

at the Waterline



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8th Annual Madison Show is in the books!

By Mark Walters

The right balance between displaying vintage boats and cruising beautiful waterways is the exact strategy for a great boat show. The 8th annual Madison Area Antique and Classic Boat Show (MAACBS) did not disappoint. With perfect lake levels and magnificent water, participants enjoyed all the festivities.

The river trip on Friday continued to be the highlight of the weekend for boat owners. Approximately 30 boats, with skipper and crew, traveled up the Yahara chain of lakes. This included passing scenic wetlands and skirting numerous types of waterfowl on the journey. Picturesque views of the Capitol while cruising between Lake Monona and Mendota is always a "wow" moment no matter how many times you experience it. The new UW

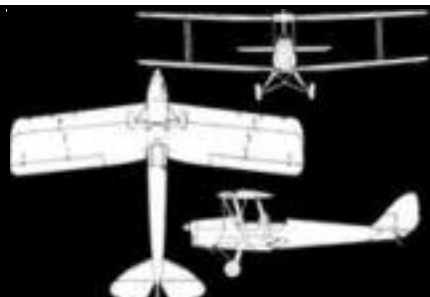
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**Glacier Lakes Chapter
Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers
Saturday November 23, 2013
The Delafield Brewhaus
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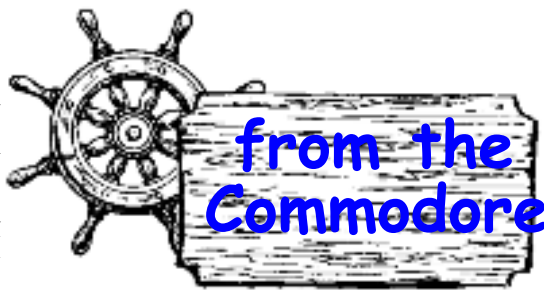
**GUEST SPEAKER
STEVE BETZLER
SUBJECT**

**History of flight including Wisconsin
Steve will show vintage airplane footage**



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In my last missive to you, I was talking about some of the history I've found laying around on my very own bookshelves and how I had begun to rediscover it. I've since gone back through all my old Century Boat Club quarterly Thoroughbred issues and I'm now on my way back through old copies of Classic Boating Magazine. I can't believe how many articles on boats, boating, boat restoration, and the wide variety of boat shows it seems I've forgotten I ever read in the first place. Maybe there are too many pretty pictures and I get side tracked. As I understand it – memory deficit problems are more likely to affect recent memories and all the ones I've forgotten are anything but recent. So maybe history is just seeking me out at this stage in my life. Maybe I just watch too much of the History Channel.



I've just returned from the annual Century Boat Club show (Thoroughbred Roundup) in Manistee Michigan. Of all places, the S.S. City of Milwaukee has landed rather permanently in Manistee. It has become part of a foundation that is slowly turning it into a bed and breakfast operation. The S.S. Milwaukee was a car ferry (mostly railroad) that was built in Manitowoc in 1930-31. It was retired from active service in 1982 and made its way around the Great Lakes to various ports until coming to rest in Manistee.

Some of the fellows went to Manistee a few days early. Their mission was to see if they could volunteer their boat restoration experiences for some of the maintenance the S.S. Milwaukee was in need of. I didn't go early because I surmised there might be a lot of stair climbing involved in this activity. I've been told by more than one that this was a good guess. Never-the-less, the guys (and yes a few gals) managed to completely strip, stain and re-varnish the aft Pilot House. They attended to a few other duties, too. I guess some beer was consumed and some pizza too. I also understand that there are some pictures of Thomas Holmes and Guy McCollum attempting to push Guy's 1966 Century Fibersport back off the sand bar about 25 feet from the stern of the S.S. Milwaukee. I haven't seen them. Yet. It's a longer story than I have room for here. The irony I found in the sum of the events in this case was that here we had a few members of the Century Boat Club working on the S.S. City of Milwaukee. The Century Boat Company was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1926 and moved to Manistee in 1928. Make of it what you will – I just found this one of life's little coincidences and it caught my attention.

