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Annual Meeting

November 3, 4 & 5—Debra Dobbins
Aptos/Santa Cruz

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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3rd VP:	Don Leutz
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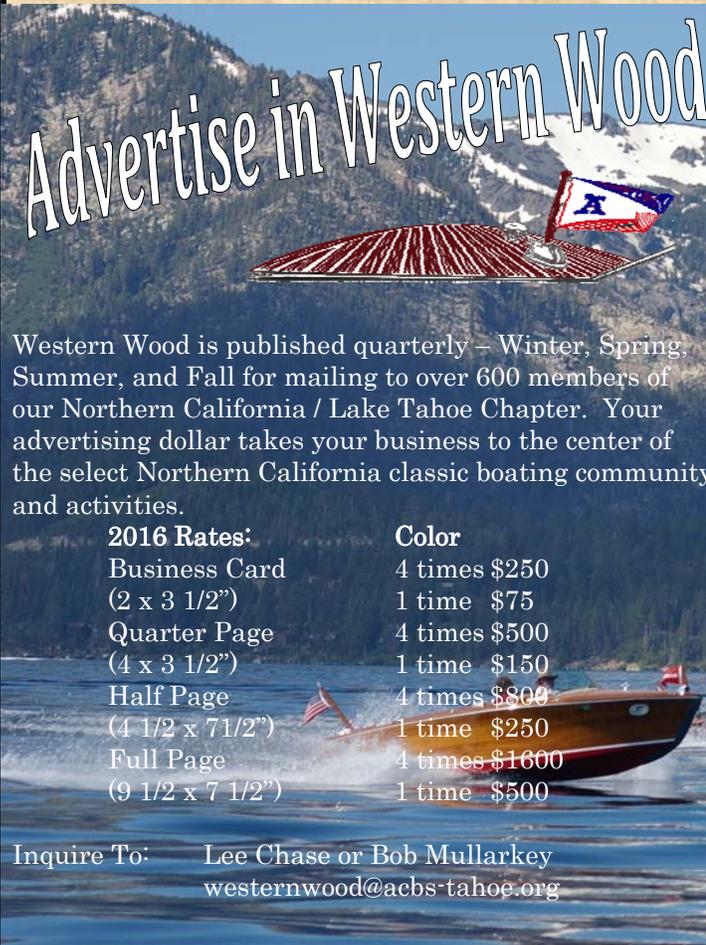
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Somewhere Along the West Shore



Now that we have wrapped up 2016, the board of directors, at their January planning meeting, made plans for 2017. There is no shortage of water this year, the lakes are full! So, in this issue we have the new calendar of events and descriptions of the upcoming Spring Fling, Bass Lake Rendezvous and Wood & Glory. Check them out and sign up with the enclosed signup sheets. Post the enclosed postcard with the events calendar on your refrigerator as a reminder to save the dates to attend the events.

Speaking of 2016 our newly formed Finance Committee (consisting of Jared Hein (Chapter Treasurer), Terry Clapham, Layne Davis and Lee Chase) is starting a series of articles to clarify out financial results for 2016 to our members, including some background and rationale for what we do. Look at the article on page 14 to learn about how we use your dues, make grants and an overview of the total cash flow for 2016. The short summary of 2016 is we worked hard, we had fun and we did well financially.

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Lee & Sandy Chase

President's Message How Great Thou Art!

We are an amazing club! There are so many things that this club does that are like no other.



We are fun! We have wonderful events that appear to function seamlessly each year. Run by dedicated volunteers and chair persons. We are the caretakers of and restorers for beautiful old boats that retain the flavor and history of the past in each one. Like the boats we cherish, the club needs to continue on past our involvement today. To do this, we wish to encourage new members to continue the legacy of the past into the future.

Every club and organization that I know faces this dilemma: How do we attract and maintain new members? By making sure that they feel welcome! Talk to them, sit with them and listen to their stories too! Encourage them to participate in as many events as possible, so that others get to know them as well. For some of us, this is really tough. We want to sit with our friends, people we feel comfortable around. That is important also! However, you could be denying yourself a new friendship or connection that eventually is a great member for our club and its future.

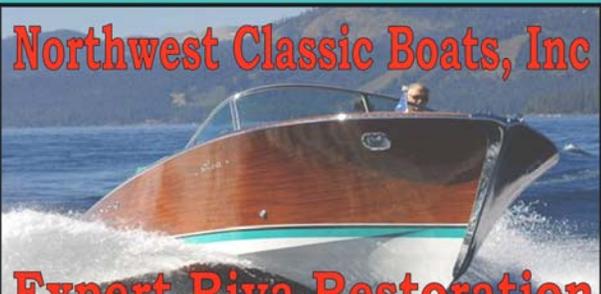
We have the most incredible, fun, interesting and responsible people right here in the club and we want that to continue as long as it can. Stepping up and being friendly makes it so.

Have a great boating season this year and every year!

Debra

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WOOD & Glory



2017 EVENT PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Event Name: Wood & Glory XIX **Dates:** Thursday, June 1 > Sunday, June 4, 2017

Planned	June 1, Thursday	Open time; go boating; view Wood & Glory "Things to Do" sites below.
Activities:	June 1, Evening 5:30pm	Hosted dinner, courtesy Donna & Allen Thomas, Corinthian Bay Home
	June 2, Friday	More open time; go boating (to Lakeport races), visit with friends, just relax!
	June 2, Evening 5:30pm	Woody Whoopie, The Lahti Family Lake Home, Buckingham Point
	June 3, Saturday 10 am	Boat Parade to Show and Luncheon, Konoctl Vista Casino & Resort
	June 3, Evening 6 pm	Wood & Glory Celebration Dinner, Boatique Winery, Robert & Madi Mount
	June 4, Sunday	Open time - view "Things to Do" sites below

View Last Year Activities: www.acbs-tahoe.org,
 Picture galleries / Wood & Glory XVIII 2016 event on our Chapter's web site. Review past W&G people and fun time boating smile moments on line.

