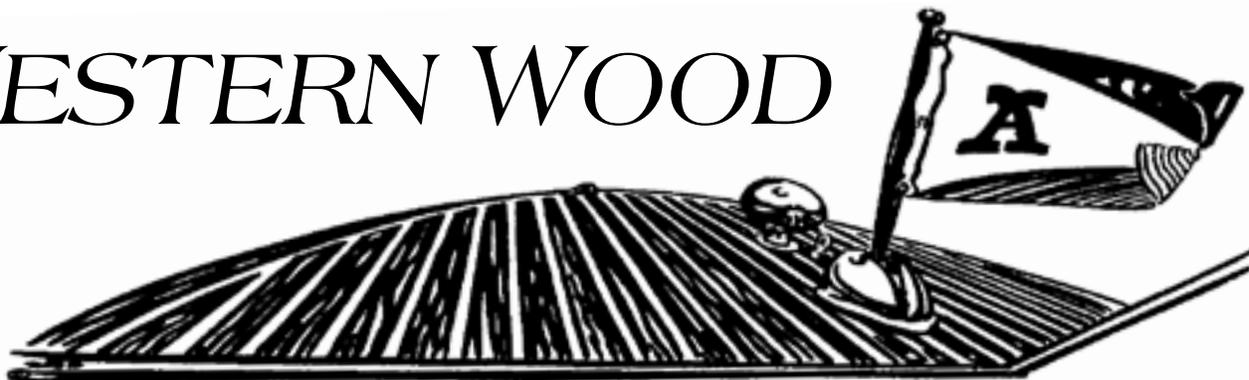


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President's Message . . .

*The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. - Spring Meeting . . .
Marque Club Summit . . . and Spring Fling success.*

The Spring Meeting, held at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT was a huge success! Mystic Seaport is an ideal place for a meeting with nautical history everywhere. We were able to see a collection of over 450 boats, and view some of the 800,000 photos in the Rosenfeld collection, a collection which includes a large number of vintage race boat pictures as well as thousands of sailing photos.

Joining **Bob & Arlene Bush** and **Kathy** and me from our chapter were **Jim Gordon**, **Rich Fisher** and **Steven Lapkin**, who was representing the Riva Club USA. Jim Gordon found a beautifully detailed picture in the collection, of a Gar Wood triple just like his 1937, 28 foot Gar Wood.

The first ever Marque Club Summit was held. Represented were 25 vintage boat clubs: Aristocraft, Century Boat Club, Chris Craft Antique Boat Club, Cowell Boat Works, Dispro Owners Association, Dodge Boat Owners Association, Egg Harbor Owners Association, Glasspar G-3 Owners Club, Gar Wood Society, Higgins Classic Boat Association, Lake'n Sea Owners Association, Lyman Boat Owners Association, Mac Craft Boat Club, Matthews Boat Owners Association, Morehouse Boat Registry, Mullins Boat Club, New England Lyman Group, Owens Yacht Marque Club, Philbrick Boat Owners Association, Richardson Boat Association, Riva Club USA, Sea Sled Owners Association, The Shepherd Boat Registry, Thompson Boat Club, and the Trumpy Yacht Association. This summit will be the beginning of new relationships for a stronger future. I sincerely believe that as we grow, we will be able to offer more greater fellowship, knowledge, and strength in the boating community.

Spring Fling was a success thanks to **Greg & Mickey Joseph**. **Chuck Kelly** did his signature crab feed along with lots of help from **Jenny Ludwig**, **Paul & Jackie Mehus**, **Steve & Cheryl Caplan**, **Chas & Sandy Eldridge**, **Dick Wells** and **Lew & Debra Dobbins**. The board Meeting on Sunday morning was well attended with 11 chapter quests. This may be a first! Please remember Board meetings are open to everyone.

Spring brings thoughts of getting our boats ready for summer. A few years ago I was helping a friend do the spring launch. After checking all the usual things we backed her into the lake. He got into the seat, turned on the bilge blower, hit the starter button, the motor sprang to life with a great roar! What was forgotten - 2 gallons of anti freeze in the motor which promptly pumped into the lake!! Not a good thing. We must remember to do all we can to help keep the water we love and enjoy - clean.

Looking forward to a fun boating summer

Norm

Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome all of the new members who have joined our chapter since the last publication

Leonard Richard & Sherri Coey - Modesto, CA, joins with a 2007, 19' Runabout Home Built named *Reminiscent*

Ritch D. & Margie Foster - Glen Ellen, CA joins with a 1959, 18' Capri Chris Craft

Bob & Sarah Green - Nevada City, CA joins with a 1957, 17' Sportsman Chris Craft, *Sarah's Smile*

Ross K. & Evelyn D. Ireland - Danville, CA joins with a 1991, 19' Hydroplane Cole and a 1964, 16' Crackerbox Race Boat Glen L, *The Ritz Cracker*

Bill & Ronda Little - Hollister, CA

Bruce & Susan Neilson - Lafayette, CA joins with a 1948, 17' Deluxe Runabout Chris Craft, *Magic*

Thomas & Barbara Peek - Castro Valley, CA joins with a 1954, 16' Runabout Crooks, *Peek Inn*

Brandan Riley - Genoa, NV joins with a 1958, 21' Coronado Century

Matt Wells - Sacramento, CA joins with a 1957, 19' Capri Chris Craft and a 1961, 17' Ski Boat Chris Craft



*Ralph & Bonnie Wallen
Membership Chairs*

FYI

The United States Postal Service has recently announced that the official unveiling of the stamps will take place on Saturday, August 4, 2007 at The Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY.

The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. wishes to express our most sincere sympathy to Sarah Obexer-Fields, in the loss of her Grandmother, ***Edna Bradley Obexer***. Edna, was an interesting woman who lived a truly amazing life - 60 years of it in Tahoe. She was one of nine children born in Forest City, NC, who earned her degree as a Registered Nurse, enlisted in the navy during WWII and served until the war's conclusion in 1945. During the war she met her late husband, Herbert Obexer, who also served in the Navy. Like a fairy tale, after the war, Herb traveled to North Carolina to wed Edna and brought her back to Lake Tahoe. Edna & Herb operated Obexer's Boat Company.

☞ Sarah, in all that has been written about the life of Edna, it can only be said that you, and your family, have been quite blessed to have been given such an amazing legacy from your Grandmother.

A lake side Memorial Service will be held **Sunday, May 27, 2007 - 11AM** at Obexer's Boat Company. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to your favorite charity or to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor services, 4604 Roseville Road, Suite 100, North Highlands, CA 95660

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*



Editors Comments



I have so much enjoyed putting this issue of *Western Wood* together. And even though it has given me the reason to learn a new graphics program and to actually remember (mostly) what I learned and then applying it, Hopefully I will improve with each issue! Please hang in there with me!

