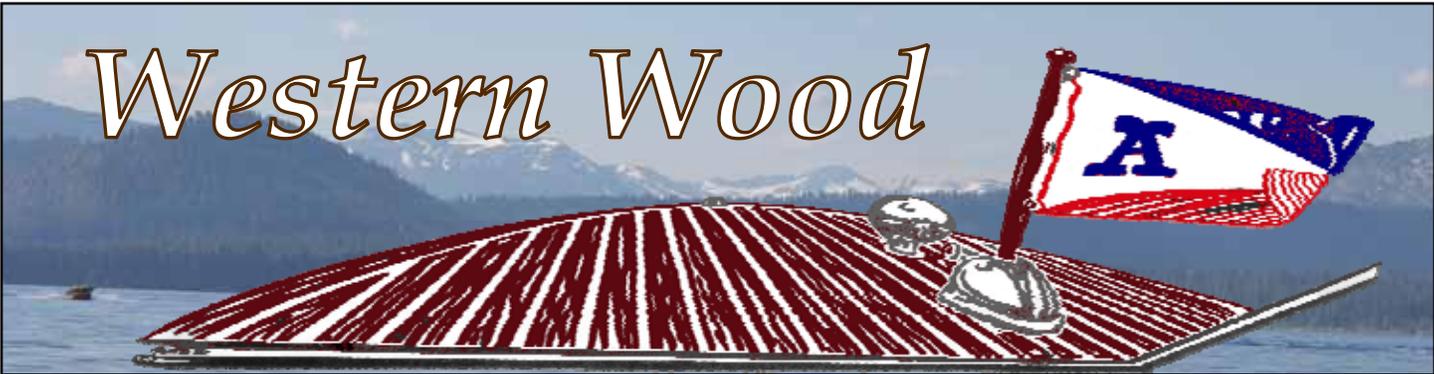


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The Endless Winter

I remember a surfing movie when I was a kid called “the Endless Summer”. This year we got the opposite. Despite the challenging weather this year, we managed to have some outstanding events.

The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic was a tremendous success. It’s almost impossible to describe the magical evening of the Gatsby Dinner at the Pope Estate. It started with a fairly convincing downpour which deterred no one. When the rain stopped the festivities continued, backlit by the sunset lighting the clouds over the Lake. It reminds us why we keep coming back to Tahoe.

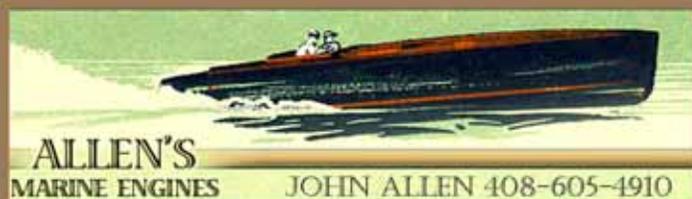
We still have the Delta Cruise event coming up and that is always a fun event. It’s our last in the water event. How did the summer go by so fast? - Lee

Lee and I had the pleasure, along with many other ACBS members, of participating in 2 Boat shows this year. And what spectacular events they were. Our own STWBC was the best yet, wonderful people and spectacular boats. We had 5 V12 Engines in the show, counting the Thunderbirds 2 engines, Besotes’, Philbrick’s, Sea Lyon’s, Gar Wood’s, Century’s, Chris’s, Riva’s and more. The Concours featured the Gar Wood this year and they came out in force. What a sight that was. Our own Fran Casey won Peoples Choice for his Miss DeMeanor.

It is always fun to get an award for the boat, but the judging also allows the owners to find out what on their boats is historically correct and what isn’t. Every boat has a story as some of you shared it in our program this year. I got great comments about them, thanks. We all are preserving history one boat at a time. —Sandy

Happy Boating,

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President's Message

In my last column I commented that we were in for a great boating season with the heavy rain and snow filling the lakes to higher levels than seen for a number of years.

Little did I know that there was more rain and snow to come. Those of us that attended the Bass Lake event saw rain Sunday night followed by snow on Sunday morning. The weather at Wood and Glory set a record with rain most of the weekend. Saturday to Sunday saw the heaviest rain with a total of two inches falling. Just when I thought that the rain was over for the year, we got a thundershower during the Great Gatsby party at the South Tahoe Wooden Boat classic. That makes the record 75% for rain at events so far this year.

Even with the rain, we have had an outstanding Wood and Glory event. Thanks to quick thinking by the Wood and Glory chairs and their staff, the event was moved inside.

Bass Lake started of with great weather for the Friday night barbeque. Saturday was clear but cloudy for the boat parade. Dinner Saturday night was followed by live entertainment. The Sunday morning poker run was cancelled and the breakfast was moved inside due to rain and snow. Other than some wet and frozen boat covers, all had a good time.

