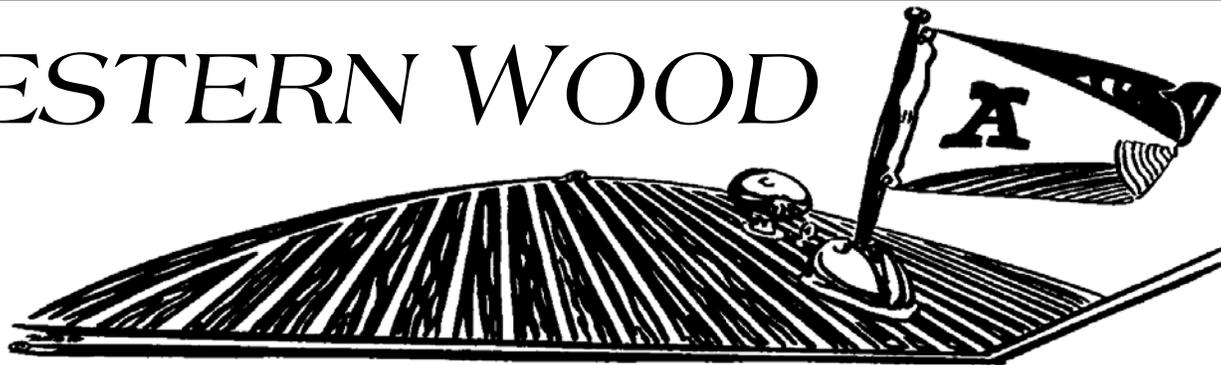


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# We certainly reached for the Gold and flung our cares away during Spring Fling 2009

by Iren Jenny



It could not have been a better weekend and it could not have happened without you. All the stars and the heavens aligned to make Spring Fling 2009 in the Historic town of Murphys California a weekend to remember. Ironstone Vineyards was definitely the crowning glory of the weekend, but it could not have happened without you and your awesome enthusiasm.

To everyone who participated, brought cars, appetites, dancing shoes, energy and most of all your Joie de Vivre, a very big , Thank You.!

The weekend started at Ironstone Vineyards on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Chuck Kelley** and his very capable crew got started cleaning and getting ready 350 pounds of crab

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## *President's Message*

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One of the great pleasures of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. membership for me has been the friendships that my family and I have made over the past 14 years. From the friends we see once or twice a year, to the friends we see frequently at Lake Tahoe, to the on-going connections we have made through our love of wood boating - each and every association has been a blessing in our lives.

I was reminded of this just last month at the annual ACBS Spring Fling, held this year in the Calaveras County foothill town of Murphys. Over 100 of our members came out for a memorable weekend, to enjoy some good food, drink a little wine, (OK, some of us - me, may have drank a little more than others...) enjoy this wonderful annual chance to both make new friends, and to renew the long standing relationships that hold our chapter together.

We were privileged to have an outstanding Spring Fling Committee this year, lead by The Northern California / Lake Tahoe Chapter board member **Iren Jenny**, her husband **Ted**, and long-time chapter members **Bruce & Gail Adair**. Working with a limited budget, and an even more limited selection of shoes, Iren and her group put together a fun-filled 3 days that kept us eating, wine-tasting (some - me, more than others...) and dancing the weekend away. From the car show and crab feed on Friday night, to the wonderful buffet dinner on Saturday, it really was a time of re-connection and renewal! Thank you Iren & Ted, thank you Bruce & Gail, thank you **Chuck Kelley**, **Gordon Davis**, **Lew Dobbins**, **Katie Wolfman**, **Jackie Mehus**, and **Cheryl Caplan** for making Spring Fling 2009 a great success!

While we're on the subject of success, special recognition also needs to go out to **Lew & Debra Dobbins** and **Preston Smith** for their efforts in producing an outstanding wood boat Restoration Clinic, held this past February at Northwest Classic Boats in Auburn. These informative weekend get togethers have long been an excellent way for chapter members to learn "hands-on" boat restoration skills from the experts (men: don't try this at home...) while expanding their own knowledge of wood working, varnish, vintage engine rebuilding, and the most important restoration skill that I myself have acquired in these many years of wood boat ownership: check-writing!

The next Restoration Workshop (we're not going to call them "clinics" anymore; Lew says: "clinics are where you go for your shots; workshops are where you go to have fun...") will be held this coming fall in Sacramento, the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep reading your *Western Wood* for more information, and then sign-up early! Restoration Workshop space is always limited, and these popular weekends are always a sell-out.

This is a great time of year, with so many up-coming ACBS boating and social events to look forward to! Your volunteer chapter board members work hard through out the year planning and arranging a wide variety of opportunities so everyone can get involved. A quick glance at the 2009 calendar reveals something, about which each and every member can get excited!

So . . . Dust off the boat, summarize those engines, check the trailer axles, and let's all get ready to get out on the water!