I was so rewarded by the contributions by all of you who wrote the various articles and sent in your pictures - Thank You, Very Much.

I want to say a big Thank You to **Sandy Chase**, who for the past 3 years has been your Editor, producing a wonderful newsletter for you.

And my apologies Wayne for just plain running out of space and having to carry over until next issue - **SHOP TALK**.



Have a super Summer

Bette Shutt

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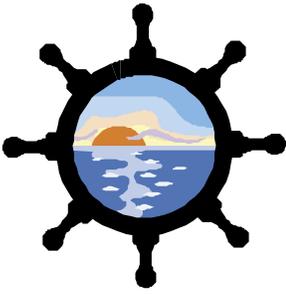
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Calendar of Events

- Bass Lake Rendezvous** May 18/20, 2007
Ducy's Resort Cary Winslow
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- Wood & Glory** June 1/3, 2007
Konocti Harbor, Clear Lake  Jim Robello
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Ralph Wallen
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- *Woodie Whoopie - Tex Mex** June 15, 2007
McKinney Shores, Homewood Hank & Joan Upton
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- Boat Handling & Safety Clinic.** June 16, 2007
Before the Crossing Show Dave & Tami Lyon
- Crossing of the Chris Crafts** June 16, 2007
Obexer's Marina, Homewood Dave & Tami Lyon
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- *Woodie Whoopie - Italian** July 7, 2007
Rubicon Bay Kirk & Julie Pumphrey
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- Tahoe Get Around** July 14/15, 2007
Meeks Bay & Garwood's Ellen Swensen
 **BOARD MEETING** sweneb@yahoo.com
- *Woodie Whoopie - Caribbean** July 20, 2007
Olympic Beach, Tahoe City Sally & Jim Subject
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- *Woodie Whoopie - Irish Night** August 3, 2007
Bernie & Carol Atkinson's Tom & Marie O'Rourke
Carnelian Bay toro101746@aol.com
- *Woodie Whoopie - Clambake** August 24, 2007
Howard & Kay Turner's Tom & Marie O'Rourke
Homewood toro101746@aol.com
- *Woodie Whoopie - Clear Lake** September 8, 2007
Buckingham Clubhouse Jim Robello
- The International Meeting & Boat Show . September 26/29, 2007
Lake George, New York Hosted by Adirondack Chapter
- Delta Cruise - B & W Resort October 5/7, 2007
Brannan Island Road, Isleton Preston & Joy Smith
 **BOARD MEETING** psmith@pacar.com
- Halloween River Run October 20, 2007
Sacramento River Rick & Judee Myers
saaco@aol.com
- CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING** November 3, 2007
Golden Gate Yacht Club  Iren Jenny
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On the Horizon . . .

TAHOE GET AROUND

GET TOGETHER WEEKEND!

by Ellen Swensen

The July 7/8, 2007 Tahoe Keys Boat Show has been postponed to 2008. We look forward to an all new and exciting South Shore celebration next year. But don't worry . . . we still have a fun July boating event planned for you.

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Let's circumnavigate Lake Tahoe together.

We'll start from  at 9 AM.

We'll head north for a clockwise 'get-around' hopefully picking up more boats as we go all the way around the lake. We plan to be back at Meek's Bay about 3 PM. You can choose to go part of the way or all the way around.

It's BYOL - Bring Your Own Lunch, Libations, and Laughs.



A Poker Rally is being planned, so bring your good luck.

We'll try to share rides - so everyone can attend. Non-woodies welcome!

Board Meeting

9:00 AM

Garwoods - before the buffet

Sunday, July 15, 2007

Whether you circumnavigated Saturday or not, please come for a fun lunch at Carnelian Bay's 'Home of the Wet Woodie'.



Cocktails at 11 AM
Buffet lunch at noon - 2:30 PM
Riva Room

This yummy lunch includes:

- ☞ Salads ☞ Pan-Seared Mango Salmon
- ☞ Basmati Rice ☞ Herb Crusted Chicken
- ☞ Garlic Mashed Potatoes ☞ Baby Vegetables
- ☞ Pasta and ☞ Dessert.

Get ready for a contest with silly prizes.

Cost: \$36.00 adult
kids under 10 order from the Baby Gar menu

Sign-up details in the enclosed flyer or call:
Greg Joseph 831-688-6295
Ellen Swensen 925-286-1116

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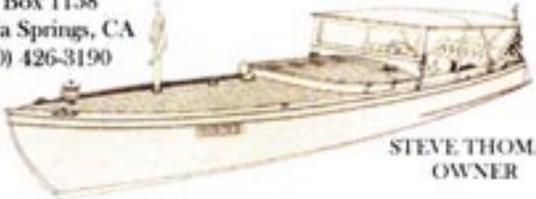


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SHIPS STORE

This is going to be another great year for our Chapter's Ships Store.

Many thanks to **Suzanne & Stan Oppgard** and **Sally Subject** for volunteering to co chair the store with me this year. Various suggestions have been made by members and we are currently working to incorporate as many of your ideas as possible. Inventory review and merchandise planning are proceeding. We feel confident you will enjoy your shopping experience with us this year during the Concours d'Elegance.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to **Herb Hall** and **The Sierra Boat Company** for making the space available us. And to all of our wonderful volunteers who help with the set up, sales and take down work - we again thank *you*. Our goal, as always, is to enjoy each other's company, share this enjoyment with others (hopefully new members) and make a few dollars for our chapter.

Due to the TYC Foundation's efforts to raise maximum funds for their philanthropic goals, we anticipate having a very limited number of admission passes available this year for our volunteers. Boat entrants, judges, sponsors and dock workers receive passes - if you are in one of these categories and have some time to help, please let us know in June (see below). Last year we were grateful for the support of **Dale Reynolds** and another anonymous donor who gave us some of the admission tickets they received as Concours Sponsors. If you have extra tickets which you would like to donate this year, please contact me.

A sign up book will be available at all Chapter events this Summer. Your help would be most welcome.

Sign up and share in the fun!

