





Reflections from the editors

The West Shore is beautiful in its winter coat of snow. We've been making tracks in the frozen landscape while we're waiting for the boating season. A good ski season is an indicator of a good boating season to come and your Officers and Board of Directors have been working hard to organize an extraordinary calendar of events to take advantage of it.

If you're hibernating for the winter, make sure you wake up in time for Spring Fling, April 9, 10 & 11. This will kick off our season in the Napa wine country. After that the events just keep coming! See the events calendar on page 16.

We need volunteers! For the 20 or so years I've been involved with our chapter of ACBS I've been amazed at how well our events have been run. The reason they run so well is that volunteers have put in the effort to organize and run them. But it's not fair to have the same people do all the work. We need to have more people step up and help out. Please help out if you can, it's fun and rewarding to participate. The event chairmen will be very happy to receive a call from someone willing to help.

Regards,

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The Splendor of Napa Valley, Spring Fling 2010

Join old friends and make new ones on April 9th, 10th and 11th in the Napa Valley as you frolic amongst, grapes, cars, castles, feast upon Lobster and other yummy delicacies and cast your cares away at the ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter Annual Spring Fling. Hopefully by now you have booked your room at the Embassy



Suites Napa Valley, (information in the last issue of Western Wood) 1075 California Blvd, Napa, CA. our headquarters for the weekend or one of the numerous, hotels, motels, boutique B&B's in the area and are ready for some fun. Room block ends on March 10th.



The weekend starts on Friday, April 9th at 7pm with a private reception at the Fountain Court Room of the Embassy Suites Hotel. Prior to our private party, registered guests can enjoy complimentary cocktails and munchies at the hotel. At this venue, we will welcome you to Spring Fling, 2010 with surprises, games, food and a rollicking start to what promises to be a stellar weekend. A no host bar will be available for your pleasure. Dress can be casual

Welcome Party; Food, Games, Mystery & Fun

or dressy with a sense of fun. Anyone dressed in red will be entered in a special drawing for fabulous prizes. Come ready to party.

<u>Castles, Dungeons and Wine</u>

On Saturday April, 10th there will be a meeting of the ACBS board of directors from 10 to 12.30 in the Cabernet room at the hotel. After enjoying a fully cooked complimentary breakfast at the hotel, you will have a few hours to peruse Napa Valley on your own. Various sight seeing options will be provided for you in your goody bags. Or you may indulge in a bit of



pampering at the hotel spa or enjoy the indoor or outdoor serene pools at the hotel. We will reconvene at 1.30 in the front parking lot of the hotel for a fun afternoon car tour of the Napa Valley. We hope you bring your vintage or sports cars to Spring Fling as the Napa Valley side roads are made for fun car



cruises. With that said, all cars are welcome on the tour. During the tour, we have a planned stop at Castello di Amoroso, a 107 room castle that took 15 years to build. The castle is a replica of Medieval Castles, complete with Grand Halls, Frescoes, Dungeons, Moats, Caves, Torture Chambers and incredible features too numerous to mention. A fabulous wine tasting session is included in the tour.



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A Rendezvous with the King of the Crustaceans in a Historic Building

After the tour and wine tasting, we will proceed to St. Helena, where we have planned a fabulous Lobster Feast for you.

The event will start with an informal car show in the private parking lot of the Oddfellows Hall, a historic landmark where we will watch John Sorensen, The Lobster King cook for us a feast like no other. During

the car show, you will have a chance to chat, enjoy appetizers, more wine if desired and view an array of ACBS members non boat vehicles.

Bring your appetites as the feast will include for each; (1) 1 14lb Fresh Maine Lobster, (5) 16-20 ct. prawns, sausages, ear corn, (1) whole head garlic, (1) artichoke, (1) whole onion, whole red potato, fresh French baguettes, drawn butter, and Klondike bars for dessert. After dinner most of us will drive very slowly back to our hotel and crawl into bed. For those who wish to party more, there is an abundance of night life in the Napa Valley.





Hot Rods, Cool Chicks, and More Fun

On Sunday morning we will reconvene in the parking lot in front of the hotel at 10 am for the last treat of the weekend, a private tour of the awesome car collection of Dick Long, both at his Rod Shop and at his private residence. This event is possible through the friendship of Bruce Adair with Dick Long, is not open to the public and is only for attendees of Spring Fling, 2010. The tours will conclude around noon on Sunday at which time, Spring Fling, 2010 will be over. We will say our goodbyes and look forward to upcoming ACBS events.

