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Somewhere Along the West Shore



Our ACBS Chapter Board of Directors have organized the event calendar for 2016 and it looks like a busier than usual year. We are doing all of the traditional events, but in addition for this year we are hosting the ACBS International meeting and boat show. This involves arranging a series of pre-events as well as the official meeting and boat show. The pre-events look really fun, check out the article on page 10 and 11 to see what is planned. Sign up early for these events, there's limited space for some events.

We have on the water events in May (Bass Lake), June (Wood and Glory), July (South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic), none in August because we need to rest up for 3 events in September (Lake Shasta Boating Weekend, ACBS International Meeting and Boat Show, and the Delta Cruise). We have articles in this issue describing these events (except the Delta Cruise, that will be in the next issue). It looks like we should have no trouble having fun using our classic boats this summer.

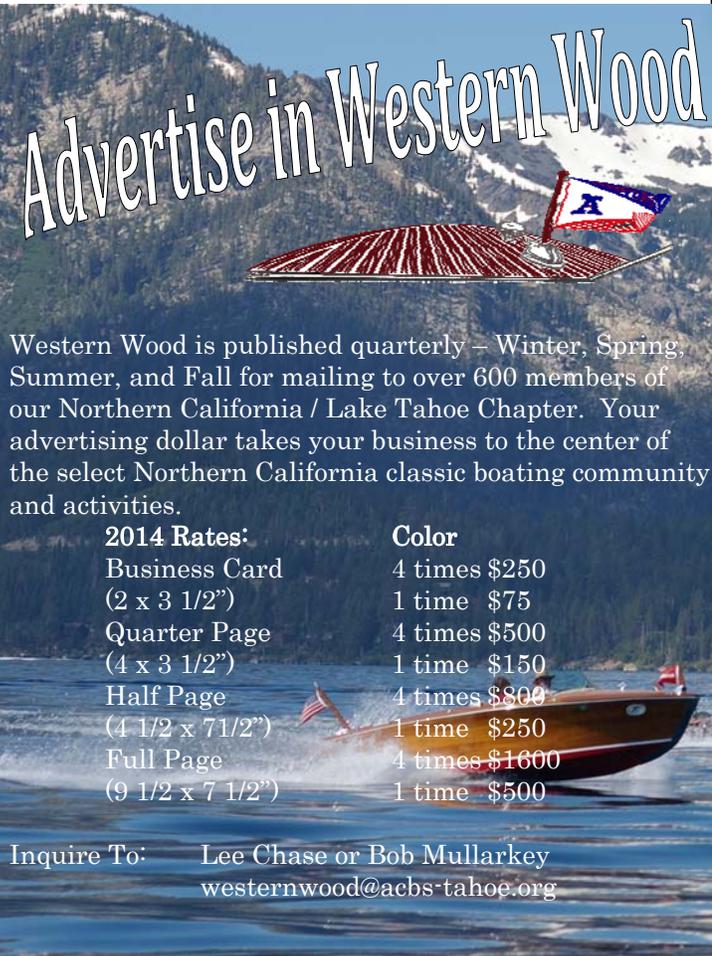
But don't forget there are non-boating events too. The Restoration Workshop is our educational event where professional restorers reveal their secrets. The Spring Fling at Petaluma will actually include an on the water activities with the Sea Scout boat Challenger. The Woodie Whoopies at Tahoe are at prime locations and are among my favorite events. Everyone is invited and there is no cost. It is potluck, bring a dish to share and something to barbeque for yourself and enjoy the lake and camaraderie. It's a real fun way to spend an evening.

Sign up for the events on our new website acbs-tahoe.org it's easy and it's fast.



Lee & Sandy Chase

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Barbara Foster

President's Message

As my year begins I am honored to be your president. I am looking forward to a wonderful year full of great events and opportunities ahead of us.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to attend the planning meeting on January 9th. We had a productive meeting. I feel we accomplished a great plan for 2016. There are so many events that are on the calendar. We reviewed, voted on, and passed the bylaws corrections. We reviewed the plans for Restoration weekend, Spring Fling, Bass Lake, Wood and Glory, South Shore Boat Show, Lake Shasta, International Boat Show and the Delta Cruise. This year offers all of our members many chances to get involved. There are many volunteer positions that need to be filled. Volunteer!!!!

I traveled to Clear Lake on the 26th of January to present the grant money to the Clear Lake Sea Scouts. I met with the wonderful Sea Scouts, a great group of young people who are looking forward to helping us with the Wood and Glory weekend. It was a thrill to give the grant money to them and have a chance to meet each of them, hearing their stories of their connection to the Sea Scouts. I met a young man Charles Hoberg who is an Eagle Scout. He is 21 years old and a member of the adult support

team with rank of Mate. I was so impressed with him and his dedication. I met another young man Justin Hingston who is their highest ranking Sea Scout-Boson who is the crew leader. He completed his Seal training in Galveston, Texas, with a week long program. This clearly was a big honor and achievement for him. I was so proud of our Chapter of ACBS to support this group of Sea Scouts.



I will go to Redwood City to meet Layne and his troop of Sea Scouts on the 6th of February to present their grant money to them. I look forward to have a chance to talk to them and see their boat the Challenger.

I will go to Tahoe on the 17th of February to present the Grant checks to the Boys and Girls Club in Kings Beach, The Maritime Museum in Tahoe City, and the Thunderbird Foundation. I will have Rich Fisher, Nancy Bartolomie, Debra Dobbins, Lew Dobbins, Jane Bane, Franc Casey and Dan Foster join me.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Fling in Petaluma this April 8th. A fabulous weekend is in store for you thanks to Dan and Casey Arena..

I want to thank you for giving me the honor to represent you as your 2016 President.

Barbara Foster

Coming Events 2016

- March 11 & 12 Restoration Work Shop*
- April 8,9,& 10 Spring Fling, pg. 5*
- May 13,14, & 15 Bass Lake, pg 6*
- June 1,2,3,4 & 5 Wood & Glory, Pg 4*
- July 28,29,30,31 South Tahoe Boat Show, pg 13*
- September 8-11 Lake Shasta boating week end*
- September 18-24 International Boat Show, Pg 10*
- September 29-Oct 2 Delta Cruise*
- November 4,5,& 6 Chapter Annual Meeting*

Woody Whoopies:

- June 25th, Shepherds*
- July 15th, Olympic Beach*
- August 5, Atkinson's*
- August 19, Turner's*

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Difference Volunteer**
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WOOD & *Glory*



2016 EVENT OVERVIEW, SAVE THE DATE

Dates: **Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2016**

Location: Clear Lake, Lake County, Northern California

Sponsor Chapter: Northern California / Lake Tahoe ACBS Chapter

Activities:	June 2, Thursday	Wine & Glory Tour, presented by The Lake County Winery Association
	June 2, Evening	Hosted dinner, courtesy Donna & Alan Thomas , Corinthian Bay Home
	June 3, Friday	Boating and / or Equestrian Center Tours, Cole Creek & Highland Springs
	June 3, Evening	Woody Whoopie , The Lahti Family Lake Home, Buckingham Point
	June 4, Saturday	Boat Show and Luncheon, Konocti Vista Casino & Resort
	June 4, Evening	Wood & Glory Awards Dinner, Boatique Winery , Robert & Madi Mount
	June 5, Sunday	Sunday Picnic and Classic Race Boats, Lakeport's waterfront park



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John Lawrence & Doug Reed, Auction & Raffle administrators
John Lawrence – Race Boat group activity coordinator

Recognitions: Donna & Allen Thomas, John & Mary Lahti Family, Robert & Madi Mount
Members offering their homes and winery facilities for our W&G activities.
Chapter member activity volunteers – Many, very important; please sign up.