Dave 

# Welcome Aboard!

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**Greg & Sue Andre** - Kelseyville, CA join with a 1960, 16' Resorter Century, *For Sale*

**David & Stephanie Haworth** - Elk Grove, CA join with a 1951, 19' Holiday Chris Craft, *David Haworth*

**Klaus & Jeannine Hennig** - Nevada City, CA join with a 1930, 19' Split Cockpit Century, *Hodge Podge*, and a 1973, 17' Unknown Make, and a 1958, 18' Continental Chris Craft, *Snow Flower*

**Neil Jackson** - Orinda, CA joins with a 1942, 17' Deluxe Chris Craft, *Nadine*

**Joseph Madrid** - Sacramento, CA joins with a 1964, 28' Sea Skiff Owens, *Katie II*

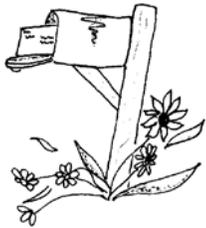
**Mike & Peggy Piedade** - Discovery Bay, CA join with a 1949, 20' Custom Runabout Chris Craft

**Eric & Kimberlee Tolkien** - Reno, NV join with a 1951, 18' Sportsman Chris Craft, *Blue Heaven*

**Edward J & Dorte Wright** - Sacramento, CA join with a 1957, 18' Holiday Chris Craft, *Black Bird*, and a 1953, 20' Riviera Chris Craft, *Elizabeth*

**Ken & Jennifer Young** - Kelseyville, CA join with a 1960, 18' Arenacraft, *Sally Sue*

*Ralph & Bonnie Wallen*  
*Membership Chairs*  
rbwallen@gmail.com



## A letter to the members of The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of ACBS

Even though it looks like the 2009 Board of Directors of the Chapter have just started the year and the activities chairs are in the midst of planning this year's events, your Chapter President, **Dave Lyon**, has been at work making sure the coming years are successful ones with active and capable volunteers being elected to various positions on the board. To this end he has asked, **Jack Bingham**, Past President to chair the nominations committee for the year 2009. Jack, in turn, has asked **Iren Jenny** and **Norm Kitching** to aid him in this endeavor.

This year's nominating committee will nominate one Director for the class of 2010, to fill an existing vacancy (if one has not been appointed before the end of the year); four Directors for the Class of 2012; a Third Vice President to follow **John Lahti** when he moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and a new Treasurer as **Jared Hein** assumes the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. If you have an accounting background or great math skills, please give this position your consideration.

Anyone volunteering to go on the board should be ready to shoulder responsibility for the health of the organization.

A minimum commitment would be that you attend the planning meeting in January, the annual meeting in November and three board meetings during the year. Co chairing an event is a great place to start, with the eventual graduation of assuming the chairmanship of future events. There are plenty of members on the board to assist newcomers, and to offer help, direction and leadership. Being a part of our Chapter's Board of Directors can be challenging, lots of fun and a wonderful way of connecting to members, new and old and at the same time helping direct the course of the organization for years to come.

If you are interested in being a part of the challenge, the fun and the end result, call or email:

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Iren Jenny, 925/254-8809 ~ [Jennysrus@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Jennysrus@worldnet.att.net)

Norm Kitching, 650/941-3459 ~ [normkathyk@att.net](mailto:normkathyk@att.net)



## Editors Comments



The the last thing I do in putting *Western Wood* together is to write the Editors Comments. Mostly because the rest is so much more fun. But this column is special to me this time because it will be my last. For a total of 7 years I've enjoyed being your Editor. It's been wonderful ~ allowing me the opportunity to give support to the Chapter, learn InDesign and to interface with the membership. I've enjoyed being Editor very much and have had loads of fun. Thank you for your support.

Now *Western Wood* will have a new look with new Editors Lee & Sandy Chase. This is a good thing! They are going to do a wonderful job. I'm sure they will have the same support and enjoyment that I have had.

Have a good summer . . . and great boating.

*Bette Shutt*

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*WESTERN WOOD*

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# Calendar of Events

<u>May 15/17, 2009</u>	<u>19th Annual Bass Lake Rendezvous</u> Ducey's on the Lake – Bass Lake, CA Joel Castro, 209/599-7310 Arnie Schweer 559-291-3198
<u>May 29/31, 2009</u>	<u>Wood &amp; Glory XI - Soda Bay</u> Clear Lake, CA Jim Robello, 707/278-0233 Ralph Wallen, 707/279-2686
<u>June 12, 2009</u>	<u>☺Woodie Whoopie – “Tex Mex”</u> McKinney Shores – Homewood, CA Tom & Marie O'Rourke, 530-546-2360
<u>June 13, 2009</u>	<u>Cento Miglia – B &amp; W Resort</u> Isleton, CA Jerry Turney, 510/531-8214
<u>June 19/21, 2009</u>	<u>37<sup>th</sup> Annual TYCF Concours d'Elegance</u> Sierra Boat Co.-Carnelian Bay, CA Presented by Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation Inc. Danny Pavel 530-581-4700 X103
<u>June 19/21, 2009</u>	<u>Ships Store @ TYCF Concours d'Elegance</u> Stan Oppgard 916-652-9050
<u>July 10, 2009</u>	<u>☺Woodie Whoopie – “Italian”</u> Rubicon Bay, CA ( Homeowners Area) Tom & Marie O'Rourke, 530-546-2360
<u>July 17/19, 2009</u>	<u>South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic</u> Tahoe Keys Marina - South Lake Tahoe, CA Steve Caplan, cell: 408/981-6996
<u>July 19, 2009</u>	<u>ACBS Annual Picnic &amp; STWBC Awards</u> Valhalla Picnic Area, South Lake Tahoe Debra & Lew Dobbins , 530-265-3476
<u>July 24, 2009</u>	<u>☺Woodie Whoopie ~ “ Caribbean”</u> Olympic Beach, Tahoe City, CA Tom & Marie O'Rourke, 530/546-2360
<u>August 7, 2009</u>	<u>☺Woodie Whoopie ~ “Irish”</u> Bernie & Carol Atkinson's, Carnelian Bay, CA Tom & Marie O'Rourke, 530/546-2360
<u>August 21, 2009</u>	<u>☺Woodie Whoopie ~ “Clambake”</u> Turner's “Playtime” – Homewood, CA Tom & Marie O'Rourke, 530/546-2360