The Spring Fling Committee works hard every year to plan this event. Unlike other events that have a blue print to follow year after year, Spring Fling is reinvented each time, therefore a new mold is created constantly. Your committee along with support of your president and the board, tries hard each year to find a location that can house us, feed us and provide us with interesting activities. In this group many of us are defined by the boats we own, but there is so much more to each of us. Spring Fling, maybe because of the absence of boats, allows other aspects of our personalities to come through. It is very rewarding to get to know new members and to reconnect with old ones. So, plan on joining us. We have tried hard to plan a fun event in a fabulous location with the economy in mind. Bring along your appetites, your classic cars if you wish, your fancy or casual duds, your wallet, your sense of humor and above all your enthusiasm.

Call Iren or Ted Jenny, co chairs at 925-254-8809 or email us if any questions or concerns. <u>jennysrus@worldnet.att.net</u>. Committee, Bruce & Gail Adair, Bob & Sally Mullarkey, Bill & Mary Jo Shepherd, Jim & Gail Robello, President & Advisor, Jim Robello



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As I write this, it's storming outside and our lakes are filling up. The roof may leak, the power may go out, but we will have water for another great boating season.

This winter your board members and event planners have been hard at work to come up with great events for 2010. Just between now and Fathers' Day we have the Spring Fling in Napa; a Trailer Backing 101 clinic at Folsom Lake; the Bass Lake boat show & cruise; the Delta 100 boat cruise; Clear Lake's Wood & Glory XII "gathering ... to enjoy fine antique & classic boats"; in addition to the Tahoe Yacht Club's Concours d'Elegance at Lake Tahoe. I encourage all of our members to participate in those events which appeal to them. Review your calendars and sign up early.

Editor Sandy Chase says that I should share some of my history with you. My earliest memories of boating are on Pinecrest Lake around 1950. Shortly after that trip, my father bought a 14' Thompson with a 10 HP Johnson outboard motor which we took all over the state. 1957 was a banner year for boating in my life. We went to the San Francisco Boat Show and saw (and bought) a black 15' Endura Craft El Dorado with a 35 HP Johnson Javelin engine. While my sister and many friends were getting up and skiing behind it, I just couldn't get it. So, dad and Stan Davis took me up to the Delta where Stan taught me to ski behind his 16' Besotes "Little Stan." Later that summer, we were at the Davis' Lake Tahoe home when they took delivery of a new 21' Besotes "Big Stan II" from the Besotes brothers. I had the honor of riding in it on its inaugural trip from Tahoe City to their home in Tahoe Pines. By 1961 it was clear that we needed a bigger boat and dad bought a 1961 Chris Craft Continental 19'. I was 15 at the time and that is the boat that molded me as I grew up and I bought it from dad in 1975.

Now, let's all get our boats in shape for a reliable, safe and fun boating season.



Peter J. Del Ponte of Sacramento, CA

Robert Gaestel of Merced, CA joins with a 1972, 18' Resorter Century named Happy Hour

Ross and Kathleen Jordan of Citrus Heights, CA

joins with a 1966, 36' Cabin Cruiser Chris Craft

David and Dolleen Kennedy of Lakeport, CA joins with a 1959, 16' Sabre Mercury

Joan and David Kermath of Mill Valley, CA



molded Jim's life, a 1961, 19' Chris Craft Continental.

- Jim

BE PART OF THE ACTION SERVE ON THE BOARD

Your Northern California / Lake Tahoe ACBS Board of Directors is the driving force behind our very successful chapter.

Board members are responsible for the many fun and exciting activities that are held each year, including social events like Spring Fling, and our 4 main boating events held on Clear Lake, Bass Lake, Lake Tahoe, and the Delta.

ACBS Board members are the volunteers that make our chapter fun, and they have a great time doing it !

This year the chapter Nominations Committee will be selecting 4 new board members to comprise the Class of 2013, and will nominate another to assume the duties of 3rd Vice-President.

Your ACBS board is encouraging all active members to get involved with the leadership of the chapter !

Board membership is a wonderful way to connect with chapter members, meet new friends, and have a great time. Responsibilities include attending board meetings, and supporting and organizing events. Co-chairing an event is a great way to begin; there are plenty of experienced members on the board to offer help, direction, and leadership.