This hobby/sport/business we all find ourselves interested in can't help but put us all in touch with history. While it almost seems like months ago already, we just finished our Pewaukee boat show. Even though we are seeing many more contemporary boats at our shows, the essence of the shows still feature the historical boats as a focus. And.....we finished our event this year again honoring those who have served and still serve our country. History is all around us if we just take the time to observe.

The Madison show and the Pewaukee show again were a great success. The weather cooperated in both cases and we were again blessed with large numbers of curious spectators who come out to see a little slice of history (that word again) floating at the dock. They eagerly await the throaty exhaust note of an era past which we are charged with keeping alive. And, afloat.

Part of our ongoing goal and mission is to continue to develop new ways in which we can teach and learn about the history of our boats. Whether it is maintenance related or whether we are researching ways in which we can protect our heritage, we all must continue to learn. I'm always looking around and listening for ideas that will make for good workshops and with which we can continue to learn. If you have one, bend my ear a bit the next time we meet. Along with the education process, six boat shows are covered in this issue. Thank you to the contributors

Our annual meeting this year will be Saturday November 23 at The Delafield Brewhaus. Our speaker will be Steve Betzler Director, Wings over Waukesha Airshow. He organized the vintage airplane flyby concluding the Pewaukee show.

The registration form is on page 8. This year we will learn about airplanes. It should be interesting and I'm looking forward to another slice of history. After all, one of the factors in getting the early runabouts up and out of the water at great speeds were all those left-over WWI Allison and Liberty aircraft engines. I still find it hard to believe how fast some of those boats were going when my father and my mother weren't even courting yet.

I'm not going to mention what season we are headed for. History has taught us what comes next.

Jack Schneiberg
Jack Schneiberg, Commodore

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Pewaukee Boat Show Story and Pictures
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October/November/December 2013



Hi From Priest Lake and Coeur d'Alene

Our own Tim Fredman and Dunc Hawkins, President, ACBS at ACBS pre-event activities at Priest Lake. Dick Werner, Past ACBS President and photographer, hosted this part of the activities. Tim said he would supply pictures and story on his return. Glacier Lake members, Glenn and Nancy Hubbard are also at Coeur d'Alene.

8th Annual Madison Boat Show is in the books!

FROM PAGE 1 By Mark Walters
PHOTOS BY Beth Lepping, Mark Baumeister
and Tom Godar

Alumni pier at the Memorial Union was a very nice upgrade to the excursion. Some of the skip-pers wanted to take their lunch on the pier due to their nice surroundings scantily clad. A sumptuous meal including beef brisket, pulled pork, and numerous sides were served on the Memorial Union- Tripp Commons deck. Special thanks to the excellent job done by the UW Memorial Union catering staff. After lunch, some of the attendees went on a tour of the new Wisconsin Institute of Discovery (WID). The WID is a public/private collaboration involving cross-disciplinary cutting-edge research. This effort will undoubtedly produce future scientific breakthroughs that will change our daily lives. Other river tour participants simply enjoyed the refreshments and scenic Lake Mendota landscape (MU picture inserted). The journey back down the Yahara involved stop-offs for refreshing swims and side-trips on the river. Once back at Christy's Landing, the local media did a live interview and promotional segment for Saturday's boat show.

Friday night culminated with an old-fashioned fish boil. The experience included toes in the sand, tiki-lit tent setting, and live music. An acoustic guitar with tropical vocals made the night. Continuing the tradition of last year, the fish boil event will be a mainstay for years to come. All involved were well nourished in mind and body after the day's events.

The Saturday excitement began bright and early with a majestic sunrise over the boats. As the morning progressed, the boats swelled to over 40 antiques and classics. The piers were steady with show attendees admiring the variety of boats. Congrats to all the boat show winners.