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Restore the Club's Boat

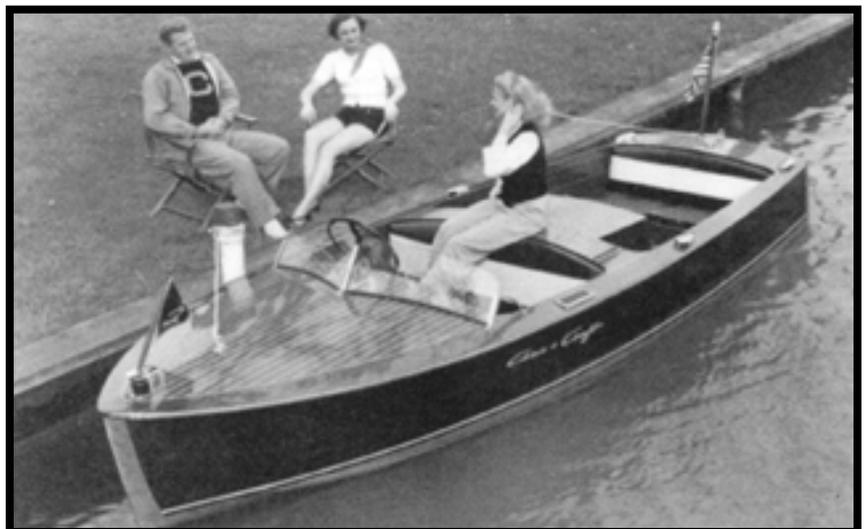
by Rich Fisher

Thanks to a donation by **Norm & Kathy Kitching**, the chapter now owns what is believed to be a 17' Special Runabout (1949 - 1952) [ref. page 137 of *Chris Craft - The Essential Guide*] (see photo). The history of the boat is unknown. This was the boat used at the Alameda, CA restoration clinic a few years ago to demonstrate how to do a "bottom job." In its present condition it is a poor candidate for a usable restoration - there is almost no hardware on it.

To help further the educational charter of our chapter, the boat will be used for demonstration purposes. The plan is to leave the port side in its "as is", deplorable grey condition. Then starting at the starboard transom, we will be able to show the various stages of restoration to the point that the first two feet at the starboard bow, will be finished.

We have a donor for most of the materials needed for this project and are looking for

experienced restorers (professional and amateur) to donate a day or two or more of their time to help. All transportation and work on the boat will be logged and acknowledged as a donation. Please contact, Richard.Fisher@excite.com/925 945 8036 if you are interested. 🐾



Auction Auction Auction

Hello Everyone!

Summer is almost here and do we have fun plans for you!

Now that I have your attention, I would like to take a few moments of your time.

This year, I have been asked and have accepted, the position of Auction Chair and Coordinator for Wooden Boat Week in Lake Tahoe. While, I am honored to have been asked and excited about the opportunity, I am also apprehensive. I am apprehensive because the position can be challenging and the expectations high, from the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation and also from me. I do not take volunteerism lightly. Volunteering to do something is by choice not arbitrary, therefore doing a good job in a volunteer position, vital. I plan to work very hard and also to have fun along the way. I also plan to meet and even exceed the goals that have been given to me. With that said, I also know there are those whom I cannot please no matter how hard I try.

So, why am I writing this letter? I want to invite you to come along for the ride.

We are in the process of forming a committee. So far, we have:



**Iren & Ted Jenny
Gail & Bruce Adair
Amy & Robin Bollinger
Pamela & Steve Burton
Cheryl & Steve Caplan
Mary Jo & Bill Shepherd**

Advisors: Kirk Pumphrey, Dave Olson, Barry Ludwig

Many, many awesome items have already been donated. But, as you know an undertaking of these proportions can only succeed if many people pitch in.

How can you help? ••opt to join our committee

- offer to help on the days when we have our booth at the boat show
- offer auction items

I would love to hear from you.

- or you can do all of the above!

Thanks!

Iren Jenny

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An Open letter

Dear Friend,

Before we know it, August will be here. Barbecues, family picnics, corn on the cob, juicy watermelon, impromptu baseball games, watching stars on warm nights and one of the best sights of all, wooden boats on Lake Tahoe. Lake Tahoe in the summer is one of nature's most breathtaking offerings and wooden boats on the lake, one of man's adornments.

Come join us this August as we present to you the 35th Annual Lake Tahoe *Concours d'Elegance* and Wooden Boat Week. Starting on Thursday, August 9th through Wednesday, August 15th, 2007, the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation will be hosting this annual extravaganza and event filled week. This year the week blasts off with a VIP reception at **The Sierra Boat Company** and continues with events at local establishments, private lake front homes, the Ehrman Mansion at Sugar Pine State Park, the Wild Goose Restaurant, Wolfdales, and much, much more. Wooden Boat Week has become a major social gathering at Lake Tahoe's shores and reaches hundreds, if not thousands of participants.

Putting on these two wonderful events has evolved to include another worthwhile function - donating funds to such local organizations such as The Gatekeeper's Museum, the Sea Scouts, California/Sierra State Parks, Youth Sailing Programs and much, much more. These donations with much needed funds for special projects that greatly enhance their functions.

We are able to raise these funds through the auctions held at various events during boat week. A few changes this year promise to make the auctions even more fun for participants and hopefully more beneficial for the recipients.

- We will create a booklet listing donors and donated items, offering great publicity for business donations and great fun for personal donators.
- We will have silent and live auctions.
- We will hold auctions starting with the opening ceremony at **The Sierra Boat Company** and continuing through the Sunday evening festivities.
- Boat show participants will be able to join in the fun. Much greater capability for our auctions to reach more people and much higher volume exposure for the business' that are making the donations.

*We invite you to join in the fun
and be a part of this magnanimous gesture.*

This is a win win situation. Participants can look forward to spirited bidding and the community gets the much needed funds. This will also give better exposure to the clubs involved in making the boat show a success: The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc., TYC, and Tahoe Maritime Museum.

We would love to receive **anything** you can donate: gift certificates, dinner, brunches, merchandise baskets, fun rides, different experiences and/or services. Baskets, packages, experiences and events will be combined offering the maximum effect. Everything in our power will be done to give you great exposure and provide the needed incentive for participants to bid.

Send your donations to TYC Foundation, attention:

Iren Aslanian Jenny

2007 Wooden Boat Week Auction Coordinator
700 North Lake Boulevard
P.O. Box 7620
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Thank you for your support.

2007
LAKE TAHOE
Concours d'Elegance
TAHOE YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION INC.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10,
& SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

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The Lake Tahoe *Concours d'Elegance* is a three-day show of the finest antique and classic boats—judged to original factory standards. The marque (featured) class to highlight 2007's competition is "Boats of the Thirties."

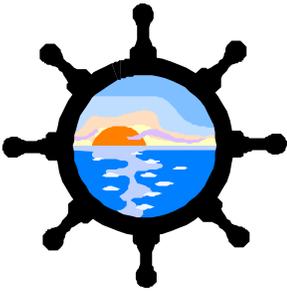
Don't miss the new "VIP Preview" Day on Thursday, August 9: an opening ceremony with libations, hors d'oeuvres, and more to celebrate the event's 35th anniversary ... it is open to the public, but hurry... this VIP Preview Day will have limited ticket sales!