If you are interested in being a part of the fun, the challenge, and the satisfaction of the end result, call or e-mail:

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The Antique & Classic Boat Society's **South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic** A Vintage Boat Show for Charity and

ACBS Annual Picnic

Join us at the 3rd annual "**South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic**" on a mid-summer weekend, July 30th – August 1st. During last years Classic we had fantastic events, made new friends and connections in the South Tahoe community, and we gained new members to our Chapter. We donated part of the proceeds to two different community organizations, and they helped bring in over 1000 people to the show. We are receiving an enthusiastic response from the Tahoe Keys Marina and surrounding community to this year's Classic. We have an ideal high season weekend, excellent dock locations and fun events. Plan now to participate, enjoy Tahoe at its best and help the community.

The boat show is a two day event starting on Friday, from noon-5 and on Saturday from 9-5. It is a judged show ______ and there will be many great awards.

Friday evening the very popular "On the Docks" Party returns to the Tahoe Keys Marina & Yacht Club on the Fresh Ketch patio and lawn. The Fresh Ketch will serve hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, and water. Wines will be poured by Picchetti Winery.

Saturday after the show there's more fun. Your evening starts off with a Wine, Cocktails and Cheese Party at the Picchetti Winery & Tasting Room which is near the Tahoe Keys Marina. This will be a Tahoe Casual mixer. For you wine lovers, Picchetti will be giving special wine purchase discounts to party participants. You can continue

with a "Dutch treat" dinner at local restaurants where

we are reserving space. We will have a signup sheet where you and your friends can signup on a first come first served basis.

Sunday "The Annual ACBS Picnic" will be at Sugar Pine Point State Park. You can join our Boat Parade from the Keys to Sugar Pine Point where you can tie up on a mooring line and be shuttled to a catered picnic and

enjoy the Awards presentations. For those of you coming to the picnic by land with boats in tow, you can be in our display of 10 boats on trailers behind the Ehrman Mansion at Sugar Pine Point. We will have people in the parking area that can talk to visitors about your boats and share information about ACBS.

The **Tahoe Keys Resort** is offering our participants a 20% discount for lodging. They are reducing the 7 night minimum requirement for Tahoe Keys Resort condominiums to a three (3) night minimum. If you want to make a week of it, Vacation Homes have a 7 night minimum, but will also be at the 20% discount. When contacting the reservations department, ask for the Wooden Boat Show discount. The main reservation number is (800) 698-2463. Lodging properties may be viewed at www.tahoevacationguide.com.



We are working on other lodging discounts for our members and will keep you informed. There will be information on our South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic website (<u>www.tahoewoodenboats.com</u>) and more will be added as plans are firmed so check back regularly.

Join us for a fun-filled, value-packed weekend that is priced so that everyone can come!!



Enjoy over 70 antique and classic beauties at Lake Tahoe's only inland marina, Tahoe Keys Marina & Yacht Club in South Lake Tahoe.

In addition to seeing the beautiful antique & classic wood boats, view 5 amazing '60's drag race boats including *Golden Komotion* that won in the blown gas class time after time in California's Central Valley venues in the 1960's. We'll turn over the engines of some of the wood antique and classic boats and if you're lucky you'll get to hear the roar of the amazing drag boat engines. Or, if you want to take a ride in a wooden boat, join the Tahoe Maritime Museum at the boat show and get a free ride! Then, wander under the tents and taste fine Picchetti wines and Korbel champagnes, stroll through sponsor and charities booths, and buy a memory of the day in the Antique & Classic Boat Society's Ship's Store. Enjoy a snack, a drink, BBQ'd lunch under the tents, or lunch at the Fresh Ketch Restaurant overlooking the marina.



Friday July 30- noon-5:00 PM- South Taboe Wooden Boat Classic boat show, Taboe Keys Marina Friday July 30- 5:30 PM-7:30 PM- On the Docks party, Fresh Ketch lawn Saturday July 31- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM- South Taboe Wooden Boat Classic boat show, Taboe Keys Marina Saturday July 31- 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM- Wine, Cocktails and Cheese Party, Picchetti Winery & Tasting Room Sunday August 1- 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM - "The Annual ACBS Picnic" and award ceremony, Sugar Pine Point State Park

Sea Scouts Learn Boat Building

ACBS members sponsor and teach Sea Scouts how to build a wooden boat



For a number of years the ACBS has encouraged involvement of young people into boating through boat building projects. Our chapter decided to follow the success reported by other chapters with our own boat building project. Chapter members Paul Mehus and Barry Ludwig committed their expertise to teach the youths. Layne Davis, skipper of the Sea Scout ship Challenger, organized 5 of his Sea Scouts to learn boat building.

