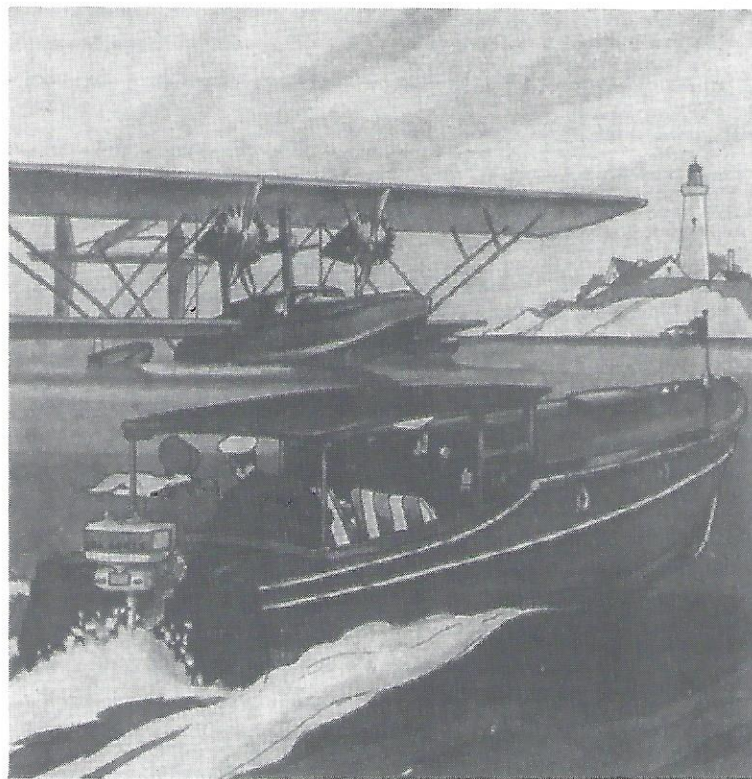


# BRIGHTWORK

NEWSLETTER OF THE FINGER LAKES CHAPTER.  
THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY INC.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
ONWARD TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome. You will note that Brightwork has changed its look with its change in editors. Dick Sherwood has done a great job with the newsletter in the past and just garnered another runner-up award at the international level. I am looking forward to creating something equally as successful.

You will also note the addition of a few new sections in the newsletter. Please contact me with your additional suggestions and comments.

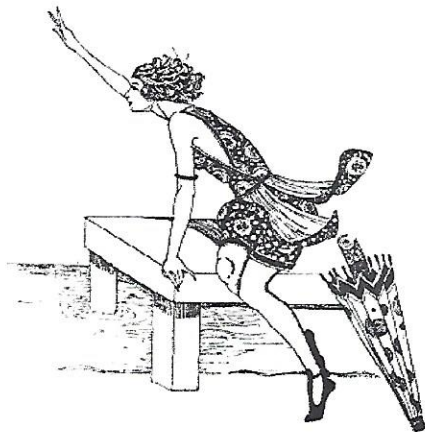
Syd Marsden loaned me some menus & a diary of an Auburn woman who traveled to Europe & the Middle East in 1925. I will be including a few excerpts in future newsletters.

Also be prepared for a phone call from me. I have been calling and e-mailing members, for my "meet the members column."

Recently, my husband and I have been busy with a video project for Mid-Lakes Navigation Co. This allowed us to spend a week traveling the Erie Canal system on a pair of canal boats. We had a great time and were pleasantly surprised by how truly enjoyable traveling on the system could be, especially with the ample free dockage and eateries that line the banks.

Also The World Canal Conference will be held in our own backyard in 2000, combine this with the 175th Anniversary of the Erie Canal, and I think a special September Antique & Classic Boat Show is in order. We will update you on further plans for these events.

Happy  
Holidays!  
Wendy



BOAT SHOW 2000 POSTER

A plan for the 2000 Boat Show Poster has been made by the Board of Directors. For a new look for next year, the poster will be a collage of boat pictures. So why not immortalize your favorite boat, by submitting its picture to Arnie Rubenstein by January 23rd. A great way to do this would be to attend our Annual Dinner Meeting and submit your pictures at that time. Or mail to 124 Pine Ridge Rd., Fayetteville, NY 13066. Make sure you have another copy of the pictures you submit, as pictures will not be returned.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have many of you noticed how often old gleaming woodies are showing up in advertising copy these days? Whether in magazines or on TV the people whose job it is to get our attention are turning to the nostalgia and beauty of antique boats to get the message over. This suits me just fine!

Interest in our hobby has never been higher. In fact ACBS now has the largest membership ever and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in the year 2000. This just goes to show how popular old boats have become. This bodes well for the value of our boats and it also puts the onus on your local Chapter to keep providing support opportunities for our membership in the way of social interaction, boating activities, educational workshops, and just plain fun.