If you were at the South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic, you know that the show was a sell out. Friday night On the Docks was standing room only. The great Gatsby would have been right at home at the Saturday night party at the Pope Estate. It was priceless to here the stories told by members of the Pope family. If you weren't there, mark your calendar to attend the show and events next year.

Every year many of us say, "Where did the summer go.". Well summer isn't over but it will be soon so don't miss out on the summer that is left. Check the ACBS website at acbs-tahoe.org for the calendar of remaining events and sign-up now.

Each of our Chapter events takes a complement of members. As I noted in an earlier article, in order to continue with outstanding events, we need volunteers to assist with future events. While some members have come forward to volunteer, we still have a number of future events that need your help. If you would like to help plan and or staff an event, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing you at the remaining *Jared Hein*

events.

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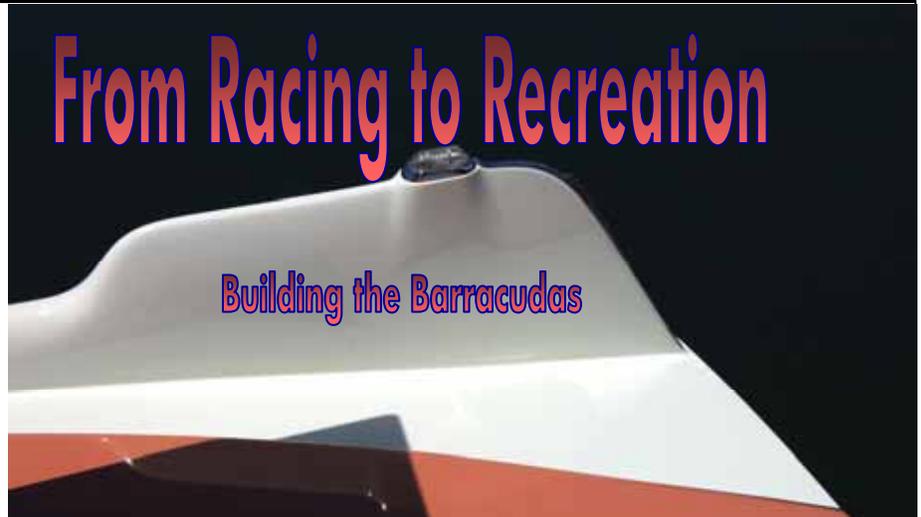
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The Dan Arena Story

part III

By Dan Arena



1954 was a year of change with spring finding the Dan Arena Co in a beehive of activity. The new Miss Wayne was under construction for Warren Avis. It would be powered by two Allison, 12 cylinder aircraft engines mounted side by side. At this time one could find several other hydroplanes in the shop for repair or repower. They were being prepared for the upcoming racing season. Also, in one small corner of the shop was Dan's own personal project, a 20' Gentleman's racing runabout.

Dan's company was located on the river in Mt Clemens, Michigan. It had grown over the years into a full service marine providing parts, repair, and storage for the recreational boater. His interest in racing and high performance boats was still strong, but business pressures and family responsibilities made it necessary for him to reconsider his current path and explore the building of some recreational watercraft. Dan's passion and talent as always, continued to be designing and building boats. My Dad often said, "Dan wouldn't have his current new boat off the drafting table for construction and he would be designing yet his next creation."

On a more personal note, brothers Dan and Gene each had two children. Their wives desired a more traditional life style that included a home, a backyard, a dog, etc. The women also preferred life in California where family and friends resided. Gene was still assisting his father in the wine industry. Each year for the four months of the grape harvest he would move his family to California. This was hard on his children's education.

The other concern that was paramount to the family was the increasing danger of the sport. Dan's reputation, from the very beginning of building competitive, durable, and controllable boats, had earned him the respect of both owners and drivers. This was especially noticeable with the success of his last race boat, the "Miss U.S." Years later its sister ship (twin) would achieve a world's record. It was the fastest piston powered boat over a measured mile. It maintains that record to this day. However, a major concern was that the design and handling of some race boats lagged behind the power that was produced by the WW II aircraft engines. It was a few years previous to this time that six drivers were killed in just one racing season. The word had spread that the only profession more dangerous than driving an unlimited hydroplane was that of an Air Force test pilot. Hence, as in other dangerous sports such as auto racing, more and stronger regulations were needed; both Dan and Gene worked in that endeavor.

As for myself, in 1954 I was ten years old and the boatyard was my playground. The old question whether it is environment or heredity that directs one's life long path is hard to answer. As far back as I can remember, it was boats and big engines that made my heart beat faster. To this day, I can recall the sounds from the large band saws and milling machines as well as the aroma of the wood as it was cut into shape. The memories still make me smile today.

