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NEWSLETTER OF THE FINGER LAKES CHAPTER, ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY

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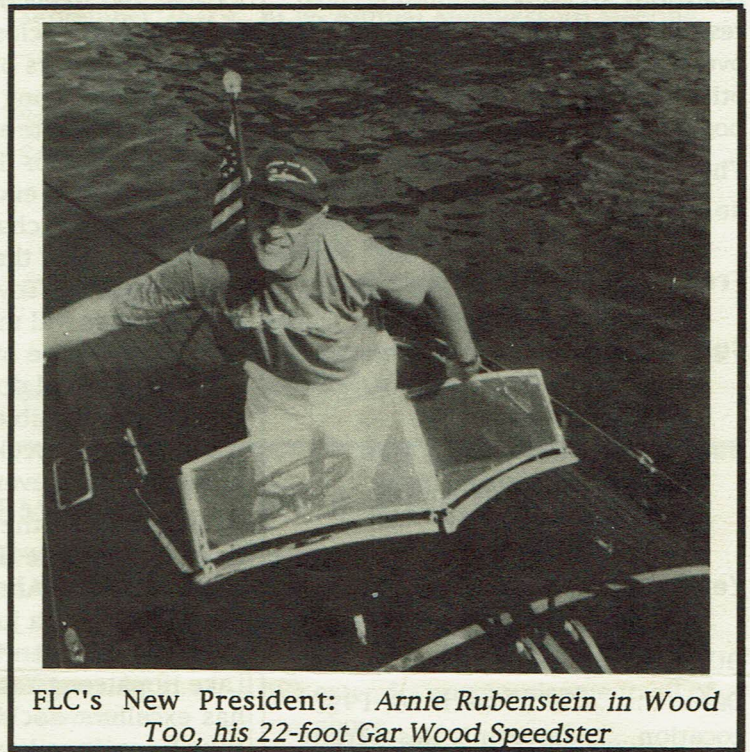
ARNIE RUBENSTEIN NEW FLC, PRESIDENT

Arnie Rubenstein HAS ACCEPTED A TWO YEAR STINT AS President of the Finger Lakes Chapter, ACBS effective February 1, 1996. Arnie is a native of Syracuse, a graduate of Syracuse University, an avid tennis player, and President of United Radio Service in Syracuse, NY. He is a past member of the BOCES Advisory Board, the Better Business Bureau's National Panel of Arbitrators, and has long been active in the Boy Scouts of America, currently serving on the Hiawatha Council Board. Arnie was very helpful in making arrangements for the move of FLC's Annual Boat Show to Skaneateles in 1995, and as a summer resident of Skaneateles, he will be particularly effective in working toward the expansion and improvement of future boat shows in that location.

Scott Buehler is the new 1st Vice President of FLC. Scott has been a long time member of FLC, annually applying his judging skills to antique boating events throughout ACBS.

John Laidlaw will hold down the post of 2nd VicePresident in recognition of his many years of strong Chapter support. John, along with **Susan Buehler**, will also co-chair the Chapter's 18th Annual Boat Show in 1996.

Shirley Marsden has agreed to continue as Chapter Treasurer, and **Ron Svec** and **Sue Martin** will continue to handle Ship's Store. **Dick Sherwood** will act as Secretary handling membership renewals,



FLC's New President: *Arnie Rubenstein in Wood Too, his 22-foot Gar Wood Speedster*

membership roster, general correspondence and the newsletter.

Outgoing Chapter President, Dick Sherwood, announced the new slate of officers at the Chapter's Annual Dinner Meeting on January 27th. All positions are two year terms beginning February 1, 1996.

FLC WINTER WORKSHOP

THE CHAPTER'S SECOND ANNUAL WINTER WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD Saturday, March 2, 1996 at **Dan Sutherland's** boat restoration shop, Sutherland Boat & Coach. A lofting demonstration of a 13-foot skiff, tool sharpening and a special workshop on boat upholstery are on the agenda. Things will get underway at 9:00 AM, and coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided, all for the cost of \$5.00/person.

When heading south on Route 54A on the west side of Keuka Lake, Sutherland Boat & Coach is located on the first road to the right after the "Town of Urbana" sign. It's a large white metal building on the hill. If lost, the shop phone is 607-868-3993.

FLC WORKDAY AT THE ANTIQUE BOAT MUSEUM

EACH SPRING MEMBERS OF THE FINGER LAKES CHAPTER TAKE A Saturday to go to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY and help the Museum's staff prepare for the coming year. It's a workday with fellow antique boaters that usually includes uncovering and cleaning as many boats as possible, making them presentable for the museum's summer visitor's. This year's workday is Saturday, May 11th. Work usually gets underway about 10:00 AM and concludes between 2:00 and 3:00 PM.

Why not consider spending part of a Saturday giving the Museum a helping hand and enjoying a day of early spring in the Thousand Islands?

WCCB/FLC JOINT MEETING MARCH 16TH

A NEW EVENT ON THIS YEAR'S CALENDAR IS a joint dinner meeting with Wine Country Classic Boats followed by questions put to a Panel of Experts by those attending the meeting. Questions about boat building, boat restoration, wood working, engine overhaul and restoration, or any others having to do with antique boating will be in order.