Things to Do: www.lakecochamber.com -
 Lake County Chamber of Commerce's *Destination Magazine 2017* on line. Page through over 100 informative pages covering Lake County's past and present. A complete summary of activities both on and off the water offered under Boater's Guidebook selections. Jim & Gail suggest - dining at the classic Tallman Hotel (Upper Lake) and the new Twisted Sisters restaurant (Lakeport), visiting equestrian centers and museums, etc when you are not on the water.

www.lakecountywineries.org -
 Lake County Winery Association's complete member listing & winery details. W&G is an associate member of the LCWA. Their website presents a wonderful review of their 50 Lake County winery members. Gene and Sue Dangel 925-937-9213, sgdangel@sbcglobal.net are our Chapter's W&G winery "advisors" and will assist you with your own "Wine & Glory Tour" needs.

www.boatiquewines.com -
 The Mounts will open to W&G their award winning wines and complete facilities to tour daily from 11 > 5. It is a great place to bring your friends, picnic lunch, hang out, and also enjoy your fellow member Bob & Madi's boat collection, bocce ball courts, and Madi's Garden. Your W&G Boatique Hospitality Director is Nahani Bohan - 707-279-CORK.

New This Year:
 June 2-4th, (web site pending) [Lakeport Sprint Boat Grand Prix](#) race boat event. Sanctioned by Southern California Speedboat Club, this event will feature 8 classes of contemporary world-class race boats with speeds to 140 MPH. This is NOT a W&G / ACBS activity; yet we support them and our John Lawrence 925-787-2000, johnlaw5@aol.com can tell you all about these racers. We anticipate our members will want to "classic boat" on up to Lakeport during your open time options.

Where to Stay: www.lakecochamber.com / *Destination Magazine 2017* / A complete listing of Lake County Lodging is offered.
 Our W&G activities focus primarily on west shore resorts near the towns of Kelseyville and Lakeport as listed. Clear Lake Vista Resort, Kelseyville (sorry, booked up) and now Konoctl Vista Casino Resort & Marina, Lakeport are W&G primary centers. The Casino (where we hold our Saturday show & luncheon) is holding a block of newly renovated harbor view rooms for W&G at \$89.10 rate plus tax. Reference W&G, reserve KVC rooms toll free at 877-577-STAY; direct line 707-262-3279. www.kvcasino.com.

More Information:
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See you soon, & Lets Go Wood & Glory Boating



Membership Corner

By Don Leutz,
Membership Chair



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

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

Jesse Mitchem – Reno, NV

Einer & Nancy Elbeck – Alameda, CA

As of the beginning of 2017, we now have 507 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. You surely do not want to miss out on any of our many family oriented fun activities planned for 2017.

Member Challenge: AT our last ACBS NC/LT Board Meeting, long time member, Norm Kitching, challenged all Board Members to bring in at least one or two new members in 2017. I thought it was such a good idea, that I would pass along the challenge to all of our members. It would be especially great if we can attract and bring in youth members, especially in light

of the new very economical Youth Membership.

Another one of our members, Wayne Mooers, has suggested that we, as members, consider giving "Gift Memberships" to our friends or family members, including a son, daughter, grandchild, or great grandchild that might be interested in joining ACBS, even if they don't currently own a 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 Directory of Members 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. Be sure to check our 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 are extremely reasonable: \$50.00 for ACBS International, plus \$25.00 for Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter. Youth Memberships are just \$15.00 for ACBS International, plus \$5.00 for our local NC/LT Chapter, for a total of just \$20.00 for youth under the age of 21.

For additional information on Membership, or for an application, please contact me at 916-681-4751 or leutz@inreach.com.



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- 1949 Ventnor Deluxe Runabout, 19 ft. La Fin
- 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)



DENIM, DIAMONDS AND DAFFODILS

Spring Fling April 7, 8 & 9



We are so excited to bring Spring Fling back to my favorite two towns in California, Nevada City and Grass Valley. It has been eleven years since The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter of ACBS has been to this area and it's about time everyone returned. We are very proud of this area. Home of the largest gold deposits in California, beautiful lakes, clear rivers and tall pines. This is a pretty nice place! We have a rich history of gold mining, lumber production and agriculture throughout Nevada County. Two of the most productive mines in all of California are close to town and are popular state parks, Empire Mine and Malakoff Diggins. The North Star Mine became part of the Empire Mine and was owned by the Bourn family. The same family that built Filoli near Woodside. A Place Built on Gold Mines, Nevada City, is a town preserved in Victorian history, despite having burned to the ground several times. They finally rebuilt it using brick and mortar. Grass Valley, only 3 miles away, is a bit more modern with many buildings rebuilt in the 1920s & 30s on mostly level streets. Both towns are charming.

Grass Valley there are two shops to visit: Curtis Bauman Restorations, where he and Aaron Gack await your arrival, Eric Thearling works with engines, wiring and all of the amazing details for Riva's. Bob Robertson has been restoring boats for several years at his home shop, and lastly, Lew Dobbins will be showing off his shop and collection of rare Americana, both just outside of Nevada City.

