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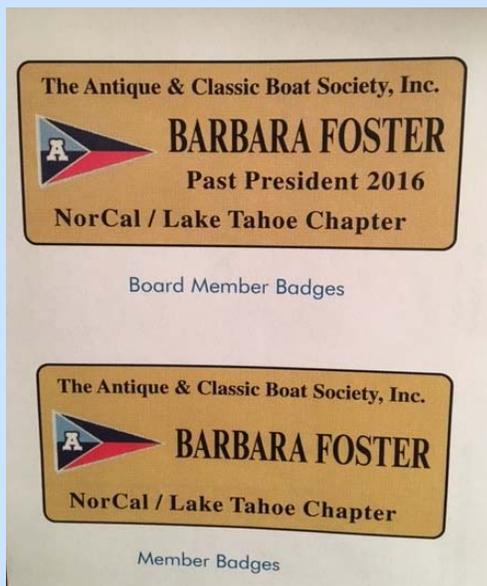
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Woodie Whoopie -Irish

August 4—Rich Fisher

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Woodie Whoopie -Clam Bake

August 18—Rich Fisher

Kay Turner's Playtime, Homewood

Lake Shasta Rendezvous

Rick & Lauri Gurries

September 7,8,9 & 10

Lake Shasta

Delta Cruise

October 6,7 & 8—Layne & Kelly Davis

B & W Resort, Isleton

Annual Meeting

November 10,11 & 12—Debra Dobbins

Aptos/Santa

Note New Date

2017 Board of Directors and Officers

Elected at ACBS Chapter Annual Meeting

At our Annual Membership Meeting in November, the ACBS NC/LT membership elected the 2017 slate of Officers and Directors as follows:

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Somewhere Along the West Shore



The Best Laid Plans... (or S**t Happens)

My winter projects were completed as planned. My Campbell (now named Creamsicle) was ready in time to take it to Wood & Glory for its first in water test, having passed its driveway test with no problems.

I was expecting a rather carefree week at Clear Lake, but life has a way of taking a different path. First there were a few backfires which blew the carburetor gasket, that really made for a rough idle. No problem, we luckily found another gasket and were back on the water again. Then came the engine racket on the way to the Woody Whoopie a Lahti's house. We had to get towed back to the dock and hitch a ride to Lahti's, which was a great event.

Up early the next morning to investigate what happened. With lots of kibitzing from Dan Foster and Gene Dangle we found that I had 2 bent push rods. This is not a good thing. I thought that was the end of using the boat that week end since who would have new push rods and why did they bend in the first place? It turns out Gene's neighbor had the right push rods for my motor (go figure). I still didn't know why they bent, but I put the new ones in and off we went.

We then took the boat up to Tahoe, after all it was running at that point. But, alas, the performance diminished and I had to investigate what was happening. I found that all the valve adjustments were off. At first, I thought the adjusting screws had moved, but further investigation revealed that the cam shaft had eroded away, that's really bad.

So, it seems that I got a bad valve job, which caused the valves to bind up and not move when they should. When the valves don't move something else must give, in this case it was push rods and the cam shaft. The metal eroded from the cam shaft had to go somewhere too, like all over the inside of the motor. This is not good for an engine, I'm told.

So now I have a new winter project. It's pretty much the same as the last winter project only bigger. I brought the boat back home, removed the motor and disassembled it. Pieces are in 4 different shops at the moment for bearings, valves, cam shaft, and all the rest.

Maybe it will be ready next season.



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President's Message



We Love Autumn !

My favorite time of year. We love the warm days and cooler nights at the end of summer. Somewhere, someone is harvesting grapes to create my next favorite wine. Most of the kinks with the boats have been worked out and the skies are interesting due to the occasional thunderheads over the mountains. What a spectacular time for boating!

Lake Shasta Rendezvous, in mid-September, here we come! A weekend long Woodie Whoopie with an abundance of boating time on another big beautiful California lake. This will be my very first time at this event and second time on Lake Shasta. So much fun and adventure to be sure!

In October, The Delta is a whole other world. Driving along the sloughs, channels and rivers is entirely different than cruising a lake. Each curve of the waterways has the potential for a new scene or another view of Mt. Diablo from the boat. Sometimes fisherman abound, causing a traffic jam in areas where the fish are plentiful. When we are at B&W Resort on the Delta, the living is easy and BBQs are a real good thing.

Depending upon the fall weather, there have been times that we have boated in November and December. No one else on the water to create a ripple. So pure, so beautiful. Clear, cold, pristine air and the ice cream still tastes wonderful. Take the opportunity whenever you can, to go boating.

Debra



Membership Corner

By Don Leutz,
Membership Chair



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

Paula Cameron – Pasadena, CA
Jim & Jennifer Hermann –
Lowell & Sylvia Merriam – Chowchilla, CA
Jerry Pierce & Ann Jones – Oakley, CA

Currently, we have 491 active members and are the second largest ACBS Chapter in the country, behind Florida's Sunnyland 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. Please encourage your fellow members to renew their memberships on a timely basis. Surely you and your fellow ACBS Members do not want to miss out on any of our many family oriented fun activities planned for this year.

The Boating Season is in full swing now. Please consider bringing in at least one or two new members this year or, perhaps, giving a "Gift Membership" to a friend or family member. In an effort to attract more youth members, giving a Youth "Gift Membership" might be just the thing to get a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece or nephew, etc. involved with ACBS. I am confident that if we can get more youth involved, they will be hooked on a lifetime hobby of Antique and Classic Boating. Our Youth Membership is very economical and attractive.

Remember, that there is no requirement to own a boat of any kind to join the Chapter. And, many Chapter members welcome an opportunity to give a new member a ride in a classic boat. The social activities of the Chapter will ensure that the recipients will have a lot of fun and meet a lot of friendly, new people.

As a member, you will receive a Membership Directory, in your choice of printed format or online. You will also receive not only the official magazine of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, "The RUDDER", 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. Members also have access to our local Chapter Website at www.acbs-tahoe.org as well as the ACBS International Website at www.acbs.org for additional information and photos.