The Panel will include:

- John Dubickas**, engine restorer from N. Tonawanda, NY (NFC)
- Fred Mayer**, boat restorer from Kenmore, NY (NFC)
- Syd Marsden**, small craft owner & restorer from Auburn, NY (FLC)
- Dan Sutherland**, small craft builder/restorer from Hammondsport, NY (FLC/WCCB)
- Zeke Zeisz**, Sikaflex Rep. from Tonawanda, NY (NFC)

Other details:

Date.....Sat., March 16, 1996
 Location.....Sarrasin's Restaurant
 310 Lake St. (Rte. 54)
 Penn Yan, NY
 Cocktails.....6:30 PM (Cash bar)
 Dinner.....7:15 PM
 Qs & As.....8:15 PM

Reservations are required, entrees must be selected beforehand, and payment is required when reservations are made. Use the adjacent form for all of the above and send it along with your check not later than March 8th to **Pam Gratzer** (WCCB Chairperson for this event) at the address shown on the form.

Even though Penn Yan is deep in Wine Country, let's have a good FLC turnout for this first-time event! Come prepared to ask the experts your toughest questions and plan to come away with answers that will help you accomplish current and future boat projects.

FLC-LAKE HOPATCONG EXCHANGE PROGRAM

IN AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERSIFY THE compliment of boats at their boat shows, to encourage chapter members to explore and become familiar with other antique boating locales, and to encourage development of closer ties between regional chapters of ACBS, FLC and the Lake Hopatcong Chapter have agreed to promote an exchange program in 1996. The program is simply aimed at encouraging members of one chapter to attend the boat show of the other chapter and vice-versa. Toward that end each chapter will mail boat show invitations to the other chapter's membership and do whatever is reasonably possible to facilitate travel to and a weekend stay at the other chapter's event.

As indicated in the CALENDAR OF EVENTS, the Lake Hopatcong Chapter's 22nd Annual Boat Show is June 29th. It is a judged one day event (Saturday) and is held at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club which has excellent docking facilities. Lake Hopatcong is a nine mile long

body of water located in northern New Jersey, about a three and a half hour drive from Skaneateles.

Look for more information in the mail this spring and in the meantime consider a June weekend at Lake Hopatcong in the rolling hills of north Jersey.

SODUS BAY ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW

DURING THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 7 TO 9, THE Sodus Bay Yacht Club will hold its Fourth Annual Antique Boat Show. This is the first of the annual antique boat shows in this area -- an early motivator to get the woodies up and running for the season ahead. The show is held at the Club's excellent facilities on Lake Ontario's Sodus Bay, 30 miles east of Rochester.

This year the event is under a new chairman who promises to put together a better-organized weekend. Although it is not a judged show, a few key awards are given out at the discretion of the Yacht Club. FLC members should have received flyers from SBYC.

WCCB/FLC JOINT MEETING
 March 16, 1996
DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Dinner includes salad, vegetable, potato and your choice of the following entrees:

Stuffed Manicotti.....	\$11.40
Boneless Breast of Lemon Herb Chicken.....	12.65
Prime Rib.....	18.99

All prices include tax and gratuity.

Selections:

Manicotti.....No. _____ X \$11.40 = _____
Chicken.....No. _____ X \$12.65 = _____
Prime Rib.....No. _____ X \$18.99 = _____
Total = _____

Please make check payable to: Wine Country Classic Boats

Forward this form with your selections and check not later than March 8th to:

Pam Gratzer
 56 Wood Creek Drive
 Pittsford, NY 14534

Questions? Call Pam at 716-383-1024 (E)

1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., March 2	FLC Winter Workshop at Sutherland Boat & Coach, Hammondsport, NY	August 9-11	21st Annual Antique Boat Show, Manotick Classic Boat Club, ACBS, Westport, Ontario, Canada
Sat., March 16	WCCB/FLC Joint Meeting, Sarrasin's Restaurant, Penn Yan, NY	August 15-18	Antique Race Boat Regatta '96, Antique Boat Museum, Clayton, NY
Sat., May 11	FLC Workday at the Antique Boat Museum, Clayton, NY	September 20-23	WCCB/FLC Annual Fall Outing to the Muskoka Lakes, Ontario, Canada
June 7-9	Fourth Annual Sodus Bay Antique Boat Show, SBYC, Sodus Point, NY	September 26-29	ACBS Annual Membership Meeting hosted by the Toronto Chapter, the Muskoka Lakes, Ontario, Canada
Sat., June 22	FLC Shoreline Cruise (TBA)	Sat., Oct. 5 or 12	FLC Fall Foliage Cruise (TBA)
Sat., June 29	22nd Annual Boat Show, Lake Hopatcong Chapter, ACBS, Lake Hopatcong, NJ	Sat., October 19	2nd Annual Frost Bite Regatta, Finger Lakes Chapter, Antique Outboard Motor Club, Inc., Sills Marina, Sodus Point, NY
July 19-21	14th Annual Antique Boat Show & Regatta, Wine Country Classic Boats, ACBS, Hammondsport, NY	Sat., November 2	WCCB Annual Workshop & Pig Roast, Nichols Restoration Shop, Branchport, NY
July 26-28	18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show, Finger Lakes Chapter, ACBS, Skaneateles, NY	Sat. December 7	WCCB Christmas Party
August 1-4	32nd Annual Antique Boat Show Antique Boat Museum Clayton, NY		

MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS

AS OF JANUARY 31ST ACBS Headquarters completed its requests for ACBS and chapter membership renewals for 1996. While it is too late for renewals made after January 31st to be included in the 1996 ACBS Membership Directory, it's not too late to continue memberships in both ACBS and FLC.