LADIES TREASURE HUNT AND TEA

When you arrive in Grass Valley, a stop at the Holiday Inn is REQUIRED. Our spring Fling team of Virginia Gompertz, Annie Hill and Debra Dobbins have an afternoon designed JUST for the gals while the guys are off roaming around boat shops! From Noon until 2:30 P.M. on Friday, we have a Treasure Hunt, of sorts, planned for all the gals. Shopping in town, wearing a fun (or funny) hat of your choice, and picking up a special ticket at designated retailers will help familiarize you with town. At 2:30 everyone convenes at Tofanelli's for tea, coffee and some delicious munchies. Here is where you turn in all the tickets you have collected. Each chosen retailer has donated a door prize that we will be giving away. What a fun and interesting place Grass Valley is!



RESTORER SHOP TOUR

The weekend begins on Friday with a shop tour of six wood boat and marine engine restorers en route to Spring Fling. Starting with Northwest Classics in the Newcastle countryside, Dave Lobb and Greg (Rudy) Rudloff will be welcoming guests that wish to visit. Next stop is Tony Brown's shop, Western Runabouts in the Ophir/Newcastle hills near Auburn, where he and assistant Jacob Klever would love to show off their current projects. In



DINNER AT LEFTY'S

After everyone has checked into their hotels and freshened up a bit, we are off to Nevada City for cocktails and dinner. Owned by two left handed Chef's, Chris and John, Lefty's is a favorite local bar and grill. Newly expanded and renovated, we will have an entire floor and deck with a bar to ourselves overlooking Deer Creek.

DAFFODIL RAMBLE

Saturday morning, rise and shine! We are heading out for a country drive and history tour. The North Star House was built for Mary Hallock Foote and Arthur De Wint Foote, the head mine engineer and manager of the North Star Mine. The Foote Manor has been rescued and under renovation for a number of years now. We then meander on down the road for a leisurely tour of the southwest end of Nevada County's countryside. Arriving at the Lake Wildwood Community Center we are stopping for a luscious box lunch with a view of the lake. We intend to have a local winery on site for some wine tasting. Be sure to bring your fun cars for the drive.



OPTIONS, OPTIONS

There are a few adventures nearby. A 20 acre garden called Troll Knoll to visit: <http://www.trollknoll.com/>, some wineries to get back to, a famous large covered bridge at Bridgeport, a drive through canyons, across rivers and through forests too see. You can also head back into town and peruse Nevada City or head to Empire Mine and visit the Bourn Cottage! <http://www.empiremine.org/>

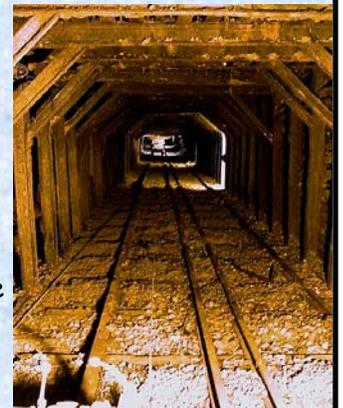


BACK AT THE BARN...

Saturday evening we are getting together at the Holiday Inn Ballroom for cocktails and dinner. Here's your opportunity to show us what you've got! The theme is Denim and Diamonds (they don't have to be real) and we want you to interpret that anyway you choose! Be creative! This is supposed to be fun! There will be a silent action with some 'guy stuff' we have dug up and dragged out for bid as well as other fun items. And did I mention the ice cream bars?

SUNDAY MORNING

Time to get up and get over to the ACBS board meeting, also at the Holliday Inn, or forget that and sleep in and go to breakfast. There are a few places around that have a good breakfast. You have time to do some of the things that you may not have gotten to on Saturday and have a safe drive home.



Remember that we have blocked rooms at two hotels in Grass Valley. Mention "ACBS" when booking. The Holliday Inn Express & Suites Gold Miners Inn - Grass Valley. 530-477-1700 is the local number to call for the booking discount. Their web site is: https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/grass-valley/gsvca/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--EX--USA--GSVCA

The Grass Valley Courtyard Suites is the other hotel where we have blocked rooms. This is NOT a part of the Marriott's chain but locally/family owned, operated and a great place. 530-272-7696. <http://www.gvcourtyardsuites.com/>

Keep your eyes posted on the chapter web page for the sign-up sheet.

<http://acbs-tahoe.org/events/event/spring-fling/>

Please call Debra Dobbins at 530-263-3229 or email at Losthorsebooks@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

2017 ACBS Bass Lake Rendezvous

The No. CA/Lake Tahoe and So. CA ACBS chapter's want to welcome you to join us at Beautiful Bass Lake for the 27th Annual Bass Lake Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show and Rendezvous... This truly wonderful event has left many special memories throughout the years and is guaranteed to be a very Fun and Relaxing weekend for all... The first in the water boat show for 2017 begins on May 19th through May 21st, but if you can arrive a couple days early to Bass Lake, try to plan a side trip to enjoy the Beautiful and Magical views of Yosemite National Park only 17 miles away... With all the rain and snow that we have been receiving this season, the waterfalls will be amazing to see... What a treat it will be to have Bass Lake full again this year after the harsh drought that we all have had to deal with the last few years...

For the past 27 years the No. CA / Lake Tahoe & So. CA ACBS chapter's have met each year at Bass Lake to get together with friends & family to support the Bass Lake Lions Club and to see and hear some of the finest Antique & Classic boats on the west coast... With the lake level full last year, we had 33 boats in the show and this year it would be great to have 40 plus boats registered for the event... As a special bonus this year we will be having a Hot Rod Car Show on display for all to enjoy over looking Bass Lake next to the boat docks... Good Times!!!



