBS. This involved the tireless efforts put forth by the MAACBS Planning Committee. The efforts really paid off.

“What Fun” we all had!





MAACBS WINNERS



Best of Show
Nick & Tracie Waters
2010 17' Hacker Slippery
Reproduction "
" Tracie-Jean"



People' s Choice
Rich & Beth Lepping
1947 30' Ketcham Picnic Launch
" Claribel"



Best Chris Craft
Jerry & Eileen Manka
1930 20' Chris Craft
Triple Cockpit
" Smooch"



Best Century
Fred & Susan Bartizal
1937 17' Century Sea Maid
" Sweat Pea"



Best Inboard
Eric & Kathy Moberg
1958 19' Streblow
Runabout
" Rebel Without a Cause"



MAACBS WINNERS



Best Outboard
Peter Cook
2007
15' Cook Craft Runabout
"Scooter"



Best Fiberglass
Mike Lizon & Steve Kraus-
1968 23' Chris Craft Lancer
"Comp Time"



Best Non-Motorized
Jim & Janet Ruwaldt
2010 17'
Wisconsin Guide Boat



Most Original
Joe Ringeisen
1957 22' Chris Craft
Sea Skiff
"Boat Struck"

6th Annual Eagle River Antique & Classic Boat Show A Success
June 18-20, 2010-Funds Generated Go To special Needs Kids
Al Capone would have really enjoyed it!







Allen & Valerie Strabenow

" I could do a Chris Craft" ***by Valerie Strabenow***

Those were the six magic words that were all I need to hear to embark upon our search for a suitable wood boat.

Having grown up summering on a lake in southeastern Wisconsin, my memory was full of skiing adventures and boat rides, all accentuated by those water-borne beauties with the name Chris Craft on the side. My husband, however, grew up on a farm, and because it was populated with John Deere tractors, was considered "green" even in its day. Still, there were no boats in his background. So for him to encourage the acquisition of a Chris Craft was somewhat remarkable.

We were lucky enough to locate a 1947 Chris Craft Deluxe Runabout on Ebay. After being informed by the seller that the boat was sold and he was just waiting for the wire transfer, we then got an email telling us that we could have the boat. It was being stored not far from where

we live, so that made an inspection visit an easy trip.

BCWYWF (Be Careful What You Wish For..[because you just might get it]) then came to join us on Buffalo Lake, an hour north of Madison. I had extensive background in restoring and maintaining old British sports cars, so I figured that an old boat couldn't be any more involved. It didn't have brakes or suspension, and wood is a lot easier to deal with than sheet metal.

With some help from our mechanical-wizard neighbor to tune the carb and adjust the timing, BCWYWF had a wonderful first season with us. We joined the local wood boat club on nearby Green Lake and made the acquaintance of another wood boat legend, Joe Norton. Joe is the consummate artist and his medium is wood boats. His knowledge base is amazing and his boat restoration skills take second to no one. The following year, I helped Joe out in his shop on the restoration of a 1930s utility. In return, I gained invaluable boat refinishing skills and an offer from Joe to help me do my boat. I took him up on his offer and spent the NEXT year stripping, sanding, fairing and varnishing the hull and deck. New upholstery was put in. I then got in line for a new bottom.

Refinishing the top side of the boat was an enormous amount of work. Stripping the old finish off was a messy project, but having had lots of experience refinishing furniture, I just considered the boat the biggest piece of 'furniture' that I had ever stripped. Cleaning the old caulk out of the deck seams seemed to take weeks because it was as hard as a rock. At some point someone had bleached the hull, so sanding took a long time to get the wood back to its original color. After thirteen coats of varnish and hand sanding in between coats, the results were spectacular and so the time was well-spent.

In August of 2009 I got my spot in the shop for the bottom project. All the chrome trim was removed, the engine was lifted out and the boat was turned over. My husband was kind enough to help me for two weekends to take all the screws out of the bottom. It's not hard work, just very repetitive and time consuming. Then the hull boards came off, followed by what was left of the old canvas and the inner floor. Joe's inspection of the frames indicated that there were at least 10 sections that needed to be replaced. One had been damaged during assembly at the CC factory and had held itself together for over 60 years. And so my 'winter' project was underway.