Thanks to the MAACBS Planning Committee. Without the Committee's hard work, the show would not happen.

The MAACBS is always the first Saturday of August (Yahara River trip – Friday before). See you in 2014!

MADISON SHOW WINNERS



Best of Show
Donny Anderson 1991 22' Gold Cup Racer Replica



People's Choice
**Fred and Peter Bartizal 1928 24' Chris Craft -
Triple Cockpit "Sequel"**



**Best Inboard Jim and Janet Ruwaldt -
1946 16' Garwood Ensign**

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MADISON BOAT SHOW WINNERS



Best Century
John Larson - 1956 18' Resorter "Sonny"



Best Outboard Motor Boat
Roberta and Rich Hegy -
2011 14ft Glen L - Zip -
"Oliver IV" - 1969 Mercury 50hp



Most Original
John Mathews and Dorene Soret
1972 17' Sea Ray "Awe Geeze"



Best Fiberglass
Todd Utter -
1974 17' Correct Craft Mustang

**"Special thanks to the
Clean Lakes Alliance for
partnering with the MAACBS
on this year's show.
The Alliance is doing an
excellent job advocating for
the Yahara watershed."**



Best Chris Craft
Nick Janous - 1956 17' Deluxe Runabout

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MADISON ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

SCRAPBOOK MEMORIES



MADISON ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW SCRAPBOOK MEMORIES



Glacier Lakes Election of Officers and Annual Meeting Saturday November 23 at The Delafield Brewhaus

Delafield Brewhaus 3832 Hillside Dr., Delafield, WI 53018 www.delafield-brewhaus.com 262-646-7821 Directions: From Milwaukee: Take I-94 west and exit on Hwy. 83 in Delafield. At the stop light turn left, heading south. At the third stop light turn left heading east (Hillside Drive). The Delafield Brewhaus is located about one mile east of Hwy. 83. From Madison: Take I-94 east and exit on Hwy. 83 in Delafield. Turn right, heading south. Turn left at the second traffic light (Hillside Drive). Go past the theater and Home Depot. We're at the top of the hill on the right.

PUT ON YOUR PARACHUTE AND GET READY FOR A FUN FLIGHT

FEATURED SPEAKER

Steve Betzler

Director – Wings over Waukesha Airshow

Chairman – EAA B-17/Ford Trimotor Tours

Commemorative Air Force Senior Demo Pilot – PT-26 Cornell

As a general aviation pilot with instrument, single and multi-engine ratings, Steve has flown various aircraft for business and pleasure from Waukesha County Airport since 1987. He acts as the representative from Waukesha Airport to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). He lives in



Delafield with his wife, Robyn Pearce. While Steve says that he plans to scribble his talk on the back of a napkin at the bar about 10 minutes before the meeting, his topics might include: ♦If there were an American's Cup for airplanes, ♦ would they all have a winged keel? ♦Why don't most airplanes have gimballed cup holders? ♦If Thurston Howell III wore a flight suit....would he still be sexy?

FELLOWSHIP: 5:00-5:45 ★ DINNER: 5:45-6:45 ★ CHAPTER BUSINESS: 6:45-7:15

SPEAKER-Steve Betzler 7:15-7:45

Cost: \$28 per person (KIDS FREE) - Please Remit your information and check by Friday November 15, 2013

THE DELAFIELD BREWHAUS AWARD WINNING RESTAURANT & BREWERY

Your Dinner Selections for November 23, 2013

Chicken and Spinach Cavatappi Roasted red pepper cream sauce combined with diced grilled chicken, spinach, mushrooms, onions and Cavatappi pasta.

Grilled Pork Brisket Tender pork brisket filet dry rubbed with our secret Hous' blend of zesty spices. Served with sauteed peppers, onions and garlic buttered spatzle.