Your weekend will start off Friday where you can launch your boat at your leisure... Use the boat launch at The Pines Resort Marina or by the dam just past Millers Landing on the other side of the lake... There is N/C to keep your trailer at The Pines Resort trailer parking lot above the Bass Lake Market and a \$3.00 fee at the launch by the dam... There is a \$10.00 in/out fee to launch your boat at the Pines Marina and N/C to launch your boat by the dam... Boat slip fee's at The Pines Marina are \$35.00 per night and Millers Landing slip fee's are \$25.00... There is no charge to keep your boat at the Pines Marina Sat. night after the boat show thanks to the generous donation by The Pines Resort and The Pines Marina to take care of our dock fee's

for the boat show and our Sat. overnight boat slip fee's at The Pines Marina... So if you are keeping your boat at The Pines Marina Saturday night, only pay for Friday night.

Friday at 6:00 pm is the So. CA ACBS Chapter annual Hot Dog BBQ at Millers Landing... Arrive by boat or car... This famous BBQ is held at the cabin just above the boat dock's at Millers Landing and is a great time to visit with friends and family that everyone looks forward to attending... Just bring a Salad or Desert to share and your favorite beverage and the So. CA Chapter will take care of the rest.. Special Thanks to John Maddox, Bob Newcomer and Millers Landing for setting up this Great BBQ for everyone to enjoy...

Saturday morning will begin with Coffee, Juices, Doughnuts, Pastries and many other breakfast treats to start off your day at 7:45... This will be held on the decking next to the boat launch above the dock's at The Pines Marina... The 27th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show will start at 9:00 am till 4:30... This is a very relaxed boat show and you may take your boat out on the lake anytime during the show... We love hearing your engines, so fire up your motors through-out the show... Many Thanks to the Bass Lake lions Club for setting up all the tables, chairs and tents for us to use during the boat show... Please keep in mind that there is a 5 mph speed limit on the lake from Sunset till 8:00 am...

Around 11:00 am we will have our annual boat parade and fly-by... Arnie Schweer really does a great job organizing this fun portion of the boat show where all the boat entries parade past the dock's so all the spectator's can see and hear all these beautiful Antique & Classic boats in action...

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





Bass Lake after dinner with friends and family...

Hope you can join us Sunday morning at 9:00 am for the 16th annual Chuck Kelly Poker Run... Everyone that wants to participate will meet at The Pines dock's at 8:30 am...

Chuck Kelly and Barbara Walker do a wonderful job organizing this fun poker run... Right

after the poker run, the Pines Resort will have an amazing brunch ready for us to enjoy at 10:30 am prior to our awards and prize winners... Tickets for Dinner and Brunch are available on-line or with your registration sign-up sheet...

We have rooms blocked at The Pines Resort starting at \$149.00 for a very roomy 2 story chalets with TV's, kitchen, fireplace and back deck for entertaining guests...

Please make your reservations early and come join us for this very Fun and Relaxing event... Ask for Diane at 559-642-2585 ex. 444 to make reservations... Let Diane know you are with ACBS or use No. CA/ Lake Tahoe chapter name for our special room pricing...

Teri and I hope everybody has a Fun and Relaxing weekend at Beautiful Bass Lake...

For rooms or other reservations:

The Pines Resort	@ 559-642-2585
ex. 444 ask for Diane	
The Pines Marina	@ 559-642-3200
The Forks Resort	@ 559-642-3737
Miller's Landing	@ 559-642-3633
Yosemite Gateway Best Western	@559-683-2378
State Camp Ground (on the lake)	@559-642-3212

Bass Lake 2017 Event Schedule

Friday May 19, 2017

The Pines Resort & Pines Marina will pay for the overnight boat slip fee for Saturday only. Friday night will cost \$35 .

6:00p.m. The Southern California Chapter's **Annual Hot Dog BBQ** at

Location: [Miller's Landing](#).

Bring your own beverage of choice and dish to share; for last names beginning with:

A-M Bring Hor d'oeuvres or Salad / N-Z Bring Desert :

You may pick up your Boat Show packets at this time from- Robert Gaestel, Teri Parker, Bob Newcomer, John Maddox or a Lion's Club member.

Saturday May 20, 2017

7:45a.m. Complimentary Coffee, Juices, Doughnuts, Danish rolls plus many other breakfast treats.

Location: [The Pines Resort Marina next to the boat launch above the Dock's](#).

8:00a.m. Bass Lake Lions Club sponsored Boat Show registration

Location: [On the dock's at the Pines Marina](#).

Pick up your Boat Show packets if you haven't already done so. Boats will be on display until 4:30p.m. in the marina, but come and go as you wish. Please feel free to start your engines during the Boat Show. We love hearing them.

Boat parade and fly by the docks - See time when you check in.

5:00p.m. No host pool side cocktails:

Location: [The Pines Resort Pool Deck](#)

6:00p.m. Dinner buffet catered by The Pines Resort,

Location: [The Pines Resort Pool Deck](#)

Sunday May 21, 2017

9:00a.m. 16th Annual Random Rally ("Chuck Kelly Poker Run") will start dockside at

Location: [The Pines Resort Marina next to the boat launch](#).

10:30a.m. Pool side Brunch and Awards.

Location: [The Pines Resort Pool Deck](#)

Delta Cruise 2016

The Delta Cruise is the last ACBS boating event of the season and one of the most relaxing events of the year. This year we needed the relaxation because of all the work our members put into the international show and pre-events just one week prior to the Delta Cruise. I was worried that turnout was going to be down due to all of the events that everyone had participated in this year, but our members proved me wrong and showed up in force to the Delta Cruise. We had 46 boats registered for this year's cruise and 134 people, which is the most I've had since I began organizing the event 3 years ago.