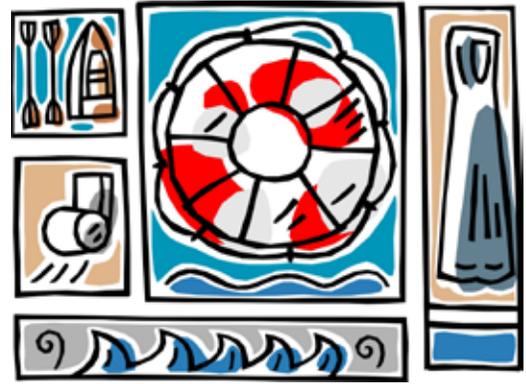
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- August 22, 2009      Tahoe Get-Around Wood Boat Cruise  
 Jerry Turney 510/531-8214  
 Dave Lyon, cell: 831/596-4239
- August 23, 2009      📣 **Board Meeting** ~ Lake Tahoe  
 Location TBD  
 Dave Lyon, cell: 831/596-4239
- September 12, 2009      ☺ Woodie Whoopie ~ Clear Lake  
 Jim & Gail Robello's - Kelseyville, CA  
 (Buckingham)  
 Jim Robello 707/278-0233  
 Ralph Wallen 707/279-2686
- September 24/26, 2009      ACBS International Meeting and  
 8th Annual Boat Show  
 Lake Muskoka ~ Ontario, Canada
- September 26/27      Automobile Concours d'Elegance  
 Ironstone Winery–Murphys, CA  
 Jack Bingham, 707/374-5066
- October 2/4, 2009      Delta Cruise ~ B & W Resort, Isleton, CA  
 964 Brannan Island Road & Highway 12  
 Preston & Joy Smith, 916/434-6322
- October 24/25, 2009      Restoration Clinic – Location TBD  
 Debra & Lew Dobbins, 530/265-3476
- November 6/8, 2009      **Chapter Annual Meeting**  
 Monterey, CA  
 Dave Lyon, cell: 831/596-4239




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- B. Proper anchor with rope or chain
- C. First Aid Kit
- D. Bailing device, working bilge pump
- E. Tools
- F. Paddle
- G. Horn or whistle sound signaling device
- H. Working running lights
- I. Flashlight or spotlight

Safety, know your surroundings, weather and wind. What direction is the wind coming from? Keep an eye out for boat traffic and floating logs!

by Glory Beall





# Trophies and Awards for the 2009 South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic

**The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.  
2009 South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic will be a judged event.**

All entrants will have the option of having their boat evaluated according to national ACBS standards on either a RESTORED or PRESERVED basis. While the judging of boats is not the primary function of the ACBS, it does create an incentive to restore and maintain classic boats to a high degree of quality. The 2-track judging system allows us to recognize those boats that have been lovingly restored in original condition. The recognition bestowed on judged boats is important to professional and non-professional restorers alike.

It is once again our primary goal  
that the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic be a relaxed and fun time for everyone!

First, second, and third-place trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

- Runabout ~ both pre and post-war
- Utilities ~ both pre and post-war
- Race Boats ~ Launches ~ Rivas
- Sedans, hardtops, and cruisers
- Open Class ~ to include Youth Entries and Outboards.
- Production Contemporary, and Custom Contemporary

In addition to the Class Awards, ALL boats entered will be eligible for the following subjective awards:

- Farthest Traveled ~ Oldest Boat ~ People's Choice
- Most Elegant ~ Ladies Choice ~ Most Original
- Skipper's Choice ~ Best Owner Restored
- Kids Choice Award

Trophies will also be awarded for the highly coveted ACBS Family Spirit Award, and the ever-popular Richard Barter Lake Tahoe Salty Old Sea Dog Award!

PERPETUAL TROPHIES will also be awarded for the following:

- Best of Show Restored ~ Best Of Show Preserved
- Best Century of Show ~ Best Chris Craft of Show
- Best Garwood of Show
- Best Hackercraft of Show ~ Best Riva of Show

TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS area still available! If you, your business, organization, or group of friends would like to endow one of the subjective or perpetual awards for this year's show, contact Trophy Committee chair: **Dave Lyon**, Westboat1@sbcglobal.net or 831/596-4239.



**A trophy sponsorship is a wonderful way to get involved with  
your chapter's signature  
LAKE TAHOE wooden boat show!**





The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter  
of  
The Antique & Classic Boat Society, Inc  
**South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic**  
A Vintage Boat Show for Charity

**July 17-18, 2009**

Summer is almost upon us and boating season is about to begin. Don't miss out on our Chapter's annual boat show. By the time you receive this spring issue of Western Wood, we expect to have close to a full harbor of 60 boats. If you meant to sign up and haven't yet, we may still have room, but **DO NOT WAIT A SECOND MORE**, send in your entry **NOW**. Many of the boats that are already signed up are new to our show. For some, it will be the first time they have ever been shown. In order to put together a quality boat show we needed to have the boat entries in early, but this doesn't mean that there won't be room for you to sign up and enjoy the other activities.

***The weekend is jam packed with fun and you can come and partake of some or all!!***

The show starts Friday, going from noon ~ 4:00pm. At 4:00pm, we will clear the docks and starting at 5:30pm we will again have the spectacular "On the Docks" Party. The boat show will resume on Saturday from 9:00am ~ 4:00pm and on Saturday night from 5:30pm ~ 7:00pm we will have a Wine and Cocktail Party at The Picchetti Winery - located about 4 miles from the Tahoe Keys Marina. Our show will be a judged show with many awards for the boats and their owners. Sunday from 10:30am ~ 1:30pm we have "The Annual ACBS Picnic" to be held at the Valhalla Estate on the South Shore. There will be a Boat Parade starting from the Keys at 9:30am. We will cruise around Emerald Bay and then back to Valhalla where Awards will be given out for the Boat Show. Boat tie lines and shuttle service will be available from both the water and the parking lot.