Description: Wood & Glory XVIII's objective is to continue offering our members and guests a four-day weekend gathering of classic boating with families and friends. Certain planned daily events, as of this date, are outlined above. Yet casual social time both on and off the water is an important component of this annual 'lets go boating' event. Last year some 200 members and their guests with 50 classic boats attended W&G. Our theme this year is not necessarily to increase numbers in terms of attendance and dollars, but to continue refining Wood & Glory and offer our members a value packed, good time opportunity to use and enjoy our fine Antique & Classic boats.

Wayne Mooers



Spring Fling: A Fun Filled Weekend in Petaluma!!

It's been a wet winter with El Nino bringing much needed rain to us. So, shed the "gray" and join us for the annual Northern California ACBS "Spring Fling" and kick off the 2016 boating season. This year's event will be held in historic Petaluma on April 8,9,10. Hotel accommodations are arranged at the Sheraton Hotel which is located in the Petaluma Marina at 745 Baywood Drive in Petaluma. Just request the group rate for ACBS, and the lower rate (\$185) will be yours for a traditional king. (707 283-2888)

The City of Petaluma was settled in 1850 along what is known today as the Petaluma River. Many people think of Petaluma as the former "Egg Basket of the World" or the host of the world's "Wrist Wrestling Championships", but there is so much more to this historic town. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake's epicenter was only 18 miles southwest of Petaluma in the Village of Olema, and while towns further from the quake were destroyed, Petaluma sustained minimal damage, and as a result, hundreds of pre-quake buildings still exist today.

The weekend will begin Friday afternoon about 3:00 pm at the **Petaluma Yacht Club** at 10 "C" Street which is found on the turning basin of the River in the historic downtown area. Please, park across the street from the club in the parking garage (free) and walk over. Here you will receive a complimentary drink from the friendly bartender and your itinerary of events for the weekend. Also at the club, will be an extensive pictorial display (from the Arena family collection) of the famous Notre Dame which was powered by a 24 cylinder Duesenberg engine. The showing will include the design, building, and racing of this boat from 1938-1949, and the display will act as the kick-off for the amazing debut of the new replica of the Notre Dame by Gerard Raney. It will be featured as the queen of the **South Tahoe Boat Show** later this summer. The evening event will continue, just two blocks away at 5:30 pm, at the 1886 Victorian **McNear Building and Restaurant** where cocktails and dinner will be served upstairs in a private room. McNear's Pub is found at 23 Petaluma Boulevard.



The next morning after a restful night on the river bank at the Sheraton Hotel those folks who haven't checked in and received their itineraries can do so at the PYC. Exploration of Petaluma's historic downtown will be available either in organized groups or on your own. Docents dressed in period costume will be leading

the organized walking tours for members interested in viewing the historical landmarks of the downtown. The walking tour will meet at 10:00 am in front of the Petaluma Historical Museum at 20

4th Street. Others may wish to select their own sites of interest to visit. Places such as the Carnegie Library/Museum, both the 1920 and the 1933 U.S. Post Offices, a 1914 Northwestern Pacific Train Depot (which will be a stop for the new Smart Train this year), a WW II Military Museum, and, of course, shops and antique stores all located under or near the 1882 Seth Thomas clock tower are points of interest. Three of Casey's favorite shops are Shunzi's, J Ferni, and I Leoni. We will regroup at the Yacht Club at 11:30 am



where lunch will be served. Shortly thereafter, we will board the 95 foot Sea Scout boat "Challenger" for a trip down the Petaluma River and enjoy a historical review narrated by former ACBS member, Al Alys.

The day's activities will continue into the evening with cocktails and dinner at the Sheraton Hotel upstairs overlooking the pool and marina at 6:30 pm. The theme for this event will be "Chicken & Eggs" where you will enjoy a casual atmosphere.



The Grand Finale on Sunday morning will find us in a historic setting in Sonoma for yet another special experience at the oldest winery in California, the Buena Vista. We will meet at 10:00 am in front of the Sheraton for a brief meeting before caravanning to Sonoma. This amazing winery was founded in 1857 on the 800 acre Buena Vista Ranch. Here we will be treated to a wine tasting, a tour of the winery and grounds, and an extensive exhibit of antique winemaking tools; many of which came from a collection in France. Both the exquisite collection and the tasting are housed in the original stone buildings and caves of the Buena Vista Winery. We are looking forward to sharing this annual Spring Fling event with all of you!

Committee of Arenas, Fosters and Dangles.





BASS LAKE RENDEZVOUS

May 13-15, 2016

Bass Lake Lion's Club sponsored Boat Show and Rendezvous Northern CA / Lake Tahoe and Southern CA Chapters

Memories last forever... That is what makes Bass Lake so Special...

Come join in the fun at the 26th Annual ACBS Bass Lake Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show and Rendezvous. This is a combined event where the No. CA / Lake Tahoe and the So. CA ACBS chapters meet each year at beautiful Bass Lake to get together with friends and family to support the Bass Lake Lions Club and to enjoy seeing and hearing some of the finest Antique and Classic boats on the West Coast...

With the magic and beauty of Yosemite National Park only 17 miles from Bass Lake, it is no wonder why some of the mem-



bers enjoy coming up a day or so early to see all the amazing sights that Yosemite has to offer...

Your weekend will start off on Friday where you can launch your boat at your leisure... Use the boat launch at The Pines Resort marina or by the dam just passed Millers Landing on the other side of the lake... There is N/C to keep your trailer at the Pines Resort trailer lot above the Bass Lake market and a \$3.00 fee at the launch by the dam... There is N/C to launch your boat by the dam and a \$10.00 in/out fee at the Pines... Boat slip fee's at the Pines marina are \$35.00 per night and Millers Landing slip fee's are \$25.00... The Pines Resort and the Bass Lake Lions Club take care of the slip fee for our boats on Sat. night at the Pines marina... So only pay for Friday's slip fee...

At 6:00 pm on Friday is the So. CA ACBS Chapter annual Hot Dog BBQ at Millers Landing... Arrive by boat or car... Special thanks to Bob Newcomer and John Maddox for setting up this great BBQ for all of us to enjoy... Just bring a salad or desert and your fa-



vorite beverage and the So. CA chapter will provide the rest. This is held in the cabin just above the boat dock at Millers Landing and is a fun time everyone looks forward to attending.

Saturday morning will start off with coffee and pastries plus many breakfast treats to start off your day at 7:45... This will be held on the deck next to the boat launch above the docks at The Pines Marina... The 26th annual boat show will start at 9:00 am till 4:30... This is a very relaxed show and you may take your boat out on to the lake anytime of the day during the show... Please keep in mind that there is a 5 mph speed limit on the lake from Sunset till 8:00 am... During the show please fire up your engines as often as you like... We love hearing them run...



Arnie Schweer does a great job organizing a fly by during the boat

show where all the boats have a parade past the docks so all of the spectators can see and hear these beautiful boat's in action.

As a special event this year at the show we have invited the Fresno R/C (remote controlled) Club to join us with their RC boats, planes and camera drones to film our boat show.

After the boat show we are planning to have a very relaxing dinner at The Pines Resort at 6:00 pm overlooking beautiful Bass Lake. There is nothing better then having a glass of wine or your favorite cocktail and enjoying a beautiful sunset overlooking Bass Lake after dinner with friends and family...

Sunday morning will start off with the 15th annual Chuck Kelly **Poker Run** at 9:00 am... Everyone that wants to participate will meet at The Pines Marina dock's at 8:30... Chuck Kelly and Barbara Walker do a wonderful job organizing this fun poker run... Right after the poker run will be our Sunday morning brunch and awards at The Pines Resort at 10:30 am... Tickets are available on-line with your sign-up registration...