Membership Dues:

Regular Membership: \$75.00

(\$50.00 for ACBS International, plus \$25.00 for Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter)

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(\$15.00 for ACBS International, plus \$5.00 for our local NC/LT Chapter)

For additional information on Membership and application, check out local Chapter Website at www.acbs-tahoe.org or contact me at 916-681-4751 or leutz@inreach.com.

Get Licensed

Safety First! – “Get Licensed” - (Article #14)

By Captain Don Leutz

It is not too early to start thinking about getting a California Boater Card. On January 21, 2018, the State of California is going to begin requiring any resident who operates a motorized vessel on state waterways to carry the California Boater Card, which will be issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways. This new requirement will be phased in over an eight-year period by age.

The new requirement begins on January 1, 2018, for all persons 20 years of age and younger unless they meet certain exemptions. In each subsequent year a new age group will be added to those who are required to possess a valid California Boater Card. By 2025 all persons who operate a motorized vessel on California waters will be required to have a Boater Card. The phase-in schedule is as follows:

- January 1, 2018 – Persons 20 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2019 – Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 – Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 – Persons 40 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2022 – Persons 45 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2023 – Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 – Persons 60 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2025 – **All** Persons regardless of age

Exemptions to the new law are:

- A person operating a rental vessel
- A person operating a vessel while under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a California Boater Card.
 - A person who is a resident of a state other than California who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 60 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, in his or her state.
 - A person who is a resident of another country who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 90 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, in his or her country.
 - A person operating a vessel in an organized regatta or vessel race, or water ski race.
 - A person operating a vessel who is in possession of a current commercial fishing license.
 - A person who is in possession of a valid marine operator license, for the waters upon which the licensee is operating, issued by the U. S. Coast Guard, or who is in possession of a valid certificate issued pursuant to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended.
 - A person who has successfully completed a boating course approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Boaters who are required to have a Boater Education Card

must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

There are already numerous course providers available from which to choose. Boating Safety Course providers must be NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administration) approved and be approved by the State of California. Courses may be classroom, home study, or online. It will take approximately three hours to complete an online course, while classroom and home study courses will vary in length, with most classes taking no more than eight hours to complete.

All state, territories, and provinces will recognize boating education cards that meet NASBLA requirements and Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Cards that meet Transport Canada’s requirements.

The CA Division of Boating and Waterways has determined that it will accept proof of passing a NASBLA and CA Division of Boating and Waterways approved boater education course taken between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2017. Persons who have passed an approved examination during that timeframe will have one year from the effective January 1, 2018 implementation date to apply for their California Boater Card to receive the “grandfathering” exemption, regardless of their age.

Be advised that with the new Boating Card requirement there is the possibility of a fine being levied for violating the new law. The fine schedule is as follows:

- 1st Conviction – fine of not more than \$100.
- 2nd Conviction – fine of not more than \$250.
- 3rd and Subsequent Convictions – fine of not more than \$500.

In addition to the fines, if convicted, the court shall order a person to complete and pass a boating safety course approved by the Division.

To find out more, I would suggest starting with the website: www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com for a complete list of approved courses. You can also google California Boater Card for additional information on courses offered.

As the numbers of boaters taking safety courses and obtaining the California Boater Card increase, it should be beneficial to all recreational boaters and help to reduce and prevent accidents.

See you on the Water!

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WOOD & GLORY XIX

IT HAPPENED. THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING IN AGAIN.

[Released 6-23-17, Wayne Mooers](#)

WE WELCOMED OVER 52 CLASSIC BOATS, 135 "CLASSIC" MEMBERS, 64 ENTHUSED GUESTS INCLUDING 37 NEW PARTICIPANTS. WE ENJOYED OUR BOATS, THE THOMAS' RECEPTION, THE LAHTI WHOOPIE, A CASINO MARINA SHOW & LUNCHEON, AND A LIVELY AWARDS CELEBRATION AT THE BOATIQUE WINERY TOASTING OUR W&G XIX HONOREE – CARL BRAITO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Most likely ...the best summary we can present is the colorful event pictures donated to you by Bill Groody and Joel Castro. View the complete video by clicking this link <http://bit.ly/2tbxi6w>. You may also select images on our Chapter's web site: www.acbs-tahoe.org. The images are yours to download and print to your needs! It's a Wood & Glory value-added benefit.

There is no doubt...this 19th year Wood & Glory event was successful again because a lot of our sponsors and volunteer members gave back more than they took. We thank our fellow member families, the Thomas, Lahti and Mount, for opening their waterfront homes and Boatique Winery for us to enjoy – and did we enjoy the evenings! Likewise our commercial sponsors – including Braito Marina, Maherajah Water Skies, Konocti Vista Casino & Marina along with Clear Lake Vista Resort, among other sponsors, all contributed to your smile moments and enabled Wood & Glory to be a value packed, fun event again.

Reach out and also thank your fellow member W&G volunteers who made it happen too. They included members Jane Bane, Debbie & Joel Castro, Sue & Gene Dangel, Kelly Davis, Bill Groody, Barbara & Dan Foster, Virginia & Mike Gompertz, Kathy Gregory, Mary & John Lahti, John Lawrence, Sylvia & Don Leutz, Ronda Little, Jo Anne & Ted Lyman, Dave Lyon, Judy & Jack McManus, Susan & Wayne Mooers, Madi & Robert Mount, Steve Patmont, Bob Penny and his Sea Scouts, Barbara & Doug Reed, Gail & Jim Robello, and Donna & Allen Thomas.

And the winners are: Dave Lyon's boat judging team recognized and awarded Best Century to Bob & Carol Coates' *Fireball*, a 1957 16' Century Resorter; Best Chris Craft to Rick & Annie Hill's *Tumblehome*, a 1941 17' Chris Craft Deluxe; Best of Show to Gordon Kirkland's *Ravishing Red*, a 1960 20' Strebrow; and People's Choice to Bob and Madi Mount's *Curvaceous*, a 1938 24' Greavette, Streamliner. Registrar Susan Mooers also recognizes the Rich Coey family from Modesto with bringing 8 family members to Wood & Glory – keeping it by design, a family affair!