When you read over this issue of Brightwork I think you will see we are living up to this responsibility, but we are always looking for input from you and welcome any ideas, advice or constructive criticism you may have to offer. Our Annual Meeting and Banquet are coming up in January and I hope you will take the opportunity to join us to see what the upcoming season has to offer, maybe pick up a treasure at our silent auction and let your officers know how you feel about the Chapter.

Roger



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### FLC 2000 ANNUAL MEETING & SILENT AUCTION

The annual meeting will again get underway on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sherwood Inn, 26 West Genesee Street, in Skaneateles, NY with a cash bar from 5:30-7:00pm. We will continue our traditional (and very popular) three entree buffet of stuffed breast of chicken, pasta primavera, and top round of beef.

We will include our usual silent auction, with a few items at live auction, so look for some great items to donate. The cost of dinner is at \$25/person including tax and gratuity. Reservations are required. Call Beverly or Steve White as soon as possible at 315-685-7733 (days) or 315-685-0252 (evenings), with your reservations no later than Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Checks made out to Finger Lakes Chapter ACBS can be forwarded to Bev & Steve at White & White Antiques & Interiors, 18 East Genesee Street, Skaneateles, N.Y. 13152. Please plan to attend and encourage other members to accompany you. We always have a great time! Special dietary requests should be made with reservations.

### FLC MEMBER HONORED

Dick Sherwood was honored at the ACBS Annual Meeting in Red Wing, MN in September. He received the President's Cup for his work on behalf of the ACBS organization. Congratulations Dick!

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### BRIDGE HOUSE BRATS

In the chapter's continuing effort to support the use and enjoyment of the waterways in the Finger Lakes area, while encouraging the involvement of today's youth, a \$50 donation was made to the Bridge House Brats.

Bernie Clapp brought this group to the attention of the Board of Directors after reading an article in the Syracuse newspaper about the bridge House Brat's efforts at Lock 1, on the Oswego River in Phoenix, NY.

The group started in 1996 with a handful of students with adult supervision, but now encompasses nearly 75 students ranging in age from 10 to 17. They serve boaters as well as members of the community. Some of their services include providing complimentary refreshments in Henley Park, ordering and delivering food from local restaurants, providing information and free docking to boaters, and maintaining the park for community activities.

For those not familiar with the Brat's work, I have experienced it firsthand after traveling to the lock by canal boat, and I was impressed with the job they are doing. The park at the lock is well maintained and would be an enjoyable place to tie up for the night, especially on a summer Friday evening when Bluegrass musicians are in the park.

### SHIP'S STORE

If you are still looking for last minute ideas to fill those Christmas stockings, then give Ron Svec a call at 607-657-2748 and check into his wonderful stock of "perfect for the Antique Boater" gift supply. As you may recall from the show he has a number of clothing and gift items. And don't forget a VHS copy of the chapter's video. For new members it is a great way to learn about the chapter, its members and its goals. For those of us that have been around since the beginning, it is full of familiar faces and sights.

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### SKANEATELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During the Antique and Classic Boat Show, be sure to take advantage of all that Skaneateles has to offer. Wander through the shops, each different, each inviting. From antiques to chocolate, t-shirts to kids clothing there's something for everyone. Stop at the John D. Barrow Gallery housed in the great stone library on Genesee Street. Here you will see more works by the famous 19th century artist whose paintings have served as the Boat Show poster art for the last two years.

If you come in Friday evening, don't miss the concert by the Skaneateles Community Band. Just pull up a park bench or a blanket in front of the Chase Gazebo and enjoy old and new favorites.

The Skaneateles Historical Society, located in the old Creamery on Hannum St. just off Genesee St. is a rich source of information about the area's heritage. You can even arrange a walking tour of historical Skaneateles.

If you stay through Sunday, you may want to see a polo match. Local teams play each Sunday afternoon in July and August.

There are taverns and restaurants all through the village. Or you may want to venture to the outlying regions of Borodino or Mandana or Glen Haven for fine fare and terrific vistas. For more information about Skaneateles call us at 315-685-0552. Or visit our website at [www.skaneateles.com](http://www.skaneateles.com).

Submitted on behalf of the Chamber by  
Sarah Wiles

### MEET OUR MEMBERS

Recently, I enjoyed a phone call interview with one of the chapter's more recent members (actually it was more of chat as we talked about a variety of things other than the chapter). You will note in my write-ups that my opinions have a tendency to be included along with those of the member being interviewed. Nate & Gert Nevins 322 Westminster Road, Dewitt, NY 13214

### Winters Are Spent In Florida Member Since May 1999

Nathan is 70 and semi-retired. It is chiefly his interest in wooden boats, although his daughter would like to have the free time enjoy them with him. Nate was born and brought up in Provincetown, MA, where he was involved in boats and boating (particularly ocean sailboat racing). At one point he turned his interest in boats into a business interest with a share in a commercial fishing vessel.