We have rooms blocked at The Pines Resort for \$149.00 per night, so make your reservations early and come join us in this fun and relaxing event.

Please use ACBS or our chapter name for your reservations.

Co-Chair's

Robert Gaestel & Teri Parker
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Teri & I hope everybody has a Fun & Relaxing weekend with a lake full of water...



Additional lodging

The Pines Resort	@ 559-642-3121
The Forks Resort	@ 559-642-3737
Miller's Landing	@ 559-642-3633
Yosemite Gateway Best Western	@ 559-683-2378
State Camp Grounds (on the lake)	@ 559-642-3212

BASS LAKE 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday May 13, 2016 (The Lions Club will pick up the overnight boat slip fee for Saturday only.)

- 6:00p.m.** The Southern California Chapter's Annual Hot Dog BBQ at **Miller's Landing**. Bring your own beverage of choice and one of the following:
Last Names beginning with:
A-M Hors d'oeuvres or salad
N-Z Desert :
You may pick up your Boat Show packets at this time from: Robert Gaestel, Teri Parker, Bob Newcomer, John Maddox or a Lion's Club member.

Saturday May 14, 2016

- 7:45a.m.** Complimentary Coffee and Danish rolls plus many other treats.
Location: **The Pines Marina next to the boat launch above the Dock's.**
- 8:00a.m.** Bass Lake Lions Club sponsored Boat Show registration by the **Dock's at the Pines Marina**
Pick up your Boat Show packets if you haven't already done so. Boats will be on display until 4:30p.m. in the marina, but come and go as you wish.
Please feel free to start your engines during the Boat Show. We love hearing them.
Boat parade and fly by the docks - See time when you check in.
- 5:00p.m.** No host cocktails: Pool side at **The Pines Resort**
- 6:00p.m.** Dinner buffet catered by The Pines Resort, on the pool deck.

Sunday May 15, 2016

- 9:00a.m.** **15th Annual Random Rally ("Chuck Kelly Poker Run") will start dockside at The Pines Marina next to the boat launch.**
- 10:30a.m.** Pool side Brunch and Awards. **The Pines Resort.**

Hope you enjoy the rest of your weekend and have a safe drive home. Thank you for participating in the 26th Annual Bass Lake Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show. All the Best,
Robert Gaestel & Teri Parker



ANNUAL MEETING AUCTION



**nets \$3,242 for the
Tahoe Maritime Museum
SUP Building Program AND
our Chapter Endowment**
by Cheryl Caplan

The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting held in Sacramento early in November was lots of fun and a financial success for both the Tahoe Maritime Museum and our Chapter Endowment. \$3,242 was raised in a robust silent auction and fun oral auction. Lots of members took home awesome items and services. The money was split 50/50 between TMM and our Chapter Endowment as planned.

Tahoe Maritime Museum is especially grateful for their half of the auction's bounty, \$1,621. This money will go towards supplies for the SUP Building Program which has, in the past, taken place off-site. Now that the museum has moved to its new campus in Tahoe City, the plan is that the SUP Program will take place onsite in a temporary building. The SUP Program has been quite successful because kids can build a standup paddle board (SUP) in weeks and then learn how to use it on the lake.

If you'd like to learn more about the SUP Building Program at Tahoe Maritime Museum, give them a call or stop by the new museum site on the corner of Hwy 89 and Granlibakken Rd. in Tahoe City. The 10 acre site will eventually house a Welcome Center, a large Exhibition Hall, a storage facility and a workshop that will allow them to hold workshops and do maintenance and preservation work. The storage facility, in addition to the Exhibition Hall will display all of the Museum's 40+ boats and more of its artifacts than the public has been able to see in the past. And, all on one campus! The museum's new property also gives the public access to the grounds for weddings and events during the summer months.



It is on this campus that the children of today will experience, learn and fall in love with the boats that ACBS members treasure. The SUP Building Program, along with our financial gift, will also call upon ACBS members to help teach the skills of boat building to the kids. Our joint venture in both money and ACBS member helpers fulfills our Chapters mission and helps build the next generation of wooden boaters. Plan to give the Museum some of your time this summer to help the next genera-



Dan Arena, The Duesenberg W-24 and Notre Dame

By Dan Arena – Part I

Dan Arena was born in 1916 in Oakland, California near Lake Merritt. Dan and his younger brother, Gene, made the Lake as well as their father's nearby Golden Gate Winery their personal playground during their adolescence. They had constant access to water and the woodshop within the winery. A young 12 year old Dan built his first boat at the winery with his little brother helping.

Dan came by his competitive nature genetically. As a youth, his father, Dan Sr., was a national speed roller skating champion. Was it any wonder that son, Dan, would be racing boats competitively by age 15? Dan progressed rapidly through the outboard divisions and into the inboard class, and with each change came a newer and bigger boat with more power.

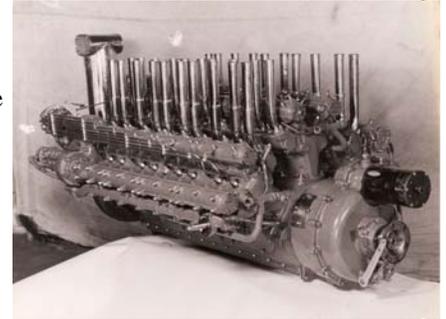


In 1937 his boat, "Miss Golden Gate", had already won the Pacific Coast Championship for '36 and he was well on his way to repeat winning the championship title. He had also won the prestigious Doc Baron Trophy along with setting several new speed records. It was during the '37 season that he set his sights on the East Coast and the Motor City of Detroit where one of the most coveted races in power boating was run, the "Gold Cup". Between races, he got on a plane by himself and headed to Michigan to see how the "Big Boys" played. Remember, the first international "Gold Cup" was run in 1904, and was the oldest and most sought after trophy in power boat racing.

Upon his arrival at the raceway on the Detroit River, Dan was in awe of the beauty and the power of the race boats that were before him. They included such names as "Juno", "Alagi" (from Italy), "Miss Canada" "Miss Judith" (from New South Wales), and many more. Yet the one that caught his eye was the "Notre Dame" with its unique W-24 cylinder Duesenberg

engine. It was owned by Herb Mendelson and driven by Clell Perry. It also won the "Gold Cup" that season. After watching the race, Dan vowed to design and build a new boat to compete in the 1938 "Gold Cup" the following year.

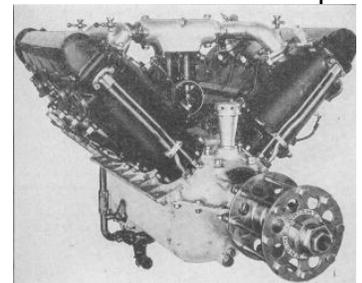
Once he was home in Oakland his excitement still continued as he told everyone that he could about his adventure in Detroit and world class boat racing. He still had to complete the west coast season of racing before he could move on to his new adventure and he did so.



The biggest obstacle he encountered on the new project was convincing his family that he needed a new boat and an engine powerful enough to challenge the "Notre Dame" in Detroit the following year. The sale of the "Miss Golden Gate" would not provide the needed funds to complete his race boat. Perhaps, once again, Mom and Dad would help with funding. Not only did Dan's family play an important role in the building of "Golden Gate II", but his close friend, Danny Foster and boat builder, E. A. MacLean were also instrumental in this project.