We have secured sponsorships so that we can again give back to the South Tahoe Community. We will have donations for the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society and the Tahoe/Tallac Association.

For those of you needing a place to stay, the **Tahoe Keys Resort** has offered our participants a 20% discount for lodging. They will waive the 7 night minimum requirement for Tahoe Keys Resort condominiums and allow a three (3) night

minimum. For those of you wanting to make a week of it, Vacation Homes will be at the prevailing minimum – currently 7 nights, 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](http://www.tahoevacationguide.com) For other lodging opportunities try the South Lake Tahoe Visitors website: [www.2chambers.com/south\\_lake\\_tahoe\\_california.htm](http://www.2chambers.com/south_lake_tahoe_california.htm).

Are you a new member and looking for a way to get to know other boaters? Volunteering is the perfect opportunity to meet people. The boat show committee needs your help on the show days. There are many different jobs that need to be done and if you have a few hours available Friday or Saturday, we could use your help. Please contact Cheryl Caplan and let her know you want to help.  
e-mail: [cherylcaplan@gmail.com](mailto:cherylcaplan@gmail.com) / cell: 408/605-2999.

***For more information or if you need a sign up sheet, they are available at [www.acbs-tahoe.org](http://www.acbs-tahoe.org)***

# Join Us at Valhalla!!

*Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter  
Gives Back to our Members!*

*Annual Picnic ~ Sunday, July 19, 2009*

Imagine South Lake Tahoe in the late 1800's.

Lake Tahoe was the favorite getaway for Northern California's successful and wealthy entrepreneurs. Glamorous parties, summertime festivities and beachside recreations provided the perfect escape from city living. Well, some things never change and South Lake Tahoe is still an ideal retreat.

This year's picnic will be at *Valhalla*, meaning "heavenly place" in Norwegian. Valhalla is nestled among the pines along Lake Tahoe's south shore. Visitors can capture a glimpse into Tahoe's opulent past when they explore the site. The Pope, Baldwin and Valhalla Estates are open to the public in different capacities. The Pope Estate, built in 1894, is open for guided tours and houses changing art exhibits. Valhalla is a Grand Hall with beautiful wood floors, an open wood beam ceiling, a balcony of lodge pole construction and a 20-foot high stone fireplace! It was built in 1923 and is now the site of summer concerts, the Cultural Arts Gift Store and this year on the front lawn, the ACBS Northern California/ Lake Tahoe Chapter Annual Picnic.



"The Annual ACBS Picnic" will be held from 10:30am - 1:30pm. Come by boat or by car. Boat tie lines and shuttle service from both the parking lot and the water will be available. Yes, Valhalla also has car access. Since we will be on the lawn, this will be picnic style, so bring your blankets and chairs. Food and drinks will be provided. The proposed menu is: BBQ Carmel Valley Oak Smoked, Marinated Tri Tip / Horseradish Cream Sauce, BBQ Chicken Basil Sausages / Caramelized Onions, Macaroni Salad, Carrot Salad / Raisins / Orange Vinaigrette, Fresh Fruit, and Potato Chips!

There will be a Boat Parade featuring the boats from the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic. Starting in the Keys at 9:30am ~ they will go around Emerald Bay and then back to Valhalla.

Lunch will start being served at 11:30am and the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic Awards will be awarded from noon to 1:00pm.

This catered event is open to all ACBS members and their immediate families for only \$5 per person. Guests are \$25 per person. **Registration is required.** You should have already received your sign up sheet and invitation to the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic, or you may download it from the chapters website: [www.acbs-tahoe.org](http://www.acbs-tahoe.org)

Important things to remember:

- Sign up!!
- Bring a blanket or chairs for the picnic.

Valet service available, both water and from the parking lot.

Location: Valhalla ~ South Lake Tahoe  
<http://www.valhallatahoe.com/events.html>

*Come prepared to have lots of FUN!!!*

# RESTORATION WORKSHOP



February 7 & 8, 2009



By Debra Dobbins

This was a great weekend for our chapter and 26 lucky members. They were treated to talent, food and fun for the first Restoration Workshop of 2009. **Dave & Jeri Lobb, Greg (Rudy) Rudloff** and board member **Debra Dobbins** hosted the 2-day workshop at Northwest Classic Boats near Auburn, CA.

Saturday morning started off in the "Toy Barn" with a buffet breakfast consisting of fruit, croissants, lox, bagels & cream cheese, granola, yogurt, coffee, tea and juices. Introductions were made and an agenda for the weekend was given out to all of the attendees. Debra filled and distributed the famous Hagerty black bags with notebooks, how-to handouts & article reprints, catalogs and other goodies.

With everyone comfortable, we were off to the construction shop, where we would learn from Dave and Rudy how to measure and straighten a boat bottom. Rudy explained the processes he and Dave use for measuring, cutting, shaping and replacing frame pieces. The donor post-war Gar Wood was a perfect subject as the bottom needed complete replacement. Dave actually replaced the



Curtis Bauman describing how to strip deck seams. Watching are presenters Tony Brown & Gary Minnis

stem portion of the keel to everyone's amazement. It was so easy! Well, Dave made it look easy with his 30 plus years of experience! But Dave told us it is easy, just let the boat be your guide - it will tell you how to shape and fit parts.



The breakfast spread and morning wake up in Dave's "Toy Barn."