We started the project on April 28th, 2009 and met more or less

weekly since. Paul and Barry made some jigs, templates and such in advance. We've have met a total of 16 times so far. Paul and Barry have done extra days of work on the boat though.

The boat plans are a Glen-L 11 ft TNT outboard runabout. Paul made several Glen L designed boats in his youth and is very familiar with the process. The boys had little woodworking experience but were good at working as a team from their scouting experience. Barry started by teaching safety around the various power tools. A memorable lesson was Barry demonstrating with a hardwood dowel painted up as a finger, just how quickly it can be



sliced through with a power saw. The boat is progressing well but the boys are surprised at what a big project it is to build even a small boat.



The boys participating are:

Kyle Davis 16: Layne's son has been around the Sea Scout program since he was a baby but couldn't actually join until he was 14. He is now Bosun, which

means of all the youth members, he is the leader and in charge of them on the boat. He is the liaison between the Officers (adults) and Crew. He is currently assigned to

the Commissary Department on the boat which means he is one of the cooks.



Brian Sweet 16: Brian is one of the petty officers and his title is Crew Leader on the boat. The youth members are broken down into two crews and he is one of the petty officers that reports back to and works with Kyle. He has been a member for about 2 years and is currently assigned to the Navigation Department on the boat.

Levi Clayton 15: Levi is also a petty officer and is the other crew leader on the boat. He has been a member for about 3 years and



is currently assigned to the Engineering Department (engine room) on the boat. He is really into the boat building project and can't wait to see it finished. He's really hoping he gets to drive it when it's done. He likes learning how to use all of the power tools and working with wood, not to mention he likes looking at all of Barry's projects.



Jake Welton 16: Jake is in his third year of the program also. He is also currently an engineer and works in the engine room with Levi. He's real interested in engines. He likes working with the wood and power tools and also wants to learn to weld.

Casey Welton 14: Casey is a second year member and is currently assigned to the Deck Department on the boat. That entails working the mooring lines, handling the anchor ground tackle and has duties of helm and lookout when the boat is underway. He attends Santa Clara High School as a freshman and also plays the trumpet. He is

Jake's younger brother.

Glen L TNT 11 ft Runabout



The story begins in 1993 at a state firefighters function in Sacramento, which is when I first met Greg Joseph. We discovered that Greg and my wife Sue were classmates from Harry Ells High School in Richmond, class of 65', small world. Over the next several years I bumped into Greg at other events.



By Gene Dangel

In May of 1996 Greg and I were attending a state firefighter's convention in San Diego. Before long we were reminiscing about our youthful summers spent on the water; Greg at Tahoe around his uncle's place in Tahoma and me at our families place in Soda Bay at Clear Lake. Recalling water skiing behind a long woodie, Greg expressed a desire to own a classic wood boat.

On the Labor Day weekend in 96' we decided to head for Tahoe and rent a cabin at Sunnyside. Wondering if they could join us, I gave Greg a call. It turned out that he had just bought "Genevieve" and was dying to get her into the water for their "Maiden Voyage."

Friday afternoon Greg, Micki, and son Spencer pulled in with their freshly restored Chris Craft 20' Custom in tow. It was beautiful. Bright and early the next morning we headed for the Coast Guard Ramp at Tahoe City. I backed "Gen" into the water; Greg fiddled with the hand throttle and the choke while cranking her over until she sprang to life. What a wonderful sound, Greg was all smiles. Micki appeared a little apprehensive.

We launched our 20' V-drive while Greg and Micki waited off shore. After deciding which direction to go, Greg hit the starter button only to hear that dreaded, whirring sound that can only be made by a starter motor with a dying battery. No problem, the V-drive guy was close by with jumper cables! Varoom! Back to shore to strip a battery out of Greg's truck and install it in the boat. After a short delay, **off we went**.