And the other winners are: The Lake County area beneficiaries – Sea Scout Ship 711, People Services, Operation Tango Mike, and your ACBS Chapter 501c3 fund. At this time, Jim reports some \$9,000 will be shared between these groups. These funds were received from your generous participation in the Sea Scout Raffle, Silent Auction, and Live Auction items (of which the Braito Hatteras Cruise fetched \$2,200 and the Maher custom Ski / Skateboard auctioned off at \$2000. Once again, thank you all.

Next year is Wood & Glory's 20th year and it is timely I turn the helm over to your 1999 Wood & Glory co-founder Jim (and Gail) Robello as Event Chairman, along with Barbara (and Dan) Foster as Vice Chairman.

Save the Date: **Wood & Glory XX**, May 28th > June 2, 2018

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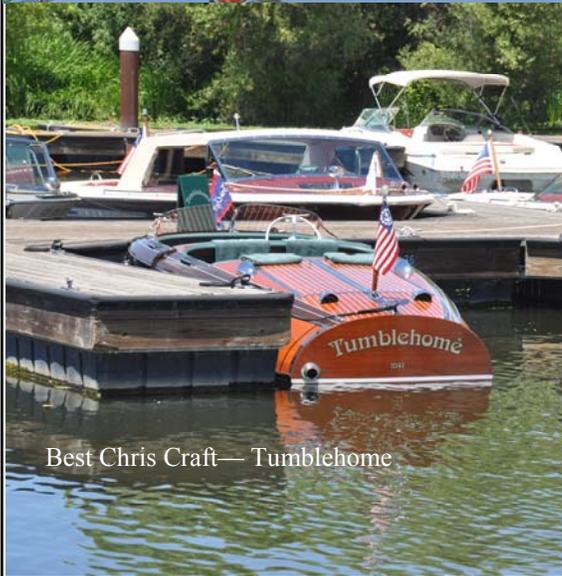
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- 1955 Chris Craft Cobra, 21 ft. Touch of Glass
- 1959 Chris Craft Silver Arrow, 19 ft. Quiver
- 1963 Wickets, 18 ft. Race Boat
- 1964 Amphicar, Model 770, 7 knots/hr in water and 70mph on land
- 1976 Serenella Venetian Water Taxi, 30 ft. Boatique
- 1998 Van Dam, 33 ft. Alpha Z
- 2011 Van Dam, 30 ft. Madeleine (custom designed by Van Dam Boats)

DELTA CRUISE

Breakfast. There are plenty of docks for our beautiful boats.

The 2017 Delta Cruise
 B&W Resort, Isleton CA – October 6th to October 8th
ITS DELTA CRUISING TIME!!

Who can resist the allure of peaceful, winding Delta waterways, watching all manner of waterfowl in their native habitat and enjoying warm, evening sunsets with the many hues of pink, orange and gold. The San Joaquin Delta has literally thousands of miles to explore and the opportunity to experience this magical area is right around the corner!



The Northern CA/Lake Tahoe ACBS Chapter wants to welcome you to join us at the California Delta for the **2017 Delta Cruise**. The first weekend in October has a permanent place on many ACBS member's calendars reserved for the ACBS Delta Cruise. This year should be even better if we reach our goal of **50 Boats**. So be sure to mark your October calendar for the weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th for your trip to Isleton!

This is a fun weekend that starts with a traditional potluck on Friday night. Be sure to arrive early in the afternoon so you can enjoy exploring some of the California Delta's 1000's of miles of twisting, turning waterways. Several of us head off to Giustis, Wimpy's, Rosa's or Windmill cove for a little lunch. Don't eat too much and be sure to take a map so you can find your way back to the B&W resort in time to enjoy the sunset BBQ with your ACBS friends. Check in at registration to get your packets for the weekend.

The Friday night BBQ Potluck begins at 5:30pm. **DON'T FORGET TO** bring a dish to share, your own meat/entrée to BBQ, and of course, libations to your personal liking! The Barbecue pits, charcoal, plates, cups and plastic utensils along with sodas and water will be provided.

Saturday morning, we'll jump start your day with a complimentary breakfast served on the levee, just above the docks at 7:30am. Then it's back to the cabin to pack your personal picnic feast and make ready to get underway.

At 9:00 am there will be a skipper's meeting on the levee and at 9:30am, Tim Stapleton will lead the parade of boats out of the Marina and into the wide Delta channel for the Poker Run Cruise to Grindstone Joe's. Tim is looking for a few boat owners to help with the poker run. Contact Tim if you can help.

Our lunch destination is Grindstone Joe's, a private island and club that has become a tradition at this event. We're lucky to have access to this unique private island. Gather with your friends under the Pavilion for a relaxing lunch, or bring some lawn chairs and games for a large lawn out back.

Returning to B&W Resort, prepare yourself for a catered BBQ feast prepared by our own, ACBS member Jim Deichler. Again, don't forget your favorite libations. Please let us know in advance of any special dietary requirements. Call Layne Davis at 408-234-7613.

On Sunday, we will be cruising to Moore's Riverboat Restaurant, located right on the Mokelumne River, for our Sunday

It's so close that everyone can boat to it, even if you're not planning on continuing on for the Sunday River Cruise. After our tummies are full and we take a group photo, we'll be underway again. It's just a short ride back to B&W to pull your boat out or to gather up for the River Cruise.

At about 12:30, we will disembark from B&W for another great River Cruise under the leadership and guidance of Gene Dangel. Who knows what this year will bring.

Don't miss this annual ACBS favorite and let's see if we can get **50** boats at this event!

AGENDA

Friday: 5:30pm Social Hour and BBQ Potluck and the B&W Resort. Bring a dish to share and your own entrée. The Barbecue pits, charcoal, plates, cups and plastic utensils along with sodas and water will be provided.