Herb Hall discussing several engine parts and pieces.

of Western Runabouts. Everyone was given the opportunity to try their hand at “laying out the juice” on a demo Chris Craft in Dave’s varnish shop. **Wayne Mooers** gave a talk about the Epifanes product lines and the company history. Catalogs and data sheets were available, full of good information – adding more items to fill those “black bags”!

We were treated to home made lasagna, salad and garlic bread for lunch as catered by Debra’s culinary student daughter, Eyrika. It runs in the family. Don’t forget the cookies!

**Herb Hall** of The Sierra Boat Company closed out the afternoon, providing valuable information about many different engine parts, their operation and replacement. This turned into more of a discussion rather than lecture, involving everyone talking about engines, installation and things for which to watch.

A wonderful pre-arranged dinner was held in Historic old town Auburn at the Brookside Grill. Co-owners Mike and Linda opened their breakfast-lunch only restaurant to our workshop participants and spouses for a fantastic dinner of New York Steaks, Chicken Marsala and finished off with cheesecake drizzled with berry sauce. A good time was had by all!

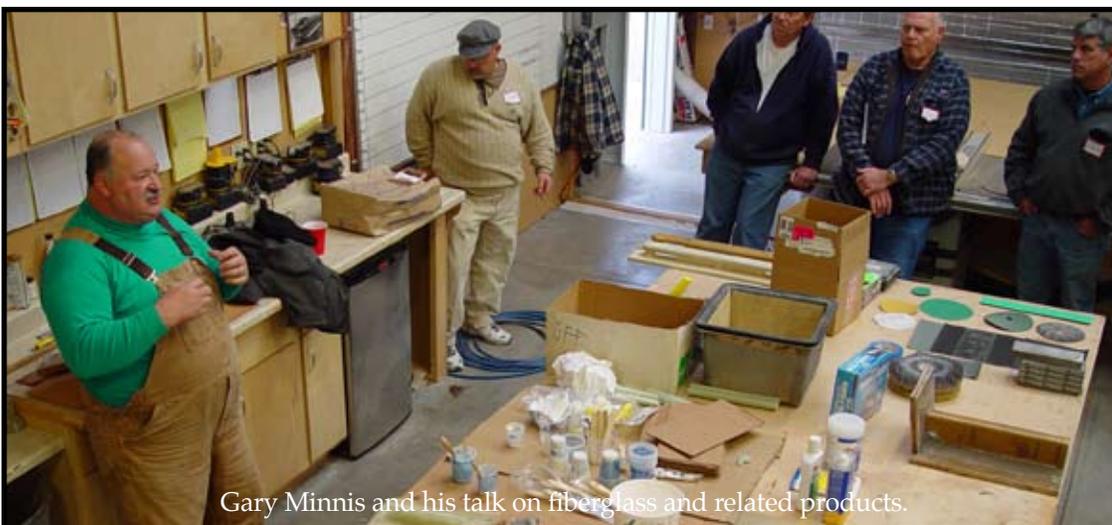
Sunday morning started with breakfast in the Toy Barn followed by varnish, striping and sanding directed by the expert brushes of **Curt** of Curtis Bauman Restorations and **Tony Brown**

The afternoon and our workshop concluded with a tour of fiberglass processes and products as conducted by **Gary Minnis** of Classic Craft. He explained required bonding conditions for strength and longevity and the best materials to use for different jobs.

A critique was filled out by those present to establish what topics worked or not. And what people want to see in future workshops. We are also looking into a spouse companion program.

**The next Restoration Workshop  
October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25, 2009<sup>th</sup>  
Sacramento area**

We will be covering the topics that you have asked for. Hopefully a visit to a trailer manufacturer,



Gary Minnis and his talk on fiberglass and related products.

more varnish work, hands on electronic and conventional ignition components installation, valve and transmission adjustment and more! Save the date, details and sign-up sheet will be available in the summer issue of *Western Wood*.





Rudy (Greg Rudloff) demonstrates bottom frame replacement of our subject GarWood.

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## **Junior Judges at the The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic**

This year as part of our community outreach, a dozen youths from the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe will be participating in the Youth Judging Program at the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic. Since The Boys and Girls Club was one of our charities last year and will be again this year, and helped us promote the boat show, it was natural to include them in this worthwhile program.

The Youth Judging Program is part of ACBS International and the kits are sponsored by Hagerty Insurance, who is also a sponsor of our show. Jeff Peterson is the Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter coordinator and this year Lee Chase will be the lead judge for the youth judges at South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic in July.

By evaluating the boats and interacting with the owners, we hope to spark interest among young people in the history and restoration of our vintage boats. The youth judges will have a specific set of criteria that will guide them through the process. We hope

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF LAKE TAHOE**

to have about a dozen boats participating in the youth judging. We will ask owners to talk to the youth judges about their boats, for instance how they acquired the boat, what interested them in acquiring

their boat and what is unique about the boat. As part of our award ceremony, a trophy will be awarded to the boat scored highest by the youth judges. We hope to make this an annual feature of our judged boat show. 

# 2008 GRANTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

2008 is the first year that our Chapter Endowment has accepted grant requests. We are happy to report that ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe has awarded two \$500.00 grants for important projects.

The first grant was awarded to the Sea Scouts at Clear Lake for the mid-ship restoration of the Konocti Phoenix, a 1966, 40' Navy utility launch. This program serves children and young adults between 14 and 21 years old with the goal of making them safer boaters now and later in life while at the same time teaching them leadership.



Back row: Jonathon Barrientes, Jesse Frazier, Ryan Andre, DJ Nadeau, Antony Mynatt Front row: ACBS member Jim Robello, Amanda Jensen, Jessica Phillips, Lisa Totorica, Sara Simmons, ACBS member Ralph Wallen.