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On the Horizon . . .

Wood & Glory IX

You've just endured a very long week - so you begin to think . . . what could be better than escaping to beautiful Clear Lake with your family.

How about joining fellow classic wooden boat lovers for a Woodie Whoopie cookout at the lovely lakeside home of **John & Mary Lahti**. As you sit enjoying a glass of Lake County wine, surrounded by friends, entree on the grill, balmy summer evening, full moon rising over the lake - you are struck by what an amazing location this truly is. So you begin to wonder . . . can it get any better than this, and then you realize - A GREAT WEEKEND ADVENTURE HAS JUST BEGUN!

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 1, 2007: Arrive/Check-in and put your boat into the water for a little cruise. Potential destination spots: Watercolor Restaurant at Ferndale Resort in Soda Bay; Richmond Park Restaurant Marina in Konocti Bay; the Pine Dell Grocery & Deli, or just cruise the lake.

3:00 - 5:00 PM: Registration in hotel lobby, goodie bags & event instructions.

5:30 PM: Woodie Whoopie BBQ at Lahti lakeside home. Bring your own entree and a dish to share. Garlic bread, green salad, and wine will be provided. The Lahti's home can be easily reached by boat or car.

By Boat: Head west along the shore 2/3 miles. The Sea Scouts will assist in docking and mooring. For navigation home, we have ordered a full moon rise at 8:43 PM!

By Car: Head west out of the hotel parking lot for 1.2 miles to the first right turn, Crystal Drive/Buckingham. Turn right and follow the road, Eastlake, along the shoreline until it ends at Braito's Marina. Turn right on Palace Drive to the Lahti's home.

Saturday, June 2, 2007:

9:30 - 10:30 PM: Final Registration at Konocti Harbor Inn



11:00 AM: Cruise by boat or car to Lakeport's Library park for a Boat Show and Shine for the public. Lakeport will welcome us with live music playing from the gazebo, a first class BBQ lunch, and wonderful views of the lake and our boats.

3:00 - 5:00 PM: Cruise Time - check out the lake with a cruise to a winery, Soda Bay, a casino, Braito Marina, the Maheraja Water Ski Factory, Rattlesnake Island, or any



other destination that tickles your fancy.

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Catered dinner at the Buckingham Homeowners beach and club house.

Sunday, June 3, 2007:

9:00 - 11:00 AM: Boat Show & Shine at Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa.

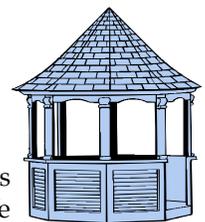
11:30 AM: Final weekend gathering for a picnic at the Buckingham Home Owner's Beach. Bring your best picnic fixings and refreshments, water & cold drinks will be provided. Come by car or boat.

Notes . . .

If attending the Friday night Woodie Whoopie BBQ and your last name begins with A-M, bring an appetizer or salad to share. If your name begins with N-Z, bring a dessert to share. Plus your meat to grill.

For lodging, our primary venue is once again Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa where we have rooms held with rates from \$99 to \$270. You should make reservations directly by calling **800/662-5253, Ext. 2**. Mention you are with the ACBS Group Reservation.

Woodie Whoopie - Clear Lake
Saturday, September 8, 2007



Allen & Donna Thomas have invited us to their home in Corinthian Bay. We are sure many of you have admired their home as you passed, but did not realize they were chapter members. From lakeside, it is easily distinguishable by the large white gazebo at the end of their pier. We cannot begin to do justice in describing this great home, but suffice to say it is made for parties - like our Woodie Whoopie! If you plan to attend, contact **Jim Robello, 707/278-0233** or **Ralph Wallen, 707/279-2686**.

Lake County gets behind Wood & Glory IX

*We're finding more support than ever this year for Wood and Glory.
With four major sponsors and many contributors - this looks like the best one yet.*

Maherajah Water Skis, owner Bob Maher is not only donating one of his fine classic wood water skis for our Sea Scouts raffle, but he has put out the Bob Maher "Ski Around the Island" challenge to our participants. For everyone who skis around Kamdot Island on a wood ski Friday evening, he will give two raffle tickets. For those who need double skis, there will be one free raffle ticket. While Bob will gladly pull us behind his custom Speedspec boat, those who volunteer to tow skiers behind an old woody will receive a free raffle ticket too. Bob will provide the skis upon which to ski.



Wildhurst Vineyards is providing us with their sauvignon Blanc and Zinfandel wines for our Friday evening Woodie Whoopie. In addition, each boat entry will also receive a bottle of their wine along with two engraved "Wood & Glory" wine glasses. Our special thanks to owners Myron & Marilyn Holdenried for their support of Wood & Glory IX.

Carl, Bob, Tony and the gang at **Braitto's Marina** have purchased collapsible dock carts for every boat entrant. **Braitto's Marina** was a Century Dealer for many, many years - they really appreciate fine wood boats. Many of you know of **Crackerbarrel**, **John & Mary Lahti's** fine 1941, Custom 19' barrelback. They found it at Braitto's, just as Gail and I found our 1966, Century Coronado Wood & Glory. We expect Carl to proudly display his 1967, Century Arabian again this year.

California Chris Craft, with sales offices in both Homewood and San Francisco has stepped up to sponsor our poster. This is a major cost for the event. We would have had to bare this cost by ourselves if it were not for their assistance. Thank you **California Chris Craft**.



In addition to our major sponsors, gift coupons from a number of contributors will make the event even more special. **Watercolor Restaurant**, located at the **Ferndale Resort** in Soda Bay is offering us discount food coupons. Yes, the restaurant is named after **Jim & Nancy Fentress'** famous U-22, **Watercolor**.

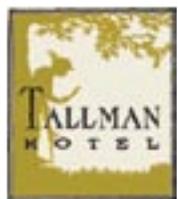
Richmond Park Bar & Grill, located in Konocti Bay is offering our members a special lunch service on Friday. Owners, Dan & Donna say to watch out for **Preston Smith**. If he shows up, maybe you can get him to buy you a beverage.

The Pine Dell Resort & Store, which is located directly across the lake from Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa will have some coupons which can be used for their fresh home baked pizza or one of their outstanding deli sandwiches.