Saturday: 7:30am: Complimentary Continental Breakfast on the levee by the docks.

9:30am: Depart for Grindstone Joe's - a route map and cruise instructions will be provided upon registration on Friday evening - don't forget your picnic basket, cooler and beverages! Bring some lawn games for more fun.

5:30pm: Social hour

6:30pm: Catered dinner at B&W Resort

Sunday: 10:00 am: Breakfast at Moore's Riverboat Restaurant on the Delta Loop. Maps will be provided at Saturday dinner.

12:30 pm: River Cruise - instructions will be given out at brunch and at B&W.

For those needing accommodations, the following are suggestions you may find helpful:

- B&W Resort 916-777-6161
Cabins (likely full)
- Best Western Plus 209-367-3000
I-5 and Hwy. 12
- Delta KOA 916-777-5588
Trailer Park and 10 Chalets
- Microtel 209-367-9700
I-5 and Hwy. 12
- Rio Sands Lodge 707-374-6374
205 Hwy. 12
- Tower Park Marina 209-369-1041
Cabins and camp sites

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email, Layne Davis at 408-234-7613 or Skip145@comcast.net



WOODIE WHOOPIE TIME

We have had wonderful attendance and fun socializing among the membership at this year's Woodie Whoopies at Tahoe. Special thanks to MaryJo Shepherd, Don & Dianne Sloat, Carol and Bernie Atkinson and Kay Turner for making their homes and facilities available to the membership. Appreciation is also extended to the Jeff Peterson family who donated four folding chairs to the Club for these events.

These low key, bring your own to BBQ and BYOB events are always a pleasant way to start a Tahoe weekend. No admission fee, no reservations and no obligations make for a



simple, relaxing evening. We thank those that donated raffle prizes which are added to the Gar Wood's gift certificates, wine and miscellaneous items that are purchased with the raffle proceeds. As this article is written the totals are not in yet but the proceeds from the raffle have enabled us to cover our costs, purchase some folding chairs and have a surplus which will be donated to the Club Philanthropy Fund and to the Thunderbird Preservation Society.



Did We Make the Correct Decision?

By Lew Dobbins (or is it Wel Snibbod?)

A little over a year ago (Saturday, July 30th, 2016), we had a very special morning with several antique and historic race boats at the 9th annual South Tahoe Wooden boat Classic. A race boat show for charity, presented by the Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society. It was a fantastic show, very well attended and with 92 boats, the largest show on Lake Tahoe in 2016!

Planning for the 10th annual STWBC for 2017 started only 2 weeks after the 2016 show ended. A big Chris Craft show was in the works! Planning for a boat show of the magnitude of what we had become is a full year's work with many details for follow through. But it was not to be for 2017. So as I mentioned in the last issue of Western Wood: We went out with a bang!

Most of you know that we (my show team and myself) had to make a tough decision early this year. That was to cancel the 2017 STWBC show. After months of negotiations with the owner of the Tahoe Keys Marina, we were at the point where we could not meet all of his new and unreasonable requirements, increased costs, including wanting all monies 30 days in advance of the show and with no guarantees. We were fairly sure that if we did proceed, we would have nothing but difficulties, problems and additional roadblocks. As it turned out, this was the correct decision.

On July 12th, due to a long running unpaid water bill dispute and legal issue, the water was turned off at the Tahoe Keys Marina, shops and the Fresh Ketch Restaurant. This would have forced us to cancel the show with a tremendous loss of money to our ACBS chapter, boat owners and show patrons. The legal issue will continue but an agreement to turn on the water happened July 28th with the water being turned back on the 29th.

We dodged a major bullet!



Bass Lake

2017 ACBS Bass Lake Rendezvous
No. CA / Lake Tahoe & So. CA Chapters

The 27th Annual ACBS Bass Lake Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show, sponsored by the Bass Lake Lions Club along with The Pines Resort and The Pines Marina turned out to be a very fun, relaxing and enjoyable weekend for all... What a treat it was to have this beautiful Alpine lake full again this year for everyone to enjoy.

Teri and I along with Bob Newcomer and John Maddox would like to thank everyone that made the journey to Bass Lake to enjoy this truly wonderful ACBS event. We enjoyed viewing 43 of some of the most beautiful Antique and Classic boats on the West Coast and visiting with over 100 members and their guests during the even. The Bass Lake Lions Club wants to THANK all the ACBS members and their guests for helping make the 2017 Bass Lake Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show their most successful event to date. This would not be possible without you and your amazing Antique & Classic boats...

Also we want to thank Tom & Tammy Tusso, owners of the Pines Marina and Bass Lake Water Sports for providing us with a live band, organizing a great car show, providing us with boat slips for Friday night at no charge and serving some of the best hamburgers you have ever tasted. Thank you Tom & Tammy, you and your staff do an outstanding job!

The weather for the event could not have been better. We enjoyed temperatures in the 70's & 80's with blue skies, a light breeze and a lake full of water. This combination made for the perfect ACBS event, at Bass Lake...

With Yosemite National Park only 17 miles from Bass Lake, many members and their guests enjoy taking an extra day or so to experience the magic and beauty of Yosemite. With record amounts of snow and rain that we received last winter, the waterfalls, rivers and lakes in Yosemite National Park are an amazing sight to see.

Once that most everybody had checked into their rooms and launched their boats, it was time to make our way over to Millers Landing by boat or car for the annual Friday Night BBQ



dock.

Everyone looks forward to attending the Friday Night BBQ to visit with friends and family, meet new members, have a glass of wine or your favorite cocktail and enjoy some of the amazing appetizers and deserts everybody brought to share. After the BBQ, many of us got to enjoy a beautiful sunset/cocktail cruise back to The Pines Re-

hosted by the So. CA ACBS Chapter. What an amazing sight it was to see 30 plus Antique and Classic boats already tied up at Millers Landing as we looked for a place to



sort... Good Times. Special thanks to John Maddox and Millers Landing for all your effort to make this a very fun and enjoyable part of our weekend.