Frequently, there were newspaper reporters, magazine writers, or customers at the shop, and it seemed that someone was always directing me to go upstairs to the apartment and wash my face and put on a clean shirt. Prior to this time the publicity was about an upcoming race; this time it was going to be different.

A full page ad of Dan's new creation, "The Barracuda", hit the stands in several boating magazines that July. Dan Arena's life was about to change. Phone calls seemed to be coming from everywhere, and people were stopping in to see the boat before it was even finished. He was perplexed. His original intent was to build a limited number of the



traditional “Gentleman’s Racer” with a modernized flair that would appeal to the performance boater. Much to Dan’s surprise, it seemed that his notoriety as a race boat builder and driver had trickled down to the recreational boater. Within weeks he realized his facility and limited labor force could not handle this new project and be constructed of wood.

The design of this new boat, nicknamed “The Dream Boat”, already included some large fiberglass trim features on the deck such as fins and cowlings. Dan had done the same on his later hydroplanes with fiberglass. Therefore, it was an easy jump to consider building the entire boat from fiberglass, and before an engine was even installed in the “Dream Boat” Dan began designing and building a new fiberglass inboard named the “Barracuda Sportster”.



This was the first time that Dan was not eager for the publicity for he wasn’t ready. The brothers worked quietly and constantly on the first all fiberglass boat. They were able to hold off a large group of people who were following the progress of the Barracuda. Some of the interest was generated by Chris Craft. Dan had a close relationship with the Smith family who owned Chris Craft. During this time there was some serious talk about the purchase of Dan Arena Co. by Chris Craft. The sale never took place because Dan was unwilling to be tied to an exclusive design contract for Chris Craft. Immediately, Chris Craft began work on a new boat of their own. the “Cobra”.

As 1954 moved on, changes were made to the plug that would accommodate the removal of the fiberglass hull and deck from the molds. September saw both the hull and deck parts finished and ready for assembly. There were some major factors that worked in Dan’s favor during the design and building of the Barracuda that led to its successful completion.



First, his friend, Herb Mendelson, opened the door to the automotive industry for him with General Motors. Dan’s exposure to the dramatic changes for the new automobiles for 1955 allowed him to incorporate some of the styling, colors, and the trim into his fiberglass boat.

Another factor aiding the fiberglass Barracuda was directly related to the make-up of the fiberglass itself. New resins, colored gel coat, heavier woven roving, and a new hexcel parchment honeycomb structure for strength and rigidity were of the utmost importance.

Last, the motor played an integral part in the boat’s creation. Dan was able to purchase a few of the

pre-production Interceptor engines from the new Dearborn Marine Company. The new, smaller, light-weight, Ford “Y” block with a hydraulic clutch transmission would give him the performance edge he desired.

By early 1955 Dan’s entire shop was working on the boat. Water testing, changes and retesting were important to the craft’s success. The first Barracuda Sportster was completed and detailed by the end of February just in time for the Chicago Boat Show. The boat was completely covered and towed from Mt. Clemens to the Twenty-Second National Boat Show in the International Amphitheater in Chicago. Dan and Gene could only guess what peoples’ reactions might be to this fiberglass creation.

The boat was not unveiled until moments before the show opened. While the brothers uncovered the shiny, two toned combination of charcoal gray and coral with a three-seat cockpit a crowd started to gather. It seemed that for the rest of the show they never stopped answering questions. This was the very first all fiberglass powerboat!



An article in the Chicago newspaper appeared the next day titled, "Observer Awed By Wonders of Current Boating World" by George Stricker. Excerpts from the paper included, "Show hit – the Barracuda designed for maximum durability. Can do up to 55 miles per hour to the average seafaring pilgrim it looks like a Cadillac with wheels shorn off and the radiator punched to a point. For \$5,000 you can take it home Arena is now geared to produce a Barracuda a day. The same item, custom built of wood, would take a month. Yes, there is romance that inspires a certain amount of reverent awe as you behold the Barracuda provided you can keep your eyes off the price tag and your mind off the rent".

Although the Chris Craft Cobra had its debut at the show, nothing came close to the impact that the Barracuda had on the marine industry. The bright colors, durability of fiberglass, and sports car styling would change the future of power boats for decades to come. That year Dan Arena was awarded the Sportsman Club of America Award for Advanced Design and Engineering.

Dan and Gene returned to the shop in Mt Clemens with Barracuda orders in hand, and a new direction for the rest of their lives. Dan immediately began building two new deck models including a runabout with a second cockpit in the back and an open utility which went on to become the dominant model as water skiing became the craze. Gene concentrated on transforming the shop from building wood boats to building fiberglass ones instead. This shift took longer than anticipated pushing production and delivery to several months. Completion of previous race boat commitments also slowed down the shop's transition.