We also hope to have some coupons from the **Tallman Hotel** and the **Blue Wing Saloon** located off the water in the town of Upper Lake. These establishments, which date from are now fully restored and provide excellent food and lodging for those in tow.



located off the the mid 1800's, without a boat

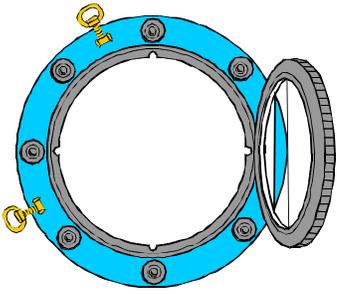


Many others with contributions too numerous to mention, also make Wood & Glory possible. They include the Greater Lakeport Chamber of Commerce, Lakeport Downtown Merchants Association, the Lake County Sea Scouts, Hillside Honda, Riviera Foods, Sawyer Press, Studio Blue, and our ACBS committee.

[We urge you to sign up before it's too late!](#)

**Jim Robello
and
Ralph Wallen**





Looking Astern . . .

Restoration Clinic

March 3/4, 2007

by Kate Turney

We gathered in the crisp, cold air of early morning atop a hill in the Gold Country. **Jeri & Dave Lobb** set the Toy Barn, one of their three restoration barns, with long tables, chairs, deck heaters (Thank you!), breakfast goodies and urns of hot coffee (Thank you! Thank you!) In one corner of the barn were glass cases filled with beautiful old and new models of boats and planes. Lobb's place is a Big Boy Toy Workshop par excellence.

Over two days I took 28 pages of notes - some of which I understood. To my uneducated eyes and ears, the most compelling parts of the weekend involved spectacular destruction and hands on experiments. What follows are one neophyte's overall impressions, with a few bits of specific information, to give you a

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Learning #sharing
#making friends
#Having fun . . .



EXCITTING!

What follows are several articles about the 2007 Commemorative Classic Boat Stamp. They were written by the Postal Service; Bill Baldwin, Brass Bell from The Heartland Classics January Newsletter and Wilson Wright.

What makes this all so very exciting is that all of the boats are from our Chapter!

If you've always wanted to own a boat but could never afford one, you'll be able to cruise away for the price of a First Class stamp this summer when the Postal Service issues stamps celebrating vintage mahogany speedboats. These four stamps showcase the polished mahogany and gleaming chrome hardware that characterize the nation's historic wooden motor boats. These vintage watercraft, still in use today, were built by four manufacturers. The stamps depict these boats:

- *Frolic*, a 1915 Hutchinson Brothers Launch.
- *Dispatch*, a 1931 Gar Wood triple cockpit runabout
- *Thunderbird*, a 1939 Hacker Craft commuter boat.
- *Duckers*, a 1954 Chris Craft Racing Runabout

The selvaige - decorative area around the stamps on the pane of 12 stamps - features a recent photograph of *Miss Columbia* by Benjamin Mendlowitz. The boat is a modern recreation of the original *Miss Columbia*, designed by George F. Crouch and built in 1924. Robert Devens of Green Cove Springs, FL, owns the replica and berths her for the summer on the Muskoka Lakes of Ontario, Canada.



1915 Hutchinson Brothers Launch

A popular style for touring and commuting, the long deck launch was offered with a four or six cylinder marine engine capable of reaching 30 mph. Powered by a 110 horsepower, six cylinder Chrysler Crown engine, the attractive 30 foot craft on the stamp was custom built in 1915 by Hutchinson Brothers Boat Company, Alexandria Bay, NY.

Frolic owners, **Bill & Tish Kartoian** of Danville, CA dock her on Lake Tahoe.



1939 Hacker Craft

Based on the streamlined designs of John Hacker, *Thunderbird* is a 55 foot commuter boat featuring a distinctive stainless steel cabin top that was build for millionaire George Whittell, who was fascinated with the latest aircraft, automobile and boat technology. Enamored with the lines of his personal DC-2 airplane, Whittell requested *Thunderbird's* hull and cockpit be built to resemble the fuselage of his twin engine aircraft. Built in 1939 by the Huskins Boat Company of Bay City, MI, *Thunderbird's* original twin 550 horsepower Kermath engines were replaced in the 1960s with twin 1000 horsepower Allison V-12 aircraft engines. The Hacker Craft is owned by **Joan Gibb** of Incline Village, NV, and is berthed in the original boathouse built and designed by George Whittell in 1940 for the *Thunderbird*. The boathouse is connected to the main house by a 600 foot tunnel that was blasted through granite at the Thunderbird Lodge Historic Site on lake Tahoe.

Learn the fascinating story behind this nautical classic at:

<http://www.thunderbirdlodge.org/theboat.html>



1931 Gar Wood Triple Cockpit Runabout

Gar Wood 33 foot triple cockpit runabouts are considered some of the finest runabouts produced by the famous boat building firm in Marysville, MI. Elegant and powerful, these craft were offered with either a Scripps V-12 or a Gar Wood Liberty V-12 engine and were capable of exceeding 50 mph.

Manufactured in 1931, the runabout appearing in the stamp has a 650 horsepower, 12 cylinder Rolls Royce engine.

She is owned by **Tom & Maurine Turner** of Carnelian Bay, CA. Her Lake Tahoe berth is next to Turner's GarWoods Grill and Pier Restaurant.



1954 Chris Craft Racing Runabout

A steady seller since 1936, the Racing Runabout exemplified Chris Craft speed and design through 1954. Updated after World War II, the 19 foot model features a split cockpit and gleaming deck hardware. With its 158 horsepower MBL engine, this craft can exceed 40 mph. Chris Craft runabouts remain a popular model among classic boaters who enjoy their sporty performance.

Duckers, built in 1954 in Cadillac, MI, has a 158 horsepower, six cylinder Chris Craft Hercules engine. She is owned by **William & Nancy Kehoe** of Loomis, CA., who boat with her on Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Delta.

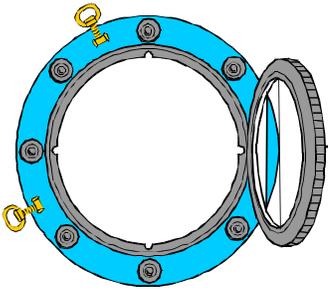


The October 26, 2006 announcement by the U.S. Postal Service of the issuance of the 2007 Commemorative Vintage Mahogany Speedboats stamp, is the result of a five year effort by the Chris Craft Antique Boat Club and Wilson.