For the next year Dan's focus was on the new "Golden Gate II". He knew that he could not compete with the horsepower of the Dusenber engine in the "Notre Dame". His advantage would need to be that of holding his speed into and out of the turns. To accomplish this, he planned to incorporate two Ventnor Boat Company sponsors on each side of the boat to give it more of a lift.

The engine that was to be used had a story of its own. Ironically, one day while Dan Sr. was on a road trip he came across a WWI Curtiss-Wright 718 cubic inch engine. It was perfect for the boat. Dan, Danny Foster, and another friend went to work on the engine modifying and rebuilding it. By early 1938 even the press was giving the project notice with articles and photos in local newspapers. My father, Gene, now 15, was often on hand helping Dan when he was not in school. He was given the job of teaching the new owner of the old "Golden Gate I" how to operate and race it! At this time the Arena/Foster team was not only testing and making changes to the boat, but they were also competing in some of the early west coast races before Detroit's "Gold Cup".



With the boat funds almost depleted, Dan sold his car to his brother, and his father provided enough money for the \$500.00 entry fee for the "Gold Cup" race and the travel expenses to Detroit for both Dan and Danny Foster. Yet now, they were without a means to tow the boat. Somehow Dan managed to "borrow" his mother's car to do the job.

The "boys from California" drove day and night to



Detroit to participate in the “Gold Cup” race. The two Dans were met by a crowd of newspaper reporters and race officials who had a barrage of questions for them, and that pre race week was filled with news articles about the 20 year old kids with their 20 foot, 300 HP race boat. They would be competing against a brand new “Notre Dame” (the race favorite) and the million dollar metal craft, “Alagi”, which was owned and driven by Count Theo Rossi of Italy. Foster, who was the more talkative of the two, always had a story to tell anyone who would listen. A quote from one article written at the time gives one the feel for these young men.

“Whether they win or not, these two courageous youths have added a new note to Gold Cup racing where they are pitting their courage and skill against the wealth of their rivals. They’ll bear watching”. (From a 1938 news article)

Dan had planned to enter the opening day regatta race in the 725 cubic inch class on Saturday, but he felt the water was too rough and determined that he would wait for Monday’s Gold Cup race instead. The following day, being Sunday, brought disaster to the new “Notre Dame” when it struck a submerged log and sank. Clell Perry, the driver/designer was seriously injured and hospitalized. Hence, the hometown favorite and defending champion was out of the race, and Dan’s year long wish to race against the W-24 Dusenbergs was not realized.

Race day brought more rough water with it. Seven qualified racers were ready to compete in the three 10 mile heats for the famous Gold Cup. By the beginning of the last heat, with ten laps to go, only three boats were still running. “Miss Canada” limped back during its first lap leaving only Dan in “Golden Gate” and Count Rossi in “Alagi”. Sometime during the third lap the throttle linkage broke on Dan’s race boat. Foster immediately climbed up on deck and held the linkage together with one hand while Arena drove the boat around the course for the last seven laps chasing after the million dollar, “Alagi”.

The winner was never in doubt, but the two boats put on a memorable show for the 250,000 fans. Newspaper articles and photos of Danny Foster hanging over the engine cover while the boat moved at a cautious high speed spread around the world. Incidentally, this was the first time the Gold Cup race was won by another country. The following quotes from newspaper articles in Detroit show something of the spirit of those boys from California.

The two Dans “who won the hearts of the spectators with their skill and sportsmanship, received the Martini-Rossi trophy from Count Theo Rossi for their second place effort”.

“The California kids brought a patched-up jalopy called Miss Golden Gate and won a second place – but they stole the show.”

Dan had planned to continue the season’s race circuit the following week at the President’s Cup in Washington D.C., but he discovered that a large section (1 ½ feet) of the right sponson had ripped away during the Detroit race. It was time to head home for repairs. On the drive back to California, Arena would ponder over the last year’s adventures, including the quest for the Gold Cup and the challenge of the “Notre Dame” with its Dusenbergs engine.

The boys slipped back into a more routine life style after their return to Oakland. Initially, there was a flurry of fan fair and interviews, but that subsided with time. Dan worked at the winery, repaired the boat, and attended night school to earn his naval architecture degree. Danny Foster went back to racing his midget car on weekends and attended the local college.

Life seemed to have returned to “normal” for the Arena family during the first months of 1939, but that all changed one afternoon when Dan received a call from Herb Mendelson asking him to return to Detroit and drive the “Notre Dame” in the Gold Cup race. It was at this point in time that Dan’s passion changed from a hobby to a profession for he was now getting paid.

Arena arrived in Algonac, Michigan (a short distance from Detroit) and met with Mr. Mendelson and immediately learned of the “Notre Dame’s” repair progress. Herb explained that the hull always had some handling problems in the turns, but great speed in the straight away. After seriously studying its hull and running gear, Dan was ready for his first trial run with the “Notre Dame”. It was done at the south channel of the St. Clair River near Algonac where a group of reporters and fans watched.

After a highly successful trial run, Arena pulled up to the dock to a group of lookers. “Boy O Boy!” he shouted as he slipped out of the cockpit with Mendelson giving him a boost to the dock. “She has plenty of **beans**, and I mean plenty of **beans**. In fact”, he continued, “more **beans** at half throttle than ‘Miss Golden Gate’ wide open.” (1939 Detroit news article)

Later in private, Dan admitted to Herb that there were serious stability and steering problems with the craft. The two men were quick to form a special bond of respect for each other, and this made for a great working relationship. Dan made changes to the hull and designed a new rudder for the “Notre Dame” before it ran in the Gold Cup. At that race and subsequent races during the season, Dan finished in the middle of the pack. Finally, after constant changes to the boat Dan went to Mendelson and explained that he was unable to take advantage of the Dusenbergs power with the current hull. “If you want to win races you are going to need to build a new boat, and I would like to build you that boat.”

Part II (Next Issue)
 “The New Boat”

Red, White and Tahoe Blue.

Save the Dates for the 2016 ACBS Int'l Boat Show and Meeting Pre-events Sept. 17-21 Sacramento to Tahoe International Boat Show Sept. 21-23 Lake Tahoe

The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter is honored to host the 2016 ACBS International Boat Show and Meeting. We are excited to share some of our boating experiences with visiting ACBS members. We are offering not one, but two historic locations to boat on. We start off the adventure with the Pre-events on Saturday, September 17, based out of **Old Town Sacramento** where the lure of gold brought thousands of 49ers to search for their fortune in the Sierra foothills. Participants can fly into Sacramento, or stop on their way up to Tahoe to join us and have the opportunity to experience boating in the famous Sacramento River and California Delta waterways! We have organized two days of boating, a train ride, dinner at the railroad museum, then an organized caravan up to Tahoe following the historic gold trail.



Lake Tahoe is one of our chapter's most beautiful boating locations with its' deep blue and aqua waters. It is said that if Lake Tahoe emptied, California would be 12 inches under water. Tahoe has been part of the boating world since time began. Beginning with the

Washoe Indians and their canoes, then to speed boat racing in the teens thru the early 80s, including grudge matches between Henry Kaiser and Stanley Dollar, to present day with the lake brimming with our beautiful antique and classic boats. We are offering visitors a tour of our backyard with local members. Come join us at some of our members lake front homes, at our world class Tahoe Maritime Museum, and cruising down to Emerald Bay, all while staying at the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley.. The boat show will be held at Sierra Boat Company. Sierra Boat has been part of the Tahoe boat culture since 1952, first with Dick Clarke and now the Hall Family, and is known on the lake as one of the premiere boat restorers in Tahoe.