It was a beautiful, calm, sunny day and "Genevieve" was gliding along effortlessly. After a bit Micki was sitting up on the seatback, the wind blowing through her hair....it was like a scene from



"Titanic". Then I noticed a bluish haze broiling out from behind the wind shield. Undaunted by this, Greg pushed on but finally stopped to investigate. As we pulled alongside it became clear that the reason Micki was perched up on the seatback was not to re-enact a scene from a movie, but out of the necessity to breathe. We thought for sure that a bilge fire was causing all the smoke. Opening the hatches revealed nothing,

it was clear as could be in there. I asked Greg to start the engine, still nothing. Then I removed the oil filler cap and it was like a mini Mount Vesuvius. At cruising rpm, vapors gushed out of the engine, filling the bilge and coming out under the dash. "Well, it only takes a small amount of oil to make a whole lot of smoke," Greg reasoned, and since there was still allot left to burn...... off we went again.

This was doing little to re-assure Micki. But, it was a nice day and we motored on until finding a perfect place for a picnic lunch. Greg was like a proud Papa, returning the obligatory "wood boat wave" to all those who saluted with a "thumbs up." I believe it was Micki who suggested we had had enough fun for one day and it was time to head back. So Greg had Spencer open the hatches for a safe start up. "Dad, how much water is supposed to be in here" he queried?



There was easily eight to ten inches and it was creeping above the engine stringers. This was becoming a bit more like another scene from "Titanic." Not knowing the source of the leak, panic spread amongst the

crew. "No problem" says Greg, we have a bilge pump! A flip of the switch and then.....nothing.

Since no more water was coming in while just sitting there, Greg fired the engine to check for leaks from the engine. All the clamps and hoses were tight. But wait, what is all this water cascading down the side of the block? Further inspection revealed that a plug had popped out and water was be- That @#\$ plug must be in here somewhere!

Two firemen ought to be able to figure out where the smoke was coming from!



ing pumped directly into the bilge. We fished around and finally retrieved the missing plug. The V-drive guy had tools and re-installed the plug with a ball peen hammer. Voila! After bailing, off we went again.

With "Genevieve" safely back on the trailer Greg headed for the gas station to top off the tank and we headed for the cabin to mix a pitcher of margaritas. After some time we heard this loud WAP-PITA, WHAPPITA, WHAPPITA noise coming down the road. It was Greg, steely eyed, white knuckled, with clinched teeth. The WAPPITA noise was coming from the right front wheel of the new boat trailer. You know, the one with the floppy tire, on the bent rim, with the folded up fender. When exactly does the "Maiden Voyage" officially end?

Greg inadvertently went down the street just before Sunny Side. Only what appeared to be an actual street was a very long driveway with no place to turn around. Greg described his escape as a forty-three point U-turn. For some reason he did not see the very large rock that attacked the trailer. Fortunately the trailer came with a spare, the V-drive guy had a larger hammer to massage the fender back into shape, and Sue was quick to whip up another batch of margaritas!

The next day on the lake went pretty smoothly. The bilge pump worked just fine after unclogging the little brass filter and the plug only popped out once. A ball peen hammer now resides in the "Cubby" behind the front seat, a loving gift from Micki. Later the engine was removed to replace the rings that did not seat properly. It has performed perfectly since.

Greg soon became involved with ACBS and Sue and I tagged along for awhile, until about February of 05' when this big, brown envelope showed up in the mail with the announcement, "Welcome to the ACBS!" Greg had paid for our membership for one year. Thanks Greg, we have enjoyed the experience and made many new friends.

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WOOD & Glory XII

"A Gathering of families and friends on Clear Lake to enjoy fine Antique & Classic Boats"

This is another great year at Clear Lake for the twelfth annual Wood & Glory event. Ferndale Resort at Soda Bay is our home location and event headquarters.

The ever popular Woodie Whoopie kicks off the weekend Friday evening, thanks to Mary Lahti, who welcomes us to her beautiful lakefront home near Buckingham point. You may come by boat, car, seaplane, amphibious vehicle, or even



walk. The Lake County Sea Scouts will be at the dock to assist us as needed. Bring your favorite entrée to cook on the ACBS barbecue and bring a dish to share. We will supplement that with



liquid refreshments (wine courtesy of Wildhurst Vineyards). Another favorite member/sponsors, Bob Maher, will be there to kick off our Sea Scouts benefit raffle. Don't miss this great opportunity to make new friends and renew old friendships while we kick off the summer boating season.