Wilson traveled to Washington, DC, to see what could be done to create a postal commemorative recognition for antique and classic "woody" boats. There, he learned a great deal about the Post Office and its procedures: about a "Congressional Postal Caucus" that oversees the post officer in general, and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) who approves and authorizes new stamps. He lobbied members of The Postal Caucus, as well as, members of Congress. As a result, Senator Bill Nelson (D,FL) and House Appropriations Chairman Bill Young (R,FL) - with other members of Congress - wrote generous letters to the CSAC. Chris Craft Antique Boat Club members were urged to write the CSAC and many did. It was learned early on that obtaining new commemorative stamps could be a tedious, protracted process. Club members were warned not to be discouraged if new stamps did not come quickly, as the process could take anywhere from five to eight years and even then success might not be achieved. During the winter of 2002, Wilson was advised that new interest in a woody boat stamp had surfaced and that the project was now on the "fast track." More time passed. Wilson became energized when he heard that a new member from Clayton, NY was added to the CSAC.

More time passed, but little seemed to be happening. A watchful eye was kept on the process. *continued on page 24*

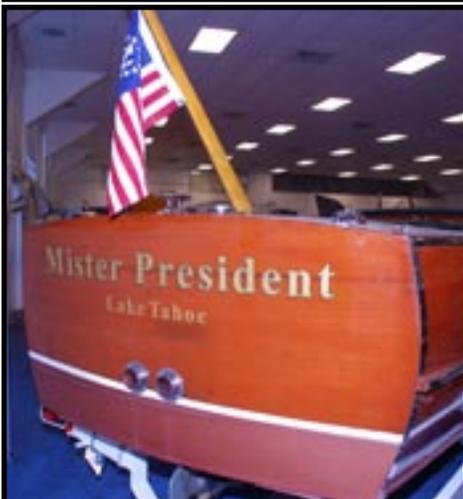




Looking Astern . . .

The Great Northern California Boat Show

As told in pictures





sense of the workshops in researching, bottom replacing, re-planking, refinishing and mechanical installation

Research

One cannot be too picky about research. The tiniest details do matter. "If an item is not documented, then it's not original," according to Brian Robinson, who ran this session. The standard for judging is "factory delivered," not "dealer delivered" because the standard, not the exception, is what counts. *continued on page 19*

Sweetheart's Lament

There's a long, long nail a-grinding
 Into the sole of my shoe.
 It's found its way into my foot
 A mile or two.

I've a headache creep upon me
 Over the long airless day
 Standing, standing, standing 'til
 My legs ache and sway.

I have sat upon the sawdust
 Until my black coat turned brown
 Then hopped up on my aching feet
 To watch Brown plane wood down.

Green fields and hills they call me
 To put an end to this pain.
 Let's start the car, get going
 And sing that old refrain -

There's a long, long nail a-grinding
 Into the sole of my shoe
 So take me out to dinner, Babe,
 And let this day be through.

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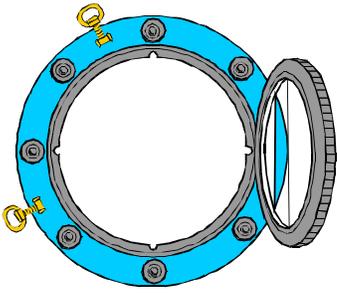
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Looking Astern . . .

Spring Fling

By Greg Joseph



Having always thought Monterey Bay would be a great place to have this event, I ran the idea by president elect **Norm Kitching** who, in true presidential form, said "That'll be great So, Mr. Chairman, who will you enlist to help?"

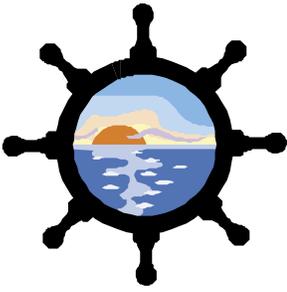
I wanted to have home base at a great facility in a beautiful setting, so when Seascape Resort offered us rooms at less than half the going rate - that was a no-brainer. I love crab and I especially love **Chuck Kelly's** crab feed. Happily when asked about putting on the crab feed, Chuck immediately started planning. Little did he know what a headache it was going to be.

I wanted this to be a true Monterey Bay event, so I started lining up local crab. We have big, beautiful crab in the deep waters off North Santa Cruz South and South San Mateo coast and Frank at the harbor said he

would be able to provide enough to feed 100 people for our Friday bash. The only caveat would be bad weather - keeping him from getting to his pots. Well, Monday before the feed, was stormy, Frank called, said he was unable to get to his pots and didn't expect the seas to calm before the weekend! He knew of another guy with a bigger boat, who did get a full load of crabs and suggested that I should get them while the getting is good. After a call to Chuck, I had Frank set up the purchase with the other guy. The next day Chuck gets all the equipment and drives from Sacramento to Aptos and we spend all day collecting and cooking 285

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Save the Date

Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter
of
The Antique & Classic Boat Society, Inc.

Annual Meeting and Fantastic Weekend!

November 2/4, 2007

by Iren Jenny

Hi Everyone.

Summer is not even here and we are already planning our Chapter's Annual Meeting and Dinner and a fabulous weekend in Paradise by the Bay, San Francisco, CA. The meeting & dinner will actually be on Saturday, November 3rd at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay. You can join us for the whole weekend or just for the meeting and dinner.

fun venue fun prizes great food fabulous tours cocktails sight seeing and much, much more
dancing under the stars auction

The weekend is going to be a blast! All details will be mailed closer to the event!

Sneak Peak during Wooden Boat Week - pay attention to what is going on around you.
There will a be a game to test your memory and fabulous prizes!

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Indispensable sources for your research:

1. Jerry Conrad, Mariners Museum Newport News, VA. The basic research package costs \$35. Factory photos are \$20.
2. Other owners: ACBS Directory, contact owners of your boat model and share research and photos for reference.
3. Builders, refinishers and judges: More sources - the better. E-mail is best, allows them to respond at time

Boat Bottom Replacement

Removal of a boat's bottom is spectacular to watch. The boat hoisted up, turned upside down before your very eyes, skill saw ripping great holes in the bottom, the splat of rotting wood on the barn's concrete floor - Yes!

According to **Dave Lobb**, it takes one man one hour to cut the bottom, and one man one day to remove it. Some advice:

1. When buying a boat, insist on pulling out floorboards and seats to see if the floor has correct thickness. If any air gets in then it rots.
2. Before you turn the boat over, take everything out of it and photograph it so you can remember where it goes.
3. Use an ice pick to test the bottom to see if it is rotten. If you can hear a hollow sound it is rotten.

Replanking

Although **Tony Brown** said, "It's easy to plank a boat in one morning," one plank took two and one half hours in this session, using an old plank as a pattern for the new. Some tips:

1. Save old wood to use for plugs.
2. Let new lumber sit on the shelf first so that if it splits, it will split on the shelf.
3. Sight down a new plank to check for uniform smoothness.