Teriyaki Salmon Atlantic salmon filet brushed with teriyaki sauce, then oven baked. Served over oriental vegetables and seasoned brown rice.

Caribbean Shrimp Salad Fresh greens tossed with mango, pineapple and cherry tomatoes in a pomegranate acai vinaigrette, finished with crumbled feta, pecan pieces and grilled skewered shrimp.

All dinners include one non-alcoholic beverage of choice and dessert.

Make check payable to Glacier Lakes Chapter, ACBS

Mail to: Pamela Baas, Treasurer S86 W24885 Stonehill Ct. Mukwonago, WI 53149

Questions?? - Contact Jack Schneiberg (262)689-7934

Remit your information and check by Friday November 15, 2013

♦ Chicken and Spinach Cavatappi-\$28.00 x _____	= \$ _____
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♦ Caribbean Shrimp Salad-\$28.00 x _____	= \$ _____
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ACBS Quarterly Meeting Lake Hopatcong, NJ June 20-23 2013

By Wil Vidal and George Plamondon

George Plamondon Blackhawk and Glacier Lakes Chapter member and great friend called me in April, wondering who might be interested in driving out to Lake Hopatcong, NJ for the ACBS Quarterly board meeting. We also wanted to meet the new ACBS Executive Director, Peter Stephens.

The last time yours truly was out there was with Mary in 2003. Lake Hopatcong is 2,500 acres with 45 miles of shoreline. In comparison, Pewaukee Lake is a 2,437 acres with 11 plus miles of shoreline. I picked up George in Chicago and we took Hwy 80 out to New Jersey.

The ACBS quarterly meeting tied in with The Lake Hopatcong Antique Boat Show that was held at The Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club.

We toured two of Katz's Marinas. George said that the Katz's Marina was certainly among the most pristine boat restoration shops in the country. The varnish room was spotless. The mill and machine shops, tool boxes were lined up like soldiers at attention

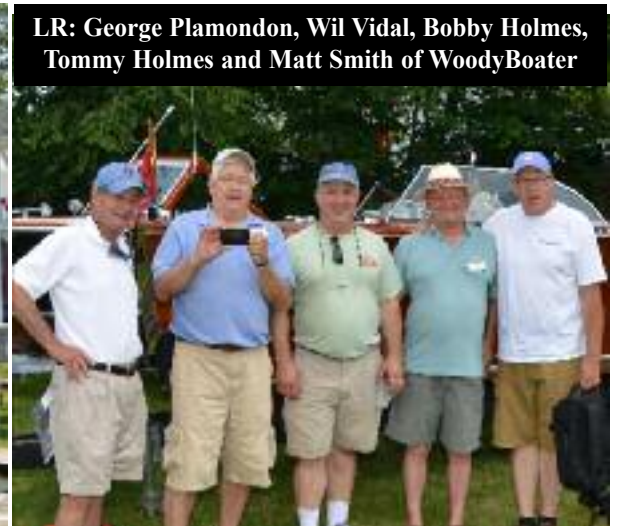
said George. One should see his marinas stacked with antique boats. Seth restored two of the boats from "On Golden Pond", Thayer IV and the Century Raven, mail boat "Mariah".

We had great traveling and boat show weather. It was about an 1,800 mile round trip adventure. When we started back on Sunday morning June 23, the Yukon dash light went on "SERVICE ENGINE SOON". Of course, these things happen on a Sunday when everyone is at church. I called my mechanic in Hartland, WI and after some discussion, he felt that it was a faulty idiot light. It turned out to be just that. My good buddy George had burnt his leg on his 1937 Chris Craft exhaust a week earlier at a boat outing in Chicago. The wound got infected out in NJ. One of the chapter members wife was a doctor. She came to the motel and cleaned the area, gave instructions and gave George a perscription to get him back to Chicago. The good news, we made it back. George's infection is gone.

Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club



LR: George Plamondon, Wil Vidal, Bobby Holmes, Tommy Holmes and Matt Smith of WoodyBoater



21st Annual Minocqua Boat Show July 28-30, 2013

by Kathy Moberg,
Lily Horn and Ellie Eckert

My Minocqua Boat Show story typically begins boasting of the warm weather, blue skies, pristine water, eagles, loons and deer. Unfortunately, this year's story is a tale of frigid temps, dreary, wet weather, with a biting north wind, white caps, and trips to Walmart for the participants to purchase jeans, sweat-shirts, raingear, hats and even gloves! Also, for a different perspective of the show, I have assistance in the telling of the weekend adventure by our Granddaughter, Lily Horn, and Wil & Mary Vidal's Granddaughter, Ellie Eckert.

Bundled up in layers to ward off the 45 degree damp air, 16 boat captains and their crews carried on the Friday night tradition of the pre-ski show boat parade, officially opening the boat show. On Saturday, to the delight of the spectators, 44 of the 50 registered woodies and classic fiberglass boats braved the inclement weather (50's, cloudy with some drizzle) on the first full day of the boat show. The temps being about 30 degrees cooler than average, along with wind and wetness, proved to be prohibitive to normal play-time activities in the northwoods and chain of lakes, so the town of Minocqua was really buzzing with activity. The boat show was well attended and appreciated by those looking for entertainment!

There were land and water displays, including inboards, outboards, canoes; even aqua and woodie cars.

One especially bright spot on the docks was the warmth and sunny feelings brought about by two smiling girls (Lily, age 9 and Ellie, age 8) who traversed the docks bearing gifts of Mardi Gras beads, smiley face pins and candy



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which they exchanged for donations from the spectators for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Read their stories.

The Minocqua Boat Show raises money for MS each year thanks to the efforts of Gordon Moore and Al Hanley (Show Chairmen), The Boathouse (where the show was held), Trig's Grocery (who donates the brats sold dockside), and Pete Eckstom and Associates (who donate and sell commemorative T-shirts at the show). Hagerty Insurance and 5 Star Marketing also helped sponsor the event. The total raised for MS through the show was \$6,247.00.

A cruise to Lake Tomahawk was planned for Saturday evening to attend a BBQ dinner at the home of Don and Bonnie Bergman. The dinner went on as planned, but due to the forecast of thunderstorms, most of the attendees went by car.

Sunday gave us a slightly higher temp, (still unseasonably cold) but it was windier and wetter. The enthusiasm and camaraderie of the captains, crews, and spectators was never dampened.





LR: Lily Horn and Ellie Eckert present \$401.63 to show organizers: Gordon Moore and Al Hanley

The boat show was nice, but the weather was the part Ellie and I did like. We were so happy to collect \$400 in donations (without the drop ins) for Multiple Sclerosis!

So with the horable weather, we decided to not go swimming in the lake till it warmed up so we went to the Beacons pool, which is so warm. So most of my trip was good. If you sponsors, captains and donators read this, I really appreciate you guys and girls because you helped a lot of people with MS live longer, better lives. Ellie and I really thank you. And for the people who donated and did not get a necklace, candy or smiley face pin, they will always be in our hearts.

-Lily Horn



I had Fun in Minocqua! Lily and I roasted marshmallows to make yummy s'mores. We also collected money at the boat show for MS. Last year we collected \$200 so we made a goal to get more this year. We doubled the amount with \$400. We felt very happy and proud. I hope the boat show raised enough money to find a cure for MS. On Saturday night the Bergman's invited us all over to their gorgeous house on Lake Tomahawk. They were so kind to have a cookout with delicious food and drinks. I had fun playing with their sweet dog, Ivy. Even though it rained, we stayed dry in the beautiful boathouse.