This issue of Brightwork is being mailed to the 1995 FLC membership roster. If you are a member who may have overlooked your 1996 renewal, please hasten to renew now so that THE ACBS RUDDER (formerly RUSTY RUDDER - see page 8 of this issue), Brightwork and all other FLC mailings will continue to be sent to you. If you misplaced the mailed ACBS renewal form, use the form on the last page of this issue.

Similarly, if you know someone who would be interested in FLC/ACBS membership, please forward a copy of the membership form to them or forward their name and address to Dick Sherwood. He will, in turn, write them to encourage their membership in both FLC and ACBS.

NEW MEMBERS

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW members who joined the Chapter in 1995:

- Doug & Clara Clarke** of Skaneateles, NY
Dick & Jeanette Curvin of Moravia, NY
Milton (Butch) Dreher & Jacqueline Davis of Memphis, NY
Holden & Karen Fenner of Skaneateles, NY
George & Lisa Howell of Hilton, NY
Frederick & Karen Lounsbury of Cazenovia, NY
Bill & Karlene Miller of Skaneateles, NY
Bill & Anna Murphy of Skaneateles, NY
Dana & Deirdre Ritchie of Lexington, Mass.
Brian Skeval of LaFayette, NY
Cynthia Wickwire & Michael Heib of Corning, NY
- New members who have joined the Chapter thus far in 1996 include:
- John Butera** of Auburn, NY
Albert Lewis of Euclid, Ohio

Bill & Sandy Nedrow of Lansing, NY

Richard Ridings of Solvay, NY

Phil Rubenstein of Fayetteville, NY

We extend a warm welcome to all of the above.

1996 MEMBERSHIP
ROSTER

The 1996 FLC Membership Roster would normally accompany this mailing. But with unavoidable delays in processing membership renewals at ACBS HQ, it will be necessary to mail the new rosters separately -- probably in late March. An added dimension in this year's roster will be a column showing the first year of current memberships.

Brightwork is the quarterly newsletter of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. and is published quarterly for the benefit of Finger Lakes Chapter members. Deadlines for publication are March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st. Any questions, articles for publication, commercial and non commercial ads, etc. should be addressed to Dick Sherwood, 1734 Laké Road, Webster, NY 14580. Phone: 716-265-1518

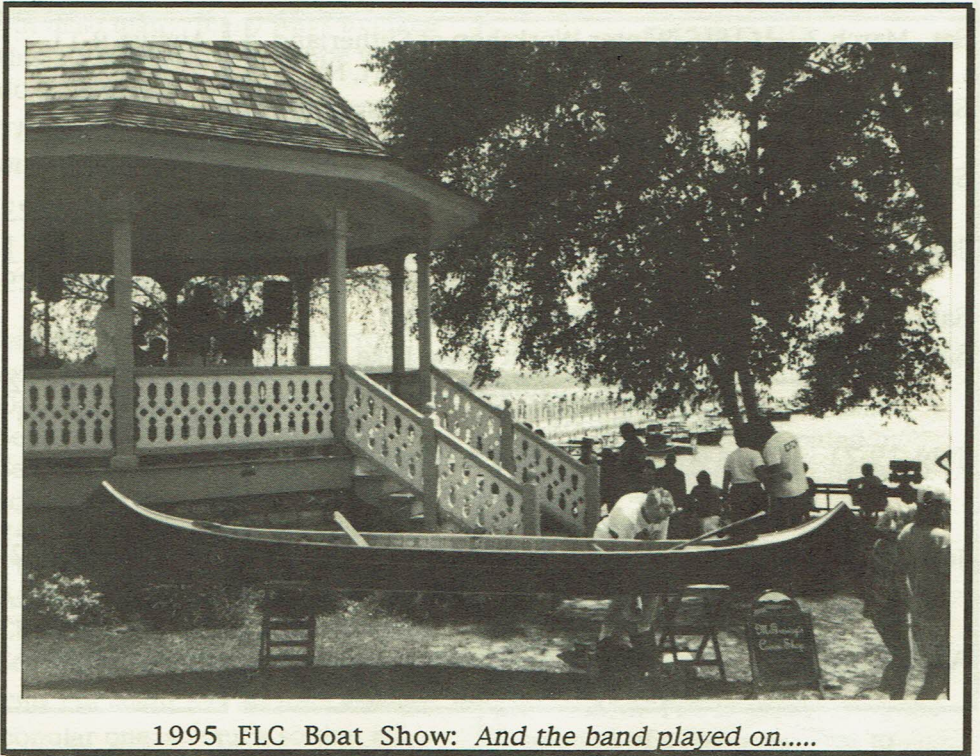
EDITOR'S COLUMN

Time flies. Six years ago I wrote the first newsletter for the Finger Lakes Chapter. I had just returned from the ACBS Annual Meeting in Alexandria Bay. There I was fortunate to meet Mary Herwig, a lady with great vision and love for ACBS. We spent many hours that weekend discussing the pros and cons of a newsletter at great length. When I left Alex. Bay, I knew it would not be easy to do, but I understood the importance of a chapter newsletter, had a concept for it, and was determined to reach the goal of an FLC newsletter.