We were greeted Saturday morning with a beautiful sunny day with a light breeze. Perfect weather for everyone to enjoy while having a great time viewing these amazing Antique and Classic boats during the show. Before the boat show started at 9:00, Teri and I met up with the Bass Lake Lions Club and the Pines Marina staff around 6:30 am to set up the tents and tables, line up all the hotrods for the car show and get thing's ready for the Sat. morning coffee and pastries for everyone to enjoy. At around 7:45 am our ACBS members and their guests started to arrive to have a cup of coffee and pastry to start their day before they went down the dock to wipe down their beautiful boats before the show began. After we got the ACBS flags up, it was smooth sailing after that point. What a treat it was to be relaxing on the shores of Bass Lake, sipping a



cup of coffee and enjoying a pastry while overlooking these wonderful wooden treasures. The verity of Antique and Classic boats we had at the show was outstanding. We enjoyed viewing many beautiful Chris Craft, Century, Riva, Garwood, Hacker Craft, Mercury, Philbrick etc. and some very nice early Classic Glass. Thanks to all the boat owners for keeping these amazing Antique and Classic boats in such amazing condition for all of us to enjoy...

After the skipper's meeting it was almost time to gather out on the lake for our annual boat parade and fly-by at 11:00... This is always a fun time for the spectators and boat owners to see up close and hear these amazing antique and classic boats in action... We had close to 40 boats in the parade and fly-by which made it a lot of fun for everybody. Special thanks to Arnie & Sharon Schweer and Joel & Debbie Castro for all their help with the boat parade. I can't thank you enough. You did a great job!

The boat show concluded at 4:00 pm which gave everybody plenty of time to go back to their rooms to freshen up, relax and have a cocktail before we all met again at The Pines Resort to enjoy a fantastic dinner waiting for us at 6:30 overlooking Bass Lake. The meal could not have been better and the view overlooking Bass Lake was very relaxing. I want to Thank Jessica and all her staff that handle the special events at The Pines Resort for doing such a fantastic job on our meals, taking care of our room reservations and for your generous

donation to help pay for our Saturday boat slip fee's for the boat show. Thank You...

After enjoying dinner, everyone was treated to a great desert and a beautiful Sunset to top off their evening. After a brief board meeting by the pool, it seemed like a good time have a glass of wine or a cocktail. The evening was not over yet. Our members and their guests ended up having some fun after dinner parties. Thanks for the friendship and good times.

Everybody woke-up Sunday morning to another beautiful sunny day. We met at the boat slip's around 9:00 am to participate in the annual Chuck Kelley Poker Run. This is always a fun time that we all look forward to attending. Thanks again to Chuck Kelley & Barbara Walker with the help of Norm Kitching & Michael and Virginia Gompertz for making the poker run a lot of fun for all.

The brunch at The Pines Resort makes a splendid finale for the Bass Lake events. Both Millers Landing & The Pines Resort do an outstanding job to help cater our events. During our brunch we had some nice gift prizes and trophies to give out. Congratulation to all gift prize and trophy winners. They were all well deserved!

Trophy Winners:

- Best Runabout: 1929 Chris Craft Redhawk
Lew & Debra Dobbins
- Best Utility: 1949 Chris Craft Sharon Rae
Arnie & Sharon Schweer
- Best Restoration: 1969 Riva Nickolina
Bob & Nikki Robertson
- Most Original: 1977 Ski Tique No Name
Alex kleckner
- Skippers Choice: 1958 Glassmagic Run Around
Sue Marc Bigenho
- Peoples Choice: 1929 Chris Craft Redhawk
Lew & Debra Dobbins

Teri & I would like to thank the Bass Lake Lions Club, The Pines Resort, The Pines Marina, Millers Landing and all the volunteers for all of their help and support...

We would also like to Thank all our ACBS members for your support of these wonderful events that take place all across the U.S. Without you and your beautiful Antique & Classic boats, these events would not exist... [Thanks for keeping the dream alive!!!](#)

We have signed our contract with The Pines Resort for the 2018 Bass Lake Rendezvous scheduled for May 18-20th 2018... Save the date and make your reservations early by contacting Diane at The Pines Resort at 559-642-2585 ex. 444. Mention ACBS

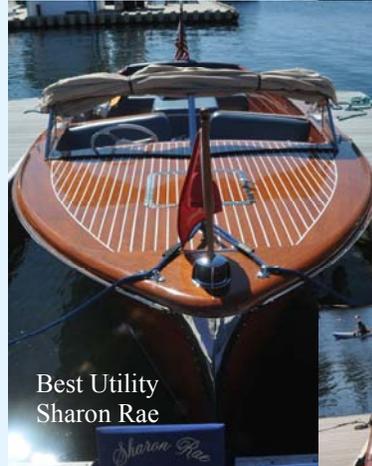
We hope that everybody enjoyed the 27th Annual Bass Lake Rendezvous and we are looking forward to seeing you again at the 2018 event. We hope everyone had a Fun & Relaxing weekend... Enjoy the rest of the boating season!!!

All the Best

Robert Gaestel & Teri Parker



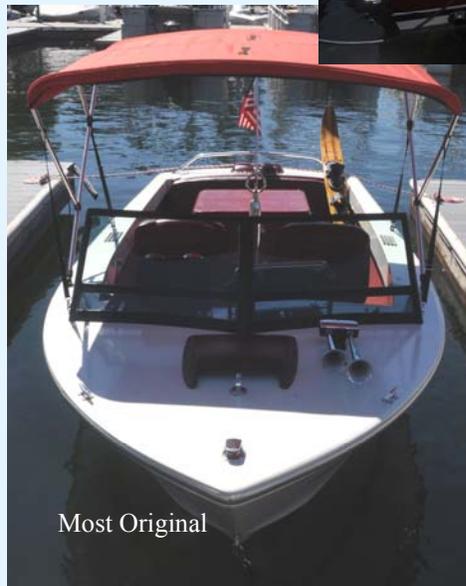
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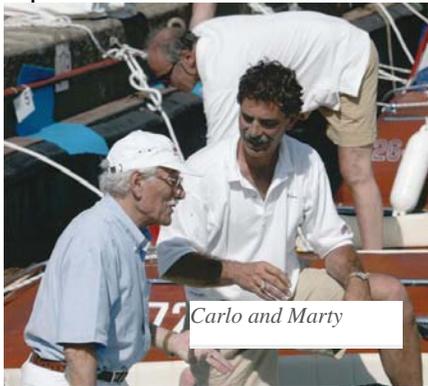
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Carlo Riva Was Fortunate To Have Had Two Riva Boat Lifetimes.