A cousin provided Nate with the wooden boat, a 1950 Merritt Dinghy sailboat that led to his membership in our chapter. While working on the restoration of the boat, friends from his connections in Boy Scouts, Phil and Annie Rubenstein, suggested he bring the boat to the Skaneateles Boat Show and become a member in FLC. He did just that, and enjoyed himself so much that he has since adopted a 16" Comet built in Skaneateles in 1939.

He is looking forward to restoring this boat, but he explains it will be done over a period of time, as he does the work himself and being semi-retired, the financial resources for his restorations are limited. This ties into his concerns for the current judging rules. Unfortunately, boats that are professionally restored are judged right along with the basement or garage craftsman. Although both preserve the boats and their history, they may not always be to the same level of finish. In fact some of today's boats are in even better condition than when they first left the factory. In other sports, such as showing horses, there are amateur and separate professional classes to give everyone equal opportunity for awards. Fortunately what Nate enjoys most about the show and our chapter is meeting people and enjoying their boats.

By the way, the Merritt Dinghy that Nate restored, was given to Bernie Clapp's grandsons Nate and Loren, junior members of FLC. That is one way to ensure the involvement of today's youth in our wonderful pursuit.



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## BOOK REVIEW

Last Dinner on the Titanic by Rick Archbold and Dana McCauley This book is not only interesting for its discussion and pictures of the Titanic, but for its recipes, gossip and etiquette inclusions. It covers all the various classes of passengers and their dinner menus. There are helpful suggestions if you are planning to recreate the tremendous first class feast or the simple hard tack biscuits that were included in the lifeboat supplies. I am including the recipe for Oysters a la Russe an Hors D'oeuvre from the first-class menu

2 tbs vodka

1/2 tsp lemon juice

1/4 tsp prepared horseradish

Dash of hot pepper sauce

Pinch of each granulated sugar and salt

1 plum tomato, seeded and finely chopped

1 tbs finely chopped chives

12 large oysters

Coarsely cracked black peppercorns

In bowl, stir together vodka, lemon juice, horseradish, hot pepper sauce, sugar and salt. Gently stir in tomato and chives. Wash oysters under running water to remove any loose barnacles or sand. Insert tip of oyster shucker between shell halves near hinge: twist upward to open shell. Discard top shell. Using blade of shucker, sever connective membrane that holds oyster to bottom shell. Place open oysters on bed of shaved or crushed ice. Spoon vodka relish over each oyster: dust with cracked pepper. Makes six servings.

"The pleasures of the table are common to all ages and ranks, to all countries and times: they not only harmonize with all the other pleasures, but remain to console us for their loss.

"-Anthelme de Brillat-Savarin-

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hamilton & Leslie Armstrong of Wolcott, NY

Kirk & Jamie Docteur of Seneca Falls, NY

Dion & Suzie Johnson of Kingwood, TX

Daryl Miller of Rochester, NY

John Mowbray of Memphis, NY

Rick & Sharon Nelson of Auburn, NY

## WINTER WORKSHOP

FLCACBS Chapter winter workshop is set for Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at Cayuga Wooden Boat Works in Ithaca, NY. Central NY's premier wooden boat construction, service and repair facility will be featured. Participants are in for an exceptional treat at this modern day renaissance wooden boat facility. The day begins at 9:00am and will include expert discussions and demonstrations of marine joinerwork, frame laminations and hands on seamanship

Established in 1991, Cayuga Wooden Boat Works has expanded over time to include two full time facilities. A beginning facility at the northern reaches of Cayuga Lake in Cayuga, NY works in conjunction with Beacon Bay Marina, a deep water marine facility, to service and repair area wooden cruising and tour boats weighing up to 50 tons and 70 feet in length.

A recent expansion to the former Ithaca Boating Center on Lake Cayuga's southern inlet is owned by shipwright Dennis Montgomery. The company's staff of technicians "provide (wooden) boater access to excellence & expertise" in all aspects of construction, maintenance, service and repair. An expansive covered docking facility houses a multitude of classic and antique pampered wooden boats. Wooden runabouts are a specialty along with restorations of large cruising and sailing boats.

Currently, work is underway on a large 36' Mathews Trunk Cabin wooden cruiser along with the unbelievable new construction of a 1930 John Alden design 60' twin masted schooner!

Don't miss this chance to visit Cayuga Wooden Boat Works . 435 Taughannock Blvd. Ithaca, NY. Bring your friends, your questions and your dreams, all will be capably handled. No reservations required.