The second grant was awarded to the Tahoe Maritime Museum for their highly successful Schools Program which teaches school children about the history of boating in their community. This grant will go to purchasing historic photos, model boat kits, line for knot tying lessons, and compasses as well as other supplies to enrich the program which services pre-school thru high school students.



Left to right: Nicole Cheslock, Education Director; Steve Caplan, ACBS Philanthropy Committee Chair; Dave "Smitty" Smith, Educator.

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early in the afternoon before anyone else got there. I spotted **Gordon Davis, Lew Dobbins** and **Tony Brown** in action, busy helping Chuck. The way, he was breaking the backs of those crustaceans, I have to remember to never get that Big Boy **Lew Dobbins** mad at me. Around 4.30, one by one, very different and interesting cars started lining up and were directed capably by **Ted Jenny, Bruce Adair** and their crew, **Ron Wolfman, Paul Mehus, Bob Donelson** to their respective spots in the amphitheater. What a sight to behold! Cars, grapes, tulips, handsome men and beautiful women mingling and talking, gearing up for the crab feed. Before we went upstairs to the crab feed, **Katie Wolfman, Gail Adair** and **Jackie Mehus** were busy handing out goodie bags and checking everyone in, making sure all were enjoying the wine, the appetizers and the ambiance.

Around six o'clock we started heading upstairs to the beautiful heritage room where yummy salad, homemade bread and pasta awaited us prior to the arrival of the Crab Feast. And what a feast it was. Of all the times, we have enjoyed Chuck's crab feed, I would venture to say, this one was the best,

sweet and succulent, a class act.

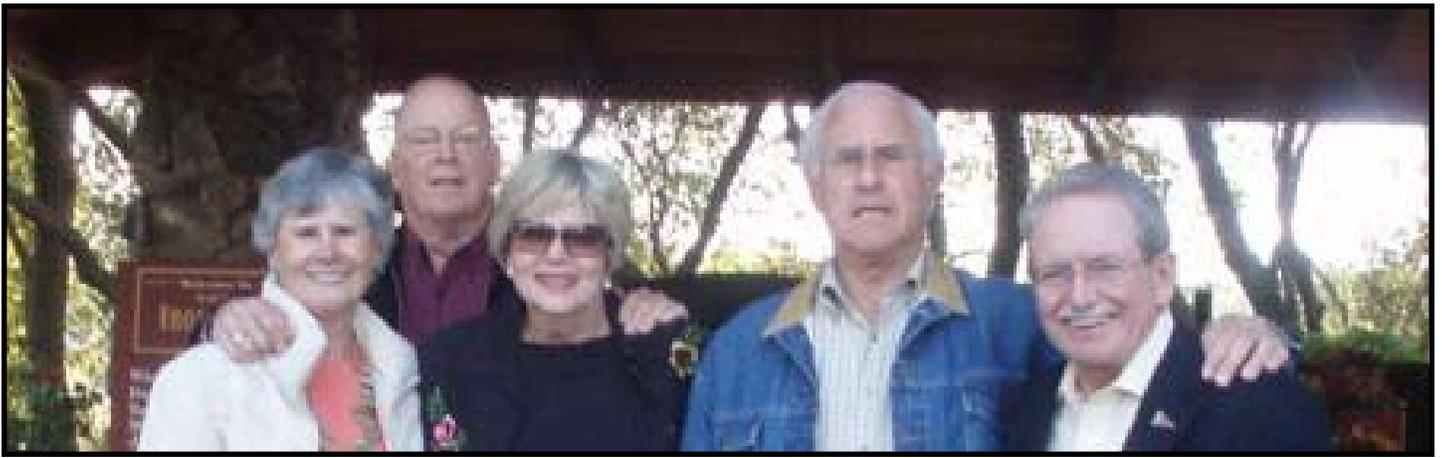
Friday night ended for Ted and I with a slow drive to our hotel, hauling our little Airstream, Ms. Cruisette. What went on that night at Murphys Historical Hotel, will stay at Murphy's Historic Hotel.

Saturday morning, we thought we would go on a little walk, grab a cup of coffee before we meet up with everyone at the hotel for our mystery ride and lunch. Wrong! When I looked around the hotel room, I found out we had forgotten our shoe bag back at the house. Not our suitcase with clothes and toiletries, (who needs clean underwear) but my bag full of shoes. Those, who know me well, know that this was not a moment of joy. There was no time to find a therapist to discuss my trauma, so off to Rite Aid in Angel's Camp we went and for \$9.95, bought a pair of flip flops. The redeeming grace was

that the flip flops had jewels on them and that my feet never hurt that weekend. Something to be grateful for and something that I don't usually relish since I buy shoes for looks and not comfort. Call me shallow, but give me my shoes.

Nine thirty sharp, we were at Murphys Historic Hotel to





meet **Bruce & Gail Adair** to firm up our final plans. When we arrived, what did we see, but a sea of cars. You guys weren't even supposed to be there until ten. Don't you ever sleep in?

Bruce and Ted handed out the maps, Gail and I handed out the directions along with a mystery game contest that I had created and off we went on our fun adventure. The ride was absolutely beautiful. The day was one of those, I am glad

that I live in California days, full of sunshine, wildflowers, curvy roads, old towns and lots to enjoy. We visited museums, did wine tasting, had lunch delivered to us and enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones. If you are ever in the area, make a point of visiting both the San Andreas and the Angel's Camp museums. A very dedicated group of volunteers work very hard to maintain these old gold country artifacts for future generations to enjoy.