The event began Friday night, September 30th, however many members showed up Thursday for an additional day at the B&W Resort and a potluck BBQ at Gene and Sue Dangel's RV. Friday morning, several boats started rolling in and everyone was getting ready to head out on their own for lunch. A large group always heads to Giusti's, a staple on the delta, for a traditional Italian lunch. A group of us however, went around the corner to Wimpy's Restaurant for a nice lunch. I think we overwhelmed the one waitress that was there when 18 of us walked in, but she did a super job of getting our food out to us in a timely manner. Then it was back to B&W to get ready for the Potluck BBQ and actual start of the weekend.



The tables were all lined up along the levy, overlooking the boat slips that were now getting filled up. The BBQ's began to smoke, wine corks began to pop, people were helping members dock their boats, and everyone was beginning to enjoy the leisurely pace of delta life. Everyone was enjoying their dinners, meeting new friends, chatting with old friends, and making it a wonderful evening.

Saturday morning started off with a great breakfast on the levy put on by lots of hard work from Laurie Gurries, Nikki Robertson and Joy Taylor. The fruit, muffins, yogurt, granola, bagels and my favorite, hard boiled eggs, were delicious. So



much so, that just about everything was eaten and all of the coffee drank just in time to get your map from the Poker Run Organizer and Cruise Director Tim Stapleton. Tim led us once again on a great poker run covering as much of the delta as he can while avoiding as many as possible 5 mph zones. Thanks to Gene and Sue Dangel, Greg and Micki Joseph, and Chuck Kelley and Barbara Walker for sitting out in their boats, handing out cards at the stop locations. We ended up at the private island of Grindstone Joe's for a picnic lunch, lawn games, and more of that "relaxation." I love watching all of our old and new friends hanging out on the deck just above all of our beautiful boats at the docks.

Boats began leaving one by one on their own back to B&W. As we were getting ready for dinner, some folks were napping, some relaxing and others carrying on even more conversations. Ronda Little was hard at work decorating the tables with her wonderful wine bottle decorations and table cloths, and Joel and Debbie Castro were getting everything else set up. Food was again prepared on sight by "A Touch of Mesquite Catering" out of Lodi. The feast of Salmon, Chicken and Steak was outstanding. Tim Stapleton announced the winners of the poker run with Rich and Sherri Coey on their boat Reminiscent, having the best hand. I presented them with a basket of goodies, including wine, snacks and a set of "spooky" Halloween wine glasses.



Sunday morning we woke to cloudy skies with chance of rain but that didn't stop this group. We had 16 boats cruise to brunch at Rosa's Restaurant at Tower Park while others were able to drive there for the meal. After filling our bellies, we headed out on our Sunday cruise for ice cream with Gene Dangel leading the way. As we headed up the south fork of the Mokelumne River, the skies got dark and it began to rain. We had a heavy downpour for about 5 minutes and then it stopped. This allowed us to cruise past Wimpy's Restaurant, through the cross channel gates and into the Sacramento River. We were



stopping for ice cream at Walnut Grove and we got all the boats secured at the city dock. Peter and Jackie George however had to get back to B&W, so they continued on. We all headed up the ramp and into the ice cream parlor forming a line from the counter all the way thru the shop. As we were in line, we looked outside to find that not only had it started raining again, but it was a torrential down pour, lasting for 15-20 minutes. It made us think of Peter and Jackie, who were probably only to the first major bend of Georgiana Slough, on their way to B&W. I forgot to ask him later how wet they got.

We finished our ice creams and headed out to the boats. We traveled down the beautiful Georgiana Slough and back to B&W, without any more rain. I really need to thank my committee for putting on such a great, relaxing event. Rick Gurries and my wife, Kelly Davis, helped me with everything else all weekend that is not mentioned in this article.



Layne Davis, Event Chairman



All of our ACBS events require lots of volunteers and we're always looking for more. If you're interested in helping at this event, or any other, contact one of your board members.

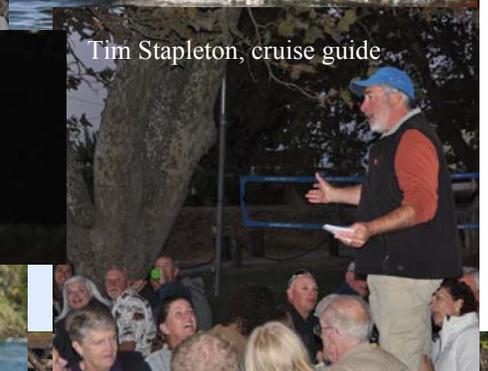
Save the date for next year's Delta Cruise of October 6, 7, & 8, 2017(always the first full weekend of October). Sign up sheets will be coming in the next Western Wood and will be on line. Remember to bring your families and recruit a friend.

Layne Davis
Delta Cruise Chairman

Babara Foster,
Chapter President



Tim Stapleton, cruise guide



Chris Craft Through The Ages

At The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic

By Lew Dobbins

Christopher Columbus Smith is credited for being one of the first to bring pleasure craft to our boating world. His earliest boats in the late 1800s were actually small Punts and Lap Strake row boats used for duck hunting. At the turn of the new century, internal combustion engines were making their way into small boats. Chris Smith was building one-off power boats and in the teens, boats for racing. This attracted a lot of big names and big money, Garfield A. Wood being one of the more famous names. There would be several financial partners to come and go with Smith building racing boats and the Smith name was making news with the wins in the racing world. But Chris knew that racing boats would never pay the bills and thus looked toward building pleasure boats for the common man.