A mid-day lunch break will allow a visit to one of the excellent nearby neighborhood restaurants prior to resuming the afternoon program portion of this event. A full workshop itinerary will be available at registration (at 8:30 am). Coffee and donuts, door prizes and 50/50 raffle will be provided. See you there!



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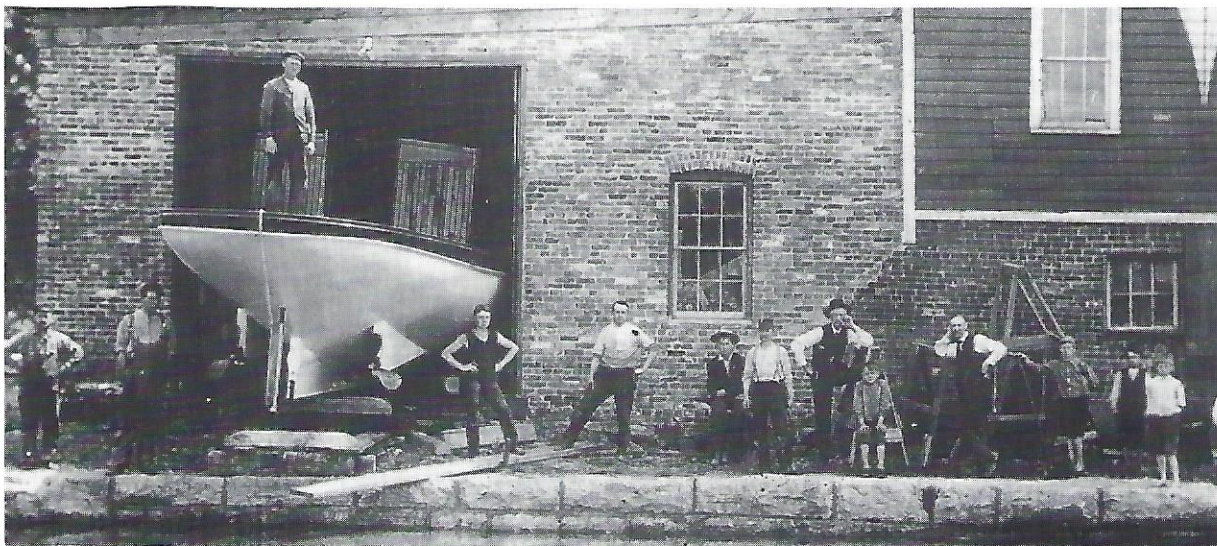
### WILLIAM H. LINDLEY

A Prominent Manufacturer of Motor Boats and Gasoline Motors---Experienced Boat Designer

Motor boats which a few years ago, years regarded as a fad, have come to be recognized as one of the most popular aids to pleasure, as well as great utility, as any water craft now made. Canastota may well feel proud of the subject of the present sketch who perhaps more than any other man has brought to a high degree of perfection this delightful vessel. For more than twenty-five years Mr. Lindley has been not only actively engaged in the building of boats, but he has been a most earnest student of the subject. He has evolved original designs that have resulted not only in models of great beauty and symmetry, but on trial have developed such special qualities as to make the Lindley Boats a little less than marvels.

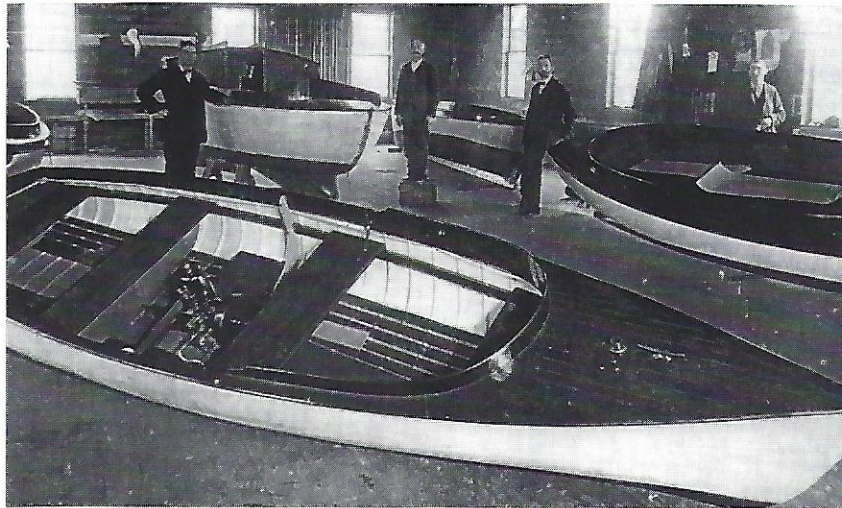
Identified as superintendent and general designer since the introduction of motor boats with the D. M. Tuttle Company, his opportunities for gaining a thorough knowledge practical and technique of motor boats and gasoline motors, is to be regarded as equal to that of any man in the business today. Last September, severing his connection with the company, Mr. Lindley fitted for his purpose the large building on the southeast corner of Main and Canal streets, and embarked in the manufacture of motors and motor boats on his own account. His factory is well adapted to all the needs of the business, is right on the canal, thus greatly favoring shipping facilities, and equipped with every necessary for carrying on the work.