For those pre-event participants bringing boats to Sacramento, the NorCal/Tahoe chapter has made the following arrangements. Since the recommended hotels located in Old Town Sacramento cannot accommodate trailer parking, special arrangements have been made for moorage and trailer storage at the City's Sacramento Marina. The modern facility is a 475 berth marina conveniently located just 1/6 of a mile from Old Sacramento. A group rate of just \$10 per night which includes launching, moorage, and trailer parking has been negotiated. Overnight security will be provided. Fuel is also available at the marina. Due to the early morning start for Sunday's cruise we are encouraging everyone to launch on Saturday and leave their boat in the water until Monday night or Tuesday morning. Maps and directions will be provided to all in advance of the event. Additionally, one of our members will be calling each skipper for a detailed Q&A prior to arrival. If you are bringing a boat, we hope you will join us for two memorable days of cruising on the Sacramento Delta waterways.

Saturday is all about vintage trains and the California State Railroad Museum in Old Town Sacramento. We start off with an hour train ride in the late afternoon pulled by one of the museums vintage steam or diesel locomotives. Rides take off from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot located in Old



Town Sacramento. In 1876 the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot was a major freight station on the transcontinental railroad. We then mosey on over to the California State Railroad Museum where our evening will start at 6:00pm and be spent at a wonderful dinner among historic rail cars and engines in the Roundhouse room. The museum will be open only to us and we will have a docent for private tours. The Museum is a complex of historic facilities and unique attractions widely regarded as North America's most popular railroad museum; there is something here for everyone. Most hotels are within walking distance for a lovely stroll back.



Sunday morning is for river cruising. We will meet up at 9:00am to enjoy a guided tour by our chapter members, to places often by-passed by visitors, down the Sacramento River, into the interesting labyrinth of canals of the Delta, arriving

around 11:30 for a wonderful brunch at the Grand Isle Mansion. Ride in our member's boats or launch yours. We should arrive back in Old Town around 3:00. The late afternoon can be spent touring among the many museums and sites in Old Town Sacramento or going to the State Capitol for a tour or walking their beautiful gardens. We will have a list of wonderful things for you to do.



Monday get some breakfast, then meet us at 11:00 and we're back on the river heading north on another 2-3 hour excursion on the river ending up at an ACBS member's lovely home on the banks of the Sacramento River for an



extraordinary Luau. Enjoy Kalua Pig, music and friends. Then early evening it is back down the river to Old Town to put the boats away. We will have you back before dark. Spend the evening checking out more of Old Town Sacramento. There are a couple of great ice cream parlors if you have any room left after dinner.

Tuesday is the travel day. You can take a direct route or spend some extra time in the Sierra Nevada Foothills, the very center of the world-changing Discovery of Gold. A leisurely drive to Tahoe is planned following the historic gold trail through the Sierra foothills. Your day on the road will be a little history lesson, site seeing, food and fresh air and a Poker Run for a chance at cash and prizes. You will leave Sacramento with your 1st card in hand, then we travel up to Auburn, pick up coffee,



then down historic Highway 49, across the American River confluence, hang a left at the little township of Cool and over to Georgetown. After a brief stop there, we proceed down Marshall Grade to Coloma, the famous 1849 gold discovery site. Coloma will be our lunch stop. We then head out on Highway 49 toward Placerville, also known as Hangtown. Then onward to Apple Hill where fresh apple pies and cider are plentiful. We will be climbing to Lake Tahoe approaching the south end and will then travel along the winding scenic lakeshore, past Emerald Bay and up to north shore. ACBS International has secured rooms in Historic Squaw Valley, sitting at 6,200 ft and nestled among up to 9,000ft peaks, it was the site of the 1960 Winter Olympic Games. The entire

route is a visual paradise. You will be receiving cards along the way for the Poker Run, and will be able to purchase additional hands at the end and at "Taco Tuesday in Tahoe". Winners will be announced at Wednesday's Welcome Reception.



Tuesday Night is "Taco Tuesday in Tahoe" It is 5 o'clock here and we are at the lakefront home of one of our Chapter Members. The Lake, in all its' glory is in your vision, that blue green color that is so hard to define and memorialize. Margaritas, appetizers, California style Taco Bar, tri tip, chicken,



pulled pork with all the fixings, wine, dessert and lots of fun awaits you. If you are going on Wednesday's Emerald Bay tour, we will sign you up for a boat and dock pickup tonight.

Wednesday morning we will be boating on the clear ever changing blue waters of Lake Tahoe with an organized cruise to Emerald Bay, one of Lake Tahoe's most photographed locations. At 9:00am we will greet you with boxed lunches at one of two designated dock pickups for an organized tour in your



boat or we will set up ride sharing for those without boats, on incredible Lake Tahoe. Cruising down to Emerald Bay, passing many historical sights and watching the water change



from deep sapphire blue to a light aqua blue along the way. We will be returning back to the start location by 1:00pm.

Wednesday Night the festivities start at 6:00pm with a Welcome Party at The Lake Tahoe Maritime Museum located in Tahoe City. You will have time to tour the Museum exhibits, enjoy a cocktail created especially for the evening to memorialize the colors of Emerald Bay, relax and take pleasure in meeting new and old friends, enjoying a glass of wine and appetizers and listening to a string quartet.



International now takes over for the 2016 ACBS Annual Boat Show at Sierra Boat Company with Meetings and dinners in Squaw Valley. Sign up sheets will be in the next Rudder.



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Did you ever want to own a Wooden Boat?

By Wel Snibbod



Well I never thought that I did, but RJ and I were so impressed with the folks we met at that Tahoe wooden boat show last summer, so we decided to see if we could join their club. Fun people with cool toys! I talked to a guy named Lew, he had been running around a whole lot, so I figured he might know something about this group. Well, this Lew guy, he

was busy see, but he wrote down his email address on my show program and said to write him later and we would talk. He liked our 59 Caddy that we drove to the show too. It's was the fins!

Then one day while it was snowing, I was thumbin through the want ads in the Shelby County Tribune, when this classified advertisement caught my eye. It said take immediate delivery of this 49 Chris Craft boat, will sell or swap for a pickup truck. It needs a little wood work, a motor rebuild, wiring and some varnish but outside of that, she's cherry. Well

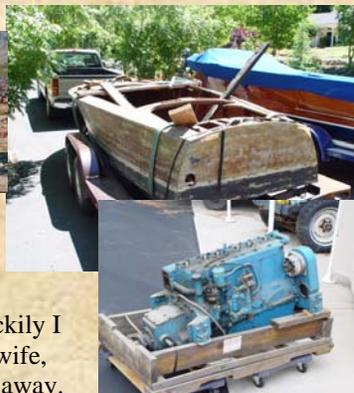


this got me thinking about the show and that email address. I was so impressed with that program book, so luckily I kept it around. RJ, that's my wife, had tried to get me to throw it away. But us motor head guys just don't get rid of stuff like that.

Now RJ is the computer whiz here, so she fired up that old Compaq 386 and that monochrome monitor sprang to life. It made beeps and buzzes and she said we're connected, what is it that you want to say? I gave her the address and said to write that I may not be in my right mind but I am lookin at get'n a boat, wadda-ya-think? Call 140-ring-2 and ask for me.

Well a couple days later this Lew guy rang me up. We must have talked for an hour, that's how gear heads are, ya know. He tried his hardest to talk me out of ever getting involved with a wooden boat but I think I was hooked. He said that if my mind was set on getting a boat that RJ and I just had to join the Antique and Classic Boat Society. That's kinda where this whole thing started in the first place. So I told him the story about how RJ saw something last summer on Facebook about a fun boat show for charity, a wooden boat show. I said, why not. But that was another story.