One of the first utility models was delivered to Dan's father in California who became a west coast distributor for the company. The exposure of this model at the west coast boat shows, as well as other shows around the country, inundated Dan Arena Company with both orders and dealership requests. Production began falling further and further behind. As boat building continued in 1956 it became glaringly obvious that the Mt Clemens facility was unable to produce the year round volume they would need.

The wives were eager to return to California, but everyone was aware that boat racing was in Detroit. They believed that part of their lives was over.

While attending the Miami Boat Show that year Dan and Gene began looking around for an area that they could manufacture boats year round. The warmer climate coupled with a less costly work force made the idea inviting. It seemed like a good location for laminating and assembling boats. Thus, Dan stayed in Florida after the close of the boat show to pursue the idea of a possible relocation. Gene returned to Mt Clemens to run the plant.

Dan returned to Michigan with good news. He had put together a group of investors leading to a partnership and a licensed agreement with Champion Fiberglass Industries. They would build the Arena Craft boats. The plant would manufacture 200 to 250 water craft per year for Arena. In addition, Dan would have the opportunity to expand the line beginning with a new 17 foot model.

The Mt Clemens Marina in Michigan was for sale, and preparation was underway to move the molds and tooling to Florida, but all was not happy in the Arena family. The most vocal opposition came from the brothers father (Dan Arena Sr.) who had recently purchased property with a large shop in Oakland on West MacArthur Boulevard. He was planning to build a brand new showroom for the Arena Craft Boats. He felt that California was booming. It had excellent schools and the economy was the best in the nation. He could also see that recreational boating was thriving. "Why would you not come home?" he demanded. The wives were eager to return to California, but everyone was aware that boat racing was in Detroit. They believed that part of their lives was over.





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The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic 2011

The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic was a spectacular success! The South Tahoe Community, our ACBS Members and our Show Sponsors embraced the show with great enthusiasm. Besides the show, we had 3 incredible events. On Friday there was the On the Docks Party with over 200 people in attendance. Saturday Night we had the Gatsby themed Dinner on the front lawn of the Pope Estate. What a magical night. The Pope Family had 30 family members in attendance and regaled us with stories of what it was like to summer on the estate and have White Smoke as their family boat. It made the whole evening just that much more special. Sunday we had the ACBS Picnic and Awards at Sugar Pine State Park with 270 in attendance. The weather was gorgeous, and the food was delicious. The awards were given out to the boat owners with the perpetuals accompanied by a special trophy from the past and a big bottle of Korbel California Champagne.

Over and over again you could hear the echo of people saying how much fun they had and how wonderful the events were. All this does not happen by wishful thinking, many of our members and the South shore community came together to make this weekend seem so effortless. Thank you to all of you who put your time and effort into making the boat show and events such a success.



We wanted to share with all of you a little taste of the events with a few pictures and list of the winners in this issue of the Western Wood, but we will have more information and pictures in the Fall issue. Stay Tuned . . .

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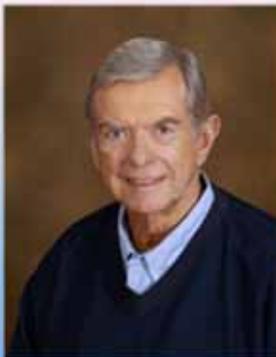


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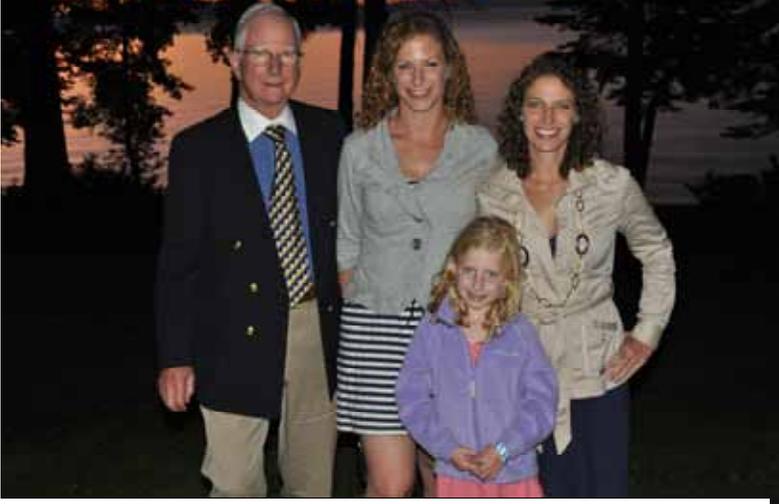