By Ron Schultz

The Northern California Lake Tahoe chapter of ACBS has a real love of Riva boats. Our members own approximately 50 Rivas which is the largest contingent of Rivas outside of Italy.

Let me tell you about the personal side of Carlo Riva. And how I, or rather we, got to know Engineer Carlo Riva, using an Italian designation that he preferred. Carlo was more than an engineer. He was the rare combination of a technical guy, an artistic guy, a promoter, a people person, a man of the sea. Let's not mention devotion and passion. And, he had style!



Carlo and Marty

Some of my friends and I met Carlo Riva briefly in 2000 at Lago d'Iseo, Italy, home of RAM the family-owned restoration and maintenance Marina, and where the boats were first built. Having him unexpectedly in our presence was an OMG moment—we were awed. Imagine, if still with us,

John Hacker would walk into one of our boat shows! It was the largest gathering of Rivas in history, a monumental event called Duemila. Keep that name in mind for later. Friends like Herb Hall and Alan Weinstein had relationships spanning years before, and they joined us too. I was there with my Riva Ariston, along with Steve Lapkin and his Riva Olympic, the only two American boats, plus maybe 15 American friends. Lasting international friendships were made. A trip of a lifetime for us all.

But we really got to know Carlo Riva in 2002 when Marty Fetto and I were on a trip in Italy, using Skip and Lin Stahmer's Riva Ariston at Lago Como. Yes, we share boats. At the last minute we heard a big event at Porto Carlo Riva on the Mediterranean in Rapallo, Italy.

Porto Carlo Riva is a legendary major marina envisioned and built by Carlo Riva, that Marty and I had never been to. It



Carlo with the Americans at Duemila, Lago d-Iseo



Lunch at Lago d'isco with Carlo

sounded like a great opportunity to check it out and have some boating fun, so we high-tailed it down there for the event—without a boat. Certainly someone would invite us aboard for a ride, since we had come all the way from America. We showed up at the event in the morning, as everyone was milling about, loading up and getting ready to depart for the day. We mingled and chatted with the group, but didn't really know many people attending the event at that time. One by one, the boats left, leaving us standing at the dock! What!? Talk about rejection!

We had previously met Pia Riva, the daughter of Carlo and director of the marina, and she knew our story. She walked up to us, asked if we needed a ride, and said she "would ask Papa." She returned quickly and said "come, Papa says you will ride with us!" Within minutes we were guests on Lipicar IV, the personal Riva Aquarama of Carlo Riva. It was just the four of us, a very personal crew, with Carlo driving. We were



Carlo, Pia, Marty, and me

in heaven! It was a full day of boating, with a lengthy lunch stop at a seaside former monastery that is now a public resort.

Now, Marty has taken apart and rebuilt nearly every modern Riva wooden boat and is a meticulous owner and self-restorer of his boats. It started with Marty dropping anchor on Lipicar for the lunch stop. A comment by him, then a full discussion of the design of the anchor mechanism on the bow of Aquaramas, and Carlo lit up! He had never heard anyone admire the design, which Carlo had done himself. It didn't hurt when Marty and Carlo snuck off to have a secret cigarette. Now friends, Marty and Carlo and I spent much of the day discussing the boats, and enjoying the boating on Lipicar IV. Back at port, we spent a little time in Carlo's office and exchanged some gifts. A day for the history books!

It didn't end there. We have since kept in touch, and spent time with Carlo and enjoying friendship with his immediate family at many yearly RHS events. It's tight group. This included most recently hosting his son-in-law and granddaughter on our turf at Lake Tahoe, when Riva was the marque class at the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation Concours. Our days with Patrizio Ferrarese, Carlo's son-in-law and part-RAM owner, Lia (Riva) Ferrarese and Chiara Ferrarese, Carlos granddaughter, stem from our wonderful Monaco Boat Service days, along with Alex Meneghini, the general manager and great friend. It's the iconic (that word gets use a lot) service facility in Monaco, where my boat was bought and kept for years, that was envisioned and engineered by Carlo, dug inside the rock of Monte Carlo. Yes, he did that too.

With the passing of Carlo Riva we have lost an iconic engineer, manufacturer, inspiration, and also resource, among many things. We have lost a resource because he was always passionate about his boats, and willing to share his knowledge of their history, design, and construction. How cool would it have been to have had the same if we had, in our midst, Chris Smith, Gar Wood, or John Hacker, for example, to explain things and tell us stories. But they were before my time. Carlo was in it.

The Riva Historical Society (RHS), under the direction of Piero and Mareilla Gibellini, has done a tremendous job of providing information about the design and construction of the boats so critical in their accurate restoration and preservation. It was respect of him and his creations to preserve and restore accurately—to his designs. What is significant is that the Society, via its international chapter clubs, has also provided owners with an outlet to use their Rivas, in a very social setting, that furthers the interest in the boats. It is through RHS that interest in Rivas has flourished, and Carlo knew it. There is an American chapter called RCUSA, founded by Marty Feletto, Herb Hall, Roy Dryer, Alan Weinstein, Judy Koch, Steve Lapkin, and myself. It is significant to note that there are many more Rivas in the USA now, than there were when they were new. Carlo was instrumental in supporting the Society, because he sincerely appreciated the love we enthusiasts have for his creations, and he wanted us to use them, not just look at them.