The motor boat, however, is now largely used for business as well as pleasure, and therefore speed and durability are essential, as well as desirable features, and the Lindley boats combine these qualities to perfection. Long practical experience, supplemented with the beauty of design, superior workmanship, the very best of materials, and a thorough mastery of the work, are the indelible trademarks of the Lindley boats. There are no better, stronger or speedier boats built, and there are few that equal them. Pleasure boats, fishing boats, speed hulls, family motor boats, passenger steamers, boats with or without motors, are among the output of the Lindley factory.





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A twenty page beautifully illustrated catalogue has been published by Mr. Lindley. A perusal of designs shown is sufficient to convince the intending purchaser that he has before him pictures of nearly even variety of motor boats, all made along correct lines so as to insure the greatest speed. Mr. Lindley is an indefatigable worker, with firm faith, and yet higher ideals. He hopes greater things, and those who know him best, believe in his achievement. The demand for the Lindley has been large, and increasing all the time. Their builder has the confidence of all his patrons, and we predict that each new customer will regard Mr. Lindley just as highly.

The above article was taken from the August 1907 issue of the Village News Paper of Canastota, NY, and was sent to Brightwork by FLC member Bruce Hall.

### 2000 WORLD CANALS CONFERENCE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK USA



### Revitalization & Regeneration: Canals For A New Millennium

Come join the New York State Canal Corporation and the Canal Society of New York for this exciting conference. September 10th-15th, 2000.

Enjoy site visits, workshops and seminars on a variety of topics including economic development/resource utilization, history/interpretation, and tourism promotion/recreation.

For more information, please email [triversorg@acninc.net](mailto:triversorg@acninc.net) or write to P.O. Box 227, East Rochester, New York 14445.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22, 2000 FLC Annual Meeting & Dinner. Once again it will be a delicious buffet. 2000 Boat Show sponsorship will be announced at the dinner. The dinner also includes our annual silent auction fund raiser. This year will be a little different with both a silent auction and a live auction for a few select items. We need you to root around and find some items that you would be willing to donate to our cause.

On February 16th-20th, FLC will once again be participating in the Central NY Boat Show at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. Volunteers are needed get everything ready on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We also need people to man our booth. A sign up sheet will be at the Annual Dinner, or contact Annie Rubenstein (315-637-8522), if you can fill any of these time slots, 2/16-2/18 1pm-9pm, or 2/19 10am-9pm, 2/20 10am-5pm.

February 26<sup>th</sup> Winter workshop at the Cayuga Boat Works with Dennis Montgomery. Contact Bruce Hall at 315-364-8152 for details or directions. The workshop will include a knot tying session and look at the processes being used to build a schooner.

April 8<sup>th</sup>, we are once again planning on getting together with other local ACBS chapters for our "Can't Wait For Boating Season" Dinner. Wine Country, Niagara Frontier, Thousand Islands, Adirondack & Finger Lakes chapter members are all invited to attend, enjoy some good food and company and take a break from the cold of Northeast Winters and think about the fun that awaits them in the approaching boating season. Tony Mollica will be the guest speaker, sharing the rest of the Garwood story! The dinner will once again be at the Ramada Inn in Geneva, NY. Mick Griffin of the Niagara Frontier Chapter is in charge of planning the event. You may mail or phone your reservations to him at 16 Old Farm Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127 716-662-1949.

On May 13th is FLC's volunteer workday at the Antique & Classic Boat Museum in Clayton, NY. Our club has not provided the best turn out for this recently, and perhaps this year we can make a better effort to reserve this date in our "doing good" books!

Annual Boat Show is set for July 28-30th in Skaneateles, NY.

The Fall Foliage cruise is also in the works. It looks to be a cruise on the canal in the Seneca Falls area, perhaps this could be tied in with the canal conference.

## INTERNET CORNER

For those of you without internet service, we thought you might enjoy some of the comments that we receive on behalf of the chapter's website.

We had a great time and are looking forward to the year 2000 show. The running of all aspects of your show could not have, in my estimation been more accommodating and the people went overboard to please. So thanks again and we hope you have a Great Holiday season. Bye: Dick & Jean Bell

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Visit the chapters web site at <http://www.flc-acbs.org> and checkout the guest book & link pages

## 1920's NAUTICAL INFORMATION GIVEN TO OCEAN LINER PASSENGERS... VISION AT NIGHT

At night it is often difficult to tell how far away the land is, and men's eyes differ greatly in this respect. As a rule, low land is nearer than it looks, and high lands and bluffs, because of their deep shadow, are farther away. Also, long gazing at an object, particularly at night, will tire the eye. If an object can not be made out after looking at it for a few minutes, look away from it for a short time, then glance back quickly when a fair estimate of its distance and its nature, can be judged very closely.