Boat Name	Owner	Place	Perpetual Award
Baby Skipalong	Edward and Deborah Scott	1st	Oldest Boat in Show, Best Engine of Show and Best Transom Art
Baby Zackaroo	Dave and Tammi Lyon	1st	
Back in Time	Dan and Barbara Foster	2nd	
Bear Lake Tahoe	Max Freeman	1st	
Childhood Dream	Mike and Peggy Piedade	3rd	
Ciara	Dirk Reed	1st	Best Riva of Show
Curvaceous	Robert and Madeleine Mount	2nd	Ladies Choice, Peoples Choice and Most Elegant Boat of Show
Fallon	James and Lisa Taylor	2nd	
Foolish Pleasure	Mike and Janet Bosworth	1st	
Honeh	Peter and Jackie George	1st	Most Improved Boat of Show
Klondike	Paul Anderson & Bobbi Callison	1st	
Lady Barbara	Art and Barbara Haworth	2nd	
Mai Tai	Valerie Good	1st	Most Original Boat of Show
MARIBEL	Robert and Janice Joyce	1st	
Miss Jamie	Jim and Gail Robello	1st	Best Chris Craft of Show and Best of Show - Preserved
Miss Pickle	Bill and Jill Straub	2nd	Best Blonde Deck of Show
Mountain Lyon	Lee and Sandy Chase	1st	
My Darling Lolita	Scott Courts	1st	Best Race Boat of Show
One I'D Jack	Jack and Marlys Greenhalgh	1st	
Osprey	Bob and Nikki Robertson & Dirk Reed	2nd	
PG & Me	Don and Sylvia Leutz	3rd	
Prime Time	Jim Chapman	2nd	
Redhawk	Lew and Debra Dobbins	1st	Best Modified/Repowered Boat of Show
Saga	Edward B. and Deborah Scott	2nd	
Sea-Jul	Dougla and Barbara Reed	1st	
Stingere	Mike Johnson	2nd	
Swan Song	Greg and Jennifer Rudloff	2nd	
Sweetpea	Phil and Sue Caldwell		Farthest Traveled Award
Tango	Harold and Nancy Orchard		Most Unique Boat of Show and Hal Orchard received the Richaard Barter Award
Thrill Me	John Lawerance	2nd	
Thunderbird	Bill Watson and the Thunderbird Preservation Society		Kid's Choice Award
Tievoli	Bill and Mary Jo Shepherd	1st	
Top Duck	Bill and Nancy Kehoe	1st	Best Owner Restored and Best of Show - Restored
Tucker	Bob and Ellen Swensen	2nd	Hagerty Jr Judges Award
White Smoke	Tahoe Maritime Muesum		Skipper's Choice
Roy E. Dryer III			Received the Having Too Much Fun Award
The Jared Hein Family			Received the Family Spirit Award



The South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic 2011







The 2011 Delta Cruise

B&W Resort, Isleton CA

September 30th - October 2nd

The first weekend in October has a permanent spot on many ACBS member's calendars for the Delta Cruise at B&W Resort. This year is no exception please be sure to reserve the dates on your electronic hand held device now for last boating event of the ACBS calendar for your trip to Isleton and Rio Vista.

This is a fun weekend that starts with the traditional potluck on Friday night. Be sure to arrive early in the afternoon so you can launch your boat and head out to explore some of the California Delta's 1,000 miles of twisty, turny waterways. Stop along your journey for nourishment at some of the many boat-in establishments; Guistis, and Wimpy's to name a few. For those brave soles the Stockton water front is a great spot as well. Remember to bring your map to find your way back to B&W in time for the best potluck of the season.

On Saturday morning a continental breakfast will be served dockside at B&W before you pack up the picnic lunch you've prepared. Around 9:30 AM the parade of boats leaving B&W Marina will begin. It is an incredible site to view all of those incredible wooden boats fanned across the Delta channels! Last year we had a parade of almost 40 of the clubs best wooden boats.

As we cruise to our luncheon destination you have an opportunity to see some of the Delta's native waterfowl, wildlife and even some unique California livestock. Last year a giant herd of sheep was running single file down one of the levees and don't forget all the on lookers along the levees.

Our lunch destination is Grindstone Joes, a private island and club. We are so lucky to be invited to dock up and have our picnic lunch at this unique island. Last year was the third time we went to Grindstone Joes and this venue received rave reviews from all of the cruisers. Grindstone Joes is very close to the tower park marina for those that have attended and if needed has a private road if you need to drive. (see preston)

Sunday was a great Day last year. Some of us boated to the Point Restaurant for the for the Brunch that is served overlooking the Sacramento River and others loaded their boats and drove the 20 minutes by car to join us, there is plenty of parking available. Last year we had 50 people for the brunch it doesn't get much better than this.