Chris Smith & Sons Boat Company became one of the first boat builders to design and produce a standardized pleasure boat in quantity. The name "Chris~Craft" was born in 1922 with Chris' son Hamilton coining the name. Jay Smith, another of Smith family boys, trained in engineering, marinized the WWI surplus Curtiss OX-5 aircraft V-8 engine and 24 boats were built that first year. The boat was a 26' triple cockpit runabout with a staggering 90 horse power!

Chris Craft Hull number 6, from 1922, survives to-



day in running condition on Lake Tahoe. She resides in the collection of the Tahoe Maritime Museum in Tahoe City and proudly wears the name *Godfather*, with the roman numerals "IV" on her hull sides. She is the oldest known surviving Chris Craft.

The Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter proudly announces the 2017 South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic boat show, a show for charity. This coming July marks the 10th annual show at Tahoe Keys Marina in South Lake Tahoe. With this special anniversary, a special show theme was needed. Incoming chapter president Debra Dobbins felt that we should honor one of the names that started it all, Chris Craft, a name that is near and dear to many of our hearts. Weather you own one now or just grew up with or around them, everyone knows Chris Craft!

To honor the man, the family and the company that started it all over a century ago, the 2017 STWBC show theme will be "Chris Craft Through The Ages". We start the show with *Godfather* from 1922 and wish to show Chris Craft boats from the 2017 line as well. The show looks to you to fill in the middle, all of the boats in between.

Last year, the 2016 STWBC, with our Race Boat theme, saw 92 boats registered. This was the largest boat show of 3 on Lake Tahoe in 2016 and for the past several years. The 2017 show with the Chris Craft theme promises to be even bigger! Our show is growing and will also see a couple of nice changes. One of the changes will be the addition of Valet Parking. We are working on improved food,



larger variety in the Beer Garden and bringing back the Trophy Room after last year's success.

The 2017 STWBC Show dates are Friday and Saturday July 28th and 29th with the Show dinner Friday evening the 28th and the chapter picnic Sunday July 30th. We will be accepting sign-ups at the Early-Bird rate after the first of the year.



Stay tuned for more information on the show as the plans unfold on the chapter web site:

<http://acbs-tahoe.org/category/event/> The boat show web site will be all new with improved navigation and access to registration and information. The new site (with the same address as in the past years) should be up after the first of the year as well:

<http://www.tahoewoodenboats.com/> Additional information will also be included in the Winter 2016 and Spring 2017 issues of Western Wood.

Questions: Contact Lew Dobbins at 530-263-0412 or email: L.dobbins@sbcglobal.net



\$ YOUR CHAPTER'S MONEY \$

Have You Ever Wondered How Your Chapter's Dues Money is spent?

Part #1- Dues and Grants

The newly formed Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility to analyze the Chapters year end financial statement and informing the membership of our findings. We are beginning a series of articles to clarify our Chapters finances.

Back in the early days of our Chapter we found ourselves in a bad financial position after overspending on hosting the ACBS International meeting early in the 90's. The Board of Directors had to reach into their own pockets to cover the short fall. Subsequently, to avoid that situation again, we did some creative fund raising and tightened control on the treasury. Fast forward to today, we are now in an excellent financial position, are having many fun events and make grants to our community non-profit organizations.

In this first article, we cover dues and grants aspect of our finances.

Dues

Every member of our Chapter pays dues. Over half the dues is for the printing and mailing Western Wood which every member receives. Members also have the opportunity to participate in our events including the Annual Picnic which members attend for a reduced fee. Dues money also pays for the administrative expenses required to keep the chapter running. Chapter dues neither fund grants nor events other than a partial subsidy of the Annual Picnic.

Dues money received by the Chapter for the year 2016 was \$11,905 while operating and administrative expenses of the Chapter for the same period were \$15,126 leaving a short fall of \$3,221 which was covered by Chapter reserves.

Operating and administrative expenses of \$15,126 for 2016 consisted of the following: Western Wood net of advertising revenue \$7,936, ACBS Annual picnic \$2,369, Presidents travel and meetings \$1,945, Board meetings \$1,317, Miscellaneous expense \$464, Gifts and awards \$357, Depreciation \$336, Administrative expense of \$313 and Federal and other filing fees of \$89.

Event Grants

Our Chapter has a long history of working with local communities around our events. By doing this we help the local communities, the local communities help us and we all have fun! For instance at Bass Lake we partner with the local Lions Club who raise money for the deaf and blind by finding sponsors for our show, collecting the gate money and holding an auction of donated items. It's one of their largest fund raising events. At Wood and Glory an auction is held and the money raised goes to the local Sea Scouts and others. In turn the scouts help us out at the events. The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic involves several local organizations including the Tahoe Maritime Museum, the Boys and Girls club, the Kiwanis Club and others.

So where does the money come from that the Chapter granted in 2016 to other non-profit organizations? The Chapter grants are funded as follows: Grants of \$6,500 made in connection with the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic are funded by fees and contributions of \$34,400 paid by the business exhibitors, corporate and commercial sponsors of the show. The excess of the \$34,400 from exhibitors, corporate and commercial

sponsors over the grants of \$6,500 goes to defray other cost of the show. The exhibitors, corporate and commercial sponsors participate and sponsor the show with the understanding that their fees/contributions will support the show and the grants made to other non-profit groups. The \$6,340 of grants made in connection with the Wood & Glory event are solely from the proceeds of the auction held at the Saturday evening dinner which raised \$6,340. The bidders at the auction are aware that the proceeds of the auction are donated to non-profit organizations.