The first issue was far from great, but it was there. Over the last six years, the Chapter and the newsletter have grown. In 1994 at the ACBS Annual Meeting in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Brightwork was awarded the "Newsletter That Had Most Progressed," an honor surpassed only by the "Best Newsletter" award. Mary was there to smile at me and tell me "I knew you could do it." It was a proud moment for me, not only because of the award, but because Brightwork had achieved my goals and had become a vital part of our chapter that was looked forward to by the members.

Changes in my personal life, first working many hours as a Realtor, now as Scott's partner in a growing business, as well as becoming the ACBS International Secretary, have forced me to take a hard look at my role as editor. Putting together an issue of Brightwork takes a great deal of time -- something I don't have a lot of these days. I have truly enjoyed trying to put together a positive, informative newsletter for the Chapter, but accomplishing that in a time frame that satisfies, is becoming increasingly more difficult.

One rule I have lived by since becoming involved in FLC and ACBS, is to be objective about what is best for the Chapter, setting aside my own personal feelings. Holding to this is not always easy, especially concerning my decision to step down



1995 FLC Boat Show: *And the band played on.....*

as editor of this newsletter. Dick Sherwood, who has been contributing to the last few issues of Brightwork, is the new editor. Dick takes on the job with a lot of energy and has some ideas of his own about the direction Brightwork should go. I will still contribute articles, but will miss the fun of creating the newsletter. Thanks for all the support over the years and I wish Dick every success.

Susan Buehler

1996 FLC ANNUAL BOAT SHOW

PLANNING MEETINGS CHAIRED BY **BILL MURPHY** began on February 15th in preparation for FLC's 18th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show. Show dates are July 26, 27 & 28, 1996, and the location will again be Skaneateles.

Show highlights will again include a Friday evening barbecue and band concert, Saturday judging, boat parade, and the flying "V" out on the lake, and awards on Sunday. Thanks to FLC member **Rob Rodormer**, arrangements have been made to hold Saturday

evening's dinner at the Skaneateles Country Club.

New ideas and improvements being considered for this year's event include:

- More small craft, outboard engines, and lawn displays
- A parade of small craft
- Better execution of the flying "V" with improved photo coverage
- Fly-bys off the end of the pier
- Longer Ship's Store hours

If you have suggestions or would like to be involved with the show, please give either of the show's chairpersons a call:

Sue Buehler at 315-834-6303 or
John Laidlaw at 315-252-0549.

REMINDER

Rooms at the Sherwood Inn will not be available for FLC Boat Show participants during the weekend of July 26-28, 1996. For help in securing lodging during the Boat Show weekend, call **Peggy Surdam** and the staff at the Sherwood Inn (1-800-3SHERWOOD) for referrals to motels, hotels, Bed & Breakfasts and private homes in the Skaneateles area.

1996 SHORELINE CRUISE

FOR EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS THE Finger Lakes Chapter has sponsored a shoreline cruise on one of the Finger Lakes. In 1993 **Bob and Janet Korts** hosted the cruise and picnic at their summer home on Canandaigua Lake. In 1994 we toured Skaneateles Lake using **Arnie and Libby Rubenstein's** summer home as a base of operations and the Sherwood Inn's barbecue facilities for a picnic. In 1995 **Don and Barbara McMann** hosted the outing and picnic at their home on Owasco Lake. That tour included a stop at **Dick and Jeanette Curvin's** home where we had the opportunity to see Dick's remarkable collection of outboard motors and boats. For both the Skaneateles and Owasco Lakes tours, the hosts prepared colorful brochures of homes and points of interest along the way.

June 22nd has been earmarked as the date for the 1996 Shoreline Cruise, but the location hasn't been decided. Cayuga and Seneca Lakes obviously are yet to be "conquered", but we haven't yet come up with the other ingredients -- a good launching facility reasonably near a base from which to depart and return, a stopping point or two enroute with something of interest to a group of wooden boaters, and a place to hold a picnic (again to be underwritten by the Chapter). The size of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes probably limits a cruise to something less than half the length of either one.

If you have an idea(s) for this year's cruise on any of the Finger Lakes, give **Arnie Rubenstein** a call at 315-637-8522 (E) or 315-446-8700 (D).

FLC ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH DAWNED unusually warm across upstate New York. But it didn't last long as a cold front swept in with high winds, torrents of rain, sleet, snow, and plummeting temperatures before the day was out. The storm toppled trees, pulled down power lines and made driving conditions on many roads poor at best. In the Syracuse area (20 miles from Skaneateles), 45,000 residences were without electricity when evening came. But that didn't stop 78 FLC members and friends from gathering at the Sherwood Inn for the Chapter's Annual Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction!

Many thanks to everyone who brought so many things for the auction. **Brian Skeval** built a beautiful oak foot stool in the Stickley tradition, with a computer-generated ACBS logo embroidered into the cushioned top; **The Sherwood Inn** offered an overnight room and dinner for two; **Peter Wiles** donated a dinner cruise for two on one of Mid-Lakes Navigation's tour boats; **Bill Root** provided an antique gum ball dispenser that generated a lot of attention; and many, many other items too numerous to list. Again, many, many thanks to everyone who brought something for the auction.