After the Brunch we will continue our boating to Isleton and watch the Boat racing from our boats as we cruise directly through the race course. This a great way to see the boats in action. Wow what a site that was, we ended up right in the middle of the races and sometimes can take a lap around the course to promote our wooden boating hobby.

That is just some of the fun you'll experience at the Delta Cruise. Be sure to join us. September 30th - October 2nd - mark your calendars!





Agenda

- **Friday:** 5:30PM Social Hour and Pot Luck at B&W. Bring a dish to share and your own meat / entrée to Barbeque and favorite beverage. A Barbeque will be provided along with plates, cups and utensils as well as soft drinks and water.
- **Saturday:** 9:30AM Cruise to our special destination at
- (Grindstone Joes) a map and cruise instructions will be given out during registration on Friday. Please bring your own magnificent picnic spread and beverages, tables and chairs and barbeque will be provided.
- **Saturday:** 5:00PM Social hour and catered dinner at 6:00PM
- **Sunday:** 11:00AM Rio Vista Brunch the Point Restaurant and an afternoon of boating returning back to B&W around 3:00PM. If you're boating to Brunch we leave around 10:00AM.

For those of you looking for accommodations the following are some additional suggestions to check into.

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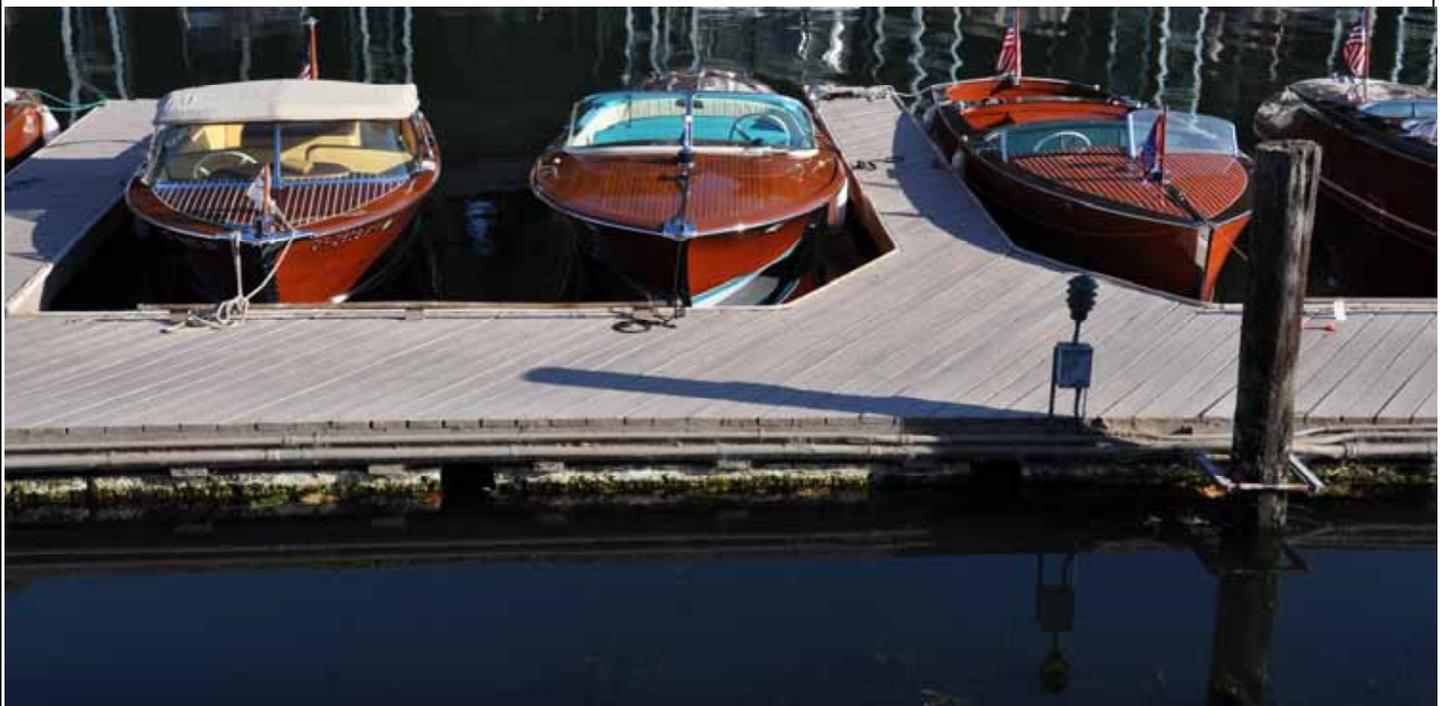
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Hope to see you all at the Delta, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email. Preston Smith at 916-434-6322 or Email Preston.Smith@PACCAR.com. I look forward to seeing you all at the Delta and having a great weekend of fun.