Saturday evening began with wine and cheese tasting at the Caves at Ironstone Vineyards. **Gail & John Kautz** graciously hosted this event for ACBS and the selection of wines and cheeses were awesome. **Cheryl Caplan** and **Tammi Lyon** greeted everyone as they arrived and the fun began in earnest. Some opted to go on a mini tour of this wonderful winery and its' grounds; to say that the tulips and daffodils were awe inspiring would be an understatement. Others chose to check out the caves and some just hung around and drank. At seven o'clock we were escorted to the Ironstone Music Room and with the awesome sounds of the magnificently restored Alhambra Pipe Organ welcoming us to sit to dinner, our Jeans and Jewels, Gold Rush Fever concept came to life in full force. Looking around the room, I was



delighted to see how many of you took the Jeans and Jewels concept and had fun with it. I loved the jewels on the ladies and the guys were probably delighted that they could wear jeans. A special salute to Mary and John Lahti. They looked wonderful all dressed up. John should wear a tux every day. GQ for sure!

Dinner was delicious. Wonderful tossed green salad and homemade breads, beans, mashed potatoes, colorful vegetables, Filet of Beef sliced to order, apple pie. This was Gold Country food at it best. Chef James Lehman outdid himself. After dinner, The DJ came to life and dancing began. We danced and swung around

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as much as our feet would hold out and many of you outdid yourselves on the dance floor, but the prize of that evening goes to Hannah Lyon. I don't think she sat out one dance. Sometimes during the evening we awarded **Kathy & Norm Kitching** the prize for having guessed the most correct answers to the game that was played during the car rides. They guessed 17 correctly out of a possible 20. Everyone who played the game seemed to really enjoy it. Much haggling and arguing went on trying to convince me that their answers were correct even though they did not match mine. But, guess who had the final word. And as all good things must come to an end, our Saturday night ended around 11 with two or three couples sharing the dance floor for the last dance.

Our thanks are numerous and go to many!

To **John & Gail Kautz** for their wonderful hospitality and for the dedication of their staff. To Paul Mundy and many others at Ironstone for delivering an awesome experience for all of us. To our President **Dave Lyon** for giving the go ahead every step of the way and being such a positive and energetic "yes" man. To **Jared Hein**, who although not there, was very helpful in getting the money when and where needed. To the Adairs, Bollingers and Shepherds for help with mailing the invitations. To **Mary Jo Shepherd** and grandchildren for gathering the rocks and painting them to look like gold nuggets. Hannah Lyon's school will enjoy those again sometime in the future. To **Cheryl Caplan** for the great looking name tags. To **Katie Wolfman, Jackie Mehus, Tammi Lyon, Cheryl Caplan,** and **Gail Adair** for helping with check ins. To **Chuck Kelley** and his crew for the awesome Crab Feed. And last but certainly not least, to **Bruce &**



**Gail Adair** for coming along and mapping out the route, for those wonderful center pieces Saturday evening, for helping every step of the way to make this Spring Fling the best ever and for being what they are, best friends. Love you guys!

**See you next year at Spring Fling!  
Be there or be Square!**



# A Ride through Old Historical Towns of Calaveras County

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*“In life, lucky are those that enjoy  
the journey  
as much as the destination”*



*As you drive along the route, keep your eyes on the  
road, but also on the surroundings.*

*There are some cool things we have observed and  
included on a separate sheet  
for you to notice and jot down,  
sort of like a mental scavenger hunt.*

*Play along if you wish.*

*There is a present for the winner.*

*Please always keep the car behind you in your rear  
view mirror so we do not lose the caravan.*

*Also when you park at various places,  
please allow vintage and or more special cars  
the better parking spots.*

Start the ride by leaving the parking lot of Murphys Hotel and turn right unto Main Street, towards Highway 4, on to Angel's Camp. When we reach Angel's Camp, turn right on Highway 49 towards San Andreas. In San Andreas, we will stop at the Calaveras County Museum, at 30 Main Street; look for blinking light and large American Flag. ACBS will pay the entry fee at the museum. Interesting facts about this museum:

The museum comprises three historic buildings, the I. O.O.F. Hall, (1856), The Old Courthouse, (1867), and the Hall of Records, (1893). One portion of the second floor of the courthouse is devoted to a comprehensive display of Miwok Indian history and artifacts. The adjoining I.O.O.F. Hall contains photographs and household and farming objects that reveal life in pioneer mining days. Also of interest are the courtroom where Black Bart was tried in 1883 and the old jail where he awaited trial.

After half hour or so at the museum, we will continue on Highway 49, north towards Mokelumne Hill. In Mokelumne Hill, we will do a mini detour through the town, which is not much today, but has interesting gold mining history.

After our mini tour, our destination is the French Hill Winery. Interesting facts about Moke Hill:

Gold was found along the banks of the Mokelumne River in 1848, and within four years the town had become a busy booming camp. Diverse ethnic groups made up the population of the camp and racial abuse and violence were common. During its heyday it was one of the richest towns in the Mother Lode, but also one of its' bawdiest and most violent ones. During the 1860's gold began to dwindle and so did the population. After losing the county seat to San Andreas in 1866, Moke Hill, as its residents call it, settled into the placid village it is today. Historic Buildings to note on Main Street are the Hotel Leger, 1851, destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1854 and again in 1874. The I.O.O.F. Hall is also of historical note. The building looms dramatically in the north end of town. The town today bears very little resemblance to the rowdy boomtown it once was, but throughout the town an air of Gold Rush authenticity still exists.

The French Hill Winery is located in the historic gold rush town of Moke Hill, at 8032 South Main Street. Interesting facts about the winery:

French Hill Winery owes its name to the French trappers and prospectors who roamed the red clay and gravelly slopes of Calaveras County in the 1840's. It specializes in Cal-Italia varietals. Winemaker, Rod Ruthel sources grapes from the Sierra Foothills to make wines of distinction, Barbera, Sangiovese, Zinfandel, Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Port. His wines consistently win top awards in major competitions. Production is very limited and only premium quality wines are offered for sale.