I started with the new frames and under Joe's advice, only took one section out at a time. This was important in

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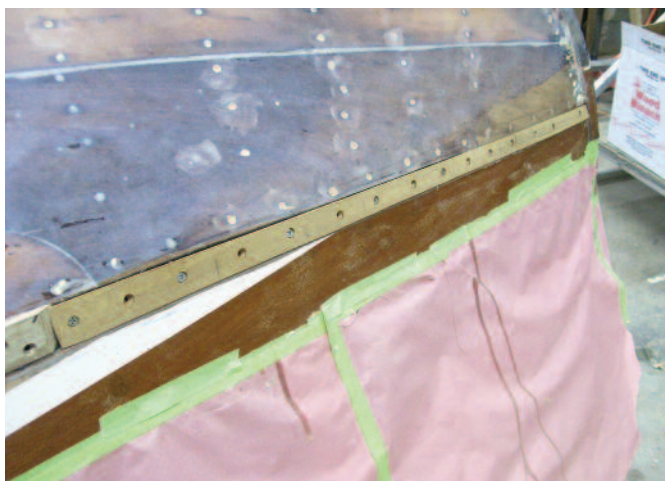
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order to keep the original alignment of the boat. We had some rough-sawn oak planks that had been stored in our barn for over 20 years and this wood was perfect for the new frames. More new skills were acquired in using a planer and a large band saw. One by one the damaged frame sections came out, were patterned, cut, epoxy-coated and re-installed. Weeks turned into months and I slogged along.

The next step was to refit the new inner floor. Using marine-grade mahogany, I painstakingly fit all the sections from stern to bow. Those pieces were also epoxy encapsulated prior to final installation. Then I moved on to replacing the chines. Appropriately sized wood was selected and then the boat-builder needed to take over. Joe carefully laid out and positioned the chine sections and marked them for cutting. The original chines were in tough shape and very worn. The new chines have a nice, sharp bottom edge to them. Again, there was a lot of trimming, sanding and fitting so the chines fit in correctly. After the inner floor and chines were in position, the hull boards were sanded down to 'new' wood, epoxy-coated and then epoxied and screwed in place. Reinstallation of these hull boards is a small symphony of three people working in succession, spreading the epoxy, positioning the hull boards and screwing them back in place. At this point I could see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel... the project was nearing its close. We had come a long way, and it would not have been possible without the guidance of Joe Norton and Tyler Hudzinski. Who is Tyler? Well, he's not just Joe's "assistant". Tyler is one of those rare combinations of a person who can diagnose and repair anything mechanical or electrical, with some great engineering and design skills thrown in, no matter if it's boats, cars, or designing his own solar/wind powered electrical system. When I had a question and Joe wasn't available, Tyler was there to generously lend his time and help.

After two coats of epoxy on the bottom, I applied two coats of Pettit's Hard Racing Bronze. Previously I had used the anti-fouling bronze colored finish and it had faded to a coppery pink. The boat was turned back over and I prepared it for additional finish coats of varnish on the deck and hull. After the varnish sat for a week, the waterline was repainted. Then the engine was hoisted back in. I had taken advantage of having the engine out to repaint it and replace the motor mounts. Joe and Tyler aligned the engine and the prop shaft connection and the engine was fastened in place. The following week I reconnected all the hoses, lines and electrical connections and tested the engine. The engine coughed and sputtered, but started and ran just as it always had. It's a wonderful sound.

As I write this, BCWYWF is just about ready to go back in the water for the season. At age 63, he has been 'renewed' with a new bottom and freshened with new varnish. In my mind's eye, I turn from the steering wheel to watch the wake as we streak down the lake. It's a Chris Craft, and that says it all.





The Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society
present

The Geneva Lakes Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

At the Abbey Harbor, Fontana, WI Sept 24-26, 2010

Name: _____ First Mate: _____

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

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

ACBS#: _____

not required

Additional Crew: (First and Last name) _____

Boat Exhibit Information - Saturday & Sunday Boat Show

☐ In Water (\$50) ☐ On Land (\$35) ☐ Nautical Exhibit (Free)* ☐ For Sale (Additional \$35)

*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

Weekend Package – Don't miss out on a single event this weekend! Take advantage of the Blackhawk "Weekend Package". Enjoy the entire weekend's events and save \$15/person. All of the below events are included. (Boat registration not included).

Attending _____ @ \$115/ea \$ _____

Friday, September 24

Lake Tour - Two Estates (by boat only) & lunch at the Lake Geneva Country Club.

____ # of participants on Sealark or Polaris classic launch (limited- first 75 people to sign-up)

____ # of participants utilizing my own boat (with space available for additional # _____ participants)

____ # of participants (not going to estate tours) but going by own car to Lake Geneva Country Club for lunch

Attending _____ @ \$35/ea \$ _____

Cocktails and Buffet Dinner – Open Bar & Roast Tenderloin of Beef Buffet.

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Attending _____ @ \$50/ea \$ _____

Saturday, September 25

Awards Dinner - 6:30pm The Abbey Resort

Buffet – Including BBQ Brisket, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs Prepared by famous pitmaster Matthew Whiteford, National Competition BBQ chef.

In an effort to honor the winners of the award categories, and recognize the owners, you must register for the Saturday dinner and be in attendance in order to be qualified to win one of the show awards.