Endowment Grants

That leaves the grants made from the Chapters endowment fund in the amount of \$2,999. Annually the Philanthropy Committee solicits grant request from non-profit organizations. The Committee reviews each grant request paying attention to the program for which the soliciting organization has requested the grant and makes recommendations to be approved by the Chapters board. The funds used to make these grants come from earnings of the Chapters endowment fund. The Chapter had \$4,001 of endowment earnings available to make grants for the year 2016. The excess of the \$4,001 over the grants made of \$2,999 is available for grants to be made in future periods.

The Big Picture

The above explains only a small piece of the Chapter financial pie. Our events comprise the biggest part of our cash flow. Events are paid for only by the members attending the event. The fee for attending an event is calculated to cover only the cost. That is we try to break even. This is not easy to do since we don't know in advance how many will sign up for a given event, but we have to set the fee in advance. If we have a surplus in an event it goes into Chapter reserves and is used to cover any shortfall in other events.

For the year 2016 our total chapter income was \$255,117. This number is higher than usual since we hosted the ACBS International Meeting and Boat Show. The income pie chart shows from where the money came. The expenses pie chart shows where the money was spent. It also shows that we had a \$20,105, or 7.9%, excess of income over expenses. This is a very good result especially considering the uncertainty involved in organizing the new events at the ACBS international meeting. This money goes into Chapter reserves to cover possible future shortfalls.

Our events are lumped together in the charts except for the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic (STWBC). It is shown separately since the STWBC involves more money than all our other events combined. In future articles, we will show the financial details of this event and the other events as well.

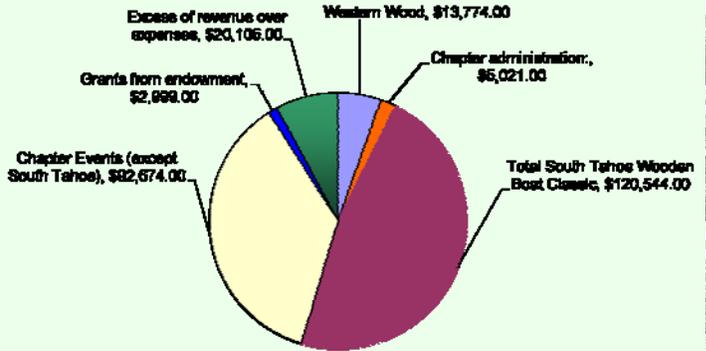
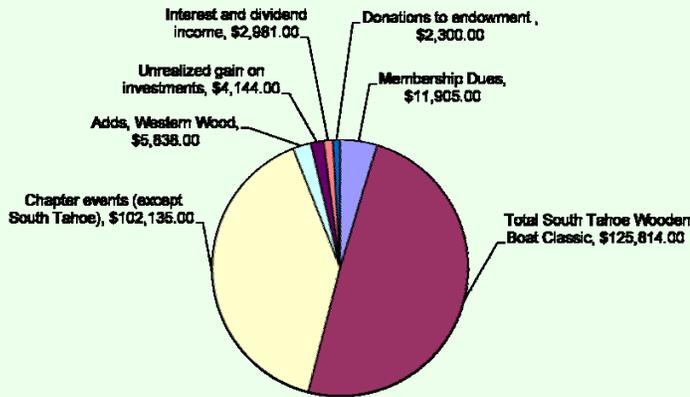
In viewing the expense pie charts, please be mindful that the expense for the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic includes the \$6,500 granted to other nonprofits that was underwritten by the event exhibitors, corporate or commercial sponsors. Likewise, the event expenses include the \$6,340 of grants made from auction proceeds raised during the Saturday evening dinner at Wood & Glory.

For a full copy of the Chapters 2016 financial statements contact Jared J Hein, Chapter treasurer.



Chapter Income 2016
total \$255,117

Chapter Expenses and Excess 2016
total \$255,117



Total cash flow this year is higher than usual since we had the additional income and expenses from hosting the ACBS International Meeting and Boat Show.

The event expenses include the grants made from the proceeds of fund raising activities associated with the events.



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Safety First! **“Flotsam”** **(Article #12)** **By Captain Don Leutz**

The 2017 Boating Season is upon us and the ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter has many scheduled boating events planned for the year.

The good news is that, at least in Northern California, we have had lots of rain and a good snow pack in the Sierra Nevada. That means Lake Tahoe should have plenty of water this summer after several years of drought which dropped the water level considerably. Reservoirs in California have been filling up and Rivers have been raging. Whatever your boating pleasure, we should all have excellent conditions for our boating activities with the exception of a hazard we haven't seen in years called “Flotsam”.

Technically, the term “Flotsam” has a specific meaning under maritime law. “Flotsam” is defined as debris in the water that was not deliberately thrown overboard, often as a result of a shipwreck or accident. For the purposes of this article, and for the lack of a better term, I am going to stretch the meaning to include any floating debris.

Over the last several years of drought, the water level of Lake Tahoe, other reservoirs and rivers has gone down. During that time, there have been numerous trees, branches, picnic debris, and other things that have fallen or left around the various bodies of water. In addition, heavy rainfall has washed debris into streams and down to the lakes. Most bodies of water end up with lots of debris that washes from the shore and streams. As the waters reach their peak this summer, these items may become dislodged and float into the body of water. Some of the items will become waterlogged and become somewhat, if not all the way, submerged causing a hazard for boaters.



Boaters need to be vigilant about keeping a lookout for the various floating debris that they might encounter at any time. Striking a submerged object, (which includes running aground), is one of the most common insurance claims for boaters. Even in good visibility, logs and branches, etc. are difficult to see. Watching for irregularities on the surface of the water might signify dangerous debris. Should you see such irregularities, or ac-

tually see a floating log or other debris, cut your engine immediately, or make a sharp turn to avoid hitting the object, but be carefully not to turn so sharp that the stern of your boat swings into the object that you were trying to avoid.