-Ellie Eckert

THE WINNERS

People's Choice - 31' , 1961 Shepherd - Kim Goluska, Eagle River/Chicago "Branch Office"

Captain's Choice~Best of Show" - 16', 1957 Peterborough Seafarer, Doug & Linda Stone, Merrill, WI "Josephine"

Best Outboard Same as Captain's Choice, Best of Show

Best Century ~ 18', 1972 Century Resorter, Dick Mickle, Minocqua, WI

Best Pre-War Chris Craft - 19' 1942 Chris Craft Barrel Back, Dr. Wafik A. Hanna, Land O' Lakes, WI/Hinsdale, IL

Best Post War Chris Craft- 22' 1956 Chris Craft Continental, Ralph A. Marrinson, Fort Lauderdale, FL/Minocqua

Best Post War Chris Craft -17' 1956 Chris Craft Runabout, Dan Zellner, Milwaukee, WI "Sweet Melody"

Best Antique or Classic Wood Boat (other than Chris Craft or Century) - 19' 1958 Streblov, Eric & Kathy Moberg, "Rebel"

Best Classic Fiber Glass - 19' 1958 Chris Craft Silver Arrow, The Warning Family, New Lenox, IL "Bernadine"

Best Non Powered Boat - 11' Dinghy, Freedom Boats

36th Annual Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show August 10, 2013 By Don Bergman



John and Amy Zea won "Best-of-Show" with their spectacular gentleman's racer--Antoinette IV



Don and Bonnie Bergman's Chris-Craft runabout, PerfectMatch won best of its class.

The Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show, held in Hessel, MI, is one of the country's premier shows, and the Glacier Lakes chapter was well represented in 2013.

John and Amy Zea won "Best-of-Show" with their spectacular gentleman's racer--Antoinette IV. Our little Chris-Craft runabout, PerfectMatch won best of its class.

Bonnie and I first showed at Hessel with PerfectMatch in 2009. Frank Petran won 2nd in class with his beautiful Globe and we were fortunate to

win Best-in-Class that year also. As we were having our picture taken, Frank leaned over and said to me--"you should join the Glacier Lakes Chapter".

Since that show we have shown 4 different boats in 4 different classes, but taking PerfectMatch back for the first time since 2009 reminded me of that serendipitous meeting with Frank Petran. I took Frank's advice---we joined and here we are.

FOOTNOTE: Karl Johns and Sue Schroder also attended the show.



PAM and JOHN BAAS

For those of us with varnish in our veins, Chetek is a small town in northwest Wisconsin where, 66 years ago, two guys and two dozen or so of the local citizenry invested money, sweat and knowhow in a new wooden boat company. For anyone else, this sleepy lake country town some 100 miles east of Minneapolis is a northwoods playground of fishing, boating and watching sunsets. On Sunday, August 11th it was also host to the Fourth annual Chetek Fly-In and Boat Show. Emil Mix and Vern Larsen made a lot of wooden boats here. Plywood, cedar strip and lapstrake boats flowed from the factory. The last of them left the finishing room in the mid 1960's. Mine, a 17' lapstrake outboard was built in 1959.

I became an official Woody Boater on June 25th, 2006 when I bid \$380.00 at a farm auction for a cool looking old boat with a McCulloch Flying Scott motor all sitting on a Sterling Self Centering trailer. I wasn't looking for a boat. I was looking for implements to use with our vintage Massey Ferguson tractor. Turns out I had purchased a Chetek Duchess. The most terrifying aspect of buying an old wooden boat was how to tell my wife. But that's another story.