WOOD & *Glory* XIII

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

THE PERFECT STORM - BLOWN OUT - THE FOUR GALES

Whatever you want to call it, Wood & Glory XIII was a great success in spite of the weather. That's because our ACBS members made it to Clear Lake and had a great time.

Somehow avoiding the rain, Jack & Judy McManus hosted a pre-event gathering on Thursday evening at their gorgeous old stone hunting lodge cabin on the shores of the lake. About fifty of us locals were able to make it for a nice evening get-together.



Knowing that the big storm was on its way, we had to juggle some of our events. John & Mary Lahti invited everyone inside their lakefront home while the weather raged outside. It was a bit crowded, but we all made it work out just fine and our hosts were real troopers while putting on our first fully indoors Woody Whoopie. A special thank you to Mary Lahti, Gail Thompson, John Lahti Jr., Wildhurst Vineyards, and of course John Lahti Sr.

By Saturday morning, the storm was raging. The decision was made to cancel the boat cruise to Lakeport and pull all boats out of the water. Instead, we drove our cars to the Lakeport Yacht Club where nearly 100 of us crowded inside for a catered lunch by Kenny Parlet of Lakeview Market. The storm raged on with waves blasting up against the sea wall and actually broke up the docks where our boats were to have been tied up.

Personally, the writer knows little from this point on, as I came down with a case of vertigo and had to go home, but the reports say that a great time was had aboard the Clear Lake Queen that evening with dinner catered by Watercolor Restaurant. Ralph Wallen recognized our sponsors and special guests. The presentation of awards was put off to next year's event.

The Sunday island cruise had to be cancelled, but we thank the Yeandle family for once again inviting us over to their special island world.

Ralph also announced that while we would still be available to help with next year's event, new leadership was needed. Kyle Miller, owner of the Clear Lake Queen and Watercolor Restaurant volunteered, as has Barbara Foster. I believe that others also want to become involved, so please let us know.

Bob Maher of Maherajah Water Skis donated four custom cutting boards for our raffle to raise funds for the Sea Scouts Ship 711. We thank everyone for participating and the winners were Gene & Carol King, Don & Jan Pierce, Mary & John Lahti, and Geoff & Katherine Smith.

We also want to acknowledge the great goodie bags from Braito's Riveria Market; the magnetic extension flashlights from Braito's Marina; the wine by Wildhurst Vineyards; the award sponsors; raffle prizes from Maherajah Water Skis; the support of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce; award from Hillside Honda; the help from the Sea Scouts, and special thanks to The Downtown Merchants Association and the Breunig's for their part in arranging our use of the Lakeport Yacht Club's facility.





Eight Bells

Jim Fentress

Founder of

WOOD & *Glory*



James Fentress, age 74, passed away peacefully in Lake County, Calif., on June 3, 2011. Jim was the ACBS Northern California/Lake Tahoe Chapter President in 2004. Jim also founded the enormously popular Wood and Glory Boating Event that has been held in Clear Lake every year for the last 13 years. He is survived by his loving wife of nine years, Nancy, of Clearlake, Calif.; his son, Stephen Fentress (Mimi) of Novato, Calif.; and his sister, Suzanne Allen of Grand Rapids, Mich. In 2003, James and Nancy moved to Clearlake, where he fulfilled a lifelong dream of living lakeside and boating regularly.

Memorial service was held on June 25, 2011, at 1 p.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 1314 Spring St., St. Helena. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James' name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Below is the link to his obituary in the St. Helena Star.

<http://napavalleyregister.com/star/news/local/obituaries/>



Jim and Nancy and friends in Watercolor.

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Bass Lake 2011

By Debbie and Joel Castro

What a fun time. Sun, entertainment and then snow. If you didn't come then you missed all the excitement. We were so excited about the Bass Lake event this year because we had a surprise for everyone. We didn't know there was going to be two surprises. SNOW!

If you came upon Thursday, it was a beautiful day. Sunny and warm. I brought my brother and sister-in-law with us and they wanted to show everyone back home in Oregon that they came to CA and they were going to go home with a suntan. It's always sunny in Ca. they say. We soon saw Chuck Kelly and talked with him about the poker run on Sunday. He was saying that we should do something a little different this year. Little did he know what was in store for us on Sunday.

Thursday and Friday everyone was just enjoying the warm weather and we thought that maybe they were wrong about the rain coming in. We got a tent for our Saturday night dinner just in case. We sure wish there had been sides and heaters because it sure got cold.