It was a real success and the Chapter benefited nicely from this, its sole fund-raiser.

After an excellent buffet dinner, **Tony Mollica** entertained everyone with his charts, slides and talk on the discovery of Gar Wood boat production records. Although much has already been written about the Gar Wood Society's remarkable good fortune in finding these records nearly 50 years after the Gar Wood Boat Division closed its doors, Tony's presentation was an eye-opener. Among many other surprises, the records show that only 3,000 Gar Woods were built from 1925 to 1947 vs. previous estimates of 15,000, and that only a total of 17 Gar Wood Speedsters were produced! No wonder they are such a prize! "Thanks, Tony, for braving the weather and delivering a really informative and interesting commentary. Had time allowed, many of us could have listened on for another hour or two!"

In the course of the evening, **Dick Sherwood** took a few minutes to review the excellent health of the Finger Lakes Chapter, introduce new members and guests, highlight the coming year's activities, and announce the new slate of Chapter Officers for 1996-97.

It was a great evening with lots of camaraderie and good hospitality. If you weren't there, you missed a fine time and we hope you'll make a note to be sure to attend next year's Annual Dinner Meeting.



1995 FLC Boat Show: Five members of the Marsden family 'at home' in their 1903 Lozier Family Launch, Misty Memories

1995 FLC/WCCB FALL TRIP

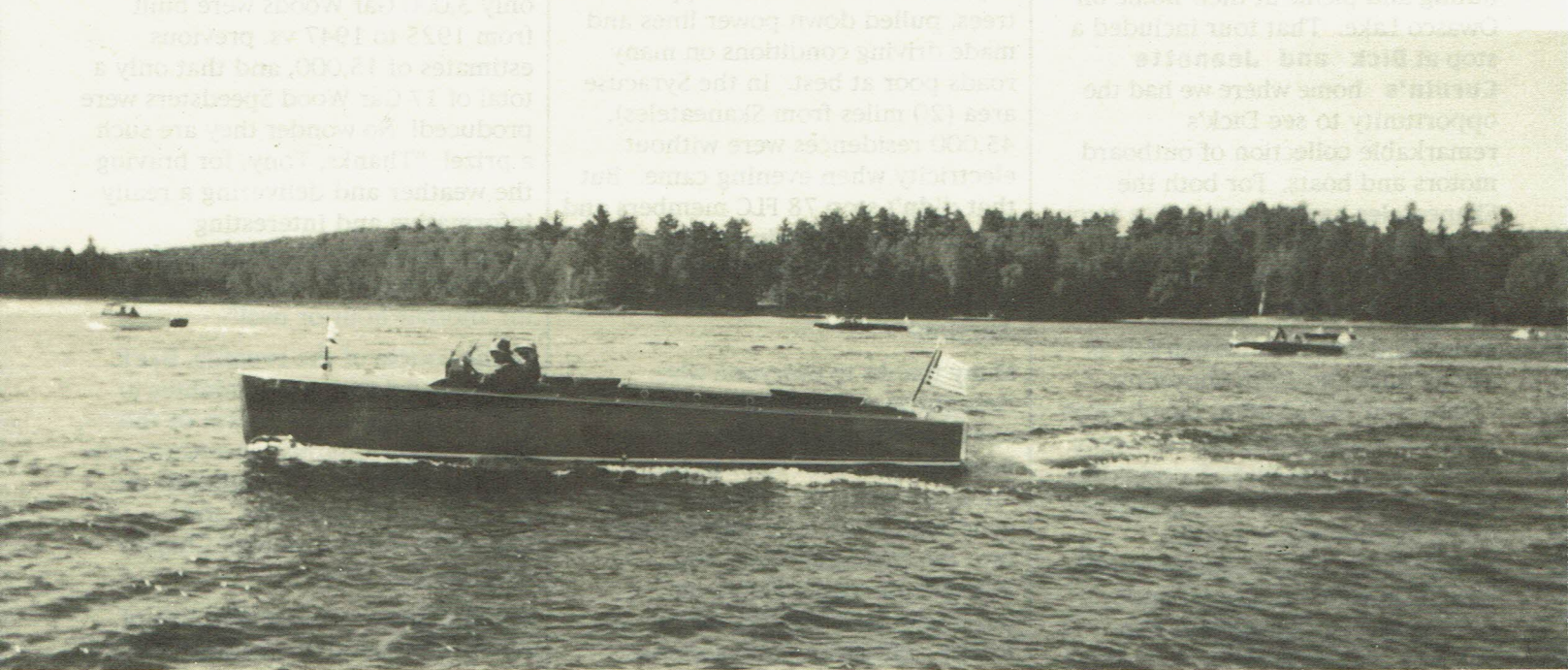
For the fourth year in a row members of the Finger Lakes and Wine Country Chapters hauled themselves and their boats to the Adirondacks for what has become an annual fall outing to explore new waters, see and learn something more about the history of the region visited and enjoy the pleasure of good company and travel in the boats. In 1995, fifty boaters took 15 boats to Long Lake, Raquette Lake and Cranberry Lake. And again, **Doug Vittum** did a masterful job

Chris Craft. It was parked at a restaurant with the tow vehicle -- a Chevy sedan -- in a peculiar position. We stopped and learned they were having transmission problems. Plans were made for Pam to ride the rest of the way with Erwin and then to return with his Chevy Suburban to tow the boat the rest of the way. Bo remained behind to make "burial plans" for the sedan.