Refinishing

Todd Jeffrey stressed that refinishing must be done in a dust-free, well ventilated area with great attention paid to protecting your skin and lungs from any toxic materials. Advice:

1. In general, avoid dramatic steps in repair. Don't do it all in one week.
2. Store brushes wet in diesel fuel. Before use, spin (with brush spinner from a paint store), dry one hour, then work out in front of halogen light.

3. For build up coats, use cheap throwaway foam brush and roller. Use badger brush for final coat only, it takes one hour to dry.
4. To remove varnish, use a cheap heat gun rather than a chemical. Heat varnish without burning wood and scrape off with a putty knife without gouging wood. [Note: This is fun and strangely satisfying.]

Mechanical Installation

This was a gold mine of information. **Herb Hall** distributed his own extensive notes on the subject. Some tidbits:

1. Get rid of old fuel tanks – they pass junk on to the carburetor. Put in a new fuel filter system and change it yearly.
2. For hoses, use real marine stuff: Type B for exhaust and Type A for fuel line.
3. Thermostats for motors are a great idea. Just put them on after the show.

At the end of the first day, waiting in the car for my loquacious husband to tear himself away from boat chat, I remembered an old Girl Scout song and adapted it to the occasion: [go to page 15 to see Kate's song . . .]

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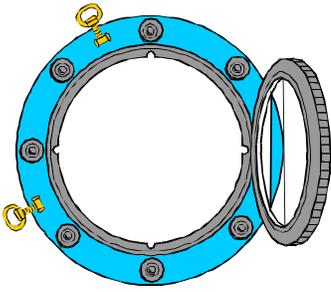
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Looking Astern . . .

Grace Upon the Water

The Timeless Allure of Vintage Boating

by Jim Gordon

2007 ACBS Vintage Boating Symposium - Mystic Seaport

This exciting and creative Symposium explored the legendary heritage of early 20th century recreational motor boating. Presented in cooperation with our nautical partner, Mystic Seaport located in the quaint waterfront town of Mystic, Connecticut, and founded in 1929 on the banks of the Mystic River, the Seaport has justifiably become known as *The Museum of America and the Sea*.

Housed in a quintessential (I have to use that word!) 19th century textile mill along the banks of the Mystic River, and typically off limits to the general public, our hosts, led by Paul O'Pecko, VP of Collections & Research, gave us the privilege of exploring the Museum's vast archives of charts, ships plans, navigational instruments, scale models and its' collection of nearly 500 vintage boats and marine engines. The highlight of the tour was the over 800,000 images of two generations of Rosenfeld photographs, a collection spanning 1880's to 1974 and containing such subjects as steam yachts, naval vessels, motor boat racing, America's Cup yachts and leisure activities.

But I am getting ahead of myself. The Thursday Pre-Event to Newport, RI, by Jeff Rogers was a smash hit - never to be forgotten. Beginning at 9:00 AM from

the Mystic Hilton, about 55 boarded a bus to historic Newport, RI. Our first stop was at the waterfront facilities of the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS). We were warmly welcomed by IYRS President Terry Nathan who explained the purpose and functions of this accredited two year school, its successful graduates and mission. We explored the exemplary facilities at the 2.5 acre campus that was the site of the historic restoration of the J Class Americas Cup yacht, Tom Sopwith's first America's Cup challenger, *Endeavour*. Now, IYRS students restore the small 14' Beetle Cat Class sailboats as the foundation for their wooden boat working curricula. Inside is an enormous restoration project enclosure. The 1885 Schooner *Coronet*, now safely ashore and housed there, is getting started in early 2007. Restoration is expected to take at least five years. Looking like a full-sized version of Noah's Ark, *Coronet*, is simply enormous and overwhelming - almost beyond human scale.

Lunch was held at the New York Yacht Club summer facility and clubhouse at Harbour Court, the one-time Mansion home of University namesake and founder's family, John Nicholas Brown. The flagpole on the eight acre estate is thought to have come from the

PHILANTE - 263 feet, Speed 14k, HP 3000, Twin Screw. Built by Camper & Nicholson, Southampton 1937. In 1940 became armed yacht, in 1943 became training ship, then in 1947 became NORGE, the Norwegian Royal Yacht!



yacht *America*, which won a trophy in England in 1851.

Passing the time until our 4:00 PM arrival scheduled at the Bristol home of the Herreshoff Museum, our bus took us along Ocean Drive and to the nearby storied mansions of Newport under rain-drenched and gloomy skies. Bristol, Rhode Island is the home of the widely acclaimed “Wizard of Bristol, Nathaniel Nat” or “Captain Nat” Herreshoff. And a magnificent Marine Museum named for the Captain. In fact, no such museum existed before a generous



bequest was made by a wealthy donor. Our host, Grandson Halsey Herreshoff related a call from the lawyer for the estate naming the (non-existent at that time) “Herreshoff Marine Museum,” as the recipient of a magnificent yacht. Told there was no such museum in place, the lawyer gave two options; decline the bequest or inaugurate a new museum, and name it the Herreshoff Marine Museum. From such humble beginnings our destination has transformed the Wizard’s home port into a collection of 60 original Herreshoff boats, steam engines, artifacts and brilliant photographs depicting America’s greatest designer and builder during *The Golden Age of Yachting*.

Halsey Herreshoff led us into the Captain’s model shop where carefully detailed half model hulls served as the sole source of information used in the construction of so many famous and successful vessels. Captain Nat’s technique was to take carefully-scaled measurements off of his half model hull, transforming each frame station into fully scaled feet, inches and eighths of an inch by means of a precise micrometer and copied into his book that went straight to the shop floor. By this ingenious method, construction proceeded quickly and without laboriously drawn full scale plans.

Our cocktail reception and private tour was an exceptional and memorable event. Dinner at the nearby DeWolf Tavern on the Bristol waterfront completed a perfect day.

Friday’s program gave us a look at the Mystic Seaport’s Research treasure chest. The wealth of artifacts, charts, ship models, photographic images and small boats housed in the old mill was simply breathtaking.

Anthony (Tony) J. Mollica, Author and Founder, of the Gar Wood Society, has recently obtained for preservation, priceless files and photographs from the offices of Motor Boating magazine that otherwise would have gone to the dumpster. In his presentation on Gar Wood, the Silver Fox: Sportsman, Adversary, Champion and Boat Builder, Tony stressed the importance of preserving historical artifacts and other objects of great importance to future generations.