There were quite a few boats going over to Millers for the BBQ. We sailed over in Arnie and Sharon Schweers boat, the Sharon Rae. Arnie talked about the entertainment that he, Sharon and their son were going to perform for all of us on Saturday Night (This was going to be the surprise that had been promised all year). They call themselves Beaugard Rippi and the Mississippi Delta Band. Earlier this year they had sent us a video of themselves and we knew everyone would have fun listening to them. Although they can't take all the credit, they couldn't have done it without the help of Liki Tiki (Chuck Kelly) and Tiki Liki (Layne Davis) and of course their long time agent A.J. Farnsworth (Wayne Mooers).



**Chuck & Layne?
Liki & Tiki?**

The Friday night BBQ was warm and without mosquitos. Well at least not too many! The Southern California ACBS Chapter has always put on a great feast for everyone to enjoy and with the help of everyone that brought a dish there was plenty to eat. We are still getting to know everyone and think this is the best group ever.

Saturday morning you didn't have to go to breakfast because Susan Mooers put out the wonderful food spread for all of Northern and Southern Ca. members to enjoy. Thanks to Susan nobody went hungry, or at least they shouldn't have! The Lion's Club supplied the coffee to get us going.

Our boat parade Saturday morning went really well this year with the help of Arnie and Layne and all the boat participants. The crowd of people that I talked to seemed to enjoy listening to the music and also seeing all our boats go by the docks. Oh what a great sound those inboard boats make!!

By late afternoon I think that we were all ready for some relax time. I know Joel and I were. We didn't get to relax for long because we started thinking about our boat and the forecast and decided to take her out of the water. We also saw a lot more boats pulling out as well. I wonder why?

Dinner was very good but you sure wanted to eat fast because it was getting really cold out. Once our entertainment got started I soon forgot about the cold because Beaugard Rippi and his entourage was so entertaining. We hope everyone enjoyed the work that Arnie and Sharon put into it. They get a big hand of applause from us and a big THANK YOU. (Jared Hein sure does a mean hula!)



**Wayne, Gary & Jared
You go Guys!**



Sunday morning brunch was moved indoors because of SNOW, Yes SNOW. We woke up to about 1 in. on the ground and still more coming down. It was beautiful to look at but not so beautiful for those that still had to pull their boats out. I was told that it was warmer in the water then out. I don't know because I wasn't going to get my feet wet. Well the poker run was different this year. Chuck threw out some cards on each table and they got their hands. Peg Koehler with the Lion's Club got the best hand with 5 aces and Layne Davis got the lowest hand. Rick and Laurie Guerries got the most questions right.

Following the modified poker run, the Lion's Club then gave out their awards.

Best Restoration went to: Bob and Janet Kircher for their 1959 Dorset
Skippers Choice went to: Bob and Janet Kircher for their 1959 Dorset

Most Original went to: Robert Gaestel for his 1972 Century Resorter



People's Choice went to: Joel and Debbie Castro for their 1948 Western Fairliner



I want to mention that the Bass Lake Lion's Club got the Oscar this year for putting on the best event, which was for the Bass Lake boat show. This is a state wide award. Congratulations to the Bass Lake Lion's Club. We sure are glad we can help.

Again, thank all of you that attend this great event. Even though Mother Nature threw us a curveball, I think this Bass Lake group always pulls together and seem to have a great time. Without all of you, this event would not be possible. Hope to see you all again next year.

Joel and Debbie Castro.

Snow on Sunday Morning!





Calendar 2011

Sept 10	Woodie Whoopie - Clear Lake Our next Lake County Woodie Whoopie is set for Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Le Trianon Resort on beautiful Blue Lakes. There is a \$10 per person charge for a day-use pass which includes use of the boat launch. While the speed limit on Blue Lakes is just 5 MPH, we plan on a simple "putt-putt" around the lakes. A current Lake County Sticker is required. Bring your favorite picnic lunch and refreshments. (Sorry, no pets allowed). Please RSVP ASAP to Donna Thomas at (707) 279-2472	Jim Robello 707-278-0233 Ralph Wallen 707-279-2686
Sept 21-24	36th ACBS International Meeting & 10th Annual Boat Show The Abbey Resort, Lake Geneva, WI	ACBS – Clayton, NY e-mail: hqs@acbs.org
Sept 30 Oct 1 - 2	Delta Cruise B & W Resort 964 Brannan Island Road & Highway 12 – Isleton, CA	Preston & Joy Smith 916-434-6322
Oct TBD	Restoration Workshop Auburn, CA	Vince Zalutka
Nov TBD	Chapter Annual Meeting SF Peninsula	Jared Hein 415-543-6900

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