As we pulled up to the Green Harbor Motel in the village of Long Lake, the road was lined with wooden boats,

returned to their owners' docks in the spring.

At the north end of the lake we took a breather and drifted in the early autumn beauty of a warm, cloudless afternoon. Just as we were ready to head back south, a State Forest Ranger appeared in an aluminum outboard, circled the idling woodies then sped away. He must have wondered why all those old boats had invaded the tranquillity of this remote part of the lake, but he never tried to find out!



Adirondack cruising: Mo and Jeanette Sherrill in their 1926 Chris Craft, Opus III, on Long Lake

of scouting things out ahead of time, planning and executing a wonderful weekend. Here is Doug's account of the journey:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1995 WAS CLEAR AND SUNNY as we entered the NYS Thruway at 8:00 AM, having just had coffee with **Cathy Schombert and Erwin Laitenberger**. As we entered, **Duncan Remington** and his 1966 Century Sabre pulled into view and the parade was off.

The next sighting of a wooden boat occurred on Route 12, north of Route 365 where we came across Adirondack Lady, **Pam Gratzer and Bo Farnsworth's** 1937

trailers and tow vehicles that had preceded us. Check-in went quickly and launching began. About 2:00 PM 14 woodies headed north along the eastern shore of Long Lake led by **Harry and Linda Cohn's** 1909 Fay & Bowen, Lady of the Lake.

The shoreline of Long Lake is predominately state-owned land with few camps. Many of the camps have an unusual type of floating boathouse that is common to Adirondack lakes. They have open sides, a high-pitched roof with generous overhang, and some have very elaborate structural designs. In the fall they are towed to a protected cove for winter and then

The return trip down the lake took about 25 minutes -- 14 gleaming mahogany hulls running at speed over placid blue water throwing broad plumes of white spray under a brilliant afternoon sun. It was a beautiful sight to see.

As we entered the narrow channel under the Route 30 bridge, the lead boats met a taxiing float plane, which begged the question, "Who has the right-of-way?" Answer: "Boats do!" The pilot feathered his prop and waited for our little antique armada to pass much to the added delight of his paying passengers.

After returning to the motel, many pulled their boats, but three took a leisurely before-dinner cruise on Long Lake's southern basin. In the meantime various "goodies" brought by everyone were pooled for a before-dinner Happy Hour. The centerpiece of this smorgasbord of appetizers was a huge bowl of giant shrimp compliments of the **Bob Boeckel** family. How anyone had an appetite for dinner is hard to understand, but 25 made it down to the Adirondack Hotel in the village for more food and drink!

Saturday dawned sunny but cooler

magazine publisher, Robert Collier. An employee of the current owners provided a brief history of the Camp and led us to the recreation hall which was originally built as a seaplane hangar for Mr. Collier's seaplane. After an accident with the plane (from which he walked away), Mr. Collier gave up flying, had the hangar moved over the ice to its present location, enclosed it, and added a large "walk-in" fireplace and bowling alley. This '20s-style alley is a museum piece in itself! It and the entire recreation hall are covered in detail in the book, "Great Camps of the Adirondacks".

installation was rather new and so large that all but two boats were able to tie up.

After lunch and a short walk through the woods, Dick Curvin treated us to a tour of his facility and some of his boat restoration projects. "Many thanks, Dick, for sharing with us a part of your fine collection of wooden boats, canoes and outboard engines. And please thank your neighbor for our use of his excellent docking facilities!"

By 5:00 PM we were back at the village dock where we were greeted by a large group of bikers decked



Heading south on Long Lake: Three of the 15 boats that made the 1995 FLC/WCCB Fall Trip

with heavy "steam" rising from the warmer waters of the lake as we took to the road and hauled boats about 15 miles to Raquette Lake. Launching took place at a fairly minimum facility right in the village of Raquette Lake. With **Bob and Laurie Rosborough** and their two sons as guides (Bob is a life-long summer resident on Raquette Lake), we followed the eastern shoreline passing the early settlement of Durant (1890), Camp Pine Knot (1876), and the well known Raquette Lake Boy's Camp before stopping at Bluff Point. Bluff Point is the site of Collier Camp, originally built by the

Because the current owners were in residence with guests, we were unable to tour the main buildings of the Camp. But peeks through windows were like looking into a museum with Adirondack furniture everywhere.

Back to the boats and a tour of the north end of the lake, the western shore and Indian Point where **Dick and Jeanette Curvin's** camp is located. A strong south wind and heavy waves sent us around to the lee side of the point to a neighbor's sheltered dock and floating boathouse. (The neighbor was at home in California!) This

out in full biking regalia. Although there was the usual compliment of fully chromed exotic Harleys to grab anyones's attention, a few bikers came down to the dock and asked about the boats. An hour later we were all retrailered and back on the road to the Green Harbor Motel.

The road trip to Cranberry Lake on Sunday morning was quiet and relaxing. Although the sky was cloudy and rain threatened, all boats were easily launched at the excellent state ramp. Next, we were treated to an outstanding breakfast at **Art and Sylvia Myer's** summer home. Then it was back to

the boats, a parade past the village of Cranberry Lake and on to the southwest end of the lake.