Several years ago I contacted John Banks at the Chetek, WI museum looking for some information about the Chetek Boat Company. I'd just completed a cosmetic update that included a lot of sanding and a lot of varnish. But I didn't know any

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thing about Chetek boats or the city in northwest Wisconsin from whence they came. John filled me in on some of the history, including the fact that the company began making wooden boats in 1947 and continued into 1965 when a second fire at the factory put the boat building side of the business out of business. The company built wooden toboggans and dog sleds for a short time but by 1967 the Chetek Boat Company was no more. I thanked John for the history lesson and almost jokingly said how neat it would be to have a Chetek boat reunion in, of all places, Chetek! With absolutely no help from yours truly, John Banks partnered up with the local airport which was hosting a fly-in for vintage aircraft. Since airports typically don't have boat ramps, ours was a "dry show". There were a handful of Chetek boats the first year. My wife Pam and I took our Chetek Duchess utility on a five hour trailer ride "back home". One of the locals told me he had "two, three of these boats at home but didn't think it was such a big deal." There are some pretty big and fancy vintage boat shows around the country, but Chetek's could be among the smallest. Sponsored by the Chetek Historical Society, the show is now open to any Wisconsin boat builder (any vintage boat, really). Previous shows saw Shell Lake, Thompson, Cruisers Inc and Dunphy boats among the Chetek vessels.

The kids can ride an antique fire truck. This 1940 Chevy was purchased new by the Chetek Fire Department. The firefighters did the restoration themselves. The truck is the hit of every local event.

Everyone enjoys an old fashioned chicken dinner complete with ice cream for dessert. You'd swear Sheriff Andy Taylor and Opie would be sauntering by any minute.

This year's show stopper was William Wivell's 14' 1953 Chetek Aqua Flyer. This boat is legendary in that it has never been in the water! Bill owns 6 Chetek boats but this one is the prize of the fleet. Not only has this boat never been wet, it has never been off its original Montgomery Ward's trailer.

This year's show was a success for all involved but especially for our '59 Chetek Duchess. She took the "People's Choice Award".

We named our boat the "Middy Mae" in memory of my wife's mother, Middy, and my mother, Mae. She turns heads where ever we go. Oh, and by the way, we sold the tractor.

(One week after the Chetek show, Pam and John's Chetek boat won Best Wood Outboard at the Glacier Lakes Chapter's Pewaukee Boat Show.)



John Banks' Work in Progress



Chetek's Sig Rishovd brought his '59 Chetek Mam'sell complete with two-tone Vollrath single spoke steering wheel.



John and Pam Baas' Middy Mae



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The 2013 Thompson Boat Gathering

Nest Egg Marine Marinette, Wisconsin Saturday, June 22.

by Kurt Rothe



The 2013 Thompson Boat Gathering was held at Nest Egg Marine located in Marinette, Wisconsin on Saturday, June 22. Boats manufactured by Thompson, Cruisers Inc., T & T, along with all other boats of lapstrake construction were invited to attend the gathering. The event was called a "gathering" because that is just what it was—an opportunity for owners and restorers to "gather" and share stories and history along with all of the great memories associated with owning these beautiful craft.

I was interested in going to the Gathering for many reasons. First of all, I wanted to do a short story for the Sheerline Magazine (Sunnyland Chapter, ACBS). Secondly, during my lifetime, I have owned 3 different models of Cruisers Inc. boats. In fact my first boat was a 14' 1957 Cruisers "Seafarer" that I acquired by working part-time jobs after school so that I could purchase my dream boat which I did. Of course after one year, the dream boat became too small and I had to graduate to a 16' 1958 Cruisers "Seafarer" but that is another story.

The historical development of the Thompson Boat Company is very interesting and of course centered around a family and their lives as well. Peter and Christ Thompson started by building a lapstrake canoe in 1904 in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, using lumber procured along the shores of the Peshtigo River. The Thompson Boat Company was incorporated in 1912 and

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Phil Blank's 1955 14ft Thompson Runabout



A 1951 12ft Thompson TVT Super Deluxe Runabout



Tom & Lauri Ross 1963 18ft Cruisers Inc. "Commander"



Dan and Jean Eugelke's 1962 17ft T&T "Breakers"

quickly became a noted name in boat building. The family also initiated a branch company in Cortland, NY.