Wine tasting is optional. The fee for tasting is \$3.00

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a person and it will count towards your wine purchase should you choose to buy wine.

We will stay at the winery for about a half an hour or so. After the winery visit, we will proceed on Highway 26, south. Enjoy the view as you proceed down Highway 26, as this is one of the prettiest times of the year in Calaveras County. When you come to a T, turn left on Highway 12, and proceed back towards Highway 49 and turn right on Highway 49 towards Angels Camp. In Angels Camp, we will stop at the Angels Camp Museum for Lunch and a wonderful glimpse into the history of the California Gold Rush.

Angels Camp Museum, 753 South Main Street. ACBS will pay the entry fee at the museum. Interesting facts about this museum:

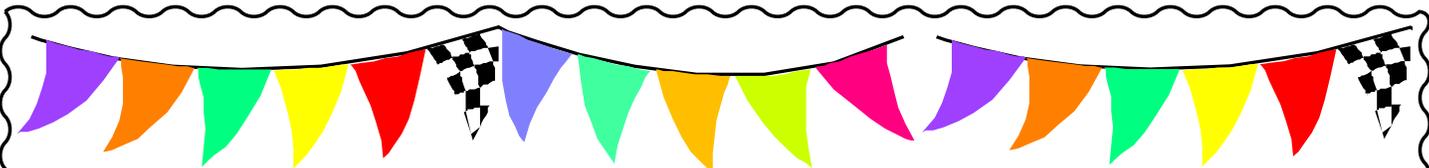
Featuring one of the finest collections of carriages, wagons and mining equipment in California, this museum contains many one of a kind and interesting 19<sup>th</sup> century household

items. A carriage house and sheds behind the main museum contain a large collection of horse drawn vehicles, farm and logging equipment, a combination blacksmith and carriage shop and a mineral collection. Amongst the displays are also a horse drawn hearse, a magic lantern and a working model of a stamp mill.

After lunch, there will be a docent tour of the museum. We will also determine the winner of the mental scavenger hunt. After that, the official part of our drive is over. Please stay as long as you wish or go shopping or antiquing or back to your hotel for a nap. We will see you at six o'clock at Ironstone Vineyards for wine tasting, dinner and dancing.

*"Some say, the best is yet to come"*

**END**



## **Ships Store**

Wednesday - June 16, 2009 ~ Sunday - June 21, 2009

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either for the first time or from previous years ~

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In March or April you should receive in the mail the TYCF Volunteer Sheet. 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.

Concours Tickets – 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". To help in planning, please contact Stan ASAP.

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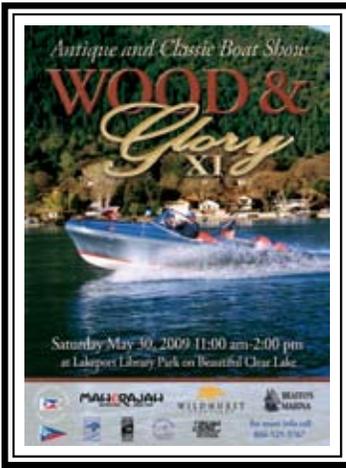
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# Wood & Glory XI

Soda Springs ~ Clear Lake, California

Friday - May 30, 2009 ~ Sunday - May 31, 2009

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Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual gathering is shaping up to be another outstanding ACBS event. As I expect everyone is aware, the primary location of the event has moved from Konocti to Soda Bay (a throwback to the 1950's). Ferndale Resort is already sold out. Soda Bay Inn, Edgewater Resort, Zino's Inn, and Belle Haven do still have some rooms as well as some RV spaces available.

For those in town early, there will be an informal gathering between 4:00pm and 7:00 p.m. at Richmond Park Restaurant & Marina in Konocti Bay Thursday evening. This is a "no-host" gathering. Come by boat or car.

The Grand Opening event begins Friday evening with a Woodie Whoopie where **John & Mary Lahti** welcome us to their beautiful lakefront home near Buckingham point. This year's theme is Rock-N-Roll (poodle skirts, penny loafers, letterman jackets, and all). You may come by boat, car, seaplane, amphibious vehicle, or ... sorry no trains allowed. Bring your favorite main dish to cook on the ACBS barbecue and a dish to share. We will supplement with salad, garlic bread and liquid refreshments ~ wine courtesy of Wildhurst Vineyards. The Lake County Sea Scouts will once again be there to assist us as needed. Another of our favorite member/sponsors, **Bob Maher**, Maherajah Water Skis and Custom Wood Tops, 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, we are keeping the best and improving the rest. The Cruise to Lakeport will originate in Soda Bay, an easy 20 minute cruise to Lakeport. Those coming from Konocti, Buckingham, and other more distant locations should leave a little early to join up with the main group in Soda Bay, while others from Corinthian Bay and Konocti Vista can 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.

There's something special up for Saturday night's dinner. Watercolor Restaurant is again catering our dinner aboard the completely renovated Clear Lake Queen. In order to serve as many people as possible, food will be served buffet style and the Queen will remain in port ~ with great views. As anyone who attended last years dinner will confirm, Watercolor Restaurant serves a great dinner. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early.

We call Sunday's wrap up picnic cruise, "The return to Fantasy Island." In the early years of Wood & Glory we picnicked on Anderson Island and for many, the island picnic was 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 host will be John Yeandle who invites 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 Danville's #2 Fire Engine; and the island's main home which was originally designed by Julia Morgan for William Randolph Hearst. The home was built in 1926 for 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.

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