Although the wind kicked up and it rained a little, we headed for the Oswegatchie River and cruised comfortably upstream about three miles past the New York State Forest Ranger School to the hamlet of Wanakena. After a brief stop at the Pine Cone Inn, it was back down the river to the lake and a special stop at the "much-touted Five Star Resort of Wild Cliffe".

It seems there is a slight difference between the standard Mobil rating and the "North Country rating". Both use a star rating system -- the latter refers to the number of stars visible through holes in the roof while lying face-up in one of the resorts few beds! Wild Cliffe, so remote that NYSEG hasn't reached it yet (the resort operates its own generator), is an institution of sorts in the north country, especially for hunters and lost boaters. It's accessible only by water. While scouting out the place, we did find a 26-foot war canoe in pretty good shape with a \$400. price tag.

By 4:30 PM boats were back at the ramp, pulled out and most left for home.

As with any outing of this type, there were a few minor casualties along the way. **Ray and Ruth Mahar's** 1948 Shepard, Cat's Pajamas, developed fuel line problems and had to be sidelined. His dad, **Bob Mahar**, had the prop shaft back out of the drive coupling in Ray's 1951 Shepard and **Art Parsons** suffered a foot laceration trying to reinstall it from below during a gallant dive attempt. (Art is now fully recovered.) **Mo and Jeanette Sherrill's** 1926 Chris Craft, Opus III, damaged a prop on an unmarked rock, but was repaired in time for the ACBS Annual Meeting at Lake George. And there were a few other incidents that were handled with tools and talent present. And, oh yes, the Chevy sedan -- it was nursed along and made it back home okay, but its towing days are probably over.

"My thanks to everyone who helped out in so many, many ways to make this a successful trip. Hope we can do it again...."

Thanks, Doug, for another super outing with the boats. - Ed.

1996 FLC/WCCB FALL TRIP

IN 1996 PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO explore the Muskoka Lakes of Ontario, Canada from Friday, September 20 through Monday, September 23 with return travel scheduled for Tuesday, September 24. An alternative to returning on Tuesday is to attend the ACBS Annual Meeting to be held at Cleveland's House on Lake Rosseau, September 26-29.

This fall event has become a very popular one, so much so that all rooms at the trip headquarters, Cedarwood Housekeeping Cottages, are already booked. Other accommodations in the Bracebridge area include the Riverside Inn (705-645-8775), the Bellwood Motel (705-645-4424) and the Islander Inn (705-645-2235).

A Friday night dinner cruise (from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM) has also been arranged aboard the Royal Mail Ship, Segwun, out of Gravenhurst, Ontario. Segwun is North America's oldest operating steamship, built in 1887 and lovingly restored in the 1970's by a group of steamboat enthusiasts. To obtain a group rate, reservations need to be made through **Bruce Hall** (315-364-8152) before April 1st. Estimated cost is \$32./person US which must be forwarded to Bruce prior to that date.

Port Carling, in the center of the Muskoka Lakes area, is about two-and-a-half hours north of Toronto and about five hours from Exit 45 of the NYS Thruway. Participants will be provided additional information on route options.

For more information contact Bruce Hall or:

Don McMann (315-252-7793), or
John Ford (315-889-5539).

NEW NAME FOR RUSTY RUDDER

AT ITS WINTER MEETING IN FEBRUARY, THE ACBS Board of Directors voted to change the name of the RUSTY RUDDER to **THE ACBS RUDDER**. Along with the name change comes an entirely new look which will debut with the next issue. These changes represent a major improvement to the ACBS quarterly publication and come about after much dedicated work by a small ACBS committee spearheaded by **Lindsey Hopkins** and **Chris Eden**.

HELP WANTED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING teenagers learn the skills of wooden boat building and restoration, you are needed. FLC is considering the formation of a Sea-Scout Post to serve Onondaga and/or Oswego counties and needs volunteers -- both men and women -- to provide adult leadership. We have the eager teenagers and can obtain a hull to work on. Adults are needed to teach and demonstrate boat building and boat restoration skills. We also need leads on a location to house the work. If you can help with either one, please call **Arnie Rubenstein** at 315-445-3345 (days) or 315-637-8522 (eves).

NAVAL ARCHITECT

ARE YOU REPOWERING YOUR BOAT AND wondering which prop to use? Do you wonder if you're getting all the performance you should from your boat? Contact **Morley Smith**, 129 Sheldon Road, Freeville, NY 13068. Phone 607-347-4956 (E).

SHIP'S STORE

The following items make great gifts for many occasions:

Golf Caps.....\$12.

Golf Shirts.....\$28.

Tee Shirts.....\$14.

Sweatshirts (L&XL)..\$26.

Sweatshirts (XXL)..\$29.

All the above items carry the FLC logo.

DON'T JUDGE A BOAT BY ITS COVER

SHE'S STILL A BEAUTY -- When **Steve Naimoli** bought a vintage boat in 1993, he thought he was getting a prized Fay & Bowen craft. But quickly he discovered the vessel wasn't built by the company which was a prominent fixture on the Geneva, NY lakefront in the early 1900s. Instead, he got another jewel: a 25-foot launch constructed in 1912 by Alonzo W. Springstead of Geneva. What makes this craft special is that Springstead and his father, Benjamin -- operators of a Seneca Lake boatyard -- were known for building large steamers that plied the Finger Lakes and other waters.