So Lew said that I was in luck, that he could get me hooked up with the club and that if we purchased that boat, we could bring it to the 2016 South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic boat show at Tahoe Keys. I asked, the same



place? He said yep and that the theme of the show was "Ladies & Gentleman, You Have A Race" and that it was all about vintage and antique race boats. Even better, as this boat I was looking at was a 19' Racing Runabout! It would fit right in. It did not need to be a race boat to attend, that was just the theme. Turns out that all wood and early generation fiberglass boats are welcome to sign-up. The sooner the better, they got this early-bird special price that goes up on April first.



He got us connected with the club and now all manner of great information and publications come to us as members. Good reading while it is snowing too. They got this book that comes out every year with all the member names and what boats and engines they have. I sure am glad that there are a bunch of people out there crazier than I am and that have all sorts of cool stuff. I think that RJ and I are in with the right crowd! Right away we started to get the Western Wood and Rudder magazines too. Some of those articles have been very helpful with information and sources for parts and such, I do more than just look at the pictures! We learned about Tahoe events and other chapter events that are not on Tahoe and about some people and their boats.

RJ says that's all good but the best is the web page of the Northern California / Lake Tahoe Chapter, the one we joined. She told me that it is a new web page. With that, I figured it must be improved too, ya always hear the words New and Improved together. She laughed. But this web page is easy to use and lists all the chapter's doin's. It has pictures and past issues of the Western Wood. Hey, even I can remember how to get there: www.acbs-tahoe.org or whatever that means. This web page has piles of information on events like Bass Lake Rendezvous 2016 and Spring Fling in Petaluma. I wonder if the weather will be good enough to take the Caddy? RJ kept going on, this time something about Instagram? I don't know what it is but I like the name of the chapter page, prestige_wooden_luxuries. What a perfect description of some of those boats I saw last summer!

She told me there is even a workshop that I could go to, a wood boat Restoration Workshop. Let's give it a whirl, I signed up, well, RJ signed me up. She said it was as easy as getting in the Caddy! Now I have used PayPal to buy car parts but never imagined you could sign up to go to events with it. That is neat! She was reading on the web site and it said that a guy named Herb Hall will be leading the workshop at Sierra Boat Company in Carnelian Bay, up to the north end of Lake Tahoe on Friday and Saturday March 11th & 12th. Now this sounds like it is right up my alley, to get some help in order for my racer to make it to the show! Or should that be creek now that I am a boat owner? I sure hope there will be someone there that can help with these old fangled boat motors and wiring too. The description also said there will be great food provided, my kind of gig. All that, on this new and improved web site! What more could ya ask for? Ok, I wonder if there will be ice cream?



Let's Go To a Boat Show, a Race Boat Show!

South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic

The Northern California / Lake Tahoe Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society invites you to attend the 2016 South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic. For the ninth year, our chapter will host a boat show for charity at the Tahoe Keys Marina in South Lake Tahoe on July 29th and 30th, 2016.

Race Boats of all ages, classes and their preservation are very much in vogue in our boating world today and your chapter is listening to your requests. So let's have fun with the race boat theme of: "Ladies and Gentlemen, You Have a Race!"

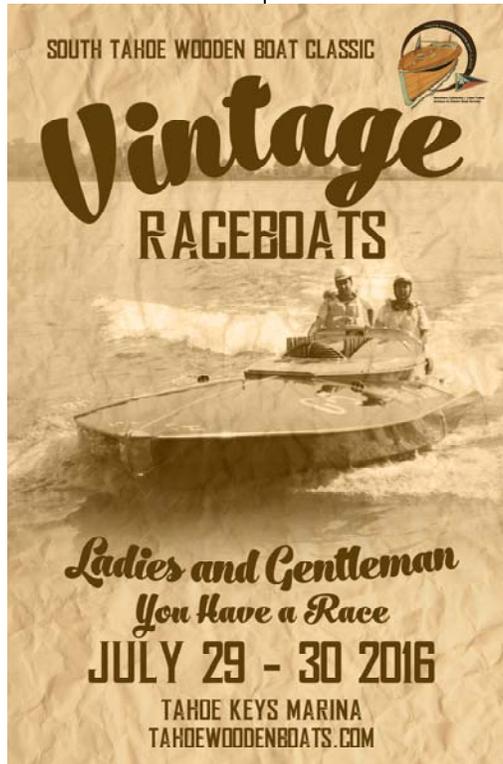
This year we are inviting race boats from any class or year of racing. It does not matter if you have the family runabout that occasionally raced or an unlimited hydroplane, this is the place for you! Of course we always love to see any of your classic wood or early generation fiberglass boats. It's your boat that adds to the yearly theme that make our show as popular and fun as it has been. So bring them out!

Boat Racing was prominent and always looked forward to each summer on Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Yacht Club hosted regattas in Tahoe City, Home-wood and the famous Chamber's Landing course. The spirit was high as there were fun classes for any boat from the Junior Outboards to the Lake Tahoe Championship. And we must never forget the fun chaos of the "Bang and go Back". In the 50s and 60s, Lake Tahoe was on the circuit of the APBA Unlimiteds. This brought scores of fans and the unlimited hydroplanes or "Thunder Boats" as the big V-12 engined boats were called, to the shores of Tahoe.

Some of our locals such as Stan Dollar, Morlen Visel, Henry Kaiser and the Murphy Family ran boats in these races, but their stories go back years earlier with the local TYC races. This year we will see some boats from that era that have not been seen in decades. The centerpiece of the show and making her debut, built from the original Dan Arena plans, is a replica of the 1939 *Miss Notre Dame*. While not a Tahoe boat, she has a very historic racing pedigree and carries her original 1927 *Duesenberg* W-24 engine. The original (third) *Miss Notre Dame* was built and driven for the 1939 racing season by a 22 year old Dan Arena for owner Herbert Mendelson and would wear the racing number G-5. She can be seen and heard running this year at the show. Please see part one of her story elsewhere in this edition of Western Wood. Stay tuned to future Western Wood issues, Facebook and the boat show web site to see what other boats are being featured.

Come join us for this fun and informative weekend. Boat Registration includes launching, trailer valet, three (3)

nights docking fees (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), two - 2 day boat show passes, goodie bag with complimentary items and access to the Boat Owner's area overlooking the water, and other goodies.



Become a show sponsor with some very unique perks to ensure you enjoy everything this spectacular event has to offer. Sponsorship includes all the boat registration benefits PLUS one (1) 2-day parking pass for one vehicle inside the conveniently located designated, reserved parking area (NO in/out privileges), two (2) passes to the Korbel California Champagne Lounge for Fri. & Sat. Sponsorship recognition in the Program and one (1) Commemorative Limited Edition 2016 Show Poster. This is the minimum, see the sign-up sheets/web site for all the possibilities. Your sponsorship in part will benefit the show's charitable grants to a variety of Lake Tahoe based non-profit organizations.

Several of these non-profits help to put on our boat show and picnic.

We will be featuring:

Last year we moved the show dinner from Saturday to Friday night and to the Tahoe Keys Home Owners Beach and Pool area. This was a tremendous success and all

enjoyed the new venue. We are pleased that the "Blue Water Dinner" will again be held at this location on

Friday night, July 29th at 6 P.M. Come in your favorite racing theme attire.

Saturday July 30th - Open at this time. But stay tuned for further developments!

Sunday July 31st, 11am - "Annual Chapter Picnic and Awards Ceremony" - Sugar Pine Point State Park. Bring your boat by water or land. Guests welcome.

Sign-ups for these events can be done on the boat show website: www.tahoewoodenboats.com. Boat and sponsorship registration can be done by mailing the forms in or on line at www.tahoewoodenboats.com.