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## "THOSE OLD WOODIES"

Another year of boating is behind us. Our husbands are back home for the season, unless there is a woodie in a boat shop somewhere. Isn't it nice to have someone there to ask to help polish the furniture for the holidays? After all, who has better experience than the winner of last season's, Best of Show? The shine is only due to hours of experience.

It is fun helping put all the hardware back on those beautiful refurbished decks, but the show circuit ran it's course for another season. It's time to put covers on the "old girls" and plan next seasons get together. I wish I could have more enthusiasm to talk for hours about all that it took to get this heap of kindling to a show quality "old woodie."

I do love to see that look on his face when it not only looks good but it also floats and when he pushes the starter button, it fires on the third crank. The life of this "old woodie" returns and with it takes my man back in time and gives him yet another new outlook on life, and of course, with it goes another season of nothing but boat shows.. I guess family reunions, weddings, grandchildren or any other event will just have to be scheduled around the "old woodie." I remember the HOT summer afternoon, in a closed up, freshly washed down garage, oops, sorry, "boat shop" wearing only a bathing suit and swim cap, not for swimming mind you, but hair and dust control, when we set out to do the final varnish job prior to next week's show. I am so glad no one drove in that afternoon, it was not a pretty sight seeing two grown adults in those conditions.

How about the time the vacuum cleaner really needed to be replaced but the "boat shop" just had to have a better cleaning system, so I bought a new broom for the house and ordered the dust control system for, you guessed it "the old woodie."

Our kids are all very understanding. We should have a few more of these "old woodies," because after all, they each want one for their own someday. So nice of them to think of us isn't it? Sure wish they had been thinking of us when all those hours of work were being performed.

Oh well another season of planning is just beginning and the coming year looks like it might have a few more "social" functions where we can all get together and talk about the children, grandchildren and of course those "old woodies." It will be fun. So for now I hope you all have a very happy holiday and the new year will be kind and gentle to each and every one of you.

DeAnne S. Townsend

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1999 ACBS ANNUAL  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 22 - 25

My wife Teddi and I combined a vacation in Minnesota with attendance at the 1999 ACBS Annual Meeting held at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino in Red Wing, Minnesota. Our September 18th arrival allowed us to tour the Minneapolis area, including a ride on the 1906 steamboat 'Minnehaha' on Lake Minnetonka. That will be the subject of a future article.

Thursday morning we drove up to the Treasure Island Resort and Casino, and we picked up our registration package. The on site marina is a huge (300 slip) facility with sturdy floating piers on an inlet about a mile from the main channel of the river. Some of the folks who had made the 300 mile trip by water from Dubuque, Iowa were there. All agreed that they had a successful and enjoyable trip. Thursday evening we attended cocktail hour and a traditional Minnesota Walleye dinner. Among others we ate with Syd Herwig, Rose and their friends. Syd told a harrowing story of the trailer trip down during which he had a spring go adrift from the trailer after he drove over a curb. He jury rigged it for the rest of the trip down but it will need welding before the trip back to Manotick.

Friday was the ACBS General Meeting. (I admit both Teddi and I played the slot machines, with a whopping loss of \$.90). About 45-50 people attended the meeting. I will not fill in all the details of the meeting, but only a few highlights:

- Hagerty Insurance has established an agreement with ACBS whereby members will receive a 10% discount on policies starting in the year 2000.

- As of August 1999, ACBS has a \$71,000 surplus, \$35,000 from the 300/300 raffle and \$36,000 from ongoing operations.

- The new headquarters in Clayton, NY, is up and running, with the computer system and databases Y2K compliant. All are invited to stop in for a visit.

- ACBS has approximately 5700 memberships.

- The Archives Committee has video taped Chris Smith (grandson of Christopher Columbus Smith) giving commentary while viewing the 1929 Chris Craft Promotional tape. They are establishing guidelines for use of archived material by ACBS members and also want to build an archive on CD-ROM, starting with early Chris Craft material. The CD would be sold to members at nominal cost.

Many committees gave reports. These were in generally positive in nature.

Two items generated considerable discussion. The difference between a "replica" & a "reproduction" was widely and somewhat hotly discussed, ending with an agreement to further research the issue and perhaps resolve it at a later meeting. More positive discussion entailed how to involve youngsters in antique boating. One intriguing idea was to have families involved in building a boat in the manner of the Wooden Boat magazine shows. I have been away too long from the workings of ACBS (my last Annual Meeting attendance was during the 1980's in Alexandria Bay) and I had forgotten how much is done at the national level. I was greatly encouraged with the amount and the quality of the work being done by the ACBS. I think at times some of us take the national for granted; I know I have.