"No one knew they made any boats this small. It could have been a custom order. I was fearing the worst, but this turned out to be even more interesting and unique than a Fay & Bowen," said Naimoli, a Geneva resident who collects local historical items.

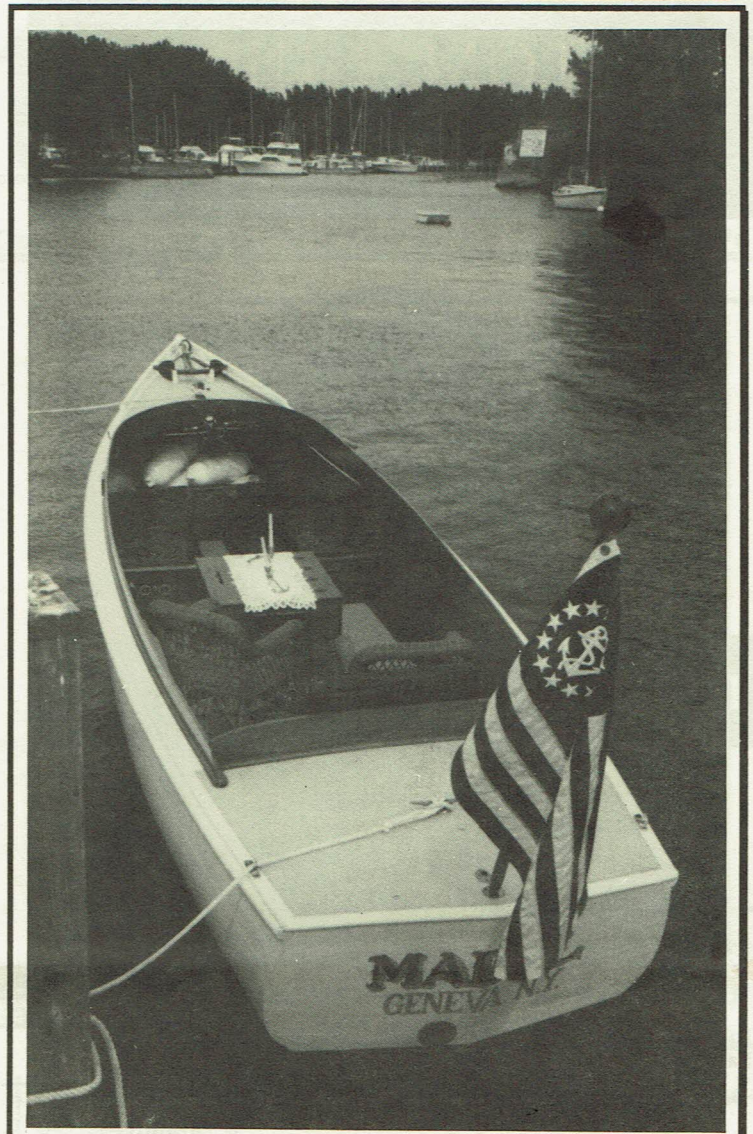
Genevan Ralph Springstead, grandson of Alonzo, said he knows of only one other small Springstead boat, one built for his uncle.

Naimoli bought the launch from the estate of Clinton Ford in Romulus, NY on Cayuga Lake. It had been stored in a boathouse there for 20 years, but was in good condition -- white on the outside with a varnished interior and an inboard motor. Even so, Naimoli had it restored.

The boat, still carrying its old name of Mabel, took second prize in the power boat competition of the Wine Country Classic Boats' antique boat show in July 1994.

"It's an absolutely beautiful launch", Naimoli said.

The above article was written by Steve Coffman of the Finger Lakes Times and appeared in that paper in August 1994. Photo: Finger Lakes Times. -Ed.



Mabel: Steve Naimoli's 1912 Springstead

TIMES REMEMBERED

THERE IS SOMETHING MAGICAL AND SPECIAL about an old wooden boat.

She has a soul that came from the tall trees that provided her timbers, a heart from the person who worked to carefully shape and form her frames and planks, and a beauty and simplicity of line when she was put together. She was born much like a child -- out of love and passion and a desire to bring into the world a legacy for all to see, know and enjoy.

She served her purpose well, albeit with quirks and nuances that gave her character and uniqueness and a reputation. With loving care and attention she performed well for many years, fulfilling the dreams of her creator.

As time moved along, those who cared for her passed on or were drawn to other ways, and she passed from spritely youth into old age. Her timbers weren't quite as strong as they once were. Her finish took on a patina reflecting the dignity of her age, and her lines were bent from years of neglected support when she needed it most. She spent her later years resting quietly in sunny fields easing slowly back into the earth from whence she came, or in a forgotten corner of a barn, or down at the shore where the water and the seasons washed her gently away.

But to some who saw her and realized the beauty and brightness of what once had been, she stirred their dreams and reminded them of

what could be again. With painstaking care, time and energy, she was lovingly returned to her original beauty and youthful fitness for all to see and marvel at.

And once again she eagerly responds to the wishes of those who care for her and, in turn, she provides them with countless hours of appreciation and faithful service.

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The above is paraphrased from some words from the book, Best Boats, by Ferenc Mate. -Ed.

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