It didn't occur to me until the other day that Carlo was fortunate to have had two Riva boat lifetimes. The first was the design and construction of the boats as a business enterprise that he ran so successfully with admirable passion. The second came in his retirement, after he was no longer in the business of building boats. This time the boats developed and expanded international demand and appreciation, leading to their use and enjoyment. He didn't want his boats to decay or gather dust, he wanted them to be admired and enjoyed, just as he did.

Our eventful day in Rapallo is just an illustration of the kind of man Carlo Riva was. He wasn't one to leave a guest at the dock. Others will have their own stories about Carlo, for he lived a long, full life. Carlo was a fascinating man to spend time with, talking about his boats and

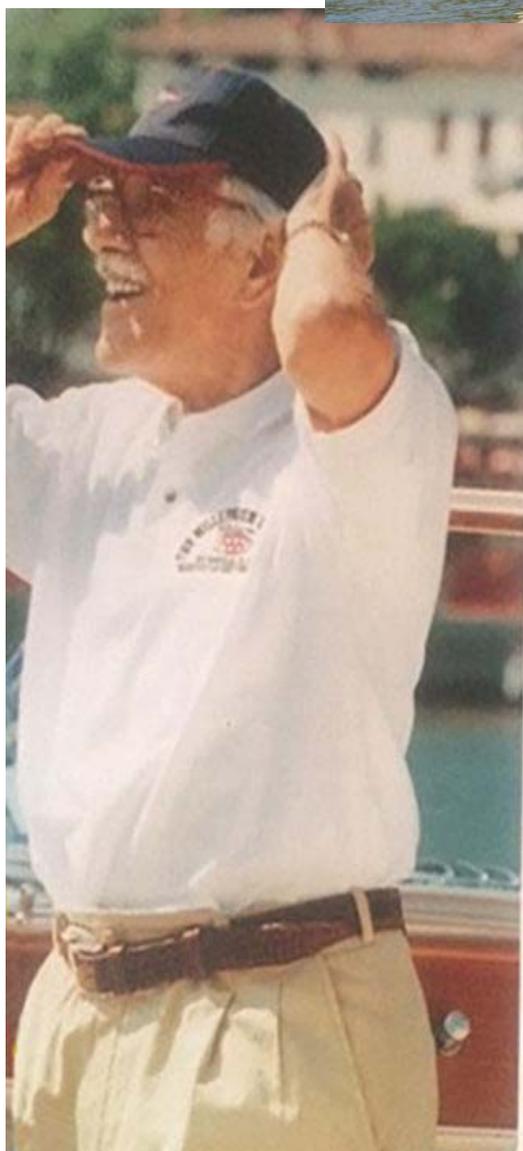
his adventures. He was warm and gracious, and happened to have a love of America and Americans. In one of my visits, he gave us a special hard cover book that he had had produced called "The Master Bridge." It's mostly a picture book about embracing Riva enthusiasts, and it tells you something when he is seen wearing Riva Club USA shirts and hats in many of the boating pics. He greatly appreciated the Riva activity we have in the USA.

In closing I have included a picture I took of the last page of the book. It is so fitting and ironic. Carlo could have chosen any picture for it, but in it he is wearing a Duemila 2000 shirt.

Ciao, Engineer Carlo Riva!



Marty Feletto and friends in his Riva Aquarama



The last page of Carlo's book "The Master Bridge"

Goodbye

*Dear owners, my friends,
Driven by the love and passion for
my mahogany boats, you have glided
on to Lake Iseo from all over Europe
and I, with great joy, have welcomed
you with open arms.*

*The colors of your flags have created
a joyful international atmosphere,
which for me is a motive of intimate
pride. I have seen you race by,
enthusiastic, motivated and happily
gratified by the performances of your
mahogany veteran boats which, to
live a long life, will always want
to sail as today. I would also like
to thank my friend Piero Maria
Gibellini, the wise and tenacious
helmsman of the Riva Historical
Society, for these priceless emotions.
Affectionate thanks also go to
Riccardo Sassòli, who patiently
met all my graphic requirements to
produce this album, and who with
the 2000 "Millennium meeting"
offered me unforgettable and
unrepeatable moments.*



The 4th of July Parade in Truckee featured a contingent of three boats and the Club trailer. What fun!



Following the ACBS trailer was *Lollipop*, a 1948 Chris Craft red & white racing runabout pulled by Steve & Cheryl Caplan in Steve's red and white 1962 Willys station wagon. The next boat was *CoCo*, a 1956 Century Resorter, belonging to Gene and Carol King who rode in their boat with their grand-kids and other family. Taking up the rear, in style, was *Knock on Wood*, a 1959 Chris Craft Continental filled with owners Miles and Conner Kashyap and their friends. The Club website has several photos of the really fun way we started our 4th of July celebrations. Several participants gathered at Rich and Nancy's home in Truckee after the parade for the classic American meal of burgers, dogs, salad and apple pie. Maybe you will be inspired to be in the parade next year!





It has been eleven years since our chapter has been to the beautiful Santa Cruz coastline. Many things have changed in the area but some of the very best have not. There are still tall, tall Redwoods, surfers challenging the waves and sea lions hanging out under the public pier.

Your annual meeting committee has been arranging for a fun weekend right in the heart of Santa Cruz! The boutique hotel, Santa Cruz Dream Inn, is on the beach and has given us a great deal on 25 newly renovated rooms that all face the ocean. We will have our meeting and dinner Saturday night at the Dream Inn overlooking the ocean. It has a very fresh and fun vibe. Within walking distance is the municipal pier, where Friday night's dinner will be held at the Firefish, and further along the shore, the famous Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to peruse in your spare time.

Some of the plans are still being finalized, but here is what is in store for you:

Thursday—Bowling (for those early-birds Thursday evening)

Friday - Visit to an amazing private car collection (still waiting on availability)
Dinner on the Wharf at Firefish

Saturday - A Steam train ride at Roaring Camp, A drive around the hills and A winery visit or two. And of course, the annual chapter meeting and dinner at the Dream Inn.