After the business meeting the main part of the annual meeting took place: HAVING FUN!

Some of the people who had traveled from Dubuque were offering boat rides. I originally was to go with Bob Johnson in his late 40's Chris Craft Utility, however Syd Herwig showed up and I opted to go in 'Calypso', his 1924 22' Dodge. I had not been aboard since Syd re-powered her with a 318 Chrysler after the Ford flathead gave up the ghost. Years ago Syd told me when he re-powered Calypso, he wanted enough engine that he would be afraid to fully open the throttle. I believe he has gotten his wish. After four of us idled a mile or so down to the main channel, he cracked the throttle and instantly (no cough, no bucking, no hesitation) came up on plane. He guesses 50mph plus and I believe him.



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I took the controls briefly and was impressed with two things: how sweetly Calypso handles and how narrow the river is when traveling in traffic at 50mph.

For Friday night's dinner I was joined by the Wilburn's from Missouri. They were marvelous story tellers who at one time owned a Chris Craft commuter previously owned by Al Capone, the Chicago used furniture dealer (or so it said on his business card).

Saturday morning was the most interesting part of the entire meeting for me. We went to Red Wing Motor Company, a local motor and boat producer which was in business in various incarnations from 1902 to 1979. The two current principals, Harry Munson and Virgil Mischke, are engaged in restoration and display of Red Wing motors. Both of these gentlemen have encyclopedic knowledge and warm, outgoing personalities. They have several trailers with motors mounted with a common cooling system. This allows them to run the motors at exhibitions. For our visit about a dozen of them were running at varying times. The oldest motor on hand is a 1hp, 2 cycle, 2 port "make and break" from 1903 or 1904. It's serial number is 112 and since the company started with serial 100, it is the twelfth Red Wing motor produced. All of these started on one turn of the flywheel for the smaller ones and about a one-quarter turn of the starter for the larger.

I had a hard time tearing myself away, but had to allow the second bus load of attendees to visit..

Saturday's luncheon cruise on "Spirit of the Waters", the Casino's 70 foot, 130 passenger tour boat, was sold out and several people had to be left behind as safety precluded overloading the boat. We took a table on the open rear deck with Ken McStephens, Duncan & Sharie Hawkins and Rick & Karen Terry, all from Toronto, and enjoyed good conversation, the scenery and the spectacular weather..

The Annual Dinner was in a ballroom in the Casino. We talked with Jim and Linda Potter before dinner. Jim looks and feels healthy after undergoing triple bypass surgery in April.

There was a video running (whose show it was I don't know) with a horrible goof occurring. A Century runabout being launched started with the engine in reverse. The captain accidentally increased throttle, narrowly missed another boat and a pier, then missed neutral and drove the boat up the launch ramp, breaking the shaft, prop and rudder in the process. The boat had to be pushed by hand down the ramp to refloat it to haul it out.

Dinner's buffet featured wild rice, roast beef, pork tenderloin and excellent cheesecake. Our table consisted of Walter and Barbara Weber (Hudson River), Dean Guy (Sunnyland), George Haynes (chapter ??) and David Prescott (Dixieland). Dinner was followed with introductions of the new officers and the awards. Walter and Dean received awards as outgoing directors. Walter was also the retiring ACBS counsel and received the Founders Award. Dick Sherwood (FLC) took a runner up award for the chapter newsletter, Brightwork. The final event was the annual auction. Our table was active: I bid on and won a brass bilge pump, one those items we carry but never want to use. David ended up with a shotgun, a print and set #1 of 500 of prints of the four 1998 Rudder covers. The latter was his after spirited bidding. One bidder paid \$250 for a blind package which contained a framed Real Runabouts #2 poster.

He turned it back to the auction and watched it resell for \$275. The absolute highlight of the auction was President John Harvey paying \$40 for a pair of HOT PINK colored Chris Craft shoes. They looked lovely on him. All too soon the evening ended and with it a successful meeting.

Submitted by Bob Myllymaki

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## The Dock Market

**FOR SALE:** Chris Craft Crow convertible top hardware. Pre-war kits for 22, 24 & 26-ft. models. Parts machined and drilled. Chrome, bows and tops available. 1936 Garwood Speedster 3-piece windshield and late '20s Chris Craft "dog bone" gas caps. 1927 17-ft. Johnson Aquaflyer, rare outboard. Original catalogs, drawings & engine. \$3500. 1931 14-ft. Edwin Long outboard with deck. Made in Rochester, NY. Johnson K-65 Motor. \$1500. 1936 17-ft. Hackercraft split cockpit runabout, "Our Toy" with 6 cyl Ace. Only known original with many awards. \$30,000. Complete engines: Grays: 6-51, 6-71, 6-75 Dual Ign., 6-112, & 4-52; Hercules: B & M; Universal: BN, C-4422. Parts for B, K, M & much more. Call Erwin after 6PM, 716-594-8533.