*** Early Bird Sign-up Special ***

Register your boat before April 1st and pay \$150 (regular price \$170) and receive 2 additional show tickets.

Questions: Contact Liquid Blue Events at info@liquidblueevents.com or call Liquid Blue at 775-997-9444. Or email Lew Dobbins at: L.dobbins@sbcglobal.net



Safety First !

Communication

(Article #8)

By Captain Don Leutz



One of the most important safety items that antique and classic boaters should carry on board with them is a communication device in case of emergency.

Most people today have a cell phone. In fact, in any given boat, there may be several cell phones available. Cell phones are especially convenient for conversations with other people on land and to make dining reservations, etc., but the Coast Guard and other search-and-rescue agencies cannot necessarily determine your location from an emergency cell phone call. Cell phone coverage is limited strictly by the locations of Cell Towers on land, so service may be marginal on the water.

The most effective communications device, and the first choice for emergency calls, especially for lake and Delta boaters is the VHF (Very High Frequency) Radio. VHF emergency channels are constantly monitored by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Boat to boat transmissions are generally limited to 20 nautical miles and may be shorter between powerboats with low antenna heights. Ship to shore calls may be possible up to 30 nautical miles due to the greater height of shore-based antennas.

VHF Radios are available in both, fixed, or handheld models. Usually, a classic boater does not want to attach a VHF base radio, (which offers up to 25 watts of power), to an antique boat. A hand-held VHF Radio is preferred and easy to carry. The downside to hand-held VHF Radios is that battery capacity limits the radio to 5 or 6 watts of power, thus offering shorter communication range of 3 to 5 miles.



All VHF Radios must have a 1-watt power setting for short range communications to minimize stepping on, or interfering with other users. All VHF Radios made since 1987 switch automatically to the 1-watt setting when transmitting on Channels 13, 17, 67 and 77. A manual override to maximum power for emergency bridge-to-bridge communications is available on Channel 13, a channel that is reserved exclusively for communications with commercial vessels. For Delta boaters, when crossing paths with commercial ships, you are well advised to contact the ship via Channel 13. Describe your vessel, your location relative to the ship and what you are planning to do. Remember, a large ship cannot see a small boat that might be in front of it.

Recreational boats and hired vessels with no more



than six passengers are considered “voluntary vessels” and are not required to carry a VHF Radio or to maintain a radio operator’s license (as long as you do not visit a foreign port). However, if you do carry a VHF Radio, you are required to monitor Channel 16 at all times. Channel 16 is the International Distress frequency and is also used for safety messages and calling another boater or shore station. Many VHF Radios have a scanning feature which allows one to scan more than one channel at a time. Channel 9 is also a good channel to monitor, as it is the Alternate Calling Channel.

Not every channel on the VHF Radio Band is available to us as antique and classic boaters. Many channels are designated for use by commercial vessels only and should not be used by recreational boaters. Working channels for recreational boaters are generally Channels, 68, 69, 71, 72, 78A.

When attempting to contact another boater, begin by trying to hail the other vessel on Chanel 16 (Channel 9 is the Alternate Calling Channel). Use the following method after listening to be sure the radio channel is clear of traffic:

“This is Boat A (name of boat) calling Boat B (name of boat)” (say up to three times). If no answer, repeat in two minutes if the radio traffic is clear. If still no answer, try again in fifteen minutes.

If, or when, you get an answer, listen for Boat B calling Boat A. Your caller should direct you to a working channel such as “six-eight” (not sixty-eight).

If you receive the direction to channel 68, say “Over” and switch your radio to Channel 68 within one minute and say: “Boat A (name of boat) calling Boat B (name of boat).” Then, provide your short message and say: “Over”.

To end, after the last message, either party says: “(boat name), out”.

Should you find you and your boat in an emergency, there are three types of calls: DISTRESS, URGENCY, and SAFETY. These calls are transmitted on Channel 16 and vary slightly.





DISTRESS: reserved for situations involving risk of life and/or grave and immediate danger which calls for immediate assistance. This is the highest priority call. If in this situation, provide the following message:

“MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY”
 “This is (name of boat)” (repeat three times)
 “MAYDAY (boat name)”
 “Position is: LAT _____ LON _____, or
 _____ NM _____ (N,S,E,W) of _____”
 “Nature of Distress _____”
 “Assistance Required _____”
 “Boat Description _____”
 Number of persons on board _____ Other _____
 “Over”

URGENCY: reserved for situations involving the safety of the boat or some person on board that is serious, but has not yet reached the level of immediate peril (loss of steering, medical difficulty, etc.) It calls for assistance. Provide the following message:



“PAN-PAN, PAN-PAN, PAN-PAN”
 “All Stations (or particular Coast Guard Station)” once
 “This is (boat name)” once
 “Urgency Message (assistance required):
 _____”
 Position is: LAT ITUDE _____
 LONGITUDE _____”
 or _____ NM _____ (N,S,E,W) of _____”
 “This is (boat name)” once
 “Over”

SAFETY: reserved for information regarding navigation safety. The Coast Guard encourages boaters to report a hazard to navigation, such as a floating log or buoy off station. Provide the following message:



“ SÉCURITÉ, SÉCURITÉ, SÉCURITÉ”
 “All Stations” once
 “This is (boat name)” once
 “Channel # _____ for message: _____”
 “Out” (then go to channel, repeat above and provide message)

There are many other communications devices available, especially for the off-shore boater to consider. Devices such as SSB Radios, DSC equipped VHF Radios, EPIRB's and GMDSS. I would encourage you to visit the U.S. Coast Guard website at: www.uscgboating.org for more information on these and other forms of communication for boaters.

See you on the Lake!

Membership Corner

By Don Leutz, Membership Chair

Please join me in welcoming new Members to the Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of ACBS:

- Scott and Susan Johnson**, Point Richmond, CA
- Timothy and Julie Bartice**, Hidden Valley Lake, CA
- Pete and Lisa Kerrigan**, Groveland, CA
- Lisa and Roger Weisbrod**
- Jim and Sue Bewley**, Nevada City, CA

I would also like to thank those members who have renewed their memberships in the ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter. If your membership is due for renewal, please take the opportunity to renew now on the ACBS Website, www.acbs.org, or give me a call at 916-681-4751 or email me at leutz@inreach.com and I will help you with the renewal process. You surely do not want to miss out on any of our many family oriented fun activities planned for 2016.

Coming Soon !

I am putting the finishing touches on a membership contest which, hopefully, will be a fun way for our current members to attract and encourage their non-member friends to join our Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of ACBS. Remember, one does not need to own a classic wooden boat to join our Chapter and participate in our events. The club will be giving away prizes from the Ship's Store to the member(s) who have been able to garner the most new members in 2016. If you have any suggestions regarding the contest, please let me know. I will be preparing a Membership Form that will also include the current member sponsor name which will be used as an entry form. Let's all get involved in growing our Chapter throughout 2016.

ACBS is devoted to the preservation, restoration, and education of classic boating. And, it is a great organization in which to meet likeminded people. It is also a great opportunity to get young people interested and involved in preserving our antique and classic boats and history.

As a member, you will receive a Directory of Members in your choice of printed format or online. You will receive not only the International ACBS “RUDDER” Magazine, but our own “WESTERN WOOD” Magazine published by our local chapter. In these publications, you will find event calendars, articles regarding Classic Boating and history, photos of boat shows and other events, antique and classic boats for sale, as well as many other interesting articles, plus discounts on various goods and services from ACBS supporters.