On Saturday is the traditional cruise from Soda Bay to Lakeport, an easy 20 minute cruise. Those coming from Konocti, Buckingham, and other more distant locations should leave a little early to join up with the main group in front of Ferndale's Resort in Soda Bay; while others from Corinthian Bay and Konocti Vista may join us on route to Lakeport. At Library Park we will not only be greeted by live music from the Gazebo and another outstanding lunch catered by Lakeview Market but there will be 150-250 classic cars on display in the annual Lakeport Roundup Classic car show. Enjoy lunch, enjoy the music, enjoy the boats, enjoy the cars, enjoy the company, and enjoy your cruise home.

Saturday evening's dinner cruise will be catered by Watercolor Restaurant aboard the fully renovated Clear Lake Queen. Seating aboard the Queen is limited to about 120 guests, so reserve your seats early.

On Sunday, Wood & Glory has the honor to picnic on Anderson Island. For several years and for



many of us, the island picnic is the highlight event of the weekend. Owned by the Thomas Yeandle family for the past 40 years, the island is steeped in local history. We'll picnic on the lower lawn under the grand old oak trees with David Neft providing easy listening music for us. Our island hosts will be brothers John and Gene Yeandle who invite us to explore the island via a walk around it on the Ami Ami trail or take the road up Panther Alley to the top of the island where you will find another great lawn, a garage full of antique vehicles including Kamdot Engine #1 (a 1926 Autocar fire engine which was once the Danville #2 Fire Engine), and the island's main home which was originally designed by Julia Morgan for Randolf Hurst and built in 1926 by William Anderson. Buried in the bushes along Ami Ami trail, you may come across The Golden Dragon, a launch originally built in Hong Kong around 1900 and used for many years to transport visitors to and from the island. This is sure to be an experience for the memory banks.



Entry forms are available at www.acbs-tahoe.org or contact either Jim Robello (707) 278-0233 or Ralph Wallen (707) 279-2686.

Recommended lodging includes the Soda Bay Inn (offering a 10% discount to ACBS members), Bell Haven Resort, Edgewater Resort & RV Park, Zino's Ristorante & Inn, and of course the Ferndale Resort. Another resource for some may be Lake Vacation Rentals which handles the rental of many vacation homes around the lake.

For those in town early, there will be an informal no-host gathering at the Richmond Park Bar & Grill in Konocti Bay on Thursday evening.



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May 22	The Delt Brannan	a 100 Island State Park, 3 Miles South of Rio Vista	Jerry Turney 510-531-8214
June 4 – 6		Glory XII , Clear Lake	Jim Robello 707-278-0233 Ralph Wallen 707-279-2686
June 11		Vhoopie – "Tex Mex" y Shores, Homewood, Lake Tahoe	Tom and Marie O'Rourke 530-546-2360
June 18- 20	Presented	a al TYCF Concours d'Elegance*** l by Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation Inc. at Co., Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe	Danny Pavel 530-581-4700 X103
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June 27	Palo Alto	Automobile Concours d'Elegance *** e ACBS invited boats shown on trailers Stanford, Palo Alto	Norm Kitching 650-799-7578
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Within the last year we have had 2 significant changes to our family. We became grandparents in November to a baby boy, Patrick, and last summer we said good-bye to our first adventure into wooden boats. Now as much as I would love to have this whole article about Patrick and filled with pictures of him, all you new grandparents surely understand, I will focus on what it was like to say good-bye to our first boat, "In the Mood", a 1941 17" Chris Craft Barrel Back.



When Lee decided he wanted to get into wooden boating, back in the mid 80's, there were only 4 of us and 2 just halfpints. After doing some research he decided that a Chris Craft Barrel Back would be the perfect boat for us and not too big to try his hand at a first restoration. At that time he was traveling to the east cost often and stopped by Boyd's Boats in Connecticut and found our first boat. He had it shipped home and we used it as is for a year before he started the restoration. It is always a good idea to learn to drive a boat before you restore it. By the time he had restored it and we had used it for a while, we had a 3 daughters and the other 2 had gotten bigger. This made the boat a little small for all of us, grandma and grandpa and the dog. So we got the 24' Christ Craft Holiday and he restored that. That restoration went so well he then got a 28" Sea Lyon Triple cockpit and restored that too. We now had 3 boats and used mainly the Holiday or the Sea Lyon because the family kept getting bigger, in size, not quantity unless you count all the girl's friends and our exchange students. When Lee got an e-mail from David Dehorn inquiring if we were interested in selling our barrel back we decided to consider it.