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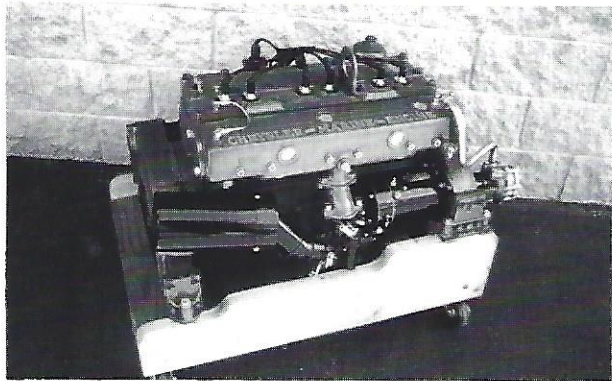
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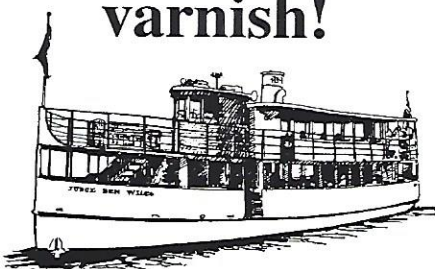
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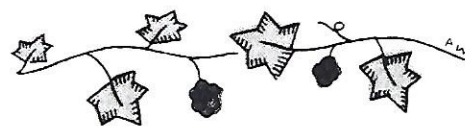
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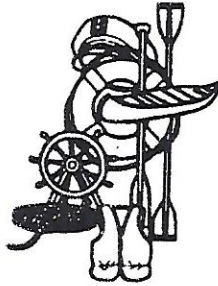
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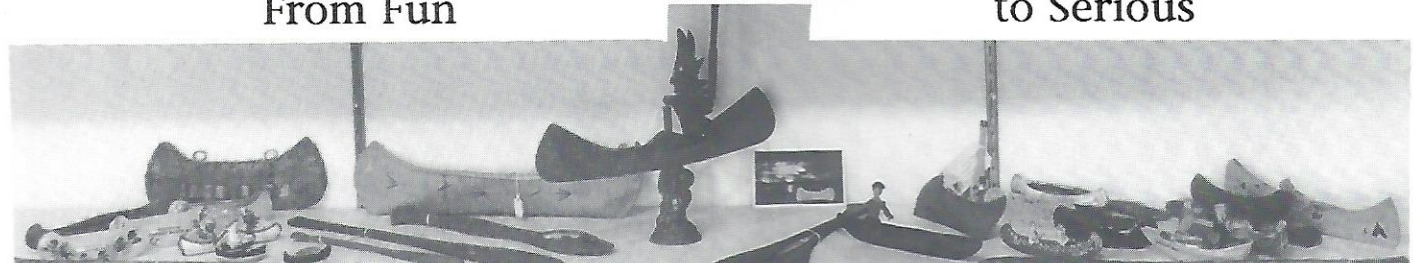
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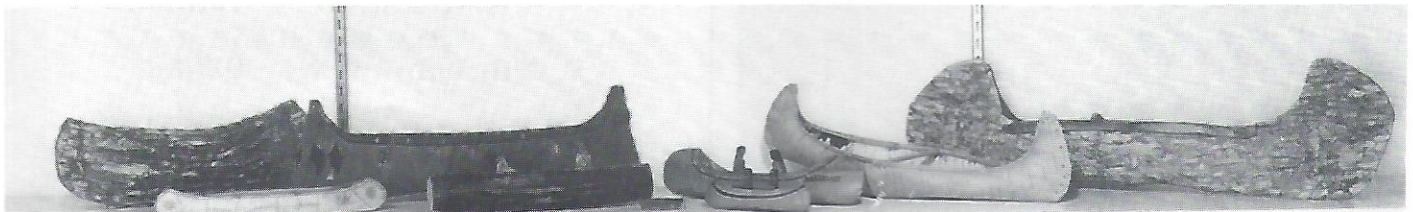


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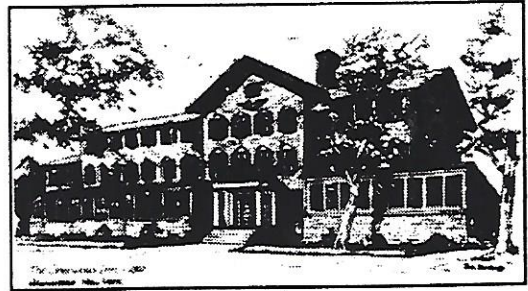
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