Membership Dues are extremely reasonable: \$50.00 for ACBS International, plus \$25.00 for Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter. I welcome and look forward to your suggestions and help in introducing new friends to ACBS and also your help in retaining our current members.

8 Bells

Tom O'Rourke

After a ten year battle with prostate cancer Thomas "Tom" O'Rourke peacefully passed away on February 2, 2016. He was 75 years old. Tom was a proud third generation San Franciscan. He graduated from Riordan High School and Notre Dame de Namur University. Tom married his "sweetie," Marie Giancoli on Valentine's Day. This Valentine's Day would have been their 54th wedding anniversary.



Tom and Marie had two daughters whom Tom adored. Even though Sharon and her family live on the east coast, Tom made sure to spend time with them, planning to be there for special occasions and to make sure his grandchildren got his love and attention just as Michelle and her family who lived locally did. Tom's 35 year career was with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office retiring as a Lieutenant having proudly served his community. Tom was a people person and loved to plan or go to a party. He and Marie joined ACBS in 1993 and Tom quickly became involved in our Chapter planning events. He spent several years planning and managing our Chapter Woodie Whoopies. Eventually Tom became a Board member on the ACBS International Board. For several years he did the up-front research for locations and venues and made the arrangements for very successful Annual ACBS International Boat Shows around the country. At the time of his death he was a Board member of our Chapter of ACBS. He also served as Commodore of the Tahoe Yacht Club and was an enthusiastic a member of the Foster City Rod & Gun Club.

Tom retired 20 years ago and in those years he made the most of every day. Tom loved Lake Tahoe. You could find him in Suntripper II, sharing historic facts about the Lake with family and friends as they cruised to favorite spots around the lake or playing Bocce Ball in his San Mateo backyard with his grandchildren. He loved football and was an avid 49ers fan. Tom was a story teller and loved sharing his stories about his days as a Sheriff, his youth, and fun times at the Lake with family and friends. Tom always enjoyed a good meal, preferably with a good wine. And, snacking on cookies was a hobby that made him famous with his grandkids. Tom loved his bright yellow "Bee" Porche and had fun driving around the San Francisco Bay area often with the top down. He was a happy man with a big smile who loved life, lived it to its fullest, and was always ready to make you feel a part of his world.

Tom is survived by his wife Marie, two daughters, Sharon Strojny and Michelle Kirby, four grandchildren, Lauren & Sophia Strojny, and Zachary & Natalie Kirby; his sister Patty Duffy and a large extended family and friends.

Services were held on February 6, 2016 at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo.

Tom, your ACBS community will miss you. You served us well.



Bill Shepherd

A long time member and supporter of ACBS,

Bill Shepherd of Lafayette, California passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 17, 2016 after a long and valiant battle against Parkinson's disease. Bill had a successful career in the auto business as the owner of several car dealerships, including Shepherd Chevrolet, Shepherd Volkswagen, Shepherd Pontiac, and Shepherd Honda/Suzuki. Bill was introduced to the love of his life, Mary Jo Miller, by dear friends while water skiing on the Sacramento River. Their meeting was "love at first sight" and the two married three months later in 1961. Bill enjoyed boating on Lake Tahoe and acquired several antique wooden boats over the years. He was able to enjoy rides on the lake last summer, which was a highlight during his final year.



Bill and Mary Jo have been members of our ACBS Chapter since 1994. They have been avid



supporters of our boating world by participating in many of our Spring Flings, Annual Meetings and every show they could, including bringing their beautiful Riva, Tievoli, to the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic one year despite the fact that the engine had been removed to be worked on. Mary Jo Shepherd has served on our Board of Directors and she and Bill were always there to lend a hand or a house. They have been the gracious hosts to the opening Woodie Whoopee at Lake Tahoe for many years

Dear Mary Jo and Family, your ACBS friends will greatly miss Bill.



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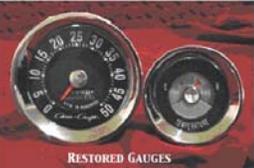
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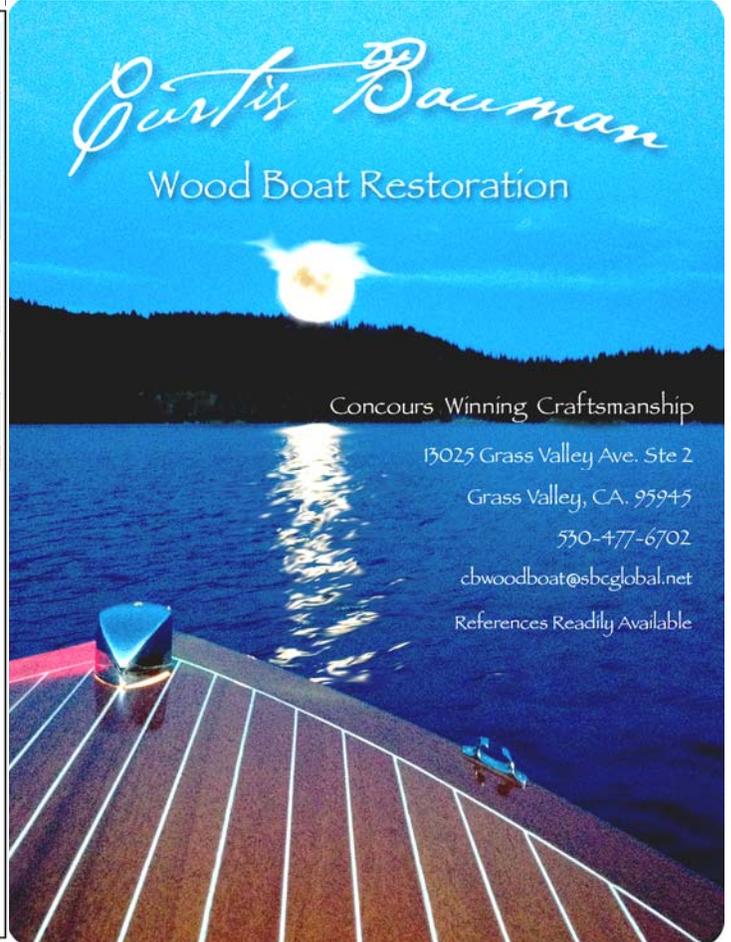
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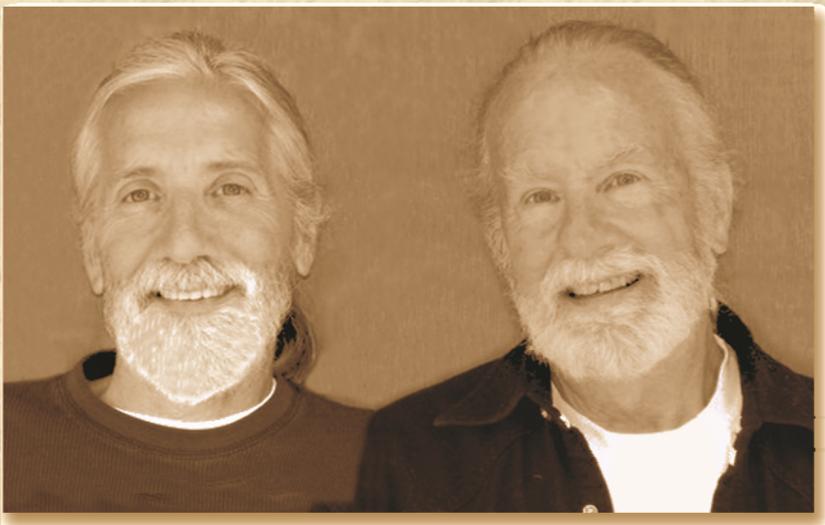
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