Attending _____ @ \$45/Adult \$ _____
_____ @ \$20/Child

Registration forms received after September 10, 2010 additional \$25.00 late fee (Check if late) ☐ \$ _____

I would like to become a member of the ACBS and Blackhawk Chapter \$65/year \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Portions of this year's proceeds will be donated to the Lake Geneva Water Safety Patrol & Geneva Lake Conservancy

Deadline for all reservations and activities is Sept 10th. 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), engine(s), car(s), watercraft, displays, exhibits, or other item (here after collectively known as "boat") I intend to display at this event 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 2010 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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For additional info contact:
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GLBS@BlackhawkACBS.com
or 630-802-2698

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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Best Chris Craft
Best Century
Best Strebblow
Best Contemporary
Most Historic
Best Fiberglass
Best Outboard
Skippers Choice
Peoples Choice

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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

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.

Lodging

Please make hotel reservations directly with The Abbey Resort at 800-709-1323, mention the "Blackhawk Chapter Antique and Classic Show" for group rates. Group rates are for "Run of the House Rooms". 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.



Other Happenings in the Area



Geneva Lake Classic Car Rally – Classic Car parade and poker run open to all classic, antique and special interest autos, owners, drivers, and riders. The boat show will be one of the stops for the poker run, so look for the cars through out the weekend. For details visit www.GenevaLakeClassicCar.com

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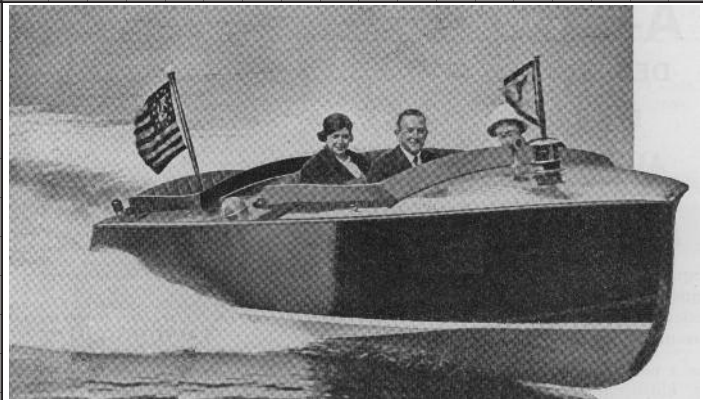
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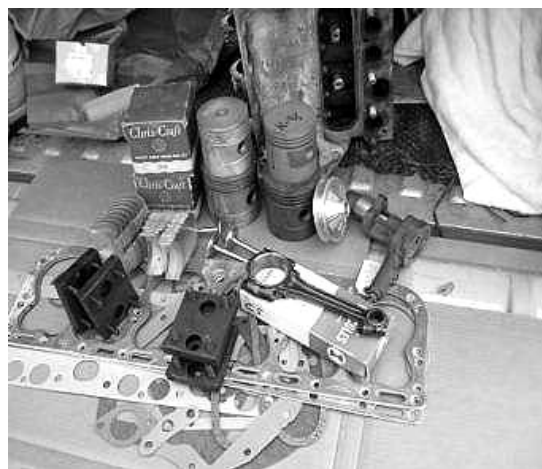
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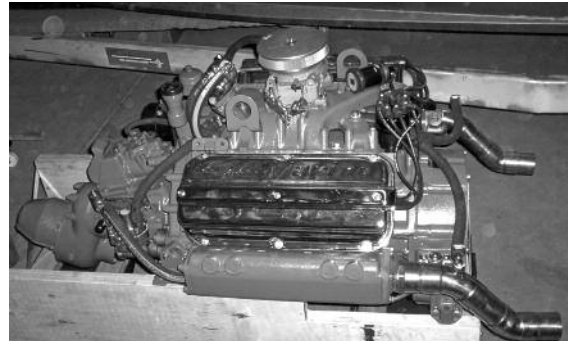
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Join us at the Fall Banquet and Annual Meeting!

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Offering continental cuisine with a southwest twist, they feature in-house smoked brisket and ribs!

A special treat for all who attend will be our guest speaker ... David Mahler. Born in Kingston, NY, David's been a classic boating enthusiast since the early 1950's. A member of the ACBS since its founding, he spent a career with Bombardier's recreational division. His passion is the study of boat manufacturers, many long forgotten.

Time: 6:00-7:00 Cocktails,
7:00-7:30 Chapter Business,
7:30-8:15 Dinner,
8:15-9:00 Speaker/Presentation

Food: Fish & Smoked Brisket, with potato salad, coleslaw & fresh bread

Cost: \$20 person - please RSVP before September 15th

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Questions?? - Contact Mark Walters (608) 222-0815 or (608) 770-4439

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