Sunday morning - Monarch Butterflies are scheduled to appear in the Cypress Forest at Natural Bridges Park.

Get on board and get ready to make your reservations for a fun weekend! Rain, Shine or Fog, we will be there. The Sign-Up sheet will be on the chapter web site soon and stay tuned for an email blast-o-gram in September from Sandy.

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"Green Hornet"

Green Hornet is our second Philbrick; the first, *Born Again*, was restored by my father and me in 1980 -- the year we joined ACBS. It was during the follow-up restoration of *Born Again* in Don Philbrick's Oakland shop in 1990 that *Green Hornet* fell into our ownership. Living in Oakland and often dropping by Don Philbrick's shop, I was aware that he was building a number of 21 ½ foot follow-up runabouts to his popular 17 ½ foot utility model of years past (our first Philbrick.) Don had decided to re-enter the new boat market after shifting mostly to restorations in the late 60's and early 70's. I saw *Green Hornet* come together as a finished boat in the period 1977-79, along with what became over the next few years eleven, identical "sister boats." Those not sold in advance were being marketed and sold through a broker Don had lined up in San Rafael. One of the first sold was to Ray Dolby of Dolby Labs fame. When *Green Hornet*

came back into Philbrick's shop in 1990, it was in very sad shape. We made an offer and the rest is history. *Born Again* was sold and our efforts shifted to *Green Hornet's* many needs.

Green Hornet is the fifth of that series of eleven, going to its first owner around 1979. We don't have the name of this person, but we do know that he had big plans as *Green Hornet* was to be the tender on his San Diego-based yacht, not yet built. Our boat has oversized and especially strong lifting eyes to raise the boat up to the yacht's deck, hoisted by its crane. This owner had specially printed stationary with *Green Hornet's* distinctive transom art and who knows what else made up as he took ownership of his new "dinghy."

The yacht never got built and *Green Hornet* eventually found itself on SoCal's Big Bear Lake, suffering mightily for years while tied to a mooring ball under slowly deteriorating canvas. When it showed up back at Philbrick's shop to be sold by Don, it was a cosmetic mess. Working with Don's input, my wife, Jo Anne and I refinished the boat throughout 1990-1991 and basically

brought *Green Hornet* back to life. For the past 27 years, we have spent many hours on the water in the Delta with family and friends and have been regular participants in ACBS events throughout Northern California for decades.

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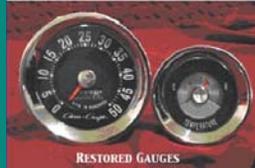
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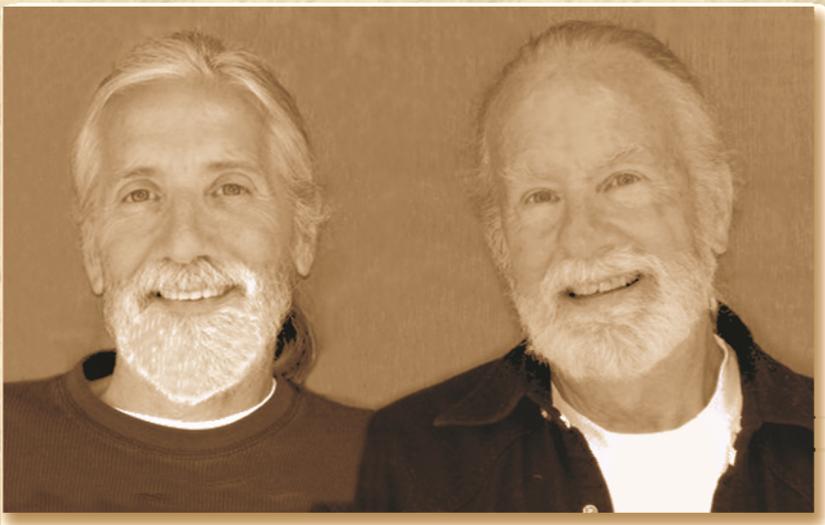
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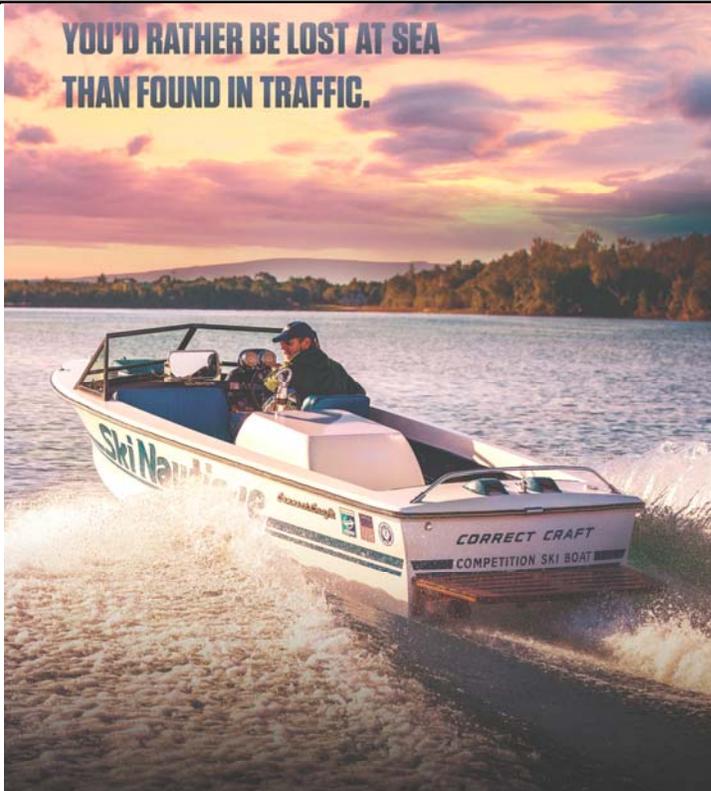
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