Should you actually hit something there might be severe damage to your boat and the safety of your passengers. Cut your engine and take a deep breath and assess the situation. Check the bilge for any sign of leakage. If possible, check the prop for damage. If everything appears to be O.K. you can start the engine and try to determine if everything is operating correctly by watching the temperature gauge to be sure the engine is not overheating, as well as watching the other gauges to be sure the engine is operating within specifications. Also, listen to the sound of the engine and the boat underway to determine whether there is any difference in the “normal” sounds.



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Another issue to be alert for is possible changes in the bottom of the body of water. The bottom dirt or sand may have shifted causing a shallow spot where there was none before. Or, debris can build up on the bottom in a particular area, causing an unsafe passage for a boat.

Be aware of old pilings that may have been seen during the drought years which could now be submerged with the increase in water level. Debris can also be trapped or lodge against docks and pilings. Drifting trees and large timbers may be grounded in shallow areas and might not be seen if submerged.

While the outlook for a great boating season is upon us, with more water than there has been in years, be safe and on the lookout for “Flotsam.”



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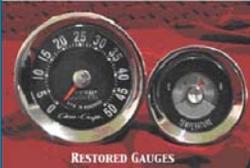
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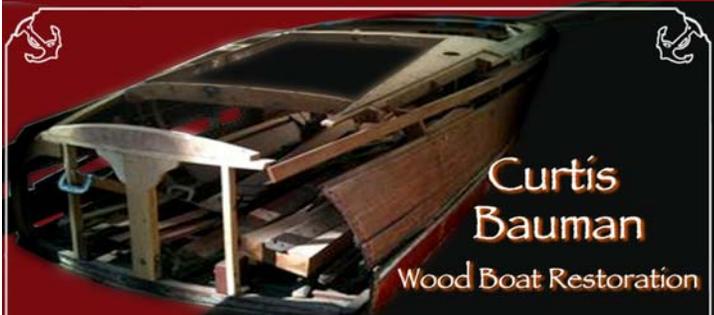


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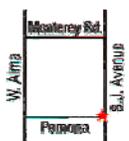
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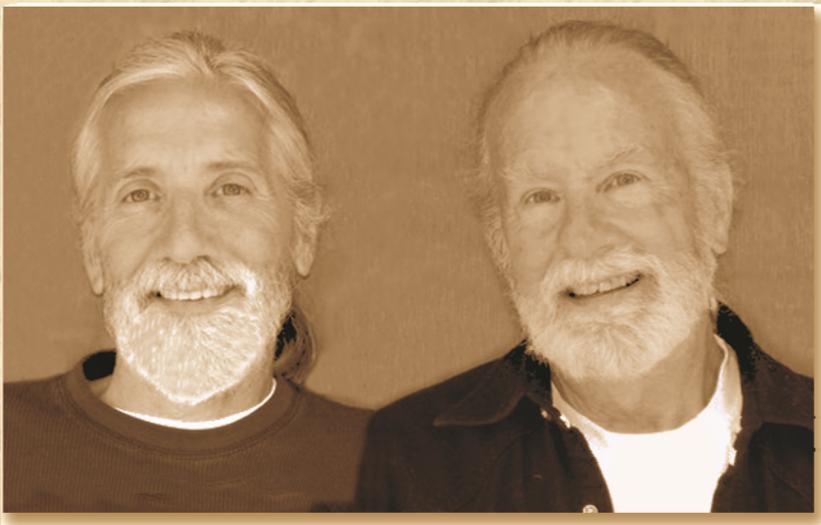
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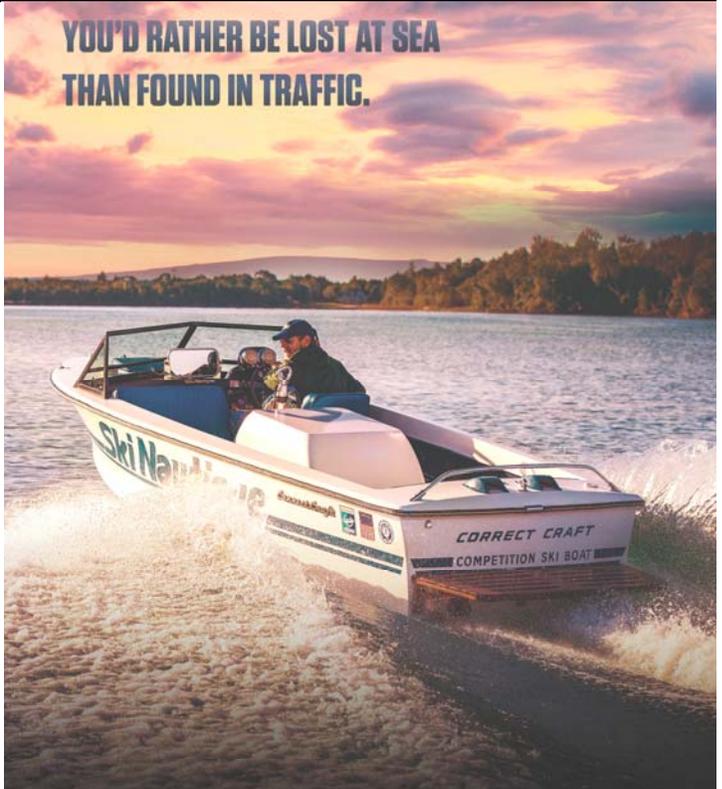
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