In 1953, the next generation of Thompson children, namely Ray, Glenn, Roy, Grant, Bob and Ted Jr. started Cruisers Inc. located in Oconto, Wisconsin, just south of Peshtigo. In the middle 1950's, Thompson switched from the production of cedar strip boats to clinker built boats as customers wanted larger and more durable craft for weekend and cottage use. In addition, outboard motors were growing in horsepower and larger boats were needed to accommodate them.

Glen Thompson, who had been associated with the company in Cortland, NY, returned to Wausaukee, WI to found T & T Boats, a clinker-built line similar to the boats produced by Thompson and Cruisers Inc. T & T went out of business in 1965.

Thompson Boats was also one of the first companies to introduce the Volvo-Penta Sterndrive from Sweden in one of their larger lapstrake models. However, the mid 1960's became a difficult time for wooden boat builders due to the introduction of fiberglass boat construction. Both Thompson and Cruisers Inc. moved to building their boats using fiberglass in the late 1960's. I believe the last wood Thompson was produced around 1970.

Lapstrake boat owners from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, as far away as South Dakota attended the Gathering and enjoyed trading stories and reminiscing about old times and boat restoration.



An early Thompson 14ft cedar strip canoe.



A 12ft Thompson cedar strip "Take-Along"



Two 1957 35HP Johnson outboards



Andres Rhude's 1957 17ft Thompson "Sea Lancer"



A late 1950's Cruisers Inc. 17ft "Commander" powered by a 6 cylinder Mercury "Tower of Power" outboard

1938 CENTURY Utility



1938 CENTURY Utility. 15ft 4 cyl 75HP Grey Phantom engine. Boat has been stored in a garage and is in good condition. Owner carefully dismantled boat and decided other wifely "to do list projects" came ahead the restoration of this piece of history. No boat rot. Some planking on the bottom was replaced as well as both white oak side splash rails. A local wood shop school made two new windshield boards to hold the glass windshield. Before dismantling and to make certain it floated; and wanting to make certain the engine operated, the owner did some initial maintenance. The boat floated and the engine ran. The boat was carefully taken apart retaining all the pieces. The painted and varnished wood surfaces were stripped and acid washed. Painting of the interior floor planking began in addition to the staining of the engine cover. An inventory of parts indicate that some will need to be replaced because of not having them like: windshield glass, windshield side bracket (wood), head light bulb and trim ring, brass hardware and rope slide. Some items will need to be replaced. Trailer included. Tires needed plus greasing of tires. Asking \$4,500.00 OBO Call Richard Naegele, Scranton, PA (570) 347-3318 naegele_qualitytime@msn.com

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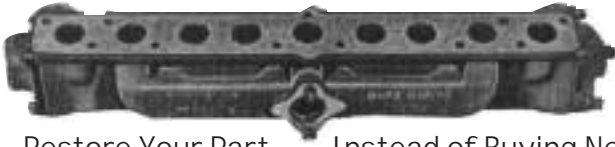
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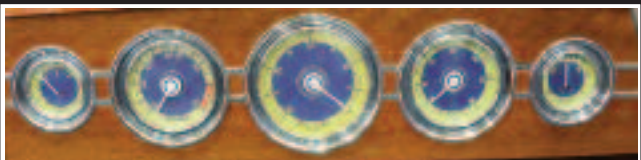
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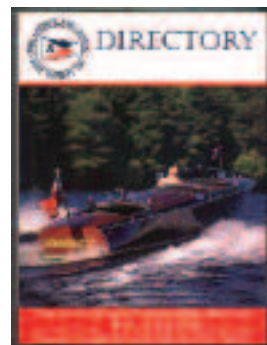


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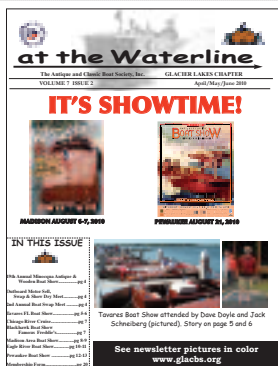


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