David is from the Chicago area and decided that he wanted to become a wooden boat owner. He joined ACBS and on the advice of Don Ayers decided that a Chris Craft barrel back would be a good boat for his family. He then took a look in the ACBS directory to see who owned barrel backs and sent e-mails to them to see if anyone might be interested in selling. Lee responded and they started discussing the boat. Lee is very knowledgeable about the boat so he was able to answer a lot of David's questions about being a wooden boat owner and restoration and up keep. David was heading out our way so we got to meet him and Lee was able to take him out on the boat at Colero Reservoir. David got to drive the boat and was really impressed by it's get up and go and handling. When I found out he had 2 young daughters I knew this was the perfect boat for him. It just felt right that his young family should get the introduction into wooden boats with the same boat our family started out with.

Lee and David sealed the deal and arrangements were made for cross country transportation. Several weeks later we were out in our driveway plastic wrapping the boat and getting it ready for its pick-up. We stood out in the street watching it drive away and it felt a tear roll down my cheek. Now I must admit that I cry at Hallmark commercials too, but it was like watching one of your children go off into the world and hoping that everything would work out alright for them. We sent David pictures of the departure and let him know that she was on her way.

It was such a nice surprise when we got and e-mail from David with an update on how everything was going. He wrote: "I wanted to contact you to let you know how much I have been enjoying my (your) boat. It has been such a great addition to our family. I will say that when I first brought it home to Michigan, my father thought I was crazy. However, when the boat went in the water last summer and we slid it in right next to his boat (one of the pictures) he ended up talking to almost everyone in the marina about my boat. At the end of the day, he told me, "wow, this must be a pretty special boat, I haven't had this many people talk to me about a boat ever." The paperwork from the Mariner's Museum stated the ship date on the boat to Miami was the same day my father was born. That was a pretty neat little find. I also found out that on that day in 1941, Joseph Clark Grew, the US Ambassador to Japan was at a party in Tokyo and overheard two Admirals planning an attack on Pearl Harbor. Grew immediately left the party and returned to the embassy to wire the White House about the "RUMOUR" he had heard. They replied and said it would never happen and that was an unthinkable act that Japan would never be able to accomplish. We all know what happened later that year in December. Well, that date and story is behind why the

pened later that year in December. Well, that date and story is behind why the new name of the boat is RUMOUR."



Thanks David, for making her a valued member of your family too.





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Western Wood



Car rides for boat rides !

September 27th a Monday morning . The Candy Store (a private SF. Bay Area car club) is going to tour to Garwood's Pier for boat rides . Then lunch at Garwood's , car rides to follow . There will be quite an eclectic sampling of Classic , Exotic , and Antique autos to enjoy . Possibly touring on that afternoon to the Tahoe Maritime Museum . Please sign up with Roy Dryer if you wish to participate ! We have done this before and it is huge fun for us all . Great boats ,great cars , great PEOPLE

Thank you . Roy . 530-346-6915





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Concours D'Elegance

Sierra Boat Co, Lake Tahoe Wednesday, June 16 to Sunday, June 20, 2010 Ships Store

To those of you who have agreed to volunteer either for the first Volunteer time or who are returning from previous years-

Thank You

It's Fun Look for the TYCF Volunteer Sheet in the mail in March or April and pick your spot as a ticket taker, dock worker, auction booth helper etc. for VIP day and/or a weekend day. You will receive a show pass in exchange for your efforts. ACBS members have always had a wonderful volunteer ethic and your assistance to the show and to our ships store is sincerely appreciated.

NEW MEMBERS - If you are relatively new to ACBS or have not been very active in the club we encourage you to contact Rich Fisher now to discuss how you could help and have fun as we plan for this season's store activity.

<u>Concours Tickets</u> – We could use some entry passes for our Ships Store Staff. Any Sponsor, Boat Entrant or Member with extra tickets is encouraged to donate them to the "Store". For planning purposes, please contact Stan ASAP.

Boat Trailer Parking – As a service to ACBS members and a fund raiser for Après Ski Club (a 501(c) 3, not for profit corporation) parking is again being made available in Kings Beach for Wooden Bloat Week (sic) at very reasonable rates. Contact Rich for details.

Be a volunteer and share in the camaraderie - it's lots of fun.



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