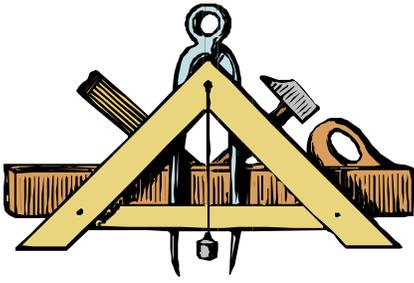
Our evenings’ keynote speaker was Mary Anne Stets, Mystic Seaport, Director of Collections, Business Development & Intellectual Property (IP). I met Mary Anne in the afternoon during a visit to the Rosenfeld Collection Business Office where I followed up on a couple Gar Wood photographs I had ordered. Rosenfeld photographs are diligently protected and maintained for sale. In addition, the Seaport had just published a beautiful new coffee table book featuring women from the Collection and on the cover was Mrs. T.O.M. Sopwith herself at the wheel of *Endeavour II*, their 1937 America’s Cup challenger. One of “my” Rosenfeld pictures of Sopwith’s 28 ft. Gar Wood Runabout alongside his *Endeavour II* was to be included in Mary Anne’s evening presentation. It pictured both Mr. & Mrs. Sopwith in the front cockpit as well as their yacht *Philante* in the background. A simply magical composition. I had no idea just how engaging and



informative Mary Anne’s presentation was to become: she is a truly motivational speaker.

In her side by side presentations, the original negative was shown next to the actual ‘enhanced’ Rosenfeld images produced in the darkroom by means of expert ‘dodging’ and other techniques that make the finished photograph much more dramatic and captivating. Similar darkroom techniques were used by Ansel Adams to create his memorable images. Mary Anne received a standing ovation for her memorable performance.

My two days spent at this symposium were simply exceptional.



SHOP TALK

BY WAYNE MOOERS

Ah, the smells of a classic boat springtime here in Northern California! Lot's of sandpaper happening, fairing up and smoothing mahogany, the stain going on just right, and then varnish build-up begins. The anticipation of pulling all the wood, mechanical, and upholstery parts together for the first outings, or introducing your *secret* new boat project is a sure sign of spring. Here's a little *Shop Talk* update from some of our *Western Wood* advertisers and industry friends. What's happening?

In late March I dropped in on **Dave and Rudy at their Northwest Classic Boat** Auburn shop. They hosted the restoration clinic in early March, and in keeping with **Preston Smith's** *Western Wood* summary on the clinic, I could easily see why all who attended were impressed, not only with the clinic itself, but also with Northwest Classic's new facilities and commitment to doing the job right. Over the years I've called on a lot of production builders and shops trying to sell a can of varnish. With all due respect, I tip my hat to these guys when I noticed, among other things, the radiant heating system plumbed into their new concrete shop floors! I have an idea their restoration woodworking and all the steps through the final coat of varnish reflects the same attention to detail. Rudy was busy doing the final joinery work on a complete keel up restoration of a 1941, 30' one of a kind Gar Wood commuter for **L.S. & Anita Dowsett** of Anacortes, WA. The boat will be introduced at this year's Concours. So I hung out with Dave in the finishing shop for a while as he prepped a 1932 upswept triple Chris Craft for final coating. Ah the smell of varnish solvents drying and springtime. For some of us, they seem to go together.

Todd Jeffery's, Jeffery Restorations shop is not too far down the road in Grass Valley. Todd is humming away on a restoration of **John Russell's** 1939 triple cockpit Gar Wood among other projects. And, unconfirmed word has it **Tony Brown** is packing up shop in Homewood and coming over the hill also to set up in the Auburn area. Stay tuned and make sure you know where Auburn is.

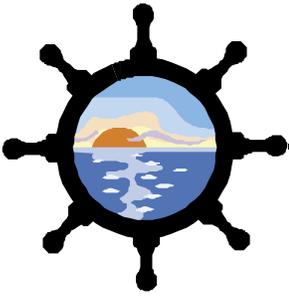
If you are going north on highway 101 into Petaluma, **Rod Souza's, Rod's Stitched Interiors** is a happening place also. Rod got started in the early 1970's doing custom hot rod car interiors and sitting in his shop is a beautiful red 1941 Ford pick up testifying to his respected classic car interior capacities. In 1993 his first interior for a wood boat was **Roy Domke's, Tuxedo Taxi** and that started the boat thing happening. Rod is now well known for his classic boat interiors – if you were admiring **Steve Lapkin's** Concours winning 1921, 40' Fay Bowen launch at the Concours last summer, you were looking at one recent example of Rod's award winning interior work.

"Working with classic show quality leather mediums is a more hands-on project than sewing up vinyl interiors" Rod explained "in that the leather panels are smaller and part of the craftsmanship comes in selecting and then blending the color match and durability of the panels accordingly, and fitting all the "puzzle" together. With leather, there is a much longer time factor involved in the lay out and planning stage as compared to vinyl roll material.

SHOP TALK, will be continued in the August issue of *Western Wood* . . .

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A Crossing Of Chris Crafts

by Dave Lyon

June 15/17, 2007

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Saturday, June 16: Boat show 10:00 AM – 12:30PM

Don't miss the 10th annual wood boat show, Obexer's Marina!



Launch at no charge, or arrive by boat. Approximately 35 slips available on a first come basis. All boats must be docked by 10:00 am. Chris Craft ownership is NOT required, all ACBS members welcome!

Don't forget, all Chris Craft boats will be eligible for the highly prestigious *Best Chris Craft Of Show Award*. Previous winner: *Good Grief* a 1940, 19' Custom Barrelstern.

☛Complementary morning snacks ☛champagne & orange juice will again be generously sponsored by ACBS member **Steve Lapkin** and H2O Productions. Thank you, Steve! www.h20mark.com

Saturday, June 16: Crossing Luncheon 12:30 – 2:30PM

A catered luncheon will be served lake side in the old historic barn at Obexer's Marina!

The Lake Tahoe Maritime Museum will be at the boat show with one of their beautiful wooden boats from the Ride Boat Program - giving rides to current and potential museum members! This will be one of your best chances of the season to become a valued member of the Tahoe Maritime Museum family. ALSO : the very popular Maritime Museum ICE CREAM MAKER will be at the show Saturday morning for kids of all ages to enjoy !

Saturday, June 16: 8:00AM - before the Boat Show

BOAT HANDLING AND SAFETY CLINIC at Obexer's Marina. FREE to all ACBS members, but sign up and proof of insurance is required. Even if you are an experienced boater, a fundamental review of the dynamics of inboard boat handling will make you a more confident driver!

Boat Handling: **Herb Hall:** 530/546-2551, ext. # 6.

Crossing: **Dave Lyon:** westboat1@sbcglobal.net or 831/659-3